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\$11.6 million vote on Feb. 15

BC board receives plans

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The preliminary schematic designs for the proposed elementary school additions, which will house classrooms and special "group spaces," were presented to the Bethlehem Central Board of Education Wednesday.

The board also received preliminary tax rates for the \$11.6 bond issue that will finance the additions if it is approved by district voters. The tax increases would range from a high of 4.1 percent down to about three percent.

The bond issue, including funding for additions to the Hamagrael, Slingerlands and Glenmont elementary schools, will be put before voters on Feb. 15. The February date was unanimously approved by the

board Wednesday. The bond will also fund alterations at all of the district's schools, asbestos removal work at Clarksville, and district-wide roofing work.

Anthony Martino of the district's architectural firm, Stetson-Harza, presented preliminary plans for each of the three additions and briefly discussed alterations work at the other district schools. The additions will all have a "group space," which will be a large group instruction area uniquely designed for the needs of each school. All three additions have differing designs based on the site and programmatic needs of the school. Martino said the additions will be constructed of brick to match the existing exteriors and all three designs call for pitched metal roofs, with a portion of the Hamagrael addition using an

internally draining flat roof.

The board will vote on design approval at its Jan. 4 regular meeting.

Martino said the designs allow the district a "maximum return for its budget."

The district will pay interest only on the bond in the first year, but will begin to pay both interest and principal in the second year, according to Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business. Bethlehem will use that approach to paying the bond issue "so the full impact isn't felt (by taxpayers) in one year," he said.

Bethlehem residents will have a tax increase of 2.5 percent or \$5.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the first year of the

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Proud parents Rose and Harlan Juster pose with their son, David Lee, as they prepare to celebrate their first Christmas together.

Lynn Finley

The gift of a child

By Lorraine C. Smith

For this, their first Christmas as parents, Rose and Harlan Juster will be celebrating the miracle of birth of their son, David Lee. They feel blessed that at this year's holiday gatherings there will be a baby to hold.

Born last July, at a healthy 6 lb. 7 oz., David was held by his parents immediately after birth. Rose and Harlan had prepared well for the birth process, including a tour of the hospital birthing room, and it was an uncomplicated natural birth. When only a few days old, they brought their newborn home to Delmar.

A typical birth scenario for millions of parents worldwide, one element distinguishes this special occasion for the Juster family — David is adopted. Harlan and Rose are the adoptive parents.

"We wanted to be parents and complete our family. It didn't matter how we got there," commented Rose on the subject of adoption. In a comfortable family room warmed by a fire this wintry December day, Rose and Harlan alternately hold their contented son. In their early 30s, they speak with the pride of new parents, yet act with the confidence of experience.

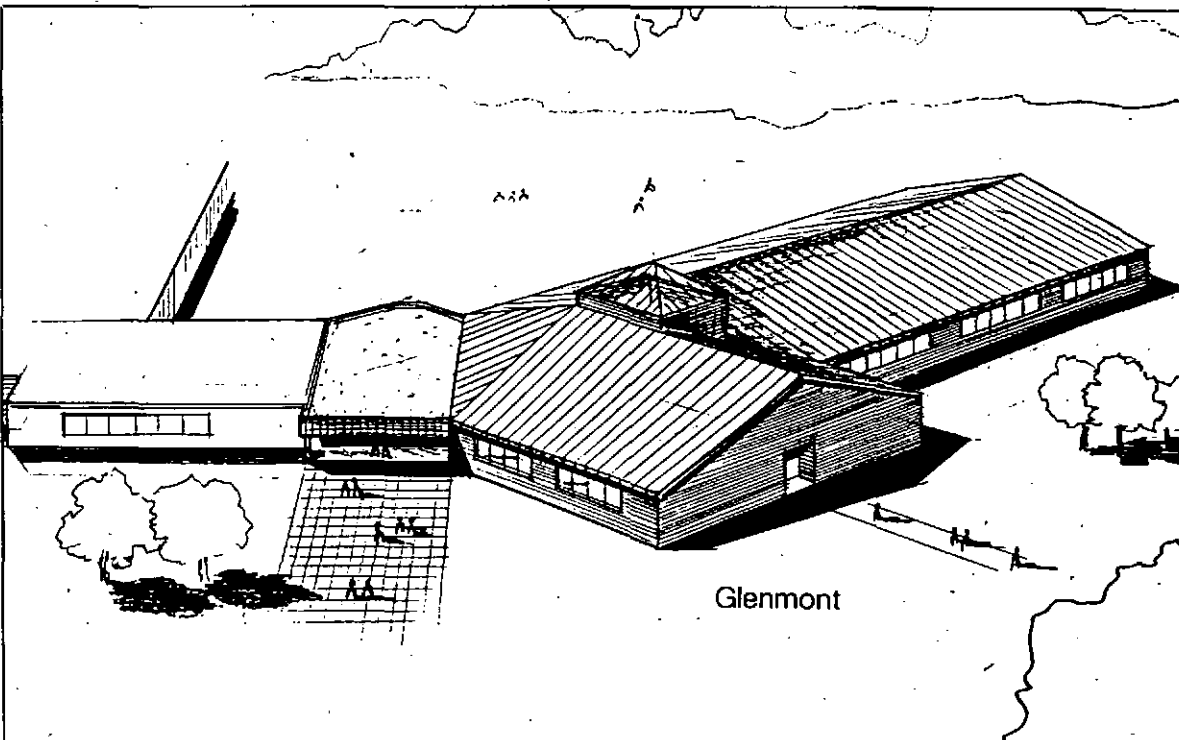
Up to a year ago, it was a different scene. For four of their six married years, Rose and Harlan worked with specialists to overcome infertility problems. The couple explored procedures including diagnostic testing, temperature and ovulation charts, and Pergonal, a drug known for its resultant multiple births. Still working with specialists ("Doctors don't like to give up. They'll never say, 'There's no hope,'" the Justers looked into adoption.

Harlan and Rose felt no reluctance to adopt. Drawing upon their training as practicing psychologists, Harlan commented, "Neither of us felt hooked to our genes. It seemed right for us."

The Justers researched avenues of adoption. Agencies average seven to 10 years before applicants become parents. Private arrangements can incur lawyer fees up to \$25,000. These arrangements do offer anonymity, which is important to many adoptive parents as well as birth mothers.

Then through a seminar in adoption, the Justers learned of lower cost and more personal alternatives. They consulted with

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A Stetson-Harza architects' rendering of the preliminary design for the Glenmont Elementary School addition, which will house 11 classrooms and a group area, if

approved by the school board at its Jan. 4 meeting. For designs for the Hamagrael and Slingerlands schools, see Page 3.

Cable companies compete

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

After years without cable television, it looks as if Clarksville, Unionville and Feura Bush residents could have a choice between three different cable services. And competition could come to the aid of rural Bethlehem residents as well.

Three cable services are competing for the right to serve rural residents in New Scotland — the town's current franchise holder, a new company that specializes in rural cable at lower rates, and a third new company that plans to offer a new "wireless" cable service in the Capital District. While there is currently no action to provide cable to rural areas in Bethlehem, it is likely that the same competition will prevail in that town next year, when the current

franchise is considered for renewal.

In New Scotland, Adams Russell, now known as "Cablevision," has sent a request to Niagara Mohawk asking permission to survey 300 NiMo poles that the company would need to provide cable service to the three unserved hamlets.

According to George Smede, General Manager of Cablevision, service would be provided to approximately 540 additional homes.

"We believe our programming is better than anyone else's," said Smede. "They just can't do it profitably at the same rate we charge. We have a bigger subscriber base, so we can offer a lower rate."

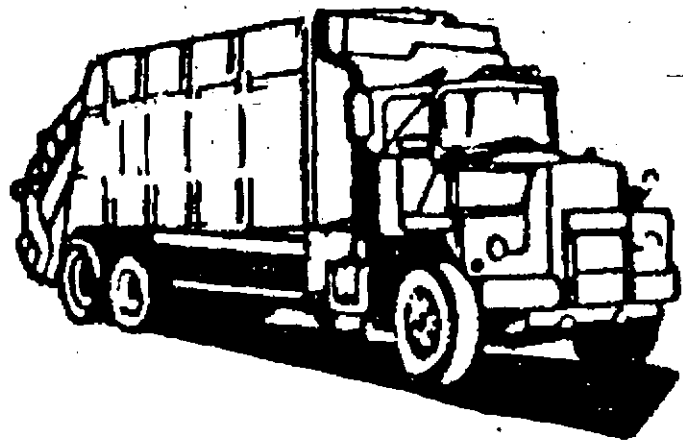
According to Lee Haeefe.

president of Haeefe TV Inc., a smaller cable operation that is seeking a franchise in New Scotland, Smede is wrong. While Cablevision is proposing to offer basic service to the areas at \$15.95 a month, Haeefe would offer comparable service for \$15. Haeefe explained that as a smaller company, he pays less in copyright fees, and can pass that savings along to his customers.

Haeefe also detailed one other advantage. "We're wiring anywhere that we can get 10 customers per mile," he told the town board. Cablevision will only provide service to areas with more than 30 houses per mile, ruling out many areas, including part of Clarksville.

The third entry into the market

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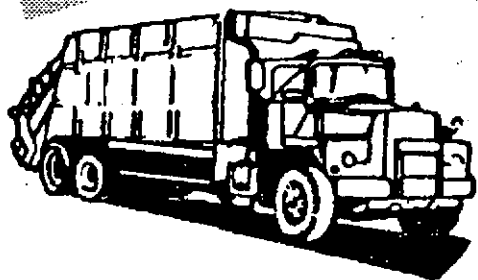
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BC school plans

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20-year bond, said Zwicklbauer. In the second year of the bond, the rate for Bethlehem residents will be increased by \$8.50 per \$1,000, or an 1.6 percent increase from the first year. The tax rate will decrease after the second year and continue decreasing to \$3.17 per \$1,000 in the final year.

New Scotland residents will have an increase of 2.7 percent or \$7.31 per \$1,000 in the first year, which will increase by an additional 1.7 percent to \$12.14 per \$1,000 in the second year. The New Scotland rate increase will then fall to \$8.49 per \$1,000 or 3.1 percent in the final year.

Glenmont

The Glenmont addition will be an 11-classroom wing built onto the southern end of the existing school, Martino said. The new classroom wing is designed as a primary wing, he said.

The school will also get a second gym station, which will be built onto the existing gym to create on large gym space, he said. The school's library will be expanded by 1,500 square feet.

The design plan also calls for a 500 square foot addition to the existing cafeteria that was not part of the earlier planning discussions. Martino said the cafeteria expansion was planned to address the need for a space to accommodate a full-school assembly after the need was brought to his attention by school staff.

The cafeteria addition resulted in a new entrance being needed at the school, he said. He said the new entrance located between the existing school and the addition would "give the building a strong sense of entrance."

The school's "group area", designed to the "uniqueness of the school", will be an amphitheater-type construction in the center of the building that will allow larger groups of students to meet, he said. The group area was designed to have a skylight to provide natural lighting.

Site work at the school will include the creation of parking separate from the bus drop-off area and may include a shared exit driveway with the Farm Family Insurance Company. The state Department of Transportation has approved a stop light at the company's driveway exit onto Rt. 9W. Superintendent Leslie Loomis said he had contacted Farm Family about the idea and had received a "positive" reaction, however he added there were "things to be worked out."

Hamagrael

The Hamagrael 10-classroom addition was designed to be built onto the back of the building near the center. Martino said the classroom addition is "sculpted into the woods" that surround the rear of the building. The classrooms are clustered around a central space, which was designed to house bathroom facilities and the school's group area.

The group area is an alcove-type design, which will accommodate group instruction and could be partitioned to allow for smaller groups to meet as well, he said. A skylight will be built over the group area to provide natural lighting.

The gym station addition at the school will be built near the existing gym and the two will be connected by a corridor. Offices and storage space will be included in the gym construction.

The building's core facilities and entrance will be central in the school under the current design. Martino said the building entrance will be relocated to be more central.

The traffic flow at the school will remain the same and expanded parking of up to 40 spaces will be added, Martino said.

Slingerlands

Slingerlands will have a seven-classroom addition constructed at the center rear of the building. The classroom addition will also house a two-station gym, Martino said. He said a compact design

was used so that the addition would not take away from the outside play area.

The design calls for a new central entrance to the school, which will have a new lobby with a group area with built-in seating. The group area was designed with a skylight and will have display cases, Martino said.

The existing gym and auditorium at the school will be converted to a cafeteria and kitchen facility. Since the stage cannot be economically removed, Martino said the design recommendation will have dining at two levels.

The existing cafeteria and kitchen area will be converted to classrooms, a faculty area and a music room.

There will be limited traffic and parking changes at the school site, he said.

Alteration work

Martino also briefly discussed the alterations work planned for the district's other schools. The Clarksville Elementary School will have a new boiler room and an expanded library, however specific designs were not presented.

Martino said meetings with the library and science staff at the middle school had taken place and that the firm had a "good idea of the needs," but no designs for improvements have been made yet.

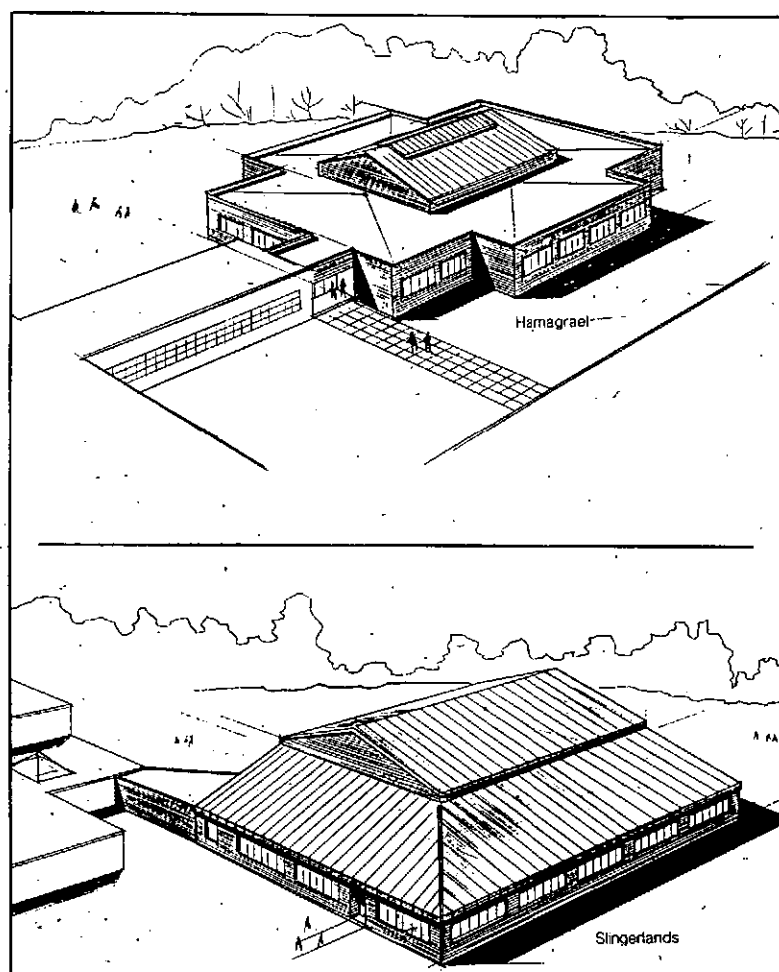
The high school library was to have been expanded by using adjoining classrooms under previous planning discussions. Martino said after meeting with the staff at the high school the plan was changed to finding better ways to use the existing library space.

High School Principal Jon Hunter said he was concerned about losing the two classrooms because of the expected peak enrollment in 1995.

Martino said the design would allow for improvements within the existing space, which will include the creation of a video center.

Roofing

Board member Bernard Harvith, a former board president, took



Drawings of the proposed additions at the Hamagrael Elementary School, above, and the Slingerlands Elementary School, below, as presented by the district's architectural firm, Stetson-Harza. The Hamagrael addition will hold 10 classrooms and the Slingerlands additions will house seven classrooms.

exception to the planned use of an internally draining flat roof on part of the Hamagrael addition. He said he was concerned about future roofing problems similar to the problems the district has had with its flat roofs.

"I've lived with the (roofing) problem for 17 years... if it's a flat roof, I don't know. I can recommend (the Hamagrael addition) to voters," Harvith said. "I wish to take no responsibility for recommending any flat roof."

Martino said he had recommended the best approach to the roofing because a pitched roof over the entire addition would build in unnecessary volume and would be more costly. "I think we can solve the problem of drainage internally as well as or better than externally," he said. The architect added that an industrial-

type pitched roof with a much smaller slope could be used on the addition "that would look about the same."

Other board members did not share Harvith's view and Board President Sheila Fuller called his statement about not supporting the addition "very unfair."

Board member William Collins said he did not share the concern over the internally draining roof because of technological advances in roofing. He said he did not want the plans changed because of the concerns of one board member. "We put a lot of work into getting the best architect... I defer to his judgement."

"I'd hate to force the architect to go to the second best (option)," board member Velma Cousins said.

Crews tackle mold problem

District maintenance crews will begin some work to correct the mold and mildew problems at the Slingerlands and Hamagrael elementary schools during Bethlehem Central's winter recess.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said district administrators will be evaluating a report issued by Adelaide Environmental Associates and Stetson-Harza after a study of the problem in the schools. He said evaluation of the work that can be done by district work crews will be done, so work can "get started as quickly as possible."

Anthony Martino of Stetson-Harza, the district's architectural firm, presented the reports to the board of education Wednesday. He said the mold and mildew problems at the schools were caused by lingering moisture in the buildings caused by roofing problems, moisture problems in the crawl spaces at the schools and carpet that had gotten wet.

Removal of carpeting along with completely cleaning and disinfecting the floor was recommended for the Slingerlands school, Loomis said. The report also recommended the district

look at roofing and insulation in the roof, divert rain water away from the foundation of the building, completely clean the unit ventilator system and establish a regimen of cleaning the unit ventilators, Loomis said.

Loomis said the work at the Hamagrael school was "similar, but less involved." Hamagrael work will include cleaning the unit ventilator system, he said.

The district will also be evaluating a recommendation to install ventilation systems in the crawl spaces in both buildings.

Martino gave the board cost estimates of \$14,000 at the Slingerlands school and \$2,000 at the Hamagrael school to correct the causes of the mold problem.

Loomis said there was a difficulty with the Slingerlands estimate because the report called for the replacement of windows that the district had already replaced.

The administration will present a report to the board at the Jan. 4 to assist the board in making decisions about the work that will have to be done by outside contractors, Loomis said.

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Christmas thoughts

This is a season for children. For their dreams, their perceptions, their hopes, and their special gifts of delight and wonder.

Editorials

For *The Spotlight's* Christmas message, we are taking the liberty of offering a pair of accounts by young citizens who are still in the single-digit age category with its clear-eyed vision of what is important. They are both fourth-graders in, respectively, the Glenmont and Hamagrael Schools.

Jill Douglas of Mary Capobianco's room in Glenmont wrote on "My Family Tradition" as follows:

"Every year my mother, brother, sister, dad and I go out to cut down a Christmas tree for our house. But when my mother found out that she and my brother were allergic to pine needles, we had to buy a fake tree.

I was sad that we could not carry on our family tradition of everybody going out in the woods to cut down a Christmas tree.

It turned out to be a good Christmas after all even though the tree was fake. We still had fun decorating the tree together. When we were finished, it looked like a real tree.

Now we have a new family tradition of putting the tree together, and we still put the decorations on together. Christmas is more than getting a real Christmas tree. It's family being together."

In Gail Dale's room at Hamagrael, Sarah Kennedy wrote of "The Most Wonderful Gift."

"The best gift you could ever give is not sold at the store. It can't be tied in fancy paper or be tied in colored bows.

It can't be set under the tree or opened with excitement.

The gift comes from down in your heart where all your feelings are.

It could be love or joy or laughter, or even a kind word would do.

This wonderful gift is just letting someone know that they have lots of love from you."

And, as Tiny Tim exclaimed, "God bless us every one!"

If winter comes ...

Take heart: beginning right now, the days will be lengthening. Can spring be far behind?

Actually, although we have officially been only passing through autumn, everyone knows that the calendar cheats and that historically we often experience some of winter's worst blows before the season's official arrival. So, we have had a pretty good fall, for which we can be thankful. Before long, we'll be straining to learn what the groundhogs down in Punxsatawney, Pennsylvania, have to tell us about the duration of winter's final grip.

It wasn't more than a couple of weeks ago, in fact, that a sharp-eyed stroller spotted a bright little patch of yellow. Dandelions send us a message of cheer and hope and endurance. We may not love 'em in May, but are they welcome in December!

And then what about our must reliable neighbor? The black-capped chickadees arrived in force and on schedule, as daintily hungry as ever. Their self-assured optimism shortly produced a bevy of companions: the nuthatches, finches, jays, cardinals, and the aptly named grosbeaks, as well as the quick-what's-its-name? varieties that invade man-made precincts. Winter's wonderland, indeed!

Big brother's view

For a seasonal thought that will ring true to all parents and big brothers and sisters, we are pleased to offer this slightly jaded free verse, "My Brother's Snowsuit," composed by another fourth-grader at Glenmont, Jeffrey Ciprioni (in Judy Parry's room). We guarantee that as you read you'll be able to envision every single line:

First extra socks
Then a jacket
Then the suit
Then gloves, then boots
Then a mask
Then a hat
Then we go out.
Five minutes later
He says, "Let's go in now."

BC survey valuable to all

Editor, The Spotlight:

Over the past six months a committee of parents, residents, administrators, teachers, and one student from the Bethlehem Central School District have designed a review of the district's curriculum and instruction. It is, potentially, no less important than last year's enrollment and facilities planning effort. I have had the pleasure of serving on this committee with a group of very thoughtful educators and neighbors. Our committee went public this month with an insert in the *BC Highlights* entitled "The BC Survey: Planning our Future Educational Program."

"The BC Survey" explains a process for the district staff and

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community to address some important questions about our children's education. What should we be teaching? How should we be teaching it? How can we offer our children the best preparation for the world they will face in the 21st century? And, finally, what curricular and instructional goals should the district set for the next few years so that our children will have the best education for a rapidly changing world?

"The BC Survey" proposes to answer these questions through a series of group interviews with

residents, staff, high school students and recent graduates. The schedule and locations of the first round of interviews are listed in the December *Highlights*. Most of them will be conducted in the different district schools and at the Educational Services Center during evenings in the month of January. Judging from the committee's own group interview, I think residents will find it a stimulating discussion. I know the committee and the district will appreciate others' insights, whether or not they are parents with children in the schools.

Please participate in one of the BC Survey group interviews.

George D. Sussman

Delmar

Parent pleads for responsibility

Editor, the Spotlight:

As this holiday season with its many parties is upon us, I feel compelled to write again as I did just over a year ago about the use of alcohol by our young people. The parties that I wrote of before continue. Large groups of teenagers still pay fees at the door of private homes in our community in order to drink and socialize. Some parents deny that it happens, others feel it is okay if the kids don't drink and drive. It is all illegal and not healthy or safe.

Section 260.20 of the penal code states it is unlawful to give or sell any alcoholic beverage to a person less than 21 years old. The owners of the properties where these parties occur are liable, whether they are present or not, as well as the people who actually provide the alcohol.

Other events that have prompted me to write again are the young people arriving at school functions so drunk they vomit and pass out. The parents, police, and ambulance have been called to attend to these students. School personnel are able to supervise adolescents only when the young people are in their care. We, as parents, have around-the-clock responsibility for our sons and daughters. We must take that responsibility more seriously.

I feel it is easy to tell our kids "just say no." It is more difficult to offer them alternatives and to keep informed of their activities. Do you call and make sure a responsible adult is present when your daughter or son goes to someone else's home? Do you ask if alcohol will be served? One phone call could save much heart-ache later.

Vox Pop is The Spotlight's public forum. All letters from readers on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy, as well as for length.

Letters should be typed and double spaced if possible. All letters must be signed and must include a telephone number where the writer can be reached during the day and evenings. With satisfactory reason, letter writers may request that their names be withheld. The regular deadline for letters is 5 p.m. of the Friday before the Wednesday of publication.

I know the school system is trying to address the drug abuse issue through education and by providing counselling. Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Networks Project are two local groups that are also actively working towards helping our young people lead chemical-free lives. We, as parents, must take an active role as well in helping our teenagers grow up in an atmosphere that is safe, healthy and drug free.

To help plan an alcohol-free party I suggest a recipe book made available free of charge from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles. It is titled *Toast to Life* and includes recipes for drinks and hors d'oeuvres as well as party tips. The theme is "holiday spirit doesn't come in a glass".

Another suggestion specifically for New Year's Eve is to attend First Night in Albany. The cost is minimal, \$8 a person covers entry to see 50 performers and shuttle transportation between events.

These are two concrete suggestions for enjoying the holidays in a safe, legal, and non-alcoholic way. Joining the two community groups mentioned above is another way of saying that you care about the young people of our town. But most importantly, talk with you daughters and sons. Tell them that you care and are concerned, listen to what they have to say, and agree on a responsible and reasonable schedule of activities.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season

Mary Berry

Delmar

Pupils, teacher work to honor Kennedy

Editor, The Spotlight:

For 12 years, from November 1963 to 1975, pupils in my fourth-grade class contributed information and mementoes about President John F. Kennedy, and all this material, comprising eight large volumes of binders, has now been forwarded to the Kennedy Library in Boston.

Much of these materials were collected in connection with the efforts by these pupils to assist in the campaign to make May 29 (President Kennedy's birthdate) a special date of remembrance. Your readers may be interested to know that a Joint Resolution has been introduced in the U.S. House

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Painting life's picture

"Life is painting a picture, not doing a sum." — Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The fragile pages of her red-letter Bible lay on the windowsill close by her favored chair, open to the first chapter of Luke, doubtless in anticipation of the retelling of the familiar story, "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee..."

Not many weeks before, Ella May Hopkins Gilbert had busied herself in her yard, raking away the fall's detritus and even mowing away at some late outcroppings. And then lifting the storm windows into place on her cozy cottage, an exercise she relished "to keep my arms strong."

Mrs. Gilbert, a Methodist parson's widow, was 92 years of age, chronologically speaking, on the November Tuesday when she telephoned her daughter from the seat by the window and said quietly, "I don't think I'm going to make it through this day, Virginia."

She was right, though the summons had come without warning. Within no more than a couple of hours, her heart just stopped beating, at almost precisely the moment physicians were declaring her to be resting comfortably.

It was after nearly a half-century as a minister's wife that a new life had opened up for her. She was 71 when their only son died in an accident. In her most disconsolate hours, her daughter steered her to a 15-session class in painting being taught at the South Bethlehem Reformed Church by Hilda Lahti of Elsmere. At first, she could only sit, until Mrs. Lahti goaded her into trying, placing a piece of charcoal in her hand. Once started, she didn't stop for 20 years.

Her home remains filled with dozens of her oil paintings; others are hung in a variety of residences, offices, and halls. Most of the oils reflect her outgoing nature and optimistic personality. Lilacs are framed over the mantle. Other floral arrangements, landscapes, and marine scenes are everywhere. All are realistic, though in greatly varying sizes and tones. All are importantly framed, even if the frames were picked up in garage sales for the most part. Their colors tend to be vivid, somewhat in keeping with her happy disposition. Her progress from the earliest still lifes to more challenging scenes, as she constantly experimented with her talent and her medium, is plain, even dramatically so. She sought inspiration from an endless list of sources, ranging from a State Street scene to a postcard whose own art was suggestive to her eye.

A large proportion of the work includes bodies of water, perhaps because her husband, the Rev. Benjamin Webster Gilbert, was so fond of them. These vary from a recreation of the *Lusitania* (after an illustration in a history text) to a variety of streams, lakes, and seas. Waterfalls appear frequently, as in the reproduction that is published on this page.

Mrs. Gilbert did not announce her choice of a new subject;



This Wyoming waterfall was painted by Mrs. Gilbert during a trip to the Rockies.

rather, she "would tell us when it was done," as her daughter says.

While all this was developing in her mind and on her canvases, she was obsessed by another mission. For years, her husband was hospitalized. Throughout that time, she visited him daily and helped care for him. To do so, she drove from Delmar into Albany regularly; only last year, she bought herself a Mercury to replace the old Buick. And meanwhile she insisted on keeping her home in its usual meticulous condition without help. In slacks, flat shoes, and an old hat (she designed a cane), she pushed her cart at the Grand Union, and thrived on her work in the yard — "I love the way I do it,

Her many paintings reflect her outgoing, optimistic nature

and the exercise is good for me."

Whenever the occasion arose, she was likely to be the life of the party, or at least the spirit behind it. At last year's Christmas party of the Bethlehem Community Church, her barbecued beef was the hit. At 80, she staged a tableau of wedding gowns from days past. Over the years, she staged many Christmas pageants; she was an accomplished elocutionist. One of her major productions was an original "Cinderella in Flower Land," with a cast of a hundred.

These diverting avocations were carried on while she acted as her husband's secretary in the numerous charges to which the Methodist bishops and district superintendents assigned him (His grandfather had been a Methodist circuit rider). Almost

all of these churches were in New Jersey, often in small communities, but also in Newark (in the rough-and-ready "Ironbound" section) and on Staten Island. In fact, in his latter years he wrote an autobiographical account, and had it privately published: "From a Log Cabin in Mississippi to a Metropolitan Pulpit." True enough, for his early years were in a dirt-floor cabin in a poverty-stricken area from which he managed (with his family's meager help) to escape — as far as a textile mill in Wilmington, Del. There, at \$11 for a 60-hour week, he managed to save enough to put himself through Drew Seminary in New Jersey.

He also contrived to win the heart of one of six sisters in Wilmington, who had been a Red Cross volunteer in World War I. This was Miss Ella May Hopkins, who became his life's companion for more than 60 years. Their son and daughter (who is Mrs. Gerald Winn of Delmar) had six children, whose ages now range from 19 to 32; there are three great-grandchildren. Only a few days before her death, she received a last letter from one grandson, assuring her that he was again looking forward to the scalloped oysters that "Grampsie" always featured at Thanksgiving.

After her husband's death in 1986, Ella May Gilbert half-heartedly tried to put her hands once more to her art; after having given it up for a short time. She found that now she lacked patience for the painstaking effort required of her hand.

Never far distant from her hand, however, were the lines from the 90th Psalm with which Pastor Gilbert had customarily closed his sermons:

"Dear Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Words for the week

Bevy: A large group or collection; a group of animals (and especially quail) together.

Detritus: Debris; a product of disintegration, destruction, or wearing away. (The emphasis is on the middle syllable.)

Prescience: Foresight; foreknowledge of events. (Ordinarily pronounced with emphasis on the *pre*, with the remainder of the word being slurred to about a *shuntz* sound, rather than as *science*.)

Recreation: In the sense used in an Op-Ed article, it means to create again, especially to form anew in the imagination (rather than in the sense of hobby, exercise, etc.)

Peace on Earth

This week's contributor is a resident of Canada and a frequent visitor to Delmar and the Capital District. His writings usually appear in the Focus on Faith column.

By the Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator

The Christmas Story with *Point of View*

its message of peace in St. Luke's Gospel will be read with special interest in Christian churches and cathedrals this festive season.

Suddenly there are hopeful signs for a more peaceful world since USSR leader Mikhail Gorbachev spoke to the United Nations in New York on Dec. 7, proposing to make substantial reductions in Russian conventional weapons and the number of fighters in Russia's armed forces.

The world seemed to be less threatening as later in the day Gorbachev, with his wife Raisha at his side, got out of his limousine on Times Square and greeted New Yorkers with waves and smiles in a genuine bursts of friendship and hope.

That he was whom he was made the moment all the more impressionable and hopeful. Who in that moment would dare to think, "I don't trust Russians?"

To be sure, there are those who do with rightful cautions, given Russia's record on human rights and injustices.

The New York cabbie, interviewed by NBC television reporters on a clogged side street, spoke for most that day when he said it was all okay with him even though he was losing bucks because it meant the Russian leader was trying to make life better for everybody.

This was not a time to think about the past; this was a time to rejoice at what was happening and to believe that the angels' song of peace on earth, goodwill toward men ought to be heard again.

The reaction to the Gorbachev visit to the UN points to the hunger in human hearts for a world that still waits to be born.

Today's world too often shows its negative face — a society of self-interested, self-centered nations and peoples.

There has always been a colossal gap between "what is" and "what is hoped for."

In a 1987 contest to select a slogan for Chicago (like 'The Big Apple' for New York City, columnist Mike Royko suggested, "Where's mine?")

We human beings need all the help we can get in coming closer to the kind of world Jesus Christ talked about and lived and died for.

Is it strange that we always get around to Him, the Man whose birthday Christians around the world will remember and honor on Christmas Day?

He is remembered not so much for His beginnings — although they were amazing enough given His influence in the world these past 2000 years — but for His joyous belief in God, His quality of life, His spiritual, ethical and moral insights, His willingness to die to make life better for the whole human race.

His spiritual legacy and His way of life destined him for the history books.

When the first century writers tried to describe Him, the author of Hebrews in the New Testament came as close as any: "He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of His nature."

Within hours of His crucifixion outside the ancient walls of Jerusalem, He uttered the commandment His followers are still trying to emulate — "love one another."

Christmas reminds them how far they still are in accepting and practicing it and challenges them to keep at it until it becomes their way of relating to each other and all other people.

It seems easier to do at Christmas amid the festivity and family reunions, mingling with the crowds in them all, enjoying the sights and sounds of the season, singing the carols, etc.

"And too soon lost once the cash registers start ringing again on the next day," interjects the realist. "Humans are not capable of loving unceasingly, given their instincts to be aggressive, cruel and greedy."

"The world is too full of hostile nations, power-hungry politicians, avaricious entrepreneurs, drug pushers, child and wife beaters, to attain the world you idealists and do-gooders think possible."

No argument. But does that mean the idealist should do nothing and let the corrupt in every walk of life continue their evil ways and destroy people and property?

No, said Bethlehem's most famous son long ago and so did His followers and sympathizers these past 2000 years and persist in saying on the eve of Christmas 1988.

"Christians love one another," declared Aristides, Christian apologist of Athens, to the pagan emperor Hadrian in the second century. "They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them..."

"If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go round, they fast for several days to give him the food he needs. This is really a new kind of person. There is something divine in them."

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Matters of Opinion

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of Representatives, and we all are appreciative of the cooperation of our Congressmen since 1964 in helping to draw attention to these efforts. I myself have written more than 200 letters in support of the May 29 day of remembrance.

Dorothy M. Hosey

Elsmere

ATVs violating New Scotland park

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful town park in a nice location and well maintained. The Town of New Scotland has developed the park for the best interests and use of the residents.

I wish to commend Harry Duncan and his staff for the care and interest in keeping the park maintained and clean. From my observation the park has been well used during all seasons by the residents.

Just recently the residents at the end of Stonington Hill Road in Salem Hills have witnessed extensive use of four-wheel, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in the park. Teenagers on ATVs are frequently in the park. Each

month an additional ATV appears. Sometimes the operators of the vehicles do not have helmets and are driving at excessive speeds through the twisted paths of the vita course. Vita course paths have been widened and damaged, causing muddy footing. Two of the young teenagers operating the vehicles are under 13 years old. I have just noticed that those ATVs are on the vita course with snow on the ground. There is dirt being turned up causing difficulty for cross-country skiers. The sheriff's department has been notified.

I can sympathize with Pat Grovenger and the article in last week's *Spotlight*. We are beginning to see abuse of our town park.

It is time we take a stand toward the violations of ATV use in our beautiful park. More signs need to be posted and better supervision and follow-up by local police is necessary.

The town would be liable if an accident or fatality were to happen. We must protect our environment for further approved recreational use in the park.

Ronald K. White

New Scotland

Slingerlands resident ponders where it is

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was glad to see some other residents' letters in support of the Price Chopper proposal. For a while, I thought I was going to be the only one on this side of the issue to speak my mind.

A couple of things are puzzling me, though. First, I'd like to know where the boundaries of Slingerlands really are. One way to determine this would be to use what the Slingerlands Post Office designates as Slingerlands in their mail delivery. If this was the case, welcome to Slingerlands large parts of the Town of New Scotland and sections of the Town of Guilderland. I myself actually live in Slingerlands and have the deed to prove it but have a Delmar mailing address. (Oops! My property value just dropped by \$10,000 to \$20,000.) Well my kids still go to Slingerlands Elementary School, only two blocks away, but so do a lot of other students who live in the Birchwood Acres development, which is truly in Delmar proper. As you can begin to see, where Slingerlands begins and ends isn't so easy to figure out anymore.

Point of view

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Let's get this quality of life back into Christmas and the New Year and keep it there.

How?

Think of others and their needs daily.

No more than two beers and none if you are driving.

Invite that lonely person you meet every week in the supermarket to your Christmas dinner.

Send a check to your favorite charity.

Get involved in a social service agency, serve on the board, be a volunteer.

Join and work for an organization or cause, seeking to promote peace and justice and to save the environment.

Throughout the year, buy and send stationery and cards, imprinted with such words as "For the well-being of the world's children. UNICEF."

Dream up your own project and realize the angels of Bethlehem will sing an encore as you do it.

In my opinion the proposed site is in one of the farthest corners of Slingerlands. Presently it is vacant land bordered on one end with one of the largest office buildings in the entire town. Along another side it has an insurance agent's office, an all-night gas station, a quick-stop food restaurant, and a full-service Chinese restaurant that also offers take-out. Now if that's residential, I'll eat my Chamber of Commerce name tag.

We must look at the whole Town of Bethlehem when considering a project that will benefit the daily needs of an entire community.

Doug Brownell

Slingerlands

'Consumer craving' decried by pastor

Editor, The Spotlight:

My family moved to Slingerlands nearly two and a half years ago. One of the first things to impress us after the huge winter snowfall that year was how committed the people of this area were to excellence in education, community involvement, and pride in our town. You seemed to always want the best for our children and neighborhoods.

A few weeks ago for the first time I saw something less than "community consciousness." It could be called "consumer craving." Some without concern for the "other people" wanted a shopping center in our backyard, a different element was emerging, and I was troubled. I had appreciated the themes of excellence in education, community involvement and consciousness. It drew me to be involved — to coach soccer, baseball, etc. As a pastor I applauded inwardly those virtues, but now am troubled at the "self-centeredness" that denies that we

are brothers and sisters, and are to be keepers of and to each other.

The goal is not to keep the "status quo" or to "resist inevitable change" but rather to act and think in the "shoes" or better "homes" of each other. When we purchased our home we never dreamed that across from our driveway would be a big shopping center. We knew and hoped for the extension of Route 85 to lessen the traffic on our street, but we assumed that single-family homes would emerge opposite us at that time.

The question is, do we need a shopping alternative in an area where, within six miles of the designated location, are six major food stores and a multiplicity of shopping centers. We have become a society that wants everything quicker and closer today than yesterday, resulting in fast-food chains and shopping centers often closer together than churches. The result is making relationships slower and distant. There is more connectedness and mutual concern in the rural than urban areas of our world. Not for my needs as opposed to your needs, but for relationships and community, please hear the heartbeat of one who has become one of you. Is man more than food? Yes. He is his brother's keeper.

Donald L. Paine

Slingerlands

Stratton presents flag to Bethlehem Library

Retiring Congressman Samuel S. Stratton has presented the Bethlehem Public Library a flag that was flown over the United States capitol. The flag will be flown at the library's Delaware Ave. entrance at appropriate times.

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Christmas shopping is one of the most demanding and frustrating things you'll do all year. Here's how one clothing store is working hard to bring you the joys (rather than the hassles) of holiday giftgiving.

By Betty Landry
Author of "Fun With Fashions"

If you're like me, you're probably tired of Christmas already. You're feeling burned out. You have too many people on your list. Not enough time to shop. Never enough money. There's no place to park. You dislike crowds. You hate those know-nothing part-time employees, and you can't stand those pushy salespeople who are only concerned about their commissions.

You detest having to wrap your presents. You're tired of shopping in a huge department store with hundreds of shoppers and no one to answer your questions. You worry that if the gift you've chosen isn't right, the person you gave it to won't be able to return or exchange it.

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Cable

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is Tri-Mark Communications, in a joint venture with Capital Wireless Corporation. In October, Tri-Mark obtained a special use permit from the town to build a transmission building and satellite station on Pinnacle Mountain.

The firm would broadcast a signal, similar to an FM signal, directly to houses within a line of sight. Phyllis Sternberg, speaking for Capital Wireless, said that for a "less than 50 dollar" set-up fee, residents in New Scotland and Bethlehem would be able to purchase an "inconspicuous antenna" and converter box to receive Capital Wireless programming. This would consist of 20 to 25 channels, and would be available to anyone within the area, including those who already have cable programming. She said the monthly fees for the service have not yet been released.

Sternberg claims that the reception for those not blocked by tall buildings or towers is "equal to or better than cable" and that the signal will be broadcast as far as the Lake George area, making this the largest operation of this kind undertaken to reach people who could not receive cable due to cost or location problems.

According to building inspector Paul Cantlin, to date, the foundations for the Capital Wireless broadcast dish and tower have been poured, and the broadcast building is complete except for interior finishing.

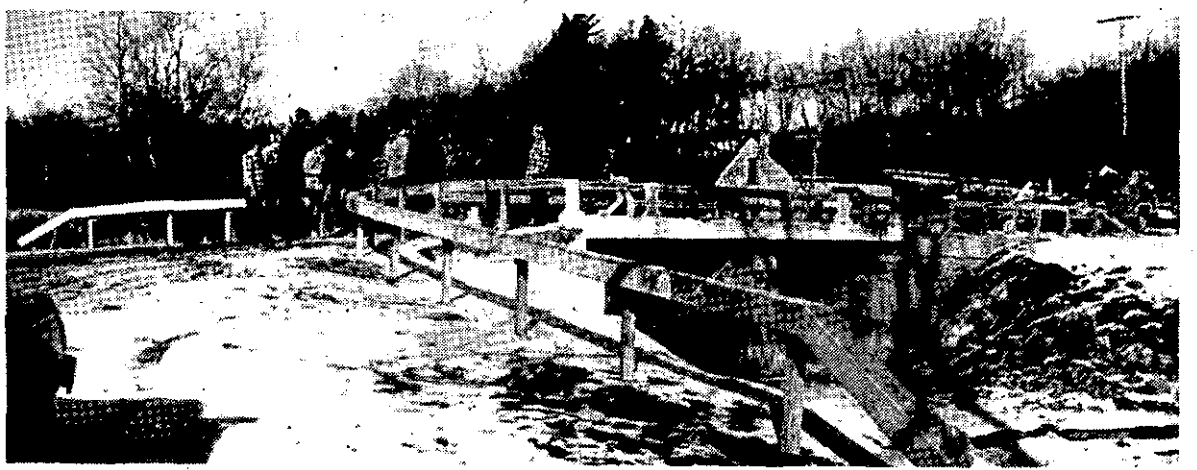
While it is said that the wireless type of broadcast or "MMDS" (Multichannel Multipoint Distribution System) is only good for residences which have a clear "line of sight", or unobstructed path to the signal, just having a third prospect has many area residents encouraged.

"It's a tricky situation," said Lee Haeefe. "We could get overruled by the existing cable company. I've gone into a town before, offered service to areas that don't have access to it, and a local company has jumped in. It's nothing new."

In Bethlehem, Cablevision's franchise requires it to provide service to areas where there are 50 or more residences per mile; residents of less populated areas may pay extra to have lines strung to their homes. That franchise agreement expires on Aug. 1, 1991, but under federal rules the cable company must apply for a new franchise by the end of next month. Localities no longer have control over cable rates, but they may negotiate other aspects of the franchise, including the density of service.

John McArdle, a spokesman for the state Cable Commission, said existing cable franchises are non-exclusive in New York State, and cable service can be provided by as many different companies as the municipality allows. It is not clear whether a "broadcast" cable service, such as Capital Wireless, would require a local franchise.

"I'm very happy that there is finally interest in servicing New Scotland," said Supervisor Reilly. "I think the competition will provide better service. The more competition the town has, the better off we are."



The "new and improved" Wolf Hill Bridge in New Scotland was reopened at a ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday. The town Highway Department did the construction

work on the bridge, saving the town an estimated \$20,000 in outside labor and construction costs. *Sal Prividera Jr.*

Receives recognition

Erin C. Bridgeford, a sophomore at Boston University, has been recognized by the Committee of Honors of the College of Liberal Arts for her academic achievement during her freshman year.

Bridgeford will major in English. Her family has recently moved from Cornwall to Delmar.

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Board receives DEIS

Delmar Village studied

By Theresa Bobear

Not extending the Delmar Bypass through to New Scotland Rd. would reduce traffic in the vicinity of the proposed Delmar Village development, but would "seriously impact regional traffic flow," according to the draft environmental impact statement for the project.

Another edition of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for Delmar Village, a 92-acre development between Orchard St. and Delaware Ave. was submitted to the Bethlehem Town Board last Wednesday night.

The draft, which has not yet been declared complete by the town, incorporates findings of a traffic study conducted by Roger Creighton Associates "to evaluate the regional impacts of connecting New Scotland Road to the Delmar Bypass, via an upgraded Fisher Boulevard, Delaware Avenue, Van Dyke Road and a proposed connector road through Juniper Fields."

The extension plan has been highly controversial, and the impact statement is likely to get careful review by the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and other citizens groups.

According to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, the draft environmental impact statement is available at town hall for public review.

Ralph Mancini, an attorney representing the developers, HMC Associates, proposed a schedule of action for the board, suggesting that a public hearing might be held during the second board meeting in January. Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick Jr. said the report would probably be discussed at the Bethlehem Town Board's next meeting.

Jeff Lipnicky, town planner, said he had not had time to carefully examine the document, which was delivered on Friday, because of his work on the Rt. 9W corridor study and the BTR/Price Chopper proposal, which was cancelled from Wednesday night's agenda. Lipnicky said he would review and report on the draft impact statement.

Mark Bagdon of Bagdon Environmental Associates, Delmar, said the draft being presented was the result of two revisions and was exhaustive. "We have attempted in good faith to respond to all of the questions raised by the town," he said.

Bagdon said the project would generate a tax surplus of some \$300,000 and would bring some 81 additional elementary, middle and high school students into the

district. Bagdon said the project drainage would go to the Phillipinkill. He said extension of the town water line for the project would make it easier for properties to the south to be served.

Paul Hite, land surveyor, said the proposed development will have a highway running from Delaware Turnpike to Orchard Street essentially as an extension of Fisher Blvd. He said 20 acres near the Phillipinkill will be left undeveloped. According to Hite, construction of the project would be done in five two-year phases, subject to market conditions.

Some 232 apartments and 56 single-family houses are proposed for the land, which was rezoned to PRD in 1985. At that time the town determined that a full environmental impact statement was not required. An environmental impact statement was later required for the project, which proposes more than 250 dwelling units, under State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations that went into effect in June of 1987.

According to the current edition of the DEIS, significant positive impacts of the Delmar Village proposal include a net increase of \$376,000 in school district revenues, a net increase in fire district revenues, the creation of 300 man-years in construction jobs with secondary economic impacts to the community valued at \$10 million, the provision of 10 full-time jobs, the preservation of a green area along the Phillipinkill, and the promise of moderate-income housing in an area with an increasing population and demand for apartment housing.

Significant negative impacts of the proposal stated in the DEIS include a net decrease of \$65,000 in town tax revenues, a change in the visual character of the site from undeveloped to residential, the loss of natural vegetation and wildlife habitat, some soil erosion during construction, the loss of bow hunting and small game hunting opportunities, the generation of an increase in traffic on local streets surrounding the project area, a change in the morning and afternoon peak-hour level of service for traffic at various local intersections, and the possible increase in pedestrian traffic along Delaware Ave. west of Bethlehem Central High School.

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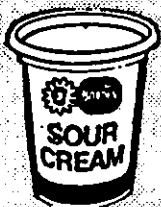
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Although traffic volumes would be reduced and safety for children and pedestrians would be increased, the elimination of the Fisher Blvd. Extension as a through street from Orchard St. to Delaware Ave. would "seriously impact regional traffic flow," according to the DEIS. "It is town policy to integrate existing right-of-ways with connecting roads through new developments if it provides the most efficient means for meeting the needs of present and future area residents," the statement noted.

A traffic study conducted by Vollmer Associates, which was completed in April of 1985, recommended the connection of the Delmar Bypass (Rt. 32) to New Scotland Road. The study indicated that an extension of the Delmar Bypass linked to New Scotland Rd. via Fisher Blvd. would carry some through traffic around Delmar, thereby relieving to some extent congestion on Delaware Ave.

The study conducted by Roger Creighton Associates assumed that existing Fisher Blvd. would be upgraded, reconstructed and realigned and that the connector roads between the Delmar Bypass and New Scotland Rd. would be built or upgraded to town standards for major collector streets.

In addition to Delmar Village, the Sept. 30, 1988 Creighton report estimated traffic volume for 1995 assuming that the Cedar Ridge development of 128 single-family houses and the Tall Timbers development of 92 single-family houses and 428 multi-family units in New Scotland would be in place, and assuming background traffic would increase by 15 percent.

According to the Creighton report, the primary benefits of adding the connectors would include the separation of commuter traffic flows, the provision of better access to the Delmar Bypass (which is the one commuter route serving Bethlehem with excess capacity), the reduction of traffic volumes on heavily used sections of New Scotland Rd. and Cherry, Kenwood and Delaware Aves., and the provision of greater flexibility for the area's long-range traffic plans.

The Creighton report stated that the proposed connectors would result in a level of service that is better than currently exists at the intersection of New Scotland and Kenwood Aves., Cherry and Kenwood Aves., Orchard St. and Cherry Ave., and the intersection of Delaware, Cherry and Elm Aves.

With the proposed connection of Rt. 32 and New Scotland Road, the Creighton report indicates the need for changes at the following intersections: New Scotland Rd. and Fisher Blvd., possible addition of a traffic signal; New Scotland Rd. and Cherry Ave., major widening, and Delaware Ave. Longmeadow Dr. and Van Dyke Rd., addition of a traffic signal.

In the latest edition of the DEIS, mitigation measures proposed for traffic problems likely to exist in the vicinity of the project include the following: Orchard St. and Cherry Ave., installation of a traffic signal; Delaware and Cherry Aves., addition of a right turn lane on Delaware westbound and left turn lanes on Cherry southbound and Elm northbound; Kenwood and Cherry Aves., addition of a right turn lane to Kenwood eastbound; New Scotland Rd. and Cherry Ave., addition of capacity for two eastbound lanes on New Scotland to provide for a double right-hand turn from Cherry or directly connect Cherry Ave. with Rt. 85; Van Dyke Rd. and Delaware Ave., installation of

a traffic signal (which the town has petitioned the state for); Fisher Blvd. Ext., installation of a sidewalk along one side, and Fisher Blvd. Ext. or Orchard St., recommendation against new accesses for driveways.

According to the current edition of the DEIS, the following mitigating measures should be considered by the town: reservation of space for a sidewalk along existing Fisher Blvd. when it is improved; installation of a sidewalk along Delaware Avenue west of the high school, with interim school busing available, and the closing of Fisher Blvd. at Orchard St. until it is widened and improved to handle additional traffic.

Slingerlands group elects

The Slingerlands Homeowners Association has elected Mark Haskins of New Scotland Rd., president, and Joseph Brennan of Grove St., and Brian Danforth of New Scotland Rd., as vice presidents of the organization.

Other officers elected at the Dec. 1 meeting were Pat Brewer of New Scotland Rd., treasurer, and John Sarris, corresponding secretary.

The homeowners association has also issued a statement on its position for the proposed development on New Scotland Rd. by BTR Realty and Price Chopper. It

supports keeping residentially zoned land residential, thereby preserving the neighborhoods and the quality of life; the preservation of the residential character of the community; the creation of a citizens advisory board with members recommended by various local neighborhood groups and organizations, to assist the Bethlehem Planning Board in assessing development proposals in the town; the creation of a historic sites commission to assist in the preservation of historic and natural resources in the town, especially the McCutcheon-Reilly farmhouse; and the

commissioning of an independent traffic study with public input to evaluate traffic problems and solutions in the town.

The Slingerlands Homeowners Association also said it believes that any proposal to rezone open and residentially zoned land for commercial use would set a precedent for approving similar rezoning requests, and that would pose a threat to all residential neighborhoods in Bethlehem.

Funeral homes continue to plant memorial trees

Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar and the Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home of Voorheesville have renewed their membership in a program that has planted over 3,633 trees in the state.

They are members of the Lofty Oaks Association, a New Hampshire organization dedicated to reforestation and conservation efforts in New York. The firm arranges for a tree to be planted for each service the homes perform to provide a living memorial in honor of the deceased. The memorial trees are planted in the spring and fall, and after the tree has been planted the family members will receive a certificate of planting.

Four charged with DWI by police

Bethlehem police arrested four people for driving while intoxicated in separate incidents this week.

A 22-year-old Delmar man was arrested for DWI early Monday morning after he was stopped for speeding on Delaware Ave., police said. The arrest was made after the officer detected the odor of alcohol and the man failed both field sobriety tests and a pre-screening device test, police said. He was also ticketed for failure to keep right, police said.

A 23-year-old Voorheesville woman is facing DWI charges after she failed a pre-screening

device test when she was stopped for traffic violations early Sunday morning on Pineview Ave. in Delmar, police said.

Police said an officer noticed the woman's car had inadequate lights and tried to stop her by using his lights and siren. The woman did not stop and instead continued to drive from Kenwood Ave. to Pineview Ave.

The woman was ticketed for failure to comply with a police officer and having inadequate headlights, police said.

Bethlehem police arrested a 35-year-old Albany man for DWI

after he was stopped on Delaware Ave. for failing to keep right and speeding Saturday morning. Police said he was charged after he failed both pre-screening and field sobriety tests.

A 29-year-old Schenectady man was arrested for DWI early Saturday after he was stopped for speeding on Kenwood Ave. Police said the odor of alcohol was detected and the man failed a pre-screening device test.

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THE Spotlight CALENDAR

ALBANY

"DINO DEN DISCOVERY PROGRAM," featuring hands-on activities for children, State Museum, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

BETHLEHEM

HOLIDAY CONCERT, presented by the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

TESTIMONY MEETING, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

WINTER CONCERT, senior high school chorus of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2936.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland. Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

ALBANY

CHRISTMAS PARTY, of Albany Soroptimist Club, featuring Stefan Harris, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave., 6 p.m. Information, 465-0737.

AMERICAN INDIAN PRESENTATION, "The Living Story of My People...Our Relation to the Indian of Latin America," featuring song and flute melodies, presented by Tom Two Arrows, Peace Offerings Gift Shop, 33 Central Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-4037.

BLOODMOBILE, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

ENTERTAINMENT

HALF MOON CHRISTMAS PARTY, and winter solstice gathering, performance by Bobby G., Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

"THE VOICE OF THE PRARIE," John Olive's romantic and nostalgic play set amid the excitement of birth of radio, through Feb. 5, Market Theatre, Albany. Information, 462-4531.

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BETHLEHEM

GLENMONT WINTER CONCERT, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

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.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY, meets last Thursday of each month at fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

ALBANY

MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

BLOODMOBILE, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

ENTERTAINMENT

"HOME OF THE BRAVE," presented by the Hamilton Hill Players, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 374-8689.

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BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist, 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.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

BLOODMOBILE, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

NOON ORGAN CONCERTS, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

CHEMENON, self-help group for adolescents using drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

ENTERTAINMENT

"HOME OF THE BRAVE," presented by the Hamilton Hill Players, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 374-8689.

EAST OF THE MOON, Jazz and blues music, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

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DEC 24

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP SERVICE, candlelight service, featuring brass ensemble, senior choir, and children's choir, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND CAROLS, led by choir, 11 p.m., Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m., midnight Mass, 11:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere and Poplar Dr., Delmar, Information, 439-3265.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Tiny Tots Service, 3 p.m., children's and youth choirs, 7:30 p.m., service of carols, scriptures and candles, 11 p.m. Information, 439-1887.

CHABAD CENTER, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

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BETHLEHEM

HOLY COMMUNION, worship service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Elsmere and Poplar Dr., Delmar, Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Information, 439-3265.

WORSHIP SERVICE, with Rev. Arthur Hagy, 9:30 a.m., dinner, 3 p.m., Christmas caroling, 5 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Delmar, Information, 439-1887.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Family Communion Service first Sundays. For information on youth fellowship, 439-9252.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, Information, 767-9953.

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 service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9 a.m., 3-year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

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, youth forum, 10 a.m., Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m. nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, Information, 439-1766.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of Fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont, Information, 463-6465.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Holy Communion, 9 a.m., Church school, 10 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Information, 465-2188.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar, Information, 438-7740.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Training rule revisions aim at correction rather than just punishment

A committee of BC coaches developed revisions to the policy on training rules for athletes last May. The purpose of the revision is to provide for a positive system to effect behavior change rather than just the punishment format of the previous rules.

The rules have not changed and prohibit, among other things, the use of tobacco and alcohol, and the use or possession of illegal substances.

The new rules have a provision for self-referral whereby an athlete who requests assistance with a problem prior to any violations will be directed to assistance. The normal suspension from participation will be waived, but a one-year probationary period becomes effective and a future violation is handled as a second offense. The committee feels this change provides an avenue to seek help without the consequence of losing playing time.

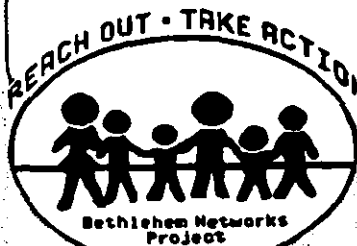
A second change provides a way for first-time violators to reduce the number of game suspensions by voluntarily enrolling in and completing a counseling program appropriate to the situation.

One final revision occurs at the second offense stage where the penalty is suspension for the duration of that season and a one-year probationary period. The revision requires the athlete to be involved in a counseling program in order to participate in a new sport season.

The result of a third offense remains the same: a one-year suspension from athletics.

The Athletic Department feels that it is important for athletes to observe training rules at all times and to deport themselves in a manner that will not reflect adversely on themselves, their team and their school. It also recognizes the need to provide corrective measures when an athlete seeks help or violates a training rule.

Please direct questions or comments to Ray Sliter, BC Health, Recreation and Physical Education Supervisor, at 439-4921.



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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. when agenda warrants, Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

BETHLEHEM LANDFILL, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday,

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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.

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

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship time; child care provided; Christian education for age three through adult, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

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.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service at 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85 A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

ALBANY

MOVIE AFTERNOON, "The World's Greatest Athlete," and a Fantasia short, sponsored by Albany Bethlehem Hadassah and Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., 2:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-4822.

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BETHLEHEM

DELMAR KIWANIS, meet Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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

MOTHERS' TIME OUT, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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.

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TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

ALBANY

"THE NUTCRACKER", performance by the Bennington Puppets, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

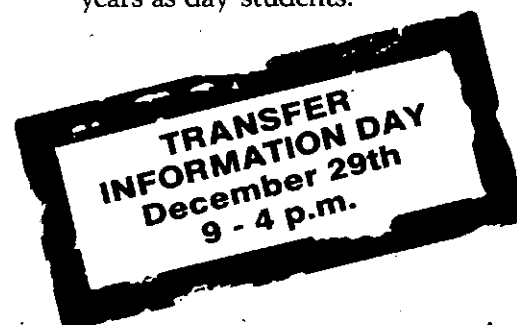
BLOODMOBILE, sponsored by American Red Cross, Albany Area Chapter House, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

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Monday's - Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza from 9:30-11:30.

Thursday's - Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Glenmont Plaza from 9:00-11:00.

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DEC 27**

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FAIRYTALE FESTIVAL, for children grades K-2, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE, St. Matthew's Church, noon-6 p.m. Information, 765-2436.

ALBANY

EPILEPSY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, Epilepsy Association, United Way Building, Pine West Plaza, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 456-7501.

WINTER WONDERLAND, program of crafts and winter stories, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

DANCE PERFORMANCE, "The Day I Had a Cold," performance by Corner Store Dance Co., State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**WED
DEC 28**

BETHLEHEM

STENCILING WITH PAINTSTICKS, for ages 8 and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE CO. AUXILIARY, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

TESTIMONY MEETING, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland. Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

ALBANY

"DOAH WORLD MUSIC ASSOCIATION," featuring music from Latin America, Africa, Asia, and other lands and cultures, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

KWANZAA FOR KIDS, program on African-American roots, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

ENTERTAINMENT

"WEST SIDE STORY," matinee, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 2 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

"MAN OF LA MANCHA," Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen St., Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

BOBBY G, guitar and vocals, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

**THU
DEC 29**

BETHLEHEM

MOVIES, "Banjo the Woodpile Cat," and "The Puppy who Wanted a Boy," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

ALBANY

"KALEIDOSCOPE," comedy-movement theater, presented by Carte Blanche Mime Theater, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

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**FRI
DEC 30**

BETHLEHEM

MOVIE, "Adventures of Buckaroo Bonzai," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

ALBANY

"A CHILD'S HOLIDAY," dance and music show, presented by EBA Dance Theater, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5977.

**SAT
DEC 31**

BETHLEHEM

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT NOON, with all ages, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE, for area modern western square dancers, Voorheesville Methodist Church, \$15 per couple, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 765-2969.

**SUN
JAN 1**

BETHLEHEM

NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRD COUNT, eighth annual, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 453-1806.

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Candle Lighting
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Christmas Day Service
Worship, Communion
10:30 a.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT

L'ENSEMBLE, performance of Strauss waltzes and Gershwin songs, Norstar Plaza, corner of Broadway and Columbia Sts., Albany, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

**TUE
JAN 3**

BETHLEHEM

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Tri-Village Chapter 1598, American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-5770.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING MEETING, for community members and parents, Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

**WED
JAN 4**

BETHLEHEM

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Tri-Village Chapter 1598, American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-5770.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB, meeting, Albany Motor Inn, featuring Deborah Morris, of Village Frame Shop, 6 p.m.

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SPOTLIGHT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Issue of Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1989

Editorial Deadline: 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29.


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The Spotlight offices will be closed all day Friday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Dec. 30, 1988.

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11:00 pm Festival of Carols and Music
11:30 pm Midnight Mass of Christmas
Christmas Day: 10:00 am The Holy Eucharist

O COME LET US ADORE HIM: CHRIST THE LORD!



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

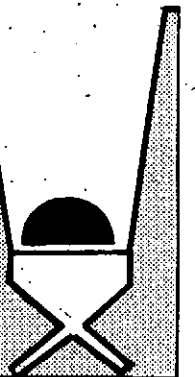
Please join us to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child this Holiday Season.

Saturday, December 24 3:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Eve Service
6:30 and 7:00 p.m. - Live Nativity on the Church Lawn
7:30 p.m. - The Children's Program
11:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25 10:30 a.m. - Carol Sing
11:00 a.m. - Christmas Worship Service

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Catch the Spirit

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Christmas Worship Schedule

7 pm Christmas Eve
9:15 pm Christmas Eve
10:30 am Christmas Day
7:30 pm New Year's Eve

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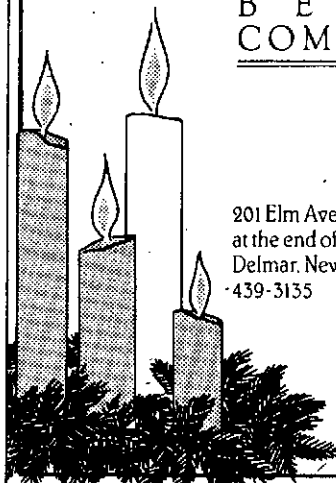
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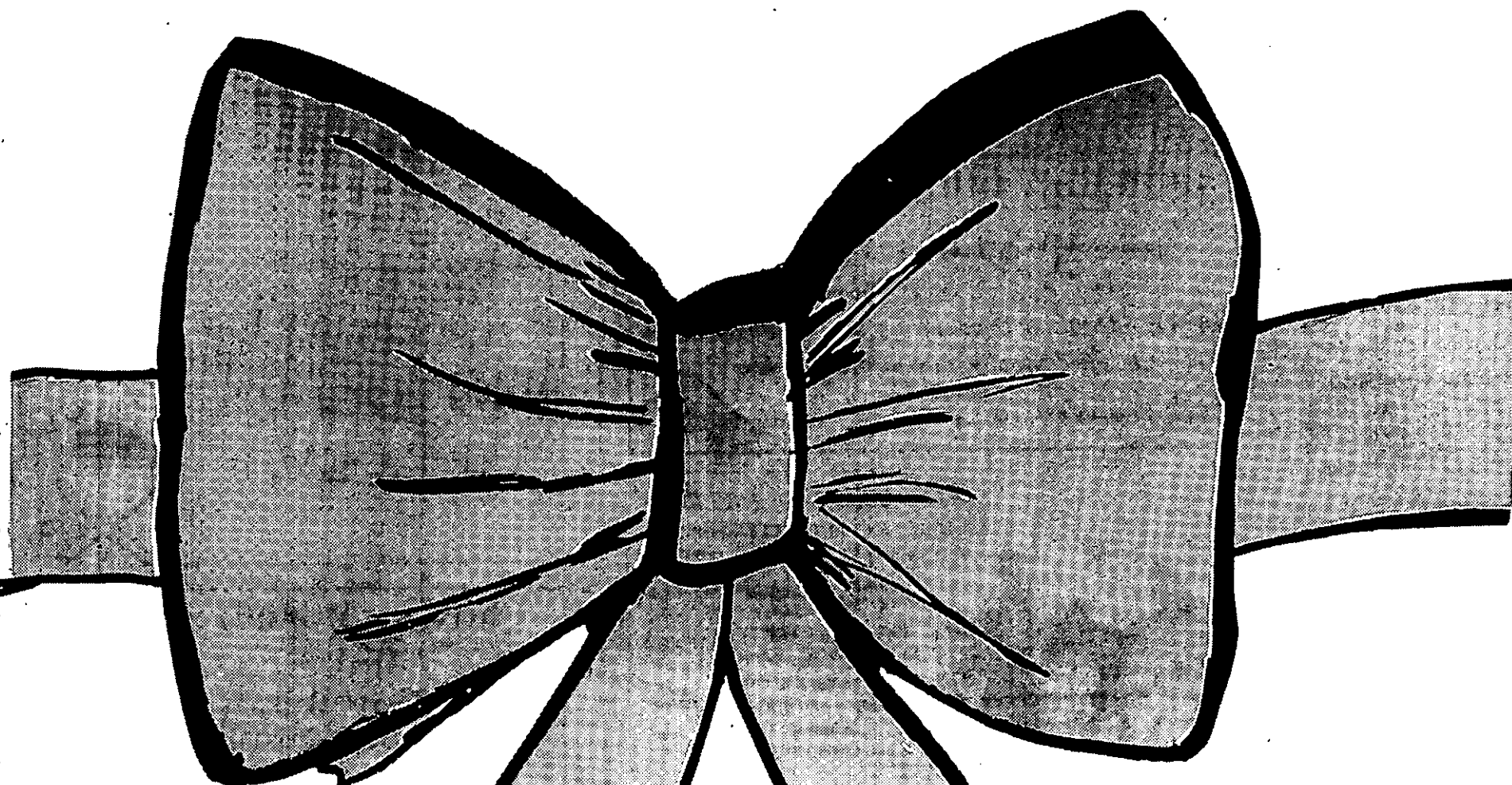
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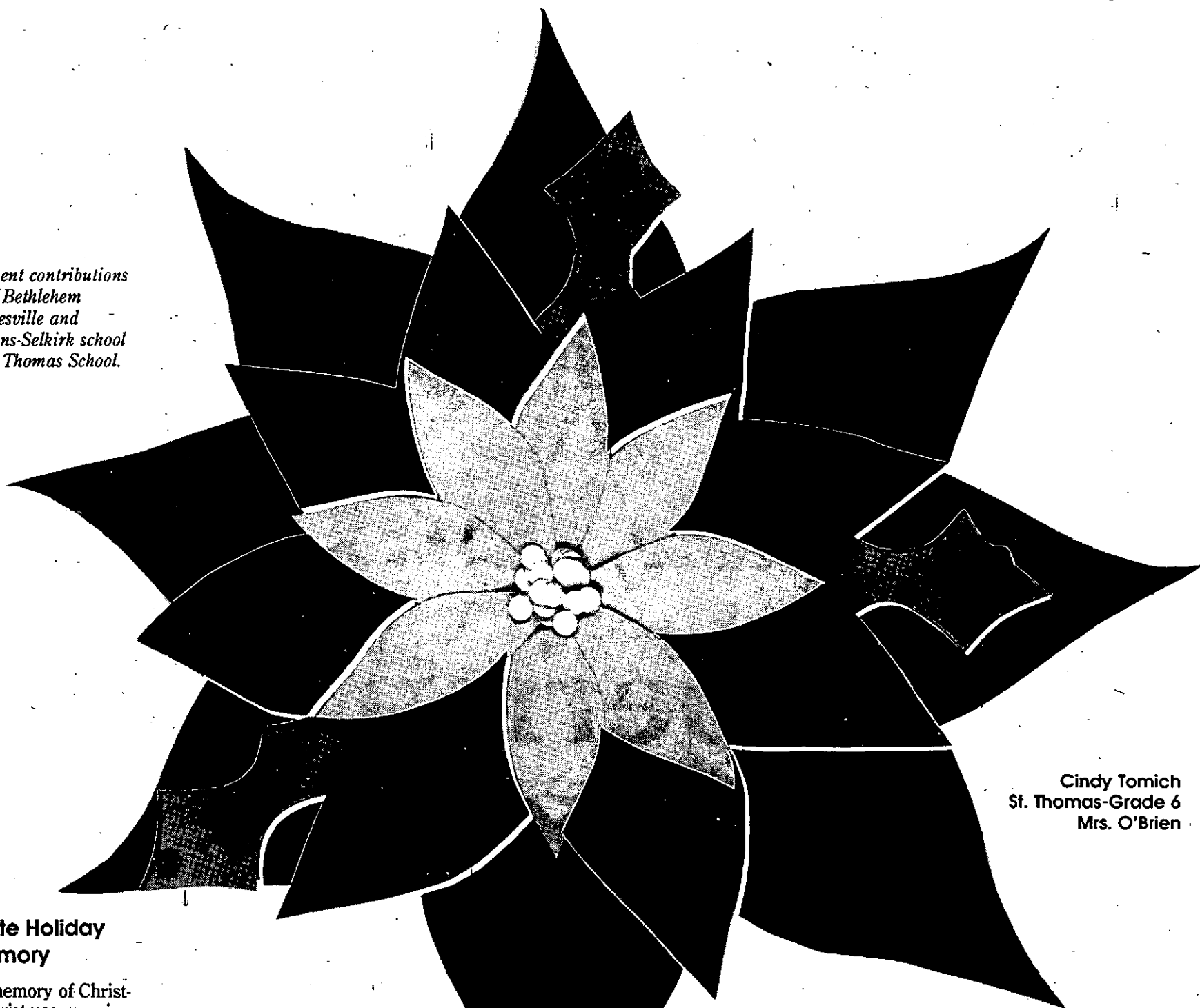
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Cindy Tomich
St. Thomas-Grade 6
Mrs. O'Brien

My Favorite Holiday Memory

My favorite memory of Christmas was the Christmas morning of last year at 7 a.m., when I received a Nintendo. I was so happy when I got it. Then I remembered some people don't have a special memory of Christmas. I was sad because some people aren't as fortunate as we are. I wondered why the richest country in the world had about 3 million people living in the streets.

When I went to church that day I hoped that all the poor people would enjoy a special moment. I was both happy and sad on that Christmas Day. I was sad for the poor people, but I was happy because my family was very fortunate. Later that night when we had our family over for dinner, I felt really happy and thought: Wouldn't it be wonderful if all people could feel as I do.

Sean Berry
Slingerlands School-Grade 5S
Mrs. Solnick

The Special Winter

It was a sunny day, and I dressed up. I looked up into the sky and had a weird feeling that the puffy cheeks of the clouds just blew up into laughter and made it snow again. Twinkling snow stopped to rest on my face and on the strong branches of a father tree. Winter is a beautiful time when you're laying in a bed of diamond snow and looking up at the long icicles hanging on tall evergreen trees. I had a feeling that the coats of snow were forming a blanket to put the earth to sleep, calmly and with beauty. I wish winter never ended. Good-bye winter. See you next year!

Jeremiah Vancans
Slingerlands School-Grade 4
Mrs. Lufkus

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means toys to most people. Not me! I am like the people on the Christmas show "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." A lot of people think Christmas means getting toys, but it doesn't. I guess I believe in Santa, but he lives far away and now our parents give the toys to us. Christmas is a time for loving, caring, sharing and being with your family. I get excited, too, when I get my toys. But I don't always get what I want!

Sarah Newton
Becker School-Grade 3
Mrs. Barasch

The Most Wonderful Gift

The best gift you could ever give is not sold at the store.

It can't be wrapped in fancy paper or be tied in colored bows.

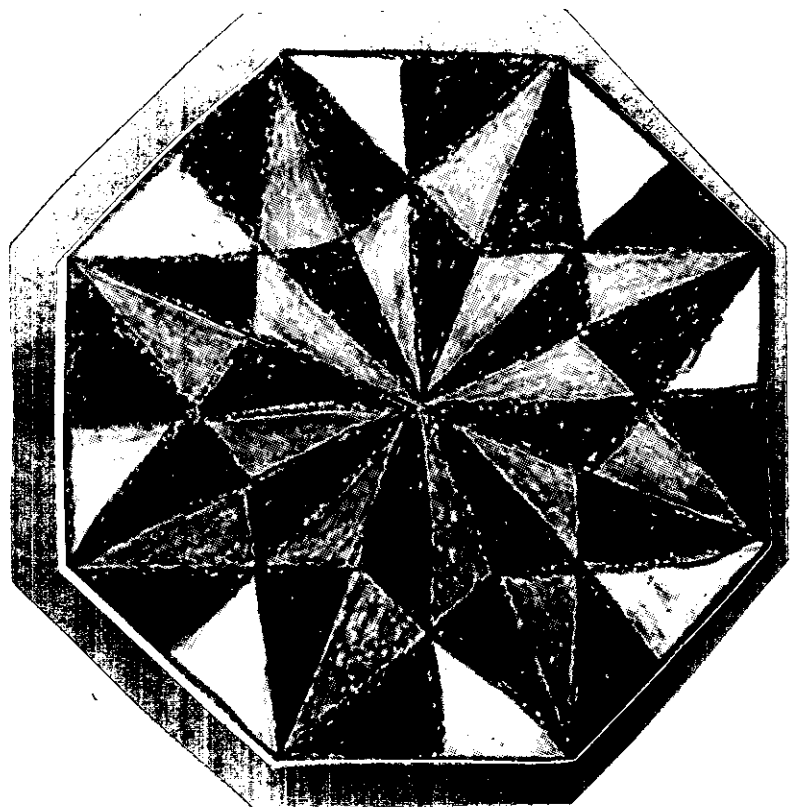
It can't be set under the tree or opened with excitement.

The gift comes from down in your heart where all your feelings are.

It could be love or joy or laughter, or even a kind word would do.

This wonderful gift is just letting someone know that they have lots of love from you.

Sarah Kennedy
Hamagrael School-Grade 4
Mrs. Dale



Chris Van Woert, St. Thomas School-Grade 7, Mrs. O'Brien

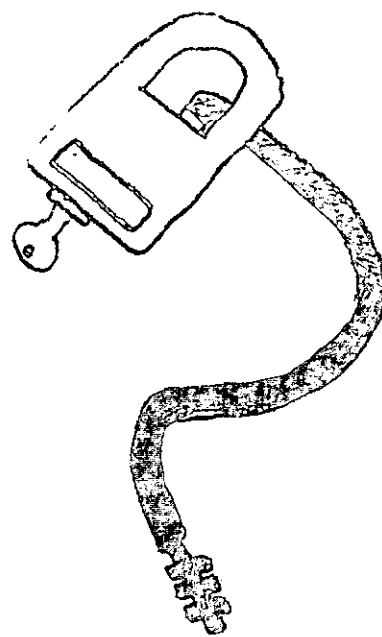
The Absent-minded Christmas Elf

Long, long ago on Christmas Eve, Santa was getting ready for Christmas night. All the elves were making toys. All except one. He was sleeping on his job, doing nothing at all. When all the other elves got paid, he didn't. When he woke up, the reindeer were gone. He forgot that he was supposed to watch the reindeer. He had been sleeping on his job. So he set out looking for the missing reindeer. The elf looked everywhere. He decided to take a walk through the forest. He was very upset. All of a sudden he heard a noise. He returned around. There were the reindeer on the roof. He thought in his mind that he was stupid. Why hadn't he thought of this before. He hooked them up to the sleigh, and no one missed Christmas.

Nick Nehrbauer
Slingerlands School-Grade 4
Mrs. Putnam

The Christmas Bike

One year at Christmas time I really wanted a red shiny bike with chrome handles and handbrakes. I had put it on every single Christmas list since I was 7 (I am now 11). When Christmas finally rolled around, I jumped up out of bed and ran 15 m.p.h. down the hall to the living room. There were all the gifts but none big enough for a bike to be in. I searched behind everything, even the curtains, but no box. So I decided to open my other gifts. I got a plane, a book and some crayons, but no bike! So I opened my last present and it was a lock. "What will I use this on mom?" I asked. "Your bike," she said. "My old one?" I asked. "Well let's go see if it fits it," she replied. So we went out to the garage and walked over to my old bike and put it on. Suddenly something caught my eye from the far corner of the garage. I turned around and there was my red shiny bike with the chrome handlebars and the handbrakes! I took my lock off my old bike and put it on my new one. Then I ran over to my mom and



hugged her. "Thanks," I said. "Your welcome," she said.

Mike Burns
Glenmont School-Grade 4
Mrs. Capobianco

Winter Delight

Windows
Colorful, decorative
Glitters, attracts, delights
Exciting, Christmas shopping, creative
Red and green.

Larissa Read
BCMS-Grade 7C-5
Mrs. Shogan

Hanukkah

On Hanukkah my family and I have a lot of fun. My dad or my mom invites our relatives to our house, and we have to guess who is behind the door.

The things I like best are my mom's latkes.

Suzanne Hillinger
Elsmere School-Class 2-B
Shari Piper

Winter Squirrels

Winter squirrels have radiant, whirling tails and spongy white coats. Squirrels run. I can hear them now, pitter-pat. They run in the winter snow. They are more free than any creature. I love winter squirrels.

Andy Gregory
Slingerlands School-Grade 4
Mrs. Lufkus

Before the Candle Burned Down

In my bedroom the teddy bears were thinking of Christmas, because it was Christmas Eve. The tree was up. I looked and saw they were sitting by the table on chairs. When I tried to put them to sleep, they went because now Santa could come!

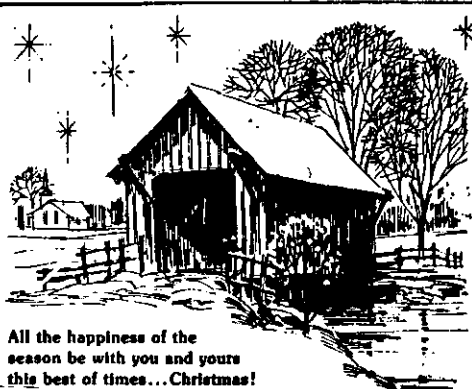
Elizabeth Cappiello
Hamagrael School-Grade 1
Mrs. Miller

Snowflake

Snowflake
blending in, white,
falling, turning, silent,
peaceful, bright, soft, loving
snowflake

Barbara Toms
BCMS-Grade 7C-1
Mrs. Shogan

**HOLIDAYS
HAPPY**



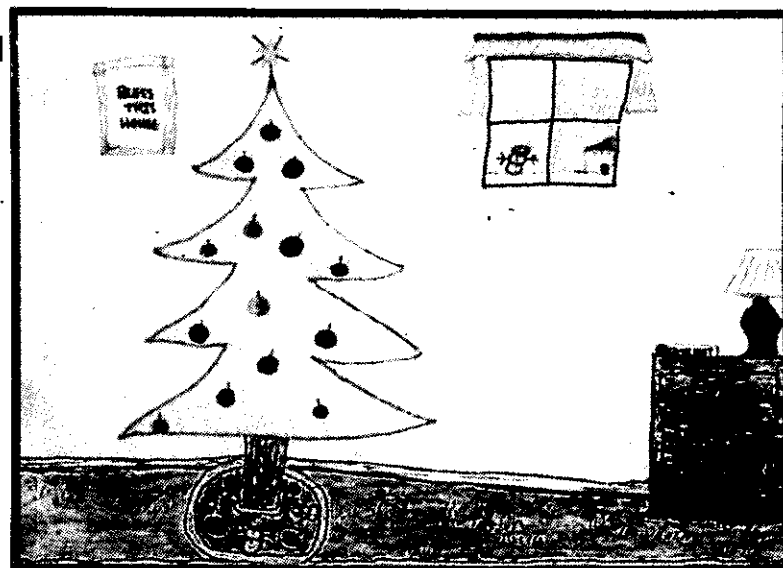
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Elizabeth Bassotti, St. Thomas School-Grade 5, Mrs. Whitney

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The Christmas Dress

One cold winter afternoon, my mom and I went to a store to go Christmas shopping. We were checking out some items when I saw something from the corner of my eye. I looked to see what it was. It was a dress. It had black lace on the collar and cuffs. It was the most beautiful dress I had ever seen in my entire life.

My mom discovered that I was staring at something. "What are you staring at?" she asked. "I'll show you, follow me," I said. I showed her the dress. "Oh it is very nice," she said. "But, look at the price." My mom was right. It was a lot of money. Instead of saying "Mom you're right, let's go home," I said, "Please mom, can we get the dress, please?" "No, I'm sorry," she said. "I just don't have the money. How about if I take you out for ice cream." "OK," I said half-heartedly. I felt a little better after the ice cream, but I was still sad about the dress.

The following week was Christmas. I opened each present slowly and carefully. There was one more



left under the chair. So I got down on my hands and knees. Slowly I bent under the chair. I reached in for the box. The wrapping paper was gold and shiny. I pulled out the box and ripped it open. Slowly I opened the lid, and there was the dress that I had seen in the store! That was the best Christmas I ever had.

Andrea Kachidurian
Glenmont School-Grade 4
Mrs. Capobianco

A Good Start

I open all my presents — so does my brother — on the first day of Hanukkah!

Sarah Lefkovich
Elsmere School-Grade 1
Mrs. Wooldridge



Sean Culklin
Glenmont School-Grade 1
Mrs. Ricciardelli

My Most Memorable Holiday

My most memorable holiday is Christmas. I think this because of the special tradition in my family.

Every year on Christmas Eve, all of my relatives gather together, go to church and then go back to my grandparents' home for a party. For some reason, every year it seems like this tradition is fading. It's not like it used to be. There are not as many people. There's not as much laughter, and in addition there isn't as much food. People seem to be disappearing either by death, by divorce or by having something better to do.

I will always have memories of the several days before Christmas, and I'll always wish it could be the same. People say Christmas is supposed to be a happy holiday. Right now I feel like it's a sad holiday because nothing is ever going to be the same. Now you see why Christmas is my most memorable holiday.

Lori Frazier
BCMS-Grade 8B
Mrs. Yencha

Snowmobile Riding

My friend has a snowmobile, We go riding every day. When his dad goes fast on it, We enjoy it in every way. He takes us on the trails When we get a lot of snow. That's why I like snowmobiles, So come on snow let's go.

Steve Belzwieser
Glenmont School-Grade 5
Mrs. Fuller

Sledding

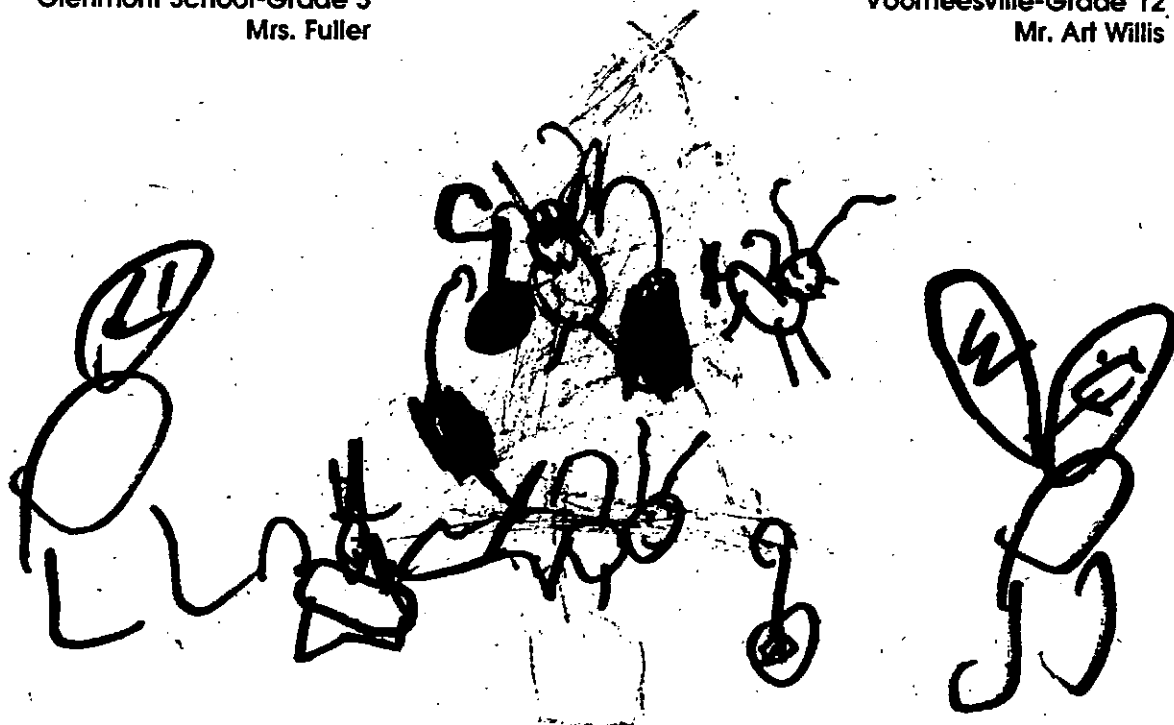
I get on my sled,
They say ready set go,
First I start off slow,
but now here I go!

Danielle Pope
Glenmont School-Grade 4
Mrs. Parry

Sunlit Showers

Water dripped off my very soul
The blood rushes to my head
Ecstasy is upon me
Solitary visions of peace
While I reach for the moon
Seek my illusion of light
For it is mine to share.
And yours to receive.

Elaine Vecchio
Voorheesville-Grade 12
Mr. Art Willis



Steven Jerome, Glenmont School-Grade 1, Mrs. Ricciardelli

Winter Memory

My favorite winter memory is when the big snow storm came last winter and we lost our power. My mom gave me a long fork and some bread to make toast in the fireplace. After we ate breakfast my dad said, "We are going skiing at one." So at 1 p.m. we went. We went skiing and got things to eat and drink. Then we went for skiing lessons. After we did that, we went back skiing with my dad. Then we went home. My dad said we could go again next week, and I said, "Sure." Then my mom came in with some great cookies. The next day we went to get a Christmas tree. When we got home, we put up the tree. We gave each other presents. Later my friend Jennifer Williams and I made snow tunnels. We made lots of other things too.

Jennifer Smith
Slingerlands School-Grade 2
Mrs. Bacher

Hanukkah

My family does many things for Hanukkah. We play dreidel, that is fun. We light the candles. We say prayers. My favorite time is when we eat latkes. On the Menorah there are eight candles, one for every night. Oh don't forget sometimes my grandparents come. We also eat potato latkes.

Freeman Klopoff
Elsmere School-Class 2-B
Shari Piper

If Only

... because if I ever could shine brighter for you believe me
I would conquer the sun ...
if only you could open your eyes

Andrea McAssey
Voorheesville-Grade 11
Mr. Art Willis

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I heard you wanted to hear how to build a snowman. Well, let me tell you! It is fun! If you do it really well, everyone compliments you!

First, you take a teeny-tiny ball of snow and roll it through the snow until it is about as wide as this paper and quite round! Set that aside for now.

Second of all, make another ball twice the size of the first one. Then shape it because no one has a stomach like that except the fat lady in the circus!

Third of all, you make another ball twice the size of the second ball! You put the middle-size ball on top of the largest one. Then you put the smallest ball on top of the second ball.

Next, you put on the two fake ears I told you to buy. . . What? I didn't tell you to buy fake ears? Well, go out and buy them! Do you have them now? Good! Put one on each side of the head. Not with glue! They will stick by themselves.

Now, get five raisins and do not glue them on! Push three into the middle ball as buttons. Then put two on the head as eyes. Don't worry, you're almost done!

Now get a carrot. You don't have

one? Get one! Got one? Good. Put it on as a nose. Don't glue that either!

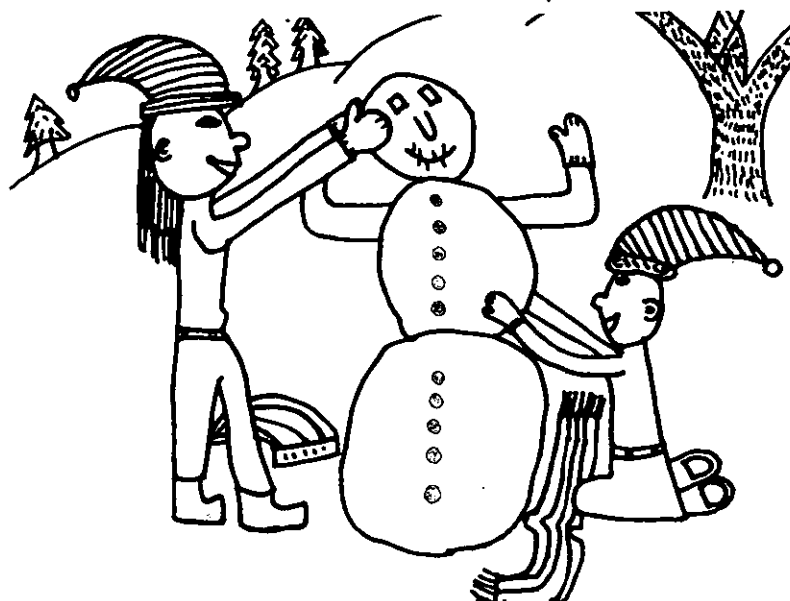
Get two sticks, stick them into the snow-shoulders for arms. Take two old gloves, fill them with snow and stick them on the ends of the sticks. Now you've got a snowman and if everyone is not admiring it, you did something wrong.

Rebecca Dom
Hamagrael School
Grade 4/5
Mrs. Judge

My Friend

in the fraction
of a moment
between initial hate
and final love
there is the timid
unsure
grin
of eternal friendship

Jennifer E. Kraemer
Voorheesville-Grade 11
Mr. Art Willis



Chris Zakens, Coeymans School-Grade 5A, Mrs. Pape

First Lesson in Snowman Building

Hi, my name is Jason! I will teach you how to build a snowman. Go outside and we'll start now.

The first thing you have to do to build a snowman is to make the biggest ball of snow. That is called the bottom section.

Now we're going to build the mid-section. What you do is build a slightly smaller ball of snow. You put the smaller ball of snow on top of the bottom section. You can use sticks for arms and raisins for buttons. You can put the mittens on the ends of the sticks.

Now we'll make the head. Make

the smallest ball of snow. Put the head on top of the mid-section. Next, we are going to put eyes, a nose and a mouth on our snowman. We're also going to put a hat and a scarf on our snowman. Use stones or raisins for eyes. Use a carrot for the nose. You can put a small stick or raisins on for a mouth.

At last, we're done with our snowman. You can go in now and drink some hot cocoa. See you later!

Jason Greer
Hamagrael School
Grade 4/5
Mrs. Judge

A Christmas Past

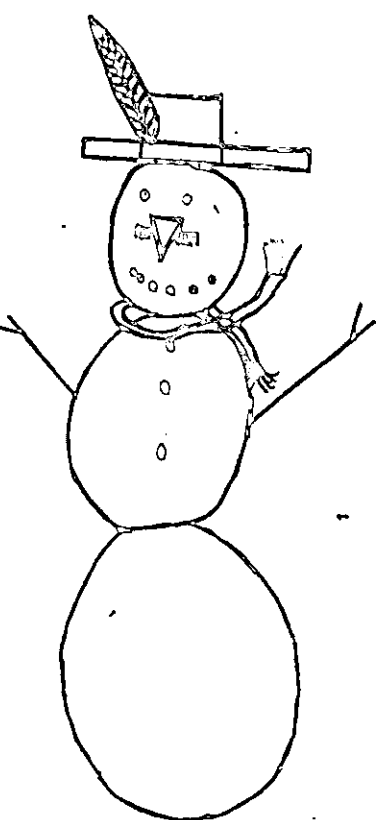
My brother and I woke up very early last Christmas. We headed for the living room. I couldn't believe my eyes. There was a hamster under the tree for me. It was the best present. I ran to my mom's room to tell her the news. Now my dream had come true.

Travis Dodson
St. Thomas School-Grade 4
Mrs. Keens

My Christmas!

I wish I could see Santa putting out presents; but, if I did, I would only get coal in my stocking. It would be nice. The next morning I would run downstairs hoping not to get coal in my stocking. And next I'd look in it. Next I'd look at the presents. When my little sister woke up, she would show off because of what she got.

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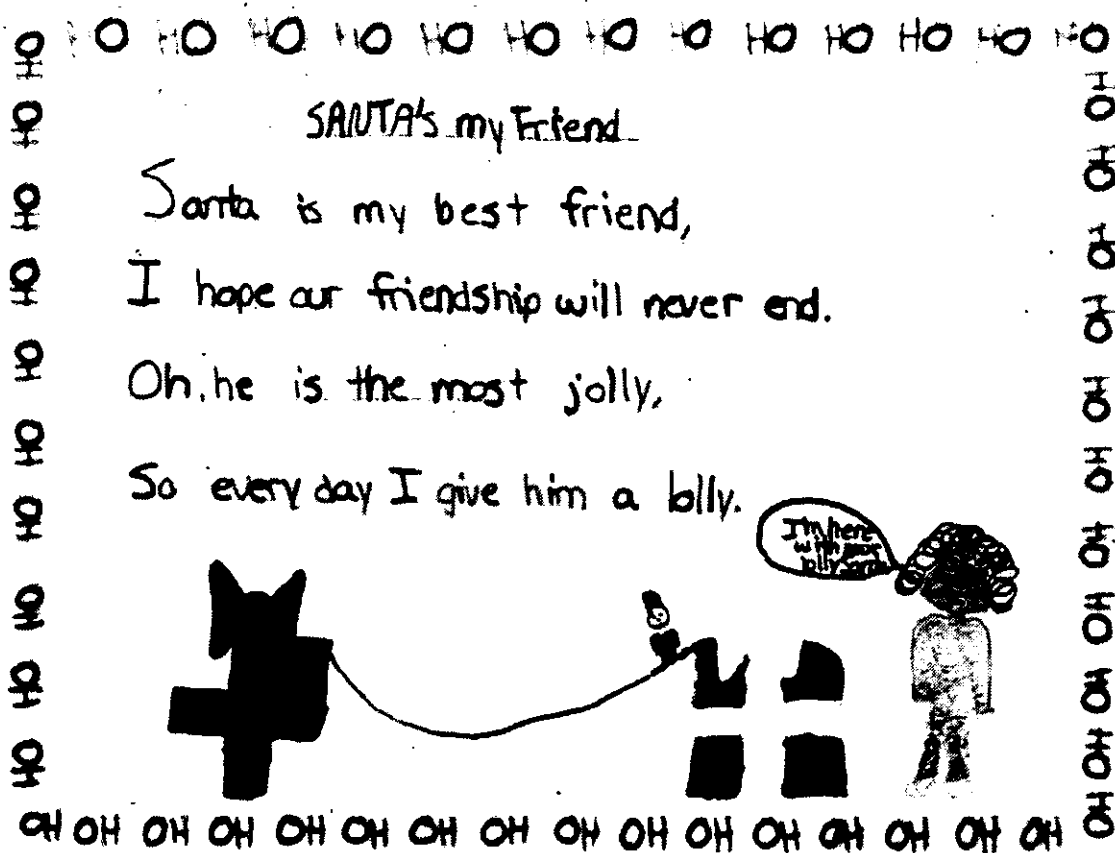
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Leah Panganiban, St. Thomas School-Grade 5, Mrs. Whitney

A Winter Memory

To me winter is the most beautiful time of year. The snow sneaks down from the sky above. The snowflakes rest on my head and float downward once more.

I remember getting off the bus one cold winter day. I had a bad day at school. Everything seemed to be going wrong. I was feeling very upset. I started to walk home when all of a sudden I felt something cold and wet. I stopped walking and looked around. It was snowing. At first it was just a little snow, but soon buckets of snow were falling from the sky. For a minute I just watched it fall, I didn't move or say anything. When I watched it fall gracefully from the sky, I got a warm feeling inside, a

feeling I never had before. I felt like I was the only one outside. For a short moment I was the only one in the world.

Then I remembered I had to go home. When I got inside, I looked at the clock. What had seemed like hours had been minutes. I never told anyone about this moment. But every time it snows I remember that enchanting winter evening.

Marygrulia Capobianco
Slingerlands School-Grade 4
Mrs. Lutkus



The Christmas I will Never Forget

I will never ever forget my cat Misty's second Christmas. All she did was climb up the middle of the Christmas tree, go up to the top and jump down, knock over the Christmas tree, chew the plastic coating off the Christmas tree lights and spit it out on the ground. One time I was sitting on the couch and all of a sudden the tree fell down on me. Boy did it hurt! It hurt bad, so bad I screamed loudly. My mom came running down the stairs and saved me from the Christmas tree.

Nicole Fowles
Slingerlands School-Grade 3
Mrs. McNiven/Mrs. Phillips

One Little Snowflake

One day in early winter I saw a small snowflake just floating in the air,

Though it looked so much like a person skiing freely without a care.

But then I looked at it closer and it turned into a child sledding faster and faster.

Though it turned into a disaster! Because it had changed into a chocolate cake.

And the next thing I knew I ate the poor snowflake!

Erin Virgil
Slingerlands School-Grade 3
Mrs. McNiven/Mrs. Phillips

Alyson's Christmas

One Christmas there was a girl named Alyson who went Christmas shopping with her mom. She was only three years old. First her mom went to Macy's to get clothes. Then she went to Sears to get more clothes. It seemed like forever to Alyson. She was getting very bored and tired.

When they finally got out of Sears, Alyson saw a big hairy red-and-white Santa with a fat belly in a Christmas hut holding children. Alyson's eyes glowed. She tugged her mom's arm over to Santa but her mom said, "Not now the lines are horrible." Alyson felt like a moose who hadn't had supper.

When Alyson's mom went into the next store, Alyson found her way out. It seemed like a million people to her. She couldn't find Santa. Her mom turned around, and Alyson was not there. Her mom looked everywhere, but Alyson was nowhere to be seen. Her mom called her name at the desk. Alyson heard her name but didn't know where to go! She turned around, and there was Santa! She ran in front of the line. She told Santa her mommy was missing. Santa asked, "Are you Alyson?" "Yes," she replied, and he brought her to the desk where her mom was. She hugged Santa good-bye. It turned out to be a great Christmas for Alyson.

Jennifer Shapiro
Glenmont School-Grade 4
Mrs. Capobianco

One Bite-size Snowflake

The tiny snowflake fell, fell, fell from the sky and landed silently.

One day, four children all dressed in snowsuits, came out to play. A boy came and picked up the snowflake and ate it. In his stomach the snowflake said, "That's the end of me!"

The end.

Sarah Bigelow
Hamagrael School-Grade 4
Mrs. Dale

Winter Breeze . . .

I was walking in crystal white woods when a calm and peaceful breeze of evergreen enveloped me! I heard a sweet and glamorous musical chime. It was a loving, outrageously delightful sky blue breeze! It was wondrous! It was so gloriously free! I will never forget it!

Karena Zornow
BCMS-Grade 6
Mr. Rightmyer

Ryan Walker
Slingerlands School-Grade 4
Mrs. Lutkus

A Ch Holic



Kristen Weaver, Glenmont School

Christmas M

One beautiful Christmas Eve, about six years ago, my family and I went to my grandmother's house to give her our presents. It was late so we hurried over. Our grandmother greeted us with cookies and a kiss. One hour later, my grandmother told us we had to leave because it was very late. We didn't want to go, but then my mom warned us that if we didn't leave soon Santa Claus would skip our house. So we all left.

It was 11 p.m. as we were driving down Fernbank Avenue. Suddenly my mother pointed out a plump red figure carrying a sack. My dad slowed the car almost to a stop and we rolled down the window. We realized it was Santa Claus! He boomed, "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Simple Joy

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sequence
of
ruffling
linens
in
bathed
rivers
of
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cantering
by
way
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to
find
a
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simplicity

Jennifer E. Kraemer
Voorheesville-Grade 11
Mr. Art Willis

Snowball Fight

Splat! The cold melted slowly down the side of my face on to my back. I quickly picked up some snow and made it into a huge snowball. I pulled my arm back and watched the snowball fly through the air and hit my brother

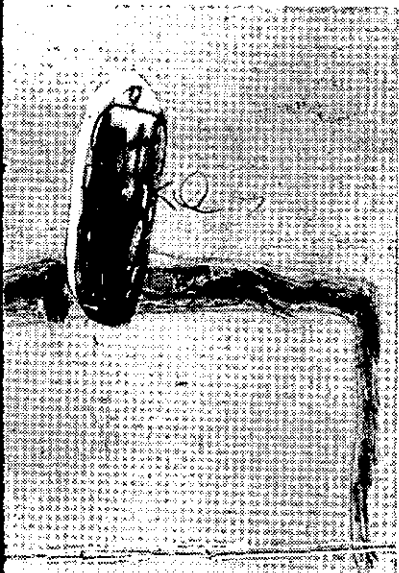
right on his face. I broke into laughter and dove behind my fort.

"Yuck," I heard my brother say, and I began to laugh again. I made another snowball and quickly stood up. Just as I stood up five snowballs came flying at me. Exactly five snowballs hit me in the face.

"I give up!" I yelled, now even more covered with snow than when we started the war two hours ago. I whipped off my face and went inside to my warm house.

Jason Galea, Clarksville School-Grade 4K, Mrs. Kimes

Child's day



Pool-Grade 1, Mrs. Ricciardelli

Memories

Merry Christmas! We were all amazed, but we managed to say thank you. I think that Christmas Eve was extra special.

But an even bigger miracle happened the next day. My cousin had cancer and couldn't be with us for Thanksgiving because he had to go to a children's hospital in Boston. The doctors thought he wouldn't live, but he did. He was able to be with us for Christmas that year.

Many miracles happened in those two days, but these were the most important, and I will treasure them always.

Kathy Leyden
Slingerlands School-Grade 5S
Mrs. Solnick

Sledding

One day I decided to go sledding, even though it felt like it was 20 below zero! When I went outside to get my sled, I thought I had icicles on my chin. I got my snow tube. My brother Justin wanted to go with me. So my mom drove us to one of the biggest snow hills around us.

When we got to the top of the hill, I got in my snow tube, picked up my feet and whoosh! I went speeding down the hill like a bullet. I shot past my brother who was waiting for me at the bottom of the hill. I shot halfway up the other side of the hill and started to slowly slide down the hill to the bottom. I got off my snow tube and started to walk back up the hill. The next time I went down the hill I raced Justin. (He won.) We did that about seven more times, and I won five out of seven. After that my mom picked us up and we went home. I got inside, drank some hot chocolate and stayed warm the rest of the afternoon.

Melanie Richmond
Slingerlands School-Grade 3
Mr. Caporta

If I was a Christmas Tree

If I was a Christmas tree, I would be so happy. People would stuff presents under my branches and place me by the fire. They also would sing songs in front of me and eat in front of me. The two best things about it are that the kids would open their presents in front of me and I would be able to see Santa and listen to him munch on the cookies and gulp on the milk.

Avi Shoss
Hamagrael School-Grade 4
Mrs. Dale

Our Christmas Tree

Tall green
Shimmering shining tinsel
Beautiful sight to see
Christmas

Liz Black
Slingerlands School-Grade 4
Mrs. Putnam

Holidays Hopes

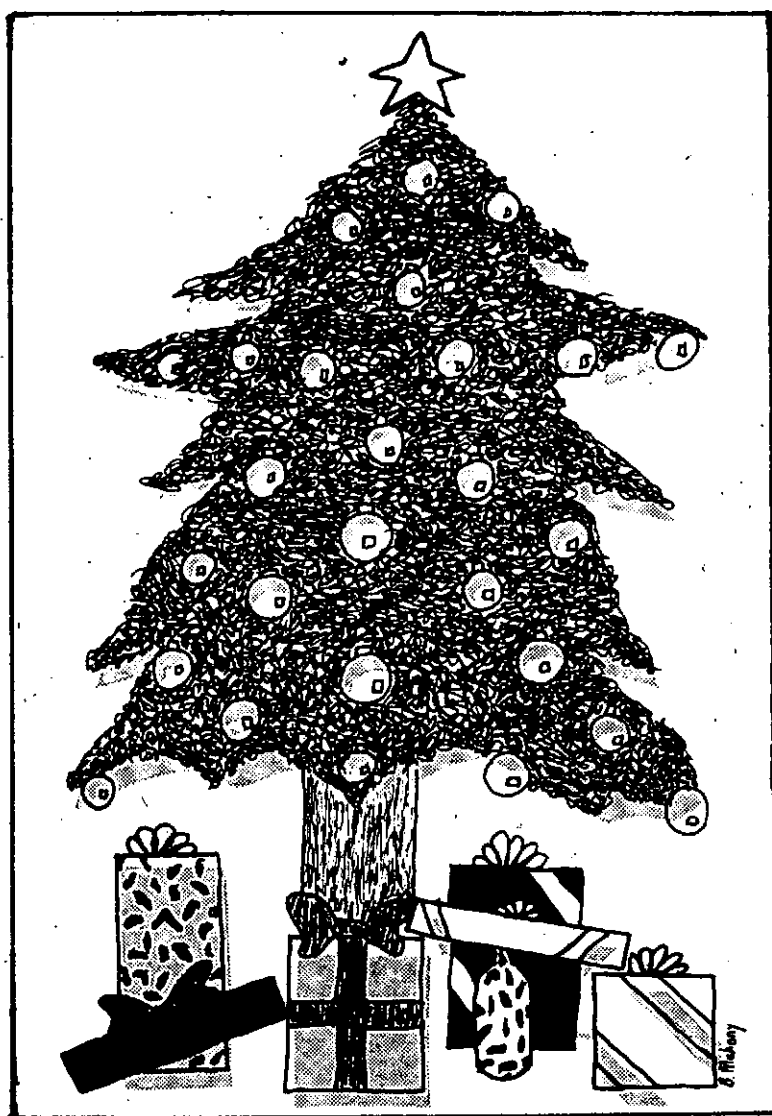
This year I hope your Christmas tree will be beautiful with lots of lights and a whole bunch of presents under it! I remember last year around Christmas time. My best friend and I went snowriding with our new dolls we got for Christmas. The dolls sat in the middle, and we took turns sitting in front and back. When we were riding, the dolls fell out of the sled and fell into the snow. We were laughing hard! And I hope I always remember it!

Stephanie Goeldner
Clarksville School-Grade 4
Mrs. Kimes

The Christmas Story

One Christmas night I had a present. It was a cat! It came in a box. The cat had a red ribbon on her. She looked happy.

Theresa Kansas
Hamagrael School-Grade 1
Mrs. Miller



Brian Mahony, BCHS-Grade 10, Mr. Masino

How I Celebrate Christmas

On Christmas my family has many traditions. On Christmas Eve my father locks our door. In the morning the youngest opens the first present. I just start tearing the wrapping paper. I don't care if the youngest opens presents first. Decorating our tree is lots of fun. We make paper chains for the tree sometimes.

Matthew Melcher
St. Thomas School-Grade 4
Mrs. Keens

Mom's Present

When we buy my Mom's Christmas present, we decide to go to the store in the car and look at her Christmas list. When I go, I go with my dad, sister and brother. Then we go in the store and get her some things that she wants. Then we go back in the car and talk about the presents and how much she'll like them. We wrap the presents and put them under the tree.

Emily Hiska Jansse
Becker School-Grade 3
Mrs. Hilson

My Cut-up Face

Last year when I was a tiger cub, I went sleigh riding with my den. I went down a ramp from a hill and went into a ditch with lots of twigs. I got my face all cut up. I was alright. I kept on going.

Paul Roberts
Glenmont School-Grade 2
Miss Jeram

Winter Night

It was a cold winter night, and I went outside. It was so cold that I had to go back in and I didn't come out until winter was over!

Bradley Glass
Elsmere School-Grade 1
Mrs. Wooldridge

Christmas

One night an angel came to Joseph. The angel said, "Mary is going to have a baby. This baby is the son of God. His name is Jesus." I will love him and be kind to him, said Joseph to himself.

Justine O'Hara
St. Thomas School-Grade 1
Mrs. Pallante

Hanukkah

My favorite memory is the time when my family had a Hanukkah party. We invited all of our friends.

Hanukkah is a holiday when the Jewish people remember their struggle for religious freedom. In the ancient temple the oil burned for eight days. We remember this because there was only supposed to be enough oil to last for one night. A miracle occurred and the oil burned for eight nights instead of just one.

Our Hanukkah party was fun because we lit the candles and really did remember this miracle as we kindled the lights. Afterwards we had a grab bag. I liked it because I got pens that I really wanted. The potato latkes we ate were delicious. After dinner we played a couple of dreidel games. I had fun that night and you would have too!

Liz Walsh
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Snow

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Melissa Pinchback
Hamagrael School-Grade 1
Mrs. Solberg

Elmer Elf

Elmer Elf lived in the North Pole. He helped Santa make toys and load the sleigh on Christmas Eve. Elmer always wore a red and green shoes, orange pants, a green shirt, a red belt and a white collar, and he had orange-yellow hair. Elmer was a lovable little elf.

Frank Macarilla
Glenmont School-Grade 2
Mrs. Thomas

Ice Skating is Fun

My favorite winter memory is when I first learned how to ice skate right. I first thought it was hard. I was having a hard time, but it was a good time because only my dad was there. He helped me and no one could make fun of me. I was glad that we were at an ice skating rink that had cones in the center. I went to the last session there. This was my favorite winter memory because I always liked ice skating a lot. And now I know the right way.

When I was skating I felt like a big warm marshmallow. I smelled like a cup of hot chocolate. That was because I just had some. I tasted like some hot chocolate even after I drank it. I felt so warm. I hope that this winter I can go to a big ice skating rink and race my dad! That would be fun, fun, fun!

Noah Pollock
Slingerlands School-Grade 2
Mrs. Bacher

A Winter of Animals and Snow

One brisk winter morning I was going for a walk. My hopes were high that it would snow. Then suddenly, I heard a rustle in some bushes. I was afraid it would be something big, but to my surprise it was just a friendly chipmunk. I started walking again, admiring the nature when I started to get weary. My eyes started to drop. The next thing I knew I was fast asleep in a pile of pine needles.

After a couple hours, I woke up. My wakening wasn't usual, it was made by sensational snowflakes! It was snowing! All the animals were gathered around me. It was the first snow, and I was spending it with friends.

Kate Lillis
Slingerlands School-Grade 4
Mrs. Lufkus

Holidays in Winter

There are three major holidays that we celebrate in winter. They are Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's. If you're lucky, you get to celebrate both Hanukkah and Christmas.

Christians celebrate Christmas for one day. The people of the Jewish faith have Hanukkah for eight days.

Of course we have to celebrate New Year's Day. New Year's is when the year ends and a new year begins.

One other holiday in winter is Ground Hog's Day. Most families don't celebrate Ground Hog's but my family does. We do because my sister's birthday is on Ground Hog's Day. She acts as if it's bigger than Christmas.

Happy Holidays to all.

Colleen Doody
BCMS-Grade 6
Mr. Rightmyer

Our Christmas Traditions

Our family goes to my grandparents' house on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Before Christmas Eve my grandmother and I make cookies. My favorite ones are called snowballs. They're covered with powdered sugar and have nuts inside. On Christmas Eve we have a special meal that comes from my family's heritage. That is the only time during the year when these foods are eaten. Afterwards we open our presents and enjoy being with our relatives.

Jennifer Luck
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Christmas Music

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Kelley Banagan
Hamagrael School-Grade 4
Mrs. Dale

Our Cozy Cabin

One of the most memorable times of the winter season is our yearly trip to our cabin in Lake Placid. We share the cabin with friends of the family.

The cabin is situated in the middle of the woods and can only be reached by a snowmobile. Nearby, there is a steep hill which we sled and ski down.

In the cabin there is a bunkhouse where the kids sleep. In the bunkhouse there are nine bunkbeds and two bathrooms. The bunkroom is next to the living room where the grownups sleep. There is also a fireplace in the living room. There is also a kitchen.

At night we either play games and cards, or look at the deer through the window. In the daytime I have to put out corn for the deer.

Matt Devane
Slingerlands School
Grade 5X
Mrs. Xeller

My Christmas Dream

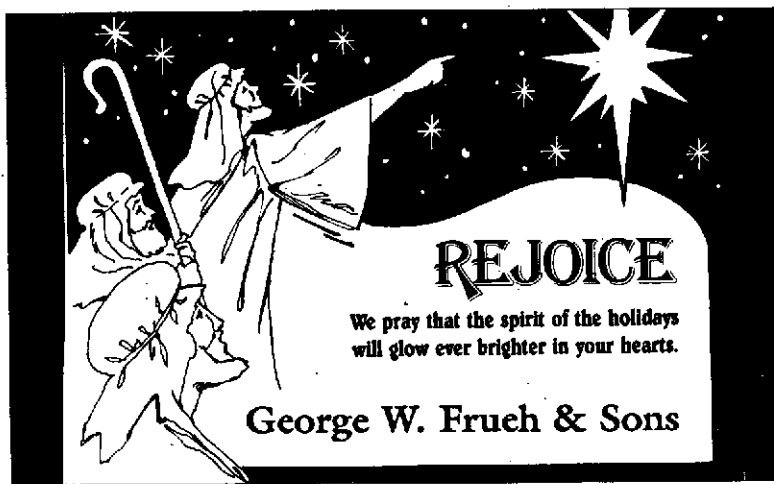
The Christmas I've been dreaming of is that our whole family was together. But my brother lives in Vermont. I just wish we could celebrate it with him.

Jason Lewis
Hamagrael School-Grade 4
Mrs. Dale

The Polar Bear

When I sit outside, it reminds me of cold. When I sit inside, it reminds me of warm. I am glad I am not a polar bear because they eat too much food, that's why.

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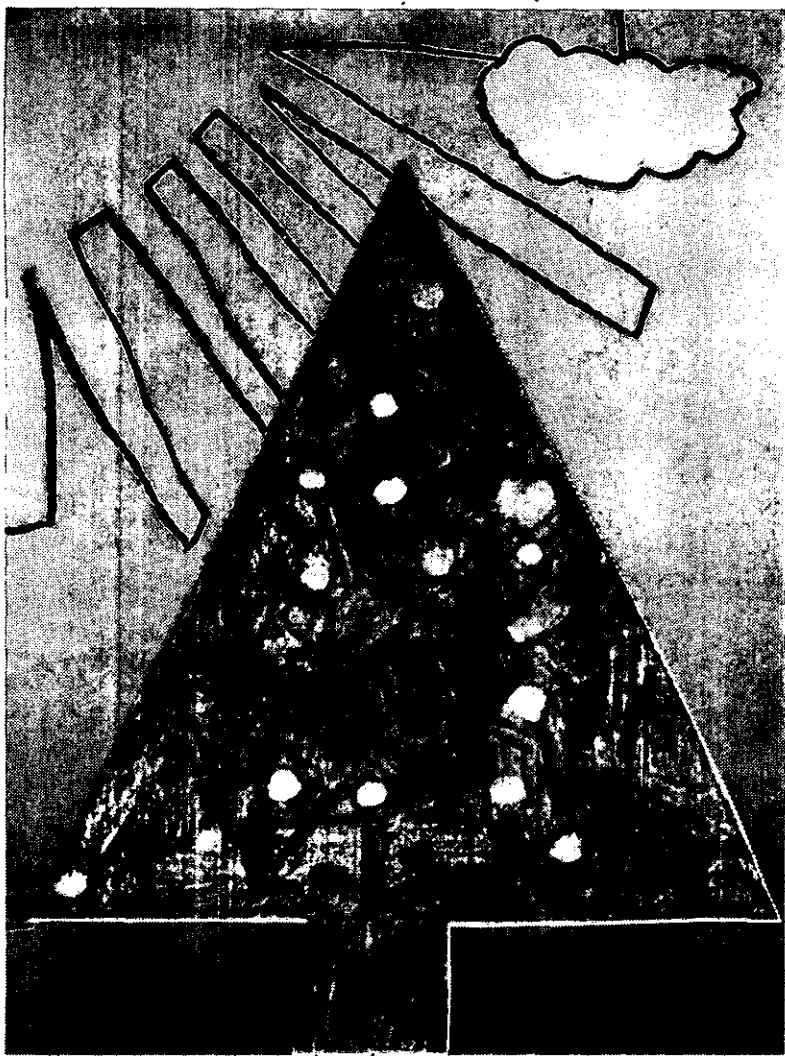
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Snow

The snow protects the world like my family protects me. It hides the winter ugliness. When the flowers bloom and everything becomes beautiful, it leaves but returns sooner than you think.

Sarah Frank
BCMS-Grade 6
Mr. Rightmyer

Dreidel

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Nick Sattlinger
BCMS-Grade 7C-2
Mrs. Shogan

My Family Tradition

Every year my mother, brother, sister, dad and I go out to cut down a Christmas tree for our house. But when my mother found out that she and my brother were allergic to pine needles, we had to buy a fake tree.

I was sad that we could not carry on our family tradition of everybody going out in the woods to cut down a Christmas tree.

It turned out to be a good Christmas after all even though the tree was fake. We still had fun decorating the tree together. When we were finished, it looked like a real tree.

Now we have a new family tradition of putting the tree together, and we still put the decorations on together. Christmas is more than getting a real Christmas tree. It's family being together.

Jill Dugas
Glenmont School-Grade 4
Mrs. Capobianco

All for Santa Claus

On Christmas I get together with my aunts, uncles and sometimes we watch movies my parents made with the video camera. When it's about nine-thirty, my cousins and I get our crayons and paper. When everything is together, we make drawings for Santa. When we are done, we put milk and cookies out. The we go to bed. Around ten-thirty, I can hear my parents put the presents under the tree.

Debra Percival
Becker School-Grade 3
Mrs. Hilson

My Family at Christmas

My family always sets up the Christmas tree together. We always open the presents, and we have a Christmas party, too. Sometimes we go ice skating, skiing and sledding with my brother. Then brother and I go inside and have hot chocolate and cookies. Then my mom and my dad and Bryan and I all go downstairs and make a fire and watch T.V.

Megan Berry
Elsmere School-Class 2-B
Shari-Piper

Season of Hope

Since Christmas is traditionally known as the season of light and hope, the eighth grade religion class designed original symbols to represent these thoughts. They then gave reasons for their designs.

Mrs. O'Brien
Religion Instructor
St. Thomas School-Grade 8

Angel Brought Good News

I chose to represent light and hope with an angel in a fire. To me the angel represents hope because the angel always brought good news to all. For instance, an angel announced to Mary that she was going to be the mother of Jesus and announced to the shepherds the coming of the Lord.

I represent the light with a fire because God showed himself in the form of fire.

Chris Gould
St. Thomas School-Grade 8
Mrs. O'Brien

Dawning of Light and Hope

I chose the dove and torches because I, for one, felt the torches represented light. I chose the dove because to me it was a symbol of peace. Where there is peace, there is hope.

Larry Corbett
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First...

The first thing you do is go outside. Make sure you have gloves on because I don't think your parents want an icicle for a kid. What you do next is get 15 gumdrops and two chocolate chip cookies. Now all you need is one carrot, two black markers and two sticks.

Second...

What you do now is make a snowball the size of a pie. What you want to do now is lather it, and if you don't know what that means, then flatten it out. After you're done with that, then make sure that there

is no yellow or brown in the head because you don't want a rainbow snowman.

Third...

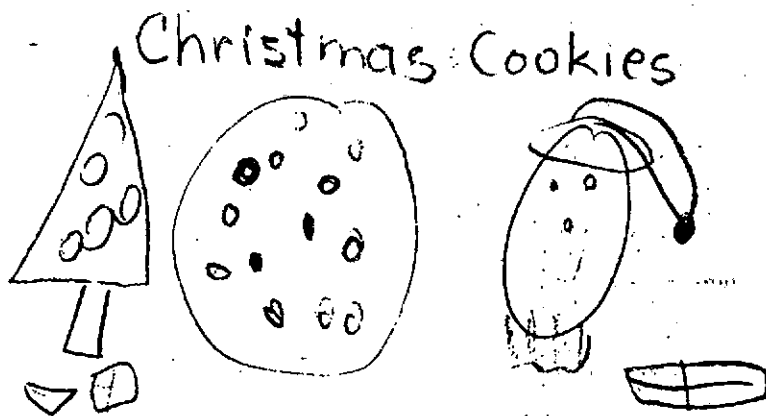
Next you make a snowball the size of a ten-speed bicycle wheel and lather it or flatten it out. Again, make sure there is no yellow or brown in it.

Fourth...

After that, you make a snowball the size of a sombrero. Then, put the medium-size ball on top of the large ball and put the last ball on top of that. Finally, get the gumdrops and use them as buttons and eyes. Use the cookies as ears and the sticks as arms. Then take the marker and make a dot in each eye.

The end.

Nicole Redmond
Hamagrael School
Grade 4/5
Mrs. Judge



Lainey Forrest, Elsmere School-Grade 1, Mrs. Wooldridge



Jamie Dwyer, St. Thomas School-Grade 5, Mrs. Whitney

The Skating Rink

One winter morning I woke up to the smell of bacon and eggs. When I walked downstairs, I realized that it was winter vacation. "Oh well," I said to myself. "I might as well stay up."

"Hey Amy," said my father. "How about if I make an ice skating rink?"

"What about Ryan? Aren't you going to ask him? And mom?" I replied.

"Of course," he said. "When they get up. What about some bacon and eggs?"

"Well, OK," I said.

"Guess what? Dad says that he might build an ice skating rink!"

"Oh daddy, please, please, please?" was his answer. (My

brother, who is six, is a sports fanatic, and his favorite sport is hockey.)

"Well, if it's OK with mom," he said, glancing over at my mother.

"I guess so," said my mom.

The next day, which was Sunday, my father started to build the ice skating rink. (You see, we have a big yard, and it took my father the whole day to make the rink.) First, he took the hose and squirted the water on the lawn. My brother Ryan watched with me. So did my other brother Brendan. The only problem was that my father didn't realize that you had to put several coats on the grass, not just one.

The next day, my father looked out the window and saw that the ice was way too thin to skate on. So, naturally, he put three or four

coats on the rink. Soon it was ready for skating on.

Last winter we had a lot of fun, and I hope we can do it again this year.

Amy Venter
Slingerlands School-Grade 3
Mr. Caporla

Winter Fun

I like the snow. Snow is fun. I like to make Christmas cookies. That's fun, too!

Lainey Forrest
Elsmere School-Grade 1
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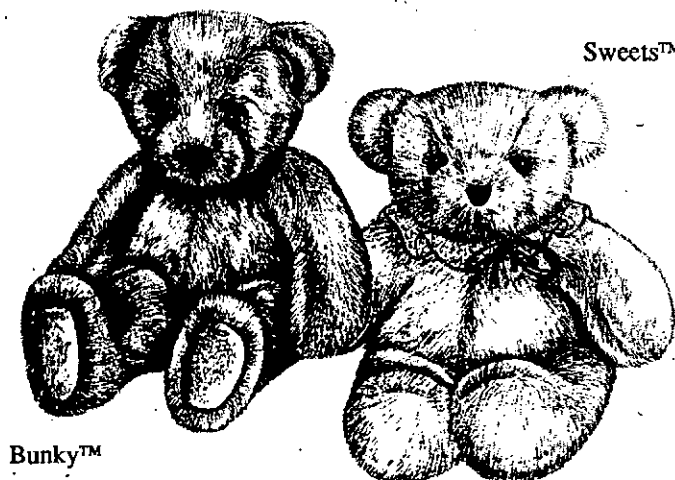
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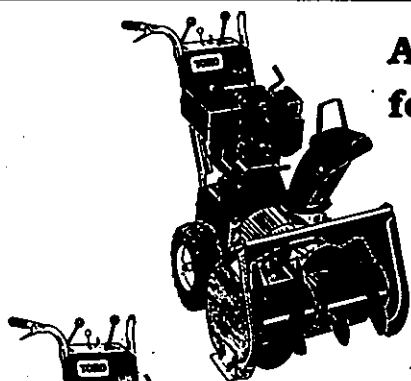
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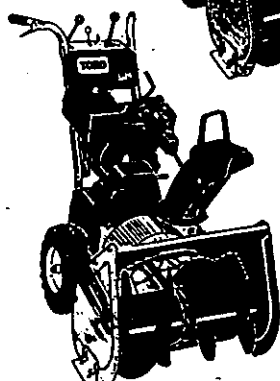


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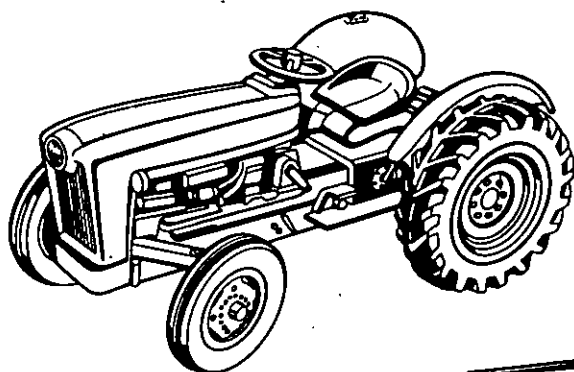
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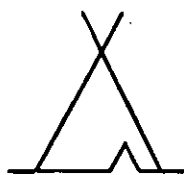
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Kristina Frati
BCHS-Grade 10
Mr. Masino

Santa Was Here

Holidays at my house are fun
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the stairs to get a drink of water.
Can you guess what I heard? I
heard Santa Claus going down the
chimney!

Molly Spooner
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Mrs. Stewart

Snow!

I do not know how it snows and
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Lena Eson
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Focus on Faith
By Rev. Allan Janssen
Glenmont Reformed Church



Religion promises escape from the difficulties and terrors of the present misery. Christianity's collusion in pandering to this understandable impulse shows itself in our Christmas-rites. We transport ourselves to a simpler time when we dress up our children in bathrobes for the annual pageant. We gather in beautiful churches on Christmas Eve, desiring with all our hearts to live in the beauty of the love, wondering why we cannot live in a world of love and peace all year round.

But as we look for a way out into an ideal world, the message of Christmas tells of God traveling the opposite direction. On Christmas God did not intervene in the troubles of life to provide humanity escape. God moved into the middle of life to become enfleshed in the pain and the blood of the existence we know all too well. I think of molecules and quarks, of cells and genes, of chemical and electrical chains, the stuff that makes up the life of trees and cats and humans.

While we try to flee from the ties that bind, God values the reality of God's creation so much that God's only-begotten would become the protoplasm and processes of a human fetus, carried by a young Jewish girl to a birth among the little people of a great empire.

So, as we search the heavens for signs of God, dream of flight from the headlines that shout death, God is not far away but as near as the air we breathe, the blood that circulates through our flesh. Christians celebrate Christmas because in it we can join God's commitment to families who can't find their way out of their fears, to nations that can't figure out how to balance freedom and equality, to communities that struggle to bring a flourishing life to its citizens.

At Christmas we remember that God is not just in the air. God has joined us where we hurt and where we laugh, where we weep and where we are surprised by moments of joy in the little things. Christmas is about God becoming little to join us in our everyday attempts to live dreams that won't make it to the front page.

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- First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m., candlelight service, Christmas Eve, and 11 a.m., Christmas Day.

- First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m., tiny tots service, 7:30 p.m. "The Star and the Stable," 11 p.m., Christmas Eve, and 11 a.m., Christmas Day.

- First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 7 p.m., family service, and 10 p.m., candlelight service, and 10 a.m., Christmas Day.

- Normansville Community Church, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 4 p.m., Christmas Eve, no Sunday service.

- St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Delmar, 7:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist and 11 p.m., midnight mass, Christmas Eve, and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Christmas Day.

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Costs a barrier for Unionville water

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

If the early reactions of steering committee members are any indication, the possibility of establishing a water district in Unionville is still very much up in the air.

The steering committee met last Wednesday night at New Scotland Town Hall to discuss the project and to hear a presentation from Chris Catania of Aqua-Freed, a Newburgh-based water stimulation and recovery firm. Present were committee members Sharon Boehlke, Larry Bruno, Bruce Di Stefano, Roger Eernisse, Don Haskel and Dr. John Lyons. Member Curtis Clark was absent.

According to Supervisor Herbert Reilly, one of the main issues facing the committee is the cost of the project. "We were given a rough estimate by C.T. Male of \$700 to \$900 per household. That is well over the \$400 mark established by the state Department of Audit and Control. While we are still considering the self-help program, which would lessen the cost, to exceed the assessment at all, we have to prove three things: that we would have close to 100 percent participation in the district, that there is a serious need and hardship, and that the neighborhood is affluent enough to afford over \$400," Reilly said. "I just don't know if that is the case.

What's allowable for Slingerlands may not be allowable in Unionville." Reilly added that he asked Catania of Aqua-Freed to present his water options to the committee in case a public solution is not feasible, and again emphasized that his invitation was by no way an endorsement of the process. "We just wanted to present another option," he said.

Committee member reaction was varied. "Everybody out here has sulphur water, or iron, or not much quantity" said Don Haskel. "We have two wells. The shallow well runs dry, and the deep well runs sulphuric. But apparently, from the initial reaction — the low attendance at the original informational meeting — more people must have better water than we think. That's what we are trying to establish, if that is the case or not." As far as Catania's presentation was concerned, Haskel said, "Everybody is leary about dumping that much money into it, but I don't know if we'll have enough houses to do a district, so we may have to consider it."

Dr. Lyons, a former head of the Albany County Health Department feels strongly about the local government's participation. "The point is that the obligation of the town is to provide water," he said. "I'd go all-out to provide public water. I hooked up with the water line at Jones Avenue four or five years ago when they were putting down the lines for Feura Bush, and I think we and Feura Bush would be a good testimonial for the public way of doing things. It should be the objective of the town to provide public water. The Aqua-Freed method is an individual decision — the water district is a public solution," he said, adding that "I think we would need much more information to make any decision at this point."

Larry Bruno might disagree. After spending \$6,000 to supply a water source for his property to no avail, and with the possibility of a public water district appearing remote, he said he is willing to consider any option.

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Recharging old wells

As a part of the Unionville water district meeting last Wednesday night, Chris Catania of Aqua-Freed, a Newburgh company dealing in "water stimulation and recovery" presented the assembled committee with an explanation of his company's process and what he would be willing to do for the residents of Unionville.

According to Catania, Aqua-Freed inserts a "packer" into a new or old well head, and while carefully monitoring the pressure, injects carbon dioxide down into the well. Once the carbon dioxide hits the atmosphere of the well, it dissipates into a gas. The gas expands, enlarging the openings of the well, and freeing blockages. The pressure of the expanding .78 degree gas creates a fracturing motion, and that enlarges the passages for water flow. In addition, it creates a low pressure vacuum or "venturi" effect that brings the gas back to the top of the well. It is released, and dissipates in the air.

According to Catania, the process can be repeated as many as ten times, and well water flows immediately afterward.

We've done over 600 wells" said Catania, "and we've had a better than .90 percent success rate. Most wells have a 300 to 1,000 percent production increase."

However, questions have been raised about the process. Committee member Dr. John Lyons, former Albany County health commissioner, pointed out that the firm has only been doing these "recoveries" since 1979, and that it usually takes longer for sediments to build up and clog a well again. "The principle is fine," he said "but eventually those little veins of mineral deposits — calcium and other things — will build up again. I don't see this as a long-term solution."

Others raised the question of cost. Catania has developed a fee scale for servicing the area. For one to six residences, he would charge \$1750 per residence, his normal rate, but he would exclude his usual mileage charges. (A special assessment for the water district has been estimated at \$700 to \$900 each at this point.) For seven to 14 residences, he would charge \$1,650 per residence. Fifteen to 24 residences would cost the owners \$1,500 per household, and more than 24 households participating in Aqua-Freed's program would be charged \$1,400 each.

Catania said that he does provide references, but that there is no full body of independent research on all of his clients.

Catania contacted New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly after hearing of New Scotland's water problems from his brother, who lived in the Albany area. He said he does not advertise his service because as it is he cannot keep up with demand. After hearing of the area problems, however, he is considering expanding his New York and New Jersey business to include an Albany/upstate office.

Cathi Anne M. Cameron

"I'm behind the efforts to establish a water district all the way, but if (Catania) says I can have water by January, I'll spend the \$1750 to do it privately," he said.

Roger Eernisse, pastor of the Unionville Reformed Church, said he joined the committee because it directly affects his community. After coming to the area in

what they are paying now. I've got a system with this valve and that valve, and while the church pays for it, I know there is cost involved. Maintenance, chemicals, even carting your laundry elsewhere to do it — that all costs. The information gathering process will be a very important one."

Eernisse also said that the sense of community was one of the reasons he moved back to the Northeast, and that "maybe the water district won't save me any money, but being a part of a community like this makes that relationship — that responsibility for one's neighbor — very important. Maybe we have to place on the table that sense of thinking. We rally around our neighbors in fires and other crises here. We are neighbors, and we should not have to seek individual solutions. We should band together for a common cause."

The committee members will soon be circulating questionnaires throughout their neighborhoods to better determine the needs and expectations of Unionville residents in regard to a water district. Questions will include the types and productivity of wells on the resident's property, their total cost of water per year, cost of treatment and other equipment, conditions that they want brought to the attention of the town board, and other needs.

Reilly said he encourages all residents to complete and return these forms.


"We have to know the people's needs. Then we can tell where to go from there."

Graceland Cemetery to build mausoleum

Ground was recently broken to start construction of the first community garden mausoleum in the City of Albany and Albany County.

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their attorney and the Vermont-based "Friends in Adoption." This organization represents a growing national movement in which adoptive parents personally seek out expectant mothers unable to keep their babies. Legal in 35 states, these private adoptions also allow the birth mother more say in determining the kind of home for her child.

This adoptive process relies on personal advertising, as well as a considerable personal investment of time, effort and emotions.

The Justers placed their advertisements in different newspapers across the state. The ad required careful wording that would appeal to the typical birth mother, a young woman unable to keep her baby, but concerned for its future. Similar ads appear frequently in *The Spotlight* and other weekly newspapers.

Recommended guidelines included the installation of a separate phone line to insure immediate appreciation of the purpose of the call. The specialized number can be disconnected when adoption is completed or if plans change.

After the phone was installed, fear mounted that no call would come, the couple recalled. Then, frustration dominated, with unreturnable messages, discussions with undecided expectant mothers, and unproductive or prank calls. Reassured by statistics supporting almost 100 percent success, the Justers remained hopeful.

"I really believe that God wanted us to be parents," Rose said, referring to her prayers and to her unwavering belief that "It was meant to be." She had experienced discouragement as well, especially at church, where "everyone seemed pregnant. I would look around wondering what God was doing to us."

When she met David's birth mother, Rose felt differently. "We had an opportunity to impact this young woman's life. We would not just have a child but help someone else, too." The Justers communicated with the birth mother frequently in the five months before David's birth. "It was an opportunity beyond just being a parent, we did lots of talking, writing, caring for her."

In providing this friendship, as well as financial support for birth-related expenses including medical and legal costs, the Justers came to know the birth mother well. They know the kind of person she is — delightful, witty. They know that she is ethical, that she was not interested in benefiting financially. They know her family tree and temperament.

As the due date neared, the Justers and the birth mother kept in daily contact. When the contractions were only minutes apart — at six in the morning, of course — the birth mother called the Justers, who raced their packed car through the five-hour trip across the state. Rose and Harlan brought the birth mother to the hospital, successfully overcoming a delivery room policy prohibiting adoptive parents. They labored together for the five-hour birth.

And David Lee was born.

Exactly nine months after the adoptive process was initiated, the Justers had their baby.

As psychologists, the Justers were exceptionally suited to help the birth mother with her grieving after the birth. "Our joy was her pain, and we had gotten so close to her we felt her pain," explained Rose, acknowledging that this aspect of the process is

part of the reason many adoptive parents prefer anonymity.

As most adoptive parents do, the Justers occasionally field insensitive remarks from people learning that David is adopted. The Justers attribute any callousness to ignorance. "We consider it our obligation to teach them," said Harlan. "We understand that most people aren't as far along as we are on this. They haven't experienced the pain we went through when we couldn't have a child."

And while some adopted children never have the curiosity of their birth parents and circumstances, if David needs this information for his own identity, he will have it. "We have memories of David's birth mother that we can share with him."

"David will never know a time when he didn't know he was adopted," explained Harlan. "I want it to be a natural part of his upbringing: His name is David; he lives in Delmar; he's adopted; he

Help for couples

For couples facing infertility or considering adoption, the following local resources are available:

- Resolve, a national support organization that holds monthly meetings locally on a variety of topics related to infertility and adoption, P.O. Box 474, Belmont, Mass. 02178; 381-7048.
- Community Maternity, 27 North Main Ave., Albany, N.Y.; 438-2322.
- Family and Child Services/Center for Counseling, 12 South Lake Ave., Albany, N.Y.; 462-6531.
- Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Rd., Albany, N.Y.; 447-5211.
- Albany County Dept. of Social Services, 40 Howard St., Albany, N.Y.; 447-7515.
- Jewish Family Services, (has no local adoption service but offers referrals to national and international sources), 930 Madison Ave., Albany, N.Y.; 482-8856.

Christmases there always seemed to be something missing. Now we have a family, and that's part of the difference."

Beardsley named 'Volunteer of month'

Bud Beardsley of Slingerlands has been selected "Volunteer of the month" for December for his service and commitment to the Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Beardsley, who began his service in 1986, is completely responsible for the administration of the chapter's CARE/SHARE Program that is sponsored by Niagara Mohawk and is geared towards assisting the elderly and disabled with their utility bills. He also serves as registrar for Red Cross bloodmobiles.

A plaque, commemorating his award, will be presented to Beardsley at the next board of directors meeting.

Tighe earns yellow belt

Curnan M. Tighe, son of Kevin and Janice Hofaker Tighe, has achieved a yellow belt in Karate. Tighe is a fourth grader in the Glenmont Elementary School and has been enrolled in Kang Duk Won Karate classes for two years. This is his second promotion in belts.

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Christmas services planned

Christmas is in the air and the two area churches have several services planned to help residents celebrate the season. At St. Matthew's Catholic Church, three masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. At 4 p.m. the children's mass will be held featuring the children's choir and a nativity pageant. At 7 p.m. St. Matthew's Folk choir will lead the singing, and at 10 p.m. the Christmas Choir will provide music for the service. On Christmas, Dec. 25, mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. only.

At the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville two services will be held on Christmas Eve. At 7 p.m., the family service will be held and at 10 p.m. the candlelight service will take place. On Christmas, a service of lessons and carols will be at held at 10 a.m.

Living Creche presented

The First United Methodist Church will be presenting its annual Living Creche this week, Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 22 to 24. Both young and old members of the church will be participating in the evening display.

Religious education ends for 1988

A reminder to parents of students in the CCD programs at St. Matthew's Church that religious education classes have ended for 1988. Classes will resume beginning on Saturday, Jan. 7.

No fines for a week

The Voorheesville Public Library has a holiday gift for area residents. As in the past, the library will hold a fine free week between Christmas and New

Year's. During that time any overdue books returned will not be charged a fine. Fines already on file for books returned will be rounded to the nearest dollar and halved.

In observance of the season the library will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 26. The library will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 31 and remain closed on Monday, Jan. 2 for New Years.

Give gift of blood

The Red Cross is looking for people interested in giving that precious gift of blood. A special blood mobile will be held at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville on Tuesday, Dec. 27, from noon until 6 p.m. All those over 17 are welcome to stop by and donate blood. Those wishing to schedule an appointment should call chairperson Anne Smolen at 765-2463.

Winter concert slated

A reminder that the final winter concert presented by the area school music groups will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21, (today) at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. The junior high band directed by Lydia Tobler and the junior high chorus under the direction of Margaret Dorgan will perform. The concert is free and open to the public.

Senior citizens to meet

This afternoon will be the final meeting of the New Scotland Senior Citizens for 1988. The seniors will meet at 1 p.m. in the New Scotland Town Hall since the Old New Salem Schoolhouse is under renovation.

Library work nears end

By Lyn Stapf

With the end of the year approaching, the end of construction on the new Voorheesville Public Library is also in sight. At last week's library board meeting, Sally Ten Eyck, president, said completion of the library is expected by the end of December or the beginning of January at the latest.

A brochure prepared to familiarize residents with aspects of the new \$800,000 facility has been printed and should be in the mail this week, according to Walter Baker, the board member who coordinated the effort.

The board anticipates that the move from the old library to the new facility will take place during the later part of January. Diane Relyea and Sue Rockmore, co-chairmen of the volunteer event, invite everyone to offer assistance. Relyea and Rockmore, along with committee members Diane Connolly and Jenny Cillis, are presently working out the logistics of the move. More information will be available after Jan. 1.

A board reported that a grant has been awarded to the library by the Upper Hudson Library Federation. The \$25,000 will be used towards the automation of borrowing procedures. According to Gail Sacco, library director, the money will be used to get Voorheesville "on line" with the other libraries in the Upper Hudson Library Federation. The new system will increase the

number of books available to Voorheesville library patrons through inter-library loan.

In other business, the library board announced a fine-free week to be held between Christmas and New Year's Day. No fines will be charged for overdue books returned during the week. Overdue charges on books previously returned late will be rounded to the nearest dollar and halved. When Voorheesville does link up with other libraries, a fine incurred at one library will appear on the computer and may prohibit patrons from checking out books at other area libraries. Library

patrons are being urged to clear up any back fines before the new borrowing system is installed.

The library programming survey to be conducted by Librarian Suzanne Fisher will be taken after the move to the new library.

Board members Marilyn Bradley and Jane Blessing will investigate the possibility of establishing a "Friends of the Library" group in Voorheesville.

The next library board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, instead of Monday, Jan. 2.

The library book sale is still continuing. All are welcome.

School report delayed

The Voorheesville Central School District will present its annual Comprehensive Assessment Review report at its next regular session on Monday, Jan. 9.

The annual report, mandated by the state Board of Regents, is a review of a school district's student achievements on several tests. The tests used include the Pupil Evaluation Program and Regents examinations. The report is considered to be a gauge of how well a district is teaching.

The report is required to be presented at a public school board meeting by Dec. 15 each year and Voorheesville will make their presentation after the deadline.

"We simply missed it with

everything going on," Superintendent Louise Gonan said about the deadline on Monday. The district is currently assembling a facilities building plan, which could result in work by this summer.

There will likely be no action against the district from the state Education Department over the missed deadline. "We don't really get too excited (when a district misses the deadline)," said Carolyn Byrne, director of the department's Division of Educational Testing. She said often districts have good reasons for missing the deadline and the department's emphasis was on the spirit of the regulation.

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Job Corps incident under investigation

Bethlehem police are continuing to investigate a disturbance at the Glenmont Job Corps Thursday, which resulted in two corps' vehicles being damaged.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt said corps security officers called the department who reported a car with four males that would not leave the grounds. He said the men were spotted shortly after in an isolated area and sped away when approached by security officers.

The Job Corps security director then attempted to block the car with a security vehicle, which was hit by the men attempting to flee. The men then hit another

security vehicle and left the area, Vanderbilt said.

The vehicle, a gold Acura Legend, was found to have been stolen from New York City earlier on Thursday, he said, adding a weapon had been used in the theft.

An immediate search of the area by Bethlehem police and neighboring police departments did not have any success, he said.

Vanderbilt said the car was a 1988 2-door model with New York plates FPA-254 and has front and rear body damage.

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Voorheesville man faces drug charges

James J. Williams, 21, of Voorheesville was arrested Tuesday by Albany County Sheriff's deputies on a felony criminal sale of a controlled substance charge.

Deputies said the arrest was made after a month-long investigation into drug activities in the Voorheesville area. Williams was arraigned and remanded to Albany County Jail with bail set at \$10,000, deputies said.

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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary

Holiday music presented

The RCS Junior High School music department will present their annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, (that's tonight folks), at 7:30 P.M. at the Senior High Auditorium. The show will open with the grade six band, the grade seven and eight chorus and the jazz ensemble. After a 10 minute intermission, the concert will continue with the select chorus, grade six chorus and the grade seven and eight band. The grand finale will be a sing-a-long with the select chorus.

The bands and the jazz ensemble are directed by Scott Andrews. Kenneth Tyrrell is the chorus director and Mary Ann Bach directs the select chorus.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

Christmas donations accepted

The annual White Christmas Fund at the A.W. Becker School is underway as the food begins to accumulate under the tree in the lobby. Donations of canned food are greatly needed by the area food pantries at this time of year. Contributions can be dropped off through the close of school on Thursday, December 22.

Gifts of new clothing and toys are being collected again this year at the school. A list of ages and sizes are available from the school and volunteers are needed to help distribute the items. Call Ai Keating at the Becker school if you can help.

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Students publish paper

The grade five Reach program students at the A.W. Becker School have published their first newspaper of the year. *The Becker Spotlight* was published and distributed last week. The paper is full of information that all the grades are interested in and the students plan to publish this journal each month.

Christmas service planned

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight service Saturday at 7:30 p.m. On Christmas day, the service will be held at 11 a.m. Come worship after you open all your presents.



'Checking it twice'

Nicholas Silvano tells Santa Claus that he has been a good boy this year and gives him his Christmas wish list. Santa received many gift requests at the holiday party sponsored by the Voorheesville Fire Department and Auxiliary and the Village of Voorheesville. Lyn Staff

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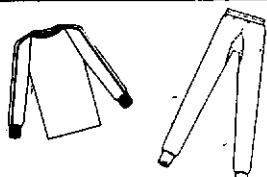
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RCS honors announced

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School has announced the students named to the high honor roll and the honor roll for the current marking period. Students placed on the high honor roll must have a cumulative average of 90 percent or higher. Students placed on the honor roll must have a cumulative average of 85 to 89 percent.

Grade 9 High Honor Roll

James Grube, Matt Gutches, Maureen Hogan, Richard Hotaling, Teresa Osterhout, Heather Radliff, Keri Spisak, Allison Stooks, and Dawn Sylvester.

Grade 10 High Honor Roll

Stacy Civill, Elizabeth Demis, Robert Feuerbach, Jennifer Finch, Sarah Fink, Krissy Gottesman, Beth Kane, Kevin Kosowsky, Amy Lobdell, Robert Newkirk, Joan Marie Nunziato, Amy Pass, Chris-

topher Racine, Matthew Schwabrow, Jason Turck, Kimberly VanDerzee, and Michelle Wyant.

Grade 11 High Honor Roll

Joseph Croscup, Nina DeCocco, Garrett Mabee, Rebecca Novko, Cherie Vernol, and Ami Wilber.

Grade 12 High Honor Roll

Kevin Brown, David Cary, Melanie Cherner, Matthew Clouse, Amy Collins, Joshua Curley, Dawn Dinardi, Denise Guthrie, Darrin Hall, Krista Henry, Chad Hotaling, Stephanie Lane, Susan Newkirk, Anthony Nunziato, Wendy Parker, Tamie Persico, Nancy Pyle, Stephanie Ricciardi, Mark Spoor, Erika Warnstadt, and Kelly Williams.

Grade 9 Honor Roll

Pamela Ashby, Colleen Brady, Jennifer Craft, Jennifer Eichner, Tracey Fuhrman, Allyson Irving, Mary Jane Kosowsky, Marie Labarr, Antoinetta Losee, Dena Marshall, Aaron McCormick, Paul Parisi, Kimberly Perrine, Nyree Peters, Jessica Pierce, Melissa Powell, Joseph Prior, Sonya Quay, Stacy Rice, Chad Rooney, Joseph Salin, Colleen Schermerhorn, Tammi Tune, Elaine Watters, Brian Whitney, David Wickham, and Carleton Winslow.

Grade 10 Honor Roll

Gregg Arnold, Catherine Bestler, Robert Burns, James Carroll, Erik Deyoe, Lorie Friday, Thomas Gallagher, Thomas Holsapple, Vincent Hunter, Mark Keating,

Amy Keir, Traci Layman, Susanne Morehouse, Kelly O'Connor, Trisha Quay, Dustin Rock, Jason Romano, Michael VanAlstyne, and Jessy Wilson.

Grade 11 Honor Roll

Marlene Arnold, Sara Ayers, Jason Bardin, Jason Barrios, Tracy Burnham, Ralph Carhart, William Cornell, Melissa DeFlumer, Erin Fahey, Corwin Hildebrandt, Lauren Infantino, Kristin Legere, Monica Lochner, Jason mantor, Carrie Martin, Laura Nicholson, Christine Reilly, Melissa Roberts, Mirinda Staats, Cherie Stalker, Sandra VanDorn, Tina VanWormer, Christy Watters, and Dorothy Whiting.

Grade 12 Honor Roll

Lisa Andersen, Mary Baker, Barbara Boehm, Pamela Carras, Jodi Cary, Ronelle Croaker, George Delude, Michelle Dewsbury, Dary Escalante, Kathleen Esposito, Jeanne Frese, Jill Gottesman, Lori Harris, Shannon Heitzman, Karen Jensen, Nicole Jordan, Bridget Kelley, Kenneth Leavitt, Deonne Leigh, Jessica Milgo, Maureen Mueller, Philip Nicewonger, James Noeth, Michelle Olson, Cherie Prior, Jeffrey Schaffer, Lisa Schaffer, Kevin Schiffmann, Christine Schoonbeek, Joel Sluiter, Shane Smith, Yolanda Smith, Christine Waltz, Shayne Winters, and Rebecca Zinzow.

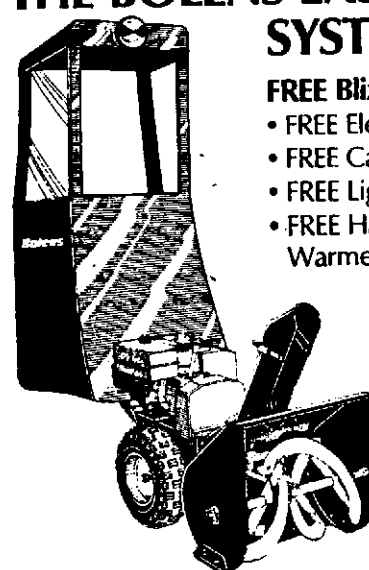
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Bethlehem's Sean McDermott, wearing number 54, tries for the hoop while Kevin Keparutis waits for the rebound during BC's home game. The Eagles lost to Niskayuna 61-41.

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Ravena man charged in burglary

Ronald J. Hotaling, 21, of Ravena was charged with third degree burglary, a class "D" felony and petty larceny for allegedly stealing from the True Value Hardware Store in Glenmont, Bethlehem police said.

Police said Hotaling allegedly entered the store during the overnight hours Saturday and removed \$220 in cash from the store safe, police said. He was a former store employee, police said.

Bank joins network

Albany Savings Bank, the oldest savings bank in New York State, is now a member of the CASHIER automatic teller network. Customers will be able to gain access to their checking and savings accounts by using their ENTERCARD throughout New York, Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Grand Union, CVS, Glenmont 5A's, Cumberland Farms, Stewart's and Van Allen Farms

Woman charged for giving pills to minor

Bethlehem police arrested a 19-year-old South Bethlehem woman for endangering the welfare of a child stemming from a Nov. 5 incident.

Lt. Richard Vanderbilt said the woman gave three stimulant capsules to a 15-year-old girl, which made the girl require hospital treatment. He said no force was used by the woman to make the girl take the pills.

Bethlehem Flat

Eagles looking for first victory on the court

By Bill Dixon

Bethlehem basketball has gone flat against a wall, heading into the final week before the Christmas break still looking for the first win of the season. BC's record stood at 0-6, with little prospect for any sort of dramatic reversal in the near future.

But coach Jack Moser and his players haven't given up hope. "I don't see the season as lost. If we work harder at avoiding the slide that we've been seeing in the first

half, I know we can cause some teams some trouble," he said.

Against Niskayuna last week the Eagles got off to a bad start, trailing by 18-6 after one quarter. The bad luck continued through the second period, contributing to a 28-12 deficit at intermission.

"We shot really poorly in the first half," said Moser. "We dug ourselves so deep that we couldn't get out."

Scott Hodge and Sean McDermott sparked a second-half rally that

narrowed the gap to a scant five points with five minutes left, but Nisky turned on the steam to win going away, 61-41.

"We just went cold," said Moser. "We spent all our energy trying to get to them, and we couldn't get any closer."

The Eagles had a date yesterday (Tuesday) at Scotia, the last outing before the holiday break and the Helderberg Holiday Tournament.



Bethlehem's Kyle Snyder sends a pass to Kevin Keparutis over the heads of two

Niskayuna defenders during last week's game.

R.H. Davis

Ladybirds defeat Raiders

By Matt Hladun

Only four games into the season, the Voorheesville girls basketball team has overcome what may have been its biggest obstacle.

Last Friday the Ladybirds defeated Mechanicville on the Raiders' home court, 60-44. Mechanicville is a serious challenge to take the Colonial Council.

Voorheesville opened the game with an early 7-0 lead and never looked back, keeping 10 or more

points ahead for the greater part of the game. Coach Nadine Bassler didn't permit her players to relax, because Mechanicville was capable of coming right back into the game.

Though Tricia Carmody put in 17 points and had 15 rebounds, she found herself continually sitting on the bench with foul trouble. In this game it was Kim Sullivan and Jen Elliott who proved to be the major factors. They put in clutch shots when Carmody was on the bench.

Bassler feels that these two players were the key to the victory. Sullivan finished with 12 points, Elliott had 13.

Kristen Foster also turned in a major effort, netting eight points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

This week the girls were scheduled for another critical test, this time against Lansingburgh, defending champions of the Colonial Council. The Knights are the only other undefeated team in the league besides the 'Birds.

Guilderville falls short

By Zack Kendall

The Guilderville boys swim team competed with Albany High last Wednesday, coming close to victory with a score of 71 against Albany's 81. Guilderville won six of the 10 events, starting with the

medley relay, where Dave Washburn, Scott Bowden, Gary Washburn and Joe Tyrell wiped out Albany with a time of 1:53.29. Seth Rose finished first in the individual medley, Scott Bowden took firsts in both the 200 and 400

freestyle, Dave Washburn finished first in the butterfly and backstroke, and Gary Washburn also took a first in the breaststroke.

In a dual meet at Troy, Guilderville managed three firsts, no small accomplishment against Troy's much larger team. The Trojans, regarded as the team with the best chance of ending Bethlehem's long domination of the league, had superior manpower and depth to beat the Mergers, 48-32. For Guilderville, first-place winners were Dave Washburn in the IM and Gary Washburn in the 50. Bowden took seconds in the 200 free and backstroke, as did Gary Washburn in the 100 freestyle, and Seth Rose in the 500. The highlight of the day was when the undefeated team of Washburn, Tyrell, Bowden and Washburn destroyed Troy in the 400 freestyle relay.

This week the team has an away meet at Shaker and tomorrow (Thursday) their first home meet against Queensbury, which, according to Coach Larry Dedrick, is a "tough school this year."

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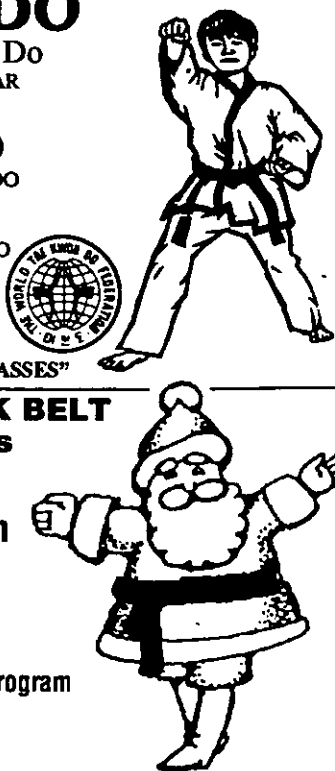
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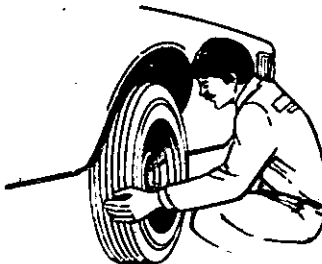
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BC pinned in dual meet Matmen lose to Nisky

By John Bellizzi III

As expected, the Niskayuna Silver Warriors provided stiff competition for the Bethlehem Central wrestling team in their Suburban Council dual meet last Friday. Though the Eagles managed decisive victories in several weight classes, Niskayuna prevailed in the give-and-take meet, 42-24.

The defeat at the hands of the Silver Warriors dropped BC to 1-2 in the Council, but the Eagles picked up a non-league victory over Christian Brothers Academy last week, raising their overall record to 2-2 in duals. The Eagles disposed of the Brothers last Wednesday by 48-16.

In the immediate future Bethlehem has two more non-league opponents to deal with. Tomorrow (Thursday) BC will face Voorheesville and Averill Park in a 4 p.m. double dual meet at Averill Park. Also coming up next week during Christmas break are two competitive tournaments — the Spencerport Tournament (varsity) and the Queensbury Tournament (javyee).

In the Niskayuna bouts several of Bethlehem's newer wrestlers found themselves overcome by more experienced foes. Anish Shah, a 98-pounder, is a case in

point, was pinned in the first period by Niskayuna's Matt Klucina. At 105 pounds sophomore Mike Ehrlich, recovering from a bout with bronchitis, was overwhelmed toward the end of a close match, losing by a 6-2 decision. Eric Newdom, a junior competing at 112 pounds, faced a difficult opponent in Niskayuna's Mike Bendett, who was the 98-pound Class A runnerup last year. After a good start, Newdom was subdued and pinned in the third period. After three bouts, Niskayuna had accumulated a 15-0 lead.

Two speedy pins rapidly put Bethlehem back in the running. Eric Brown at 119 pounds disposed of his opponent in 46 seconds. Pat Leamy followed at 126, securing a pin in 1:07.

After a scoreless first period, Mike Leamy overcame a difficult opponent to win a key 9-3 decision at 132 pounds, pulling the Eagles even at 15-15. Bethlehem moved into the lead 21-15 as John Gallogly, also in a tight match, registered a pin in 4:31.

The advantage was short-lived. Niskayuna picked up two first-period pins in the next two bouts, with Mark Farina going down at 145 and Bob Rodgers at 155.

Senior Pete Bragaw's injured knee was a factor in his loss in a 6-4 decision.

Paul Vichot picked up a 3-1 decision for the Eagles at 177, narrowing the gap in team score to 30-24. Bethlehem was unable to salvage the meet, as Joe Emerich was pinned in the first round of the heavyweight bout and BC had to forfeit the superheavyweight class.

Winners in BC's home opener against CBA included Shah and Newdom by pins, Brown by decision over CBA's Brian VanAernem of Delmar, Pat Leamy by a pin, Mike Leamy by default due to injury and Gallogly by technical fall. Farina scored the quickest pin of the evening in 49 seconds, Bragaw took a decision and Vichot came close to Farina's speedy pin as he felled his opponent in 57 seconds.

Bethlehem Central's undefeated junior varsity wrestling team picked up two more Suburban Council wins last week to improve to 3-0 in the league. Columbia fell to BC 46-15 last Wednesday at home, and the Eagle jayvee was able to defeat Niskayuna, 50-21. A flu epidemic that had hit Niskayuna hard led to BC accepting 33 points via forfeits in five weight classes.



Going for the hoop

Voorheesville's Harold Gosling goes for the lay-up against the Mechanicville Raiders during Friday night's 70-68 Blackbird victory.

Lynn Powell

RCS handed first loss

By Curt VanDerzee

Coming into last week the RCS boys basketball team at 5-0 was off to its best start since 1975. The Indians were also a half game ahead of defending league champion Watervliet, which was due in town on Friday.

But before that showdown the

Indians had to travel to Lansingburgh to take on a very tough Knight team. Throughout the first half it looked like the Indians were already thinking ahead to Friday's big game as they were continually being outshot, out-rebounded and out-hustled by the Knights. As a result, the score at halftime was Lansingburgh 28, Ravena 19.

Although Ravena played better in the third quarter, Lansingburgh still led, 40-34, entering the final period. Ravena pecked away until they pulled even at 49-49. Here the Indians pulled their act together and scored nine unanswered points in the last 1:23 to win by 58-55. Tony Cary and Bob O'Neill each scored 13 for the Indians and Jason Tucker added 11. This win raised Ravena's record to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the league and set up an early-season battle of unbeaten.

On Friday night, before a capacity crowd, the first half belonged to Ravena and Phil Nicewonger, who was credited with five blocked shots. The last one was dramatic as he came out of nowhere to stuff Tony Fruscio and stop his bid for a tying basket with two seconds left in the half.

The Indians came out of the locker room for the second half with a 35-32 lead, a noisy crowd

on their side and dreams of knocking off the three-time defending champions. Through the third quarter and halfway into the fourth Ravena was looking more and more like a giant-killer. With Nicewonger dominating inside, the Indians took an eight-point lead on Cary's jumper with 4:30 left in the game. But the Cannoneers outscored Ravena 18-2 down the stretch for a 70-62 victory.

Nicewonger led the way with 18 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots. Tucker added 15 points and seven assists.

This week the 6-1 Indians were scheduled for a trip to Waterford to take on the Fordians who are also 4-1 in the league. After this game Ravena will have almost two weeks off before its next game.

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Blackbirds lose close match

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville wrestling team can't seem to catch any breaks this season. The Blackbirds lost a hard-fought match to Albany Academy on Thursday that went down to the wire. In the last match (215 pounds) Chad Hotaling was losing by a score of 4-2 when his opponent pinned him with less than 10 seconds remaining to give Academy the victory by the narrow margin of 35-32.

Winners by pin for the Blackbirds were Bob Blanchard, Tom Ravida and Rick Leach. Other winners for the Blackbirds were Josh Vink by forfeit, Chris Dell'Acqua with a 4-0 decision, and Paul Novak with a 6-1 decision. Tim Reeth tied his

opponent 8-8. The final score of the match was 35-32.

On Saturday the Blackbirds traveled to a tournament in Hudson Falls to compete with eight teams from various regions of New York. The only first place finisher was Ravida, who won all of his matches by pin. Novak and Blanchard finished in in third place in their respective weight classes, while Dell'Acqua, Vink, Hotaling and Pat Magrum gained fourth places.

This week the Blackbirds had a dual meet at Watervliet on Tuesday and then go to Bethlehem tomorrow (Thursday) for a double dual meet with their host and Averill Park. The Blackbirds will be hoping to rebound with a victory to get them back on the right track.

Five Rivers Center holds annual bird count

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will hold the eighth annual New Year's Day Bird Count, on Sunday, Jan. 1, at 9:30 a.m.

The program is free and open to the public. For information call 453-1806.



Katrina Talmage

Talmage completes tennis season play

1987 Mamaroneck High School graduate Katrina Talmage recently completed play for the Dean Junior College women's tennis team in Franklin, Mass.

She is the daughter of Joan Balm of Slingerlands.

Talmage, a liberal studies major, compiled a 1-0 record at the sixth singles position and a 2-2 mark at her more familiar third doubles position.

The Lady Demons fell just short of a fifth consecutive New England Region championship but put together a 4-3 regular season record and a second-place finish in the region tournament.

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Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
Dec. 8	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Dec. 8	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Dec. 8	Bethlehem Ambulance	Maternity
Dec. 8	General Electric	Personal Injury
Dec. 9	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
Dec. 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Dec. 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 10	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
Dec. 10	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Dec. 10	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Dec. 10	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 10	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Dec. 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Dec. 11	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Dec. 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Dec. 11	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Dec. 11	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Dec. 11	Elsmere Fire Co.	Structure Fire
Dec. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Dec. 12	Elsmere Fire Co.	Structure Fire
Dec. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Dec. 12	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Dec. 12	Slingerlands Rescue	Auto Accident
Dec. 12	Selkirk Fire Dept. and M46	Auto Accident
Dec. 12	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
Dec. 12	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Dec. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Dec. 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Dec. 12	Delmar Fire Department	Washdown
Dec. 13	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Dec. 13	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Dec. 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Dec. 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Dec. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
Dec. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 14	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury

LEGAL NOTICE

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY, held at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY on the 14th day of December 1988.

PRESENT: Mr. Hendrick, Mrs. Ritchko, Mr. Webster, Mr. Corigan, Mr. Burns.
ABSENT: None.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 24th day of August, 1988 as follows:

1. Amend ARTICLE I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding two new paragraphs (ttt) and (uuu) to read as follows:

(ttt) The intersection of Willowbrook Avenue and Orchard Street is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with Stop Signs to be erected as follows: On Willowbrook Avenue westbound at its intersection with Orchard Street, on Willowbrook Avenue eastbound at its intersection with Orchard Street, on Orchard Street at its intersection with Willowbrook Avenue.

LEGAL NOTICE

(uuu) The intersection of Babcock Terrace and Willowbrook Avenue is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with a Stop Sign to be erected on Babcock Terrace at its intersection with Willowbrook Avenue.

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

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was present for adoption by Mr. Webster was seconded by Mr. Burns and was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Hendrick, Mrs. Ritchko, Mr. Webster, Mr. Corigan, Mr. Burns.
Noes: None.
Dated: Dec. 14, 1988
(December 21, 1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, invite sealed bids to be publicly opened at 7:30 P.M. on January 10, 1989 at Slingerlands Fire House No. 1, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York, for the purchase of a rescue apparatus.

Specifications may be obtained

LEGAL NOTICE

from the offices of Fritts & Whiting, 410 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054, (518) 439-9927 between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., upon payment of the sum of Twenty and no/100 Dollars (\$20.00). The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated: December, 1988

BY ORDER OF
THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE
SLINGERLANDS FIRE
DISTRICT

Ellen Scoons
Secretary

(December 21, 1988)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York, an election for qualified voters of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, will be held on the 5th day of January, 1989 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Selkirk Fire House No. 1, Maple Avenue, Selkirk, New York, for the purpose of voting Yes or No on whether to

purchase a New 1 Ton Cab and Chassis for Fire Police Vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, which sum has been budgeted for that purpose and shall not require any indebtedness on behalf of the Fire District.

Dated: December 13, 1988

BY ORDER OF
THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE
SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT,
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTY OF ALBANY,
STATE OF NEW YORK
By Frank A. With
Secretary-Treasurer
(December 21, 1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Fuel Oil for the use of said Town, including Water District No. 1, during the year 1989, as and when needed.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of January, 1989 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware

Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

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

Dated: December 14, 1988
(December 21, 1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed

bids for the furnishing of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the use of said Town, for the year 1989.

Bids will be received up to 2:10 p.m. on the 3rd day of January, 1989 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF
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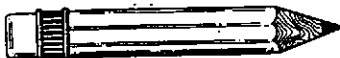
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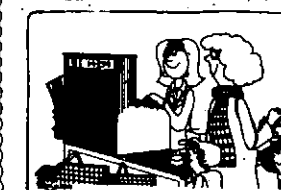
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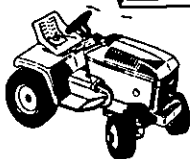
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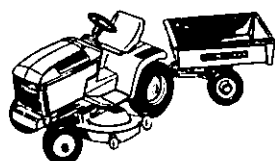
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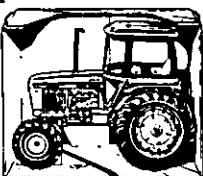
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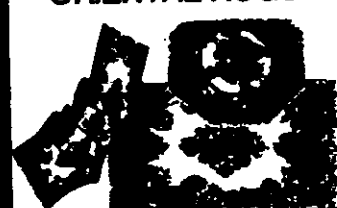
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Obituaries

Rodolfo A. Florentin

After being stricken at his Voorheesville home, Dr. Rodolfo A. Florentin, Albany Medical Center Hospital's director of surgical pathology, died in the hospital on Dec. 12. He was 60.

A native of the Philippines, he received his medical doctorate from the University of the Philippines in 1953. He then served a one-year internship at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, followed by a one-year surgical residency at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy and a four-year residency in pathology at Albany Medical Center. He was appointed professor of pathology in 1974, and was the head of the department at the time of his death.

He was noted for his work on arteriosclerosis and had published more than 70 articles on the topic in various medical and scientific journals. He was a member of the International Academy of Pathology, the American Association of Pathologists, the American Society of Experimental Pathology, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the Council on Arteriosclerosis of the American Heart Association.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Albany Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; his children, Darren, Teresa, and Laura, all of Voorheesville, and his son Robert Florentin of Maine; his mother, Alejandra Florentin and brother, Angel Florentin, both of the Philippines.

Services were held Thursday at St. Matthew's Church, with burial in Memory's Garden, Colonie. Arrangements were made through the Frendendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Medical Center Pathology Department for Heart Research.

Gladys Cecilia Beckwith

Gladys Cecilia Beckwith, formerly of Clarksville, died Dec. 5 in Champlain Valley Physician's Hospital Medical Center, near Plattsburgh, N.Y. She was 88.

Born in Oneonta, she was a graduate of Pomona High School in Pomona, Calif., and the Oneonta State Normal School. She was an art teacher at the Albany Academy for Girls in the early 1940's until she and her husband, George, purchased the Ausable Valley Telephone Company in 1946. She retired from the company four years ago after almost 40 years of service.

She was active in social and service organizations and served as matron of Prospect Chapter 659, deputy grand matron of the Clinton-Essex North Country Women's Association and was past president of the Women's Club. She was a member of the Keesville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, David Beckwith of Plattsburgh; her grandsons Stephen Beckwith of Los Angeles and Shawn Beckwith of Keesville and three step-children.

Services were held Dec. 9 by the Order of the Eastern Star at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Keesville, followed by a funeral service at the Keesville United Methodist Church.

Donations may be made to the Champlain Valley Physician's Hospital cardiac care unit or to the George S. Beckwith Scholarship Fund.

Hyman Grossman

Hyman Grossman, a Delmar resident for four years, died Sunday in Albany Medical Center Hospital after being stricken at his home.

Born in Parkville, N.Y., he graduated from New York University and Brooklyn Law School, and returned to the Sullivan County area to practice law in Liberty, N.Y. He retired in 1976 after 45 years of practice.

In Liberty, he was a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, a member of the Elks Lodge and an active member of the Democratic Party.

He is survived by a daughter, Lydia Ackerman of Delmar; a son, Sidney Grossman of Fort Meyers, Fla.; three brothers, Leon and Arthur Grossman, both of Liberty and Jack Grossman of Green Bay, Wis., and four grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 13 at the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany, with burial in Liberty.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Herbert G. Drew

Herbert G. Drew, 69, a charter member of the Delmar Presbyterian Church and a past commander of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion died Dec. 13 in Concord, N.H. after a long illness.

Born in Lyon's Falls, N.Y., he graduated from Cornell University in 1941, and remained an active member of Cornell's alumni club. He served four years in the Army during World War II after completing his studies.

He retired in 1984 from the state Education Department, where he was an internal auditor for the former Higher Education Assistance Corp.

He is survived by his daughters, Marilyn Johnson of Salisbury, N.H. and Nori Cook of Albany; his son, Richard Drew of Delmar; his

brother, Howard Drew of Charleston, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, followed by burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

Charles C. Steltmann

Charles C. Steltmann, a Delmar resident since 1953, died Dec. 12 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after a brief illness. He was 67.

A Brooklyn native, he was raised in Oswego, N.Y. and attended the University of Notre Dame before serving in World War II as a second lieutenant in the Navy.

He retired from the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company in 1983. He had been employed by the Connecticut company for 46 years, most recently serving as their special agent and field representative for northeastern New York.

He was very active in local music, serving as past president and violinist of the Delmar Community Orchestra, and as a member of the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Lynn Steltmann of Rochester, Anne Campos of Johnstown and Nancy Steltmann of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a son, Peter E. Steltmann of Waterbury, Conn., and a granddaughter.

Services were held Friday at St. James Roman Catholic Church, where he was a communicant. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Community Orchestra, or to the St. James Building/Renovation Fund, Delmar.

Mead attends meeting

John Mead of Delmar, vice president of the Albany County Farm Bureau, was a voting delegate for the association at the annual meeting of the state Farm Bureau held recently in Niagara Falls. He was one of six from the county association to attend the meeting.

Christmas, New Year's schedules announced

Town and village halls, banks and churches have announced their schedules for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Bethlehem and New Scotland town halls and Voorheesville Village Hall will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday Jan. 2, for the holidays. New Scotland will hold its organizational meeting at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 1, and Bethlehem will meet at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3, for its organizational meeting.

The Bethlehem Public Library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24, Sunday, Dec. 25, and Monday, Dec. 26, and will reopen at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27. The library will be closed again on Sunday, Jan. 1, and Monday, Jan. 2, and will reopen at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3. The Voorheesville Public Library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24, Monday, Dec. 26, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 2.

The Albany Public Library will be closed for the Christmas holiday Saturday, Dec. 24, Sunday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 26. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Area banks with special holiday hours include:

- Albany Savings Bank, Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, closed Christmas Eve., Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

- First American Bank, Delaware Ave. at Elsmere Ave., Elsmere, closes at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, and closed Monday, Dec. 26, Friday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 2.

- Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, and Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, closed Monday, Dec. 26.

- Key Bank, Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, and 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, close at 1 p.m., Christmas Eve.

Delmar home robbed

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of silverware worth about \$1,000 from a Magdalen Rd. home Dec. 8. Police said silver tablespoons, tea spoons and a three-piece carving set were taken sometime during the last two months.

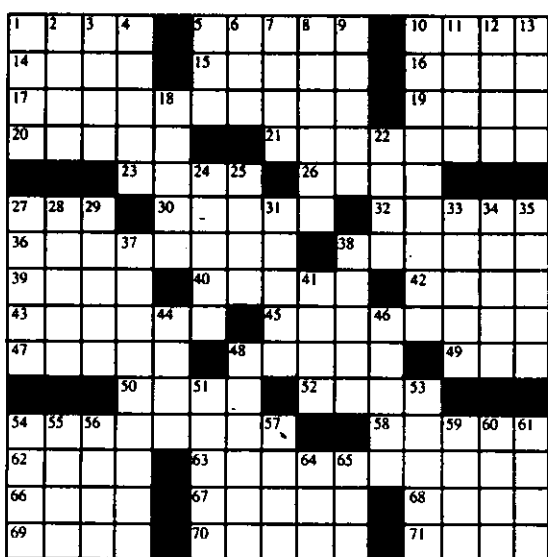
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By Gerry Frey

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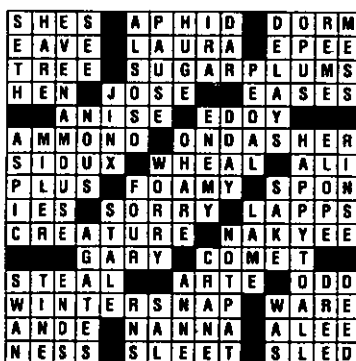
- 1 Vault's tool
- 5 Pants
- 10 Misplaced
- 14 Take _____; Swim
- 15 English nitrate
- 16 Heraldic term
- 17 New Year promise
- 19 Brunch
- 20 Shadow
- 21 New Year's Day tradition (2 wds)
- 23 Noisemaker output
- 26 Greek cheese
- 27 Elec. current meas.
- 30 Baseball teams
- 32 Elliptical path
- 36 Sweet sixteen person
- 38 Brook
- 39 Genetic trace
- 40 Treat this pump very well!
- 42 Precedes "ORY": Small chapel
- 43 Don't have a clue (2 wds)
- 45 SRD on New Years eve (2 wds)
- 47 Pauses
- 48 Famous surveyor or Jar
- 49 Pedro's aunt
- 50 A confused sort! (scrambled)
- 52 West German seaport
- 54 At midnight we drink _____ 63 across
- 58 36 across is one
- 62 City in Northern Italy
- 63 We wish you a happy one!
- 66 A shortened Englander
- 67 Chris _____
- 68 Paul _____: Artist
- 69 Without (French)
- 70 Home remedies
- 71 Medieval slave



- 10 Perennial Dec. 31st performers Guy and Vince
- 11 Black-white-black cookie
- 12 Short for salad
- 13 Swiss bowman
- 18 Woman's name
- 22 Henry VI's prep school
- 24 With "MID", the special hour
- 25 Type of jerk
- 27 Petal oil
- 28 Mr. Olsen
- 29 Undresses
- 31 One of the muses
- 33 Break open
- 34 Baghdad resident
- 35 Aquarium inhabitant

- 37 New Year's resolve (2 wds)
- 38 And me (French)
- 41 Strategic game
- 44 Superlative suffixes
- 46 Foe
- 48 Raison d'etre
- 51 Exhorbitant
- 53 Golf courses
- 54 Priestly vestments
- 55 African antelope
- 56 Scandinavian god of war
- 57 Monster (variation)
- 59 This could be white or blue
- 60 Sunday punch
- 61 Sea shell
- 64 Her Royal Maj.
- 65 A short teletypewriter

Last Week's Solution



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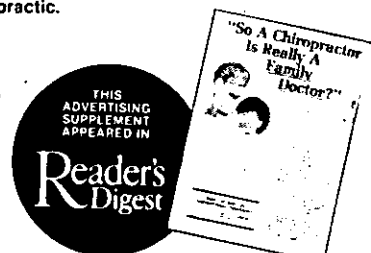
- 1 Fragment
- 2 River to the Baltic
- 3 TV's Ms. Hartman
- 4 Era
- 5 Crossword puzzle beast
- 6 River islet (British)
- 7 Up the river
- 8 Photographers trial prints
- 9 This is common in some people

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gergel

Laura Treadway marries

Laura Kathleen Treadway, daughter of Ann Treadway of Delmar and Stephen Treadway of Delmar, and Thomas John Gergel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gergel of Oneonta, were married Dec. 10 at the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church in Albany. The Rev. Earl Anderson officiated.

Jessica Ann Treadway, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Molly Treadway, sister of the bride, and Diane Dootz were bridesmaids.

Henry Hren was the best man. Nathan Gergel, brother of the groom, and Gil Zanchi were ushers.

The bride received her bachelor's degree from the state University of New York College at Oneonta and she is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

The bridegroom is currently earning his master's degree at the University of South Carolina, and he received his bachelor's from the state University of New York at Albany.

After a reception at Jack's Oyster House in Albany and a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple will reside in Columbia, S.C.



Mrs. Scott D. Sullivan
Scott Sullivan marries

Carla Ann Robillard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Robillard of Troy, was married to Scott D. Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Sullivan of Madison, Miss., formerly of Delmar, on Oct. 15 at St. Augustine's Church in Troy.

The bride, a graduate of Catholic Central High School in Troy, earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Siena College in Loudonville. She is an associate analyst in the management analysis, planning and projects department of the New York State Teachers Retirement System.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Oswego, is a manager with Peat Marwick Main and Company, Certified Public Accountants.

The couple will reside in Albany.

Hadassah, center to show movies

The Albany-Bethlehem Hadassah and the Albany Jewish Community Center will sponsor an afternoon of movies on Sunday, Dec. 25, at the Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., in Albany.

Featured will be "The World's Greatest Athlete," and a "Fantasia" short. The program will start at 2:30 p.m., and admission is \$1.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult with a family maximum of \$10.

For more information call 439-4822.



Jamie Ann Reilly
Reilly-Bickel

James and Jean Reilly of Troy have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Ann, to John Oliver Reilly, son of George and Ruth Bickel of Slingerlands.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Troy High School and the State University of New York College of Technology at Utica, and is a master's degree candidate at the College of St. Rose. She is currently a computer science instructor at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Siena College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a systems programmer at the state Department of Civil Service in Albany.

A June 10 wedding is planned.

School's Out provides vacation child care

Parents needing child care for school-aged children during the holiday vacation can call School's Out, Inc.

Child care is available for children kindergarten through fifth grade from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Dec. 27. This is the first time the organization will be offering vacation care, and plans are made for a varied and fun-filled four days. The program will include clowning, pizza making, a magic show, two surprise field trips, reading time, crafts and more.

School's Out, Inc., 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, is in its sixth year of operation as a non-profit school age child care program. Registration is required for each day of the holiday vacation and there is no drop in care. For information, call 439-9300.

Canister drive to benefit C.P. Center starts

The annual Canister Drive for the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled has begun to benefit programs and services delivered to local clients.

The canister drive has a goal of \$10,000.

The decorated red, white and blue canisters with the C.P. Center are the only official collection canister for the drive. The campaign is part of the fund-raising effort for the 1989 Cerebral Palsy Telethon.

Volunteers who wish to take part may register at the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany. For information, call 489-8336, ext. 543.

Square dance held on New Year's Eve

The Catalyst will sponsor a New Year's Eve dance for are modern western square dancers, on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Voorheesville Methodist Church in Voorheesville.

Caller will be Jim Ryans, who will call the squares at a plus level with an advanced tip. Curt Worlock will cue for round dancing.

Admission is \$15 per couple and includes a midnight buffet. All area western square dancers are invited.

For information call 765-4640.

Bethlehem women to learn about framing

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet at the Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 6 p.m.

Featured will be Deborah Morris of the Village Frame Shoppe, who will discuss "Framing." All members are expected to attend and may bring a guest.

Singers, dancers sought for 1989 Mirinda tour

Jim Staats of Entertainment Productions Co. announces that auditions are being held to find talented area singers who also dance well for the 1989 touring season with Heart Recording Artist Mirinda.

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In Russian it's "Veselyja Svyatki i scastlivyj Novyj Hod" and in Spanish it's "Feliz Navidad," while in French it's "Joyeux Noel." "Frehliche Weihnachten," is Merry Christmas in German and "Buon Natale" is the Italian way to wish a Merry Christmas.

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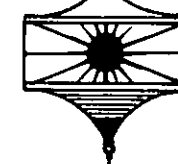
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