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# THE SPOTLIGHT

## Is 5 years enough for Delmar Village?

By Mark Stuart

Delmar Village, the project bearing the honor of being the most scrutinized in the planning history of the town, might be brought to a close next week when the town board votes on whether or not to approve it.

Since November of 1984, Delmar Village has been reviewed by two town supervisors, three planning board chairmen and nine town councilmen. It has involved 40 town meetings over five years, hundreds of hours of review by the town planning department and Department of Public Works. In 1989, four nights of public hearings on the environmental impact statement alone were held.

It also involved a school board referendum to sell a parcel of the high school

property that will become part of the Van Dyke Road connection. Voters approved the land sale by a 2-1 vote.

With all that history behind it, Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said Tuesday a vote is expected to be held sometime next week, although no specific date will be set until tonight's town board meeting.

The most recent round in the marathon review was on Nov. 30 when the town board engaged in a three-hour meeting to discuss whether or not the final environmental impact study for Delmar Village, with 56 single-family homes and 232 apartments to be located between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St., was complete.

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## BC targets drug abuse

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

The difference between substance abuse prevention and punishment was the focus of last week's Bethlehem Central School Board meeting.

In short order last Wednesday, the board accepted a check for \$1,000 for the Peer Helpers program at Bethlehem Central High School from Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, then began public discussion of its new substance abuse policy.

Accepting the check from BOU president Holly Billings, Craig Christian spoke for his fellow peer helpers. "Basically, we

are designed to be an alternative for students to turn to when they have problems," he explained, adding that their goal is "to make the people we are trying to help come up with their own solutions to their problems."

The peer helpers thanked both the school board and BOU for their continuing help, and explained that part of the \$1,000 would go toward a retreat training program for peer counselors, as well as basic communications workshops for ninth and tenth graders during BC Power week.

The major portion of the meeting was spent on the first reading of the board's

## Topping the tree



Matthew Denton of Haslam Tree Service climbs the tall pine in front of Bethlehem Town Hall to adjust the Christmas star.

Joe Fuita

new student and staff drug and alcohol policies.

Assistant Superintendent Briggs McAndrews detailed the process behind the policy's formation. McAndrews said it began over a year ago at the high school, and involved representatives from the student body, the staff, the town, BOU, the Bethlehem Networks Project and other community organizations. "We

went from extensive policy definitions to a streamlined policy the Federal Government required for 'drug-free school' money users. The policies have been reviewed by both of the district's unions, as well as by teachers and students," he said.

Board member George Sussman had the most objections to the first draft.

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## Delmar church uses earth's bounty to expand



Rev. Warren Winterhoff guides the plow as his congregation pulls during recent groundbreaking ceremonies.

By Mark Stuart

"Sharing to build, building to share" is the theme chosen by the congregation of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for its latest building expansion project.

"What this whole project is about is the whole congregation pulling together, working together and praying together," the church's pastor, Rev. Warren Winterhoff, said.

The congregation broke ground Oct. 15 for construction of a 17,000 square foot addition to the church that will include a 73-by-48 foot fellowship hall, eight classrooms on the ground floor, possibly two classrooms in the basement, kitchen, lavatories and roughly 100 square feet of common area.

The church expansion may not seem all that extraordinary for a growing area like Delmar, but what is unique about this project is the way it will be heated and cooled. The building will have a \$53,514 geothermal heat pump system that will both cool and heat the building.

The Geotech Geothermal Heating and Cooling system was patented in 1981 by Tom O'Connell, a computer science professor at Siena College. The system is based on a heat exchange system that passes water through a loop in the ground, which remains a constant 48 degrees Fahrenheit year-round at 25 feet below the surface. A compressor pumps heated molecules into the system during winter and pumps

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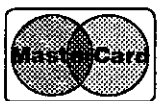
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# Cooperative Extension gets a reprieve

By Patricia Dumas

Convinced by Democrat legislator Anthony Diacetus of Ravena that the county's cooperative extension program should not bear the brunt of budget slashing, the Albany County Legislature has authorized higher taxes to partially fund the program.

The legislature last Thursday approved a \$270.5 million 1990 county budget with a tax hike of nearly 17 percent. The added tax revenue will provide \$250,000 for the extension program and will mean that the tax rate per thousand dollars of assessed valuation will go up by approximately 35 cents for Bethlehem taxpayers.

Diacetus, who is the legislature's coordinator for the extension program, argued successfully against "the disproportionate cut" of \$900,000 that the cooperative extension program was assigned when the legislature's fiscal staff chopped the \$302 county budget recommended by County Executive James J. Coyne.

Coyne had balanced his budget with money that doesn't exist — revenue from a lease of the county airport that could not be authorized because the Federal Aviation Authority has ruled that such lease revenues could not be used.

Diacetus outlined for his legislative colleagues the breakdown tax rate figures that would result from using the tax levy to save some of the extension program.

He pointed out that the extension program works with the help of professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteers, to serve virtually all residents of the county. Agriculture, horticulture, community resources, 4-H youth development, home economics, and related educational services provide "positive things for improving the quality of life," Diacetus said. He argued that "such positive things certainly should be funded when the county has to pay millions of dollars to provide funding for programs related to negative aspects such as jails and drug related controls."

The legislature also agreed to restore \$10,000 of an appropriation that the revised budget would have taken away from a \$50,000 sum for settlement of judgments and claims. The cutback would have done away with the county's Honor Court, which provides alternatives to incarceration for people who are caught in the criminal court system because of alcohol abuse. Democrat Paul Collins introduced an amendment to keep the Honor Court. He said the money "will pay tremendous dividends by relieving jail overcrowding and incarceration costs."

The amendment was approved with bipartisan support. Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris of Del-

mar noted that "anyone who has seen the Honor Court in operation certainly would support it."

Another attempt at restoring some of the budget cutbacks failed when the legislature defeated, 17-21, an amendment to restore \$45,000 of the total \$86,225 county contribution for Albany County's participation in the Capital District Regional Planning Commission.

Democrat Henry Dennis and Republican Jay Sherman, legislators from Colonie, had introduced the amendment, reminding legislators that data collected by the commission is used by businesses interested in expanding in the county.

"It's an important investment in the future of the county — an economic tool which provides leadership," Sherman said.

Dennis said the commission "represents the only regional possibility to coordinate planning for such projects as the airport."

Morris agreed, saying that the "absence of the planning commission would eliminate one of the most important tools we have."

But Colonie legislator Edward Buhrmaster said, "Priorities have to be drawn somewhere — we've had to hurt a lot of people in this budget revision and we can't restore everything."

The Republican minority generally criticized the circumstances that led to Coyne's original budget balancing and the hasty preparation of the revised budget.

Republican Robert Hoffmeister of Bethlehem said that "in this county long-range planning means talking about it before lunch and doing it after lunch."

He said there should be "a process annually to bring each legislator and the public to a point where they understand specifically what is provided for in the county budget and where the money is coming from."

Republican James Ross of Bethlehem called for quarterly public

hearings on the county's fiscal status and recommended that a charter revision commission be appointed.

Referring to the fact that Majority Leader Harold Joyce also heads both the civic center committee and the finance committee, Ross said, "Part of our problem is we try to have one person do too much."

"Since the county executive has so little responsibility, he is constantly hopping on a horse and galloping off in different directions," Ross claimed.

He said that next month he will introduce a resolution to put his recommendations into effect and will offer the opportunity for multi-sponsorship of the proposals.

## State awards Good Sam \$7G

The Good Samaritan Home in Delmar has received a \$7,000 state grant for the development of a new energy-saving hot water system.

Leon Bormann, administrator of the Good Samaritan Home, said the grant will be used toward the purchase of a separate water heating system. The current system heats water with a boiler that provides heat for living spaces.

Bormann said the recommendation for the separate heat and hot water system was made after an energy audit was conducted earlier this year.

The grant was awarded Nov. 29 and is provided through the Energy Conservation Grant Program for Local Government and Public Care Facilities and will provide 50 percent of the \$14,000 needed for the new energy system.

Bormann said it was expected that the system would have paid itself off in savings after three years, but with the grant the system will be paid off in a year and a half.

Eligible institutions for the grant program include municipal build-

ings, libraries, buildings owned by fire districts, long term care facilities and rehabilitation facilities that were built on or before April 20, 1977.

"Through programs like this, New York State continues our efforts to enhance the quality of life for all residents," Gov. Mario M. Cuomo said, "This is an investment in sound energy efficiency so that cost can be reduced for these facilities."



### Family ties

Enjoying last Thursday's holiday open house at Good Samaritan Nursing Home were resident Mae Larkin (right) and great-grandniece Kimberly Shuhart, holding great-great-grandniece Diane Steffenson and great-great-grandnephew Matthew Steffenson.

Elaine McLain

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## When enough is enough

It looks like Delmar Village may finally be approved. Normally, the approval of a residential development would not be cause for rejoicing, but in this case we think some applause is in order. Not necessarily on the merits of the project, but because it will finally be over.

Over the course of five years a total of 40 public meetings and board actions have taken place relating to Delmar Village. Two town planners have spent untold hours reviewing environmental impact documents relating to the project. The developers themselves have spent thousands of dollars preparing these documents, and the citizen opponents have also spent a great deal of time and effort critiquing the impact statement.

Delmar Village is an important project in several different ways. Part of the plan is the extension of Fisher Boulevard to Delaware Avenue, a link with the Delmar Bypass that should help ease traffic on New Scotland Road and portions of Delaware Ave. But the

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project is a large one in a relatively unspoiled part of Bethlehem, and it has become a test case of how far and how effective citizen action can be in the overall scheme of town planning.

*The Spotlight* supports citizen involvement in town planning, and has given considerable space, both in its news columns and in the letters page, to the on-going debate.

A letter in this issue details continuing concern over the time allowed to review the finished impact statement. Given the bulk of the document, this complaint may have some validity, although it is hard to believe that great hunks of the document have not already received laborious scrutiny.

But at some point the town has to say, "enough." We'd say five years on one project is more than enough.

## Back to basics budgeting

There seems to be very nearly universal agreement that next year's county budget is a good thing, despite the soaring tax rate and vicious cuts in worthy programs.

A good thing because the budget does not depend on revenue from the sale of the Albany County Airport, and because the legislators did the right thing when faced with a very unpalatable situation. To that end, we give Majority Leader Harold Joyce a good deal of credit for being willing to do the hard, dirty job that County Executive Jim Coyne was unwilling to do. Joyce also deserves credit for pulling the rug out from under Coyne's now-you-see-it-now-you-don't airport routine. By taking the hypothetical \$17 million in airport sale revenue out of the budget he made it possible for the future of the county's most valuable asset to be determined in a more rational way.

Having doled out all that credit, let's not forget the reasons why this budget is so harsh. This is the first time in decades that anybody in a position of responsibility has sat down to make hard choices. Years of surpluses and lax administrative controls cannot be corrected overnight. We suspect

that an independent review of county operations would reveal many, many areas that could use tightening, perhaps even outright elimination. While we support an increased allocation to road and bridge repairs — long deferred — and we recognize that expansion at the county jail is inevitable, we do not think these areas should be exempt from some trimming as well.

Serious dislocation will result from some of the cuts that have been made. While the legislature restored some funds to the Albany County Cooperative Extension, other important services such as the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, Help Line, and several arts programs are eliminated.

Has anybody had the time to sit down and look at overall priorities? Despite passage of the budget, it is not too late to do this, as long as it is understood that no more money is to come from the taxpayer.

Would it be too much to expect of the business community, which has led the fight for an improved airport, to step in with an impartial review of county finances and budgeting?

## The Rienow and GE gifts

The public benefit that Bob Rienow envisioned when he willed his 138-acre Hollyhock Hollow farm to the New York Audubon Society has moved an important step closer to full realization through the GE Foundation's \$25,000 gift. Among the immediate advantages will be the society's renewed ability to expand its education programming at the sanctuary.

Hollyhock now joins Encon's Five Rivers environmental education center only a few miles distant in Bethlehem. Congratulations and appreciation are due to the GE Foundation and to the effective promotion of the Rienow dream by the Audubon people. Over the years, many thousands of persons will enjoy the profit from his inspiring foresight and the society's pursuit of it.

## Calling combat mariners

Every 44 years, like clockwork, our Department of Defense commits something that makes particular good sense. The department finally has granted "veterans status" to the merchant seamen who carried war supplies to the armed forces during World War II. The death rate for these combat merchant mariners was similar to that of the Marine Corps.

The problem at this time is that there's no record of who the surviving seafarers are. This belated acknowledgement follows a long campaign by the Combat Merchant Mariners, and these "new veterans" can get in touch with that organization at 14 Castle Drive, Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977, where the telephone is (914) 623-8484.

## Store 'No Smoking' violations cited

Editor, The Spotlight:

This afternoon as I completed my grocery shopping at the Delaware Plaza Grand Union, I waited in line and found my chest tightening — a sign of an asthma attack. I looked around for a trigger and, sure enough, about 10 to 12 feet from me, I saw a woman smoking. After two requests from me, the woman finally extinguished her cigarette. I received no help or support from any Grand Union employee, only from another customer.

I have had to make the same kind of request — always politely, but firmly — dozens of times, in spite of the "No Smoking" signs posted at each Grand Union entrance. As happened today, I have never been supported in my request by any Grand Union employee, but have been thanked on almost every occasion by one or more fellow shoppers.

### Vox Pop

I have contacted Grand Union management and have been told they are awaiting directive by State authorities as to the no-smoking law that becomes effective in January. In the meantime, it appears that they will continue their no-enforcement policy and assume that two "No Smoking" signs are an adequate means of dealing with his air pollution and health hazard.

I know that I am not alone in my desire to do my grocery shopping (or any other shopping for that matter) in a healthy and safe environment. I hope others will join me in letting Grand Union management know how you feel both through comments directly to them and through *The Spotlight*.

Laura C. Kagan

Delmar

## Town decision rushed?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Important decisions were made on the night of Nov. 30 when the Town Board voted 3-2 to accept the Delmar Village Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) as complete. But such actions should not be squeezed into town board meetings between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and hurried brought to completion before a new board is installed. Very little publicity was given to this process and few residents were informed or alerted.

The Delmar Village FEIS was not available until Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 22). Copies of the massive report could not be adequately studied over the holiday. The work session for the town board (on Nov. 27, 28) were inadequate because not enough time had been allowed for analyzing the complex document, and therefore, knowledgeable questions could

not be formulated. There seemed to be a great deal of pressure to move quickly through the process.

This meant that the mitigating measures described in this FEIS, which deal with the issues of greatest concern, were only superficially evaluated. These involve the tremendous traffic impact on local streets from Delmar Village, the questionable assumptions about finances, especially expenditures for increased enrollment in the schools, and the impact of this project's density (288 units) on town resources, especially on the library and parks.

The lengthy testimony and analysis presented by Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning at the last public hearing in Feb. 1989, was acknowledged in the "comments" sections of this FEIS.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

## The century's top invention

So many unexpected developments have been exploding out of eastern and central Europe that it's not easy to keep up with the reverberations. There's a wholly new industry here in the U.S. composed of experts who are trying to figure out how this or that is going to affect good old us.

One reverberating item that I've not seen mentioned is the matter of who will now get to claim all the new inventions that the Russians previously have said they were first with. Since we now have a benevolent Soviet, full of grins and curtsies, soft lights and sweet music, they plainly are not going to be declaring that it's truly a Muscovite who has discovered the newest painless reducing diet or the certain method to prevent your misplacing your car keys. Those will turn out to be American inventions, after all.

Frankly, I'm pleased that this particular change has come about, because it signifies that we (Americans) will be able to take credit for the greatest invention of the 20th century.

Wait! you're undoubtedly exclaiming: Didn't we have full credit for the hula hoop back in the 50s? And what about the pop-up toaster, way back when?

Irregardless, as they say, the truly greatest invention is a product of the 1980s though it had incubated for maybe a half-century.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am speaking of the ability to transmit the written word by means of your telephone. This is what has come to be familiarly known as "FAX," which in my generally ignorant state I presume to be associated

with "facsimile," for what the person on the other end of the line is receiving is indeed a facsimile copy of what you just wrote. This, to paraphrase and update Samuel F.B. Morse, is what God hath really and truly wrought.

### What if classics had been written with help of FAX?

This makes it possible for Uncle Dudley to sit by his cozy fireside and compose immortal lines which then are promptly transmitted to this newspaper's office. I don't need to go outside and acquire chilblains other than to open the door enough for the establishment canine to slink out. It's not difficult to foresee the day when all such journalistic endeavor will be dispersed around the countryside, with virtually no one needing to show up in person.

What a bonanza for the authoring trade! Just imagine what changes — for the better — could have been wrought in the history of literature if the FAX had been invented (by the Russians or whoever) in years long past. Suppose that Scott Fitzgerald had not been able to put off his publisher's pleas by weakly explaining "It's in the mail." Suppose that Thomas Wolfe, instead of bundling up his hundreds and hundreds of pages of manuscript, had been presented with the challenge of feeding each new book, page by typewritten page, into his FAX. I daresay that one result might have been to cut down on the fabled length of those

manuscripts. What if William Sidney Porter had had the benefit of a FAX in his cell in the Texas pen? Would the world have more O. Henry stories to marvel at? What if G. Chaucer had taken his portable FAX along? Would the Tales have been a little snappier, the English a bit more penetrable? What if...

Some of these thoughts occur as I peruse a magazine advertisement that advises me that I can "increase my word power by 6 volts." The ad seeks to sell me "a true electronic dictionary" that would give me 83,000 dictionary words with 274,000 definitions, plus 487,000 synonyms for 40,000 words. It would correct my spelling automatically (a feat that teachers from the third grade onward have been trying to accomplish). The kicker is their assertion that this "electronic dictionary" will be great for crossword puzzles, Scrabble, etc.

"Stuck on a word in the Sunday puzzle? Just punch in the letters you have, substituting question marks for blanks," and receive "a list of all the words that fit the pattern." That did it! In my view, it's far better for students (and everyone else) to go to the dictionary or thesaurus and do their own work, rather than punching out electronically the essentials of our language. But as for having a machine fill in the blanks on my Sunday puzzling, forget it! An elbow in the ribs is what anyone gets from me for interfering with my puzzlement, and that's only a hint of what that electronic dictionary would suffer if it gets in my way. 57 Across: A six-letter word meaning "severe bodily punishment."

CONSTANT READER

## A pair of novellas delight

A book published this fall has created such a stir of interest and comment among several friends that I thought I should share their experience. And now I take pleasure in recommending it as a superb gift for yourself or any friend who may be among those who appreciate felicitous writing and striking though subtle characterization and narrative powers.

The book is entitled "Ordinary Love & Good Will," and in fact those are the names of two short novels, or "novellas" which are incorporated within its covers. Each story is less than 40,000 words in length and one of them has been published virtually in full in a new magazine ("Wigwag" for October, mentioned in this column a few weeks ago). This is her seventh book (and the sixth of fiction). It was published by Knopf at \$17.95.

Previous fiction by Jane Smiley has been: "Barn Blind," "At Paradise Gate," "Duplicate Keys," and "The Greenlanders," and "The Age of Grief," which received a National Book Critics Circle nomination. Her seventh book was "Catskill Crafts," which consists of prose sketches of craftspersons in that area (where she once had a home; she now is a resident of Iowa).

One of my friends who discovered "Ordinary Love & Good Will" was fascinated by the degree to which its two stories were based in

### Two grace notes

Among the many attractive aspects of Jane Smiley's book are two unusual ones: her dedicatory note and the publisher's note on the typeface in which the book is printed.

"It is appropriate to dedicate this book to (three names), the Iowa State students who baby-sat, and to the teachers at the Ames Community Preschool Center whose kindness, care, and hard work made this and all of my other books possible. Thank you."

"The text of this book was set in a digitized version of Bembo, a well-known Monotype face. Named for Pietro Bembo, the celebrated Renaissance writer and humanist scholar who was made a cardinal and served as secretary to Pope Leo X, the original cutting of Bembo was made by Francesco Griffo of Bologna only a few years after Columbus discovered America. Sturdy, well-balanced, and finely proportioned, Bembo is a face of rare beauty, extremely legible in all of its sizes."

themes with which his own family had has much in common. He

suggested that the similarities probably would be fairly generally recognized by most readers — and I have found this to be true. A reader feels a tug of empathy.

Both stories are family-centered. "Good Will," which is slightly longer and perhaps somewhat stronger, focuses on a man who is determined to establish values and insist that not only he but the family live up to them in all ways. He is hostile to many of the artifacts of civilization, and speaks patronizingly of people who don't share his values. We find overtones of Thoreau at Walden here, and what emerges is the duplicitous life of the exurbanite gentleman farmer. But the world is crowded with moral relationships that don't exist in the little family. The father learns that things don't work out quite the way you intended; he hadn't successfully been able to plan everything out. Echoes of "The Prince," in which Cesare Borgia had planned everything except that he was ill at the time his father the pope was dying.

In "Ordinary Love," the narrator is analogous to the father in "Good Will," but this time the narrator is a woman controlling forces within a family again predominate.

The novellas are indeed compelling, and so I have no hesitation in adding this book to my little selection of most appropriate seasonal remembrances.

## Once Upon A Time

Mrs. Arthur C. McDowell, a former high school English teacher, is a published poet and the writer and director of numerous dramatic programs. She served on the advisory committee of the Christmas Festival, and is a Delmar resident.

By Ruth M. McDowell

Once upon a time, there was a friendly little place known as Delmar. Rarely did

people lock their doors. As a matter of fact, some people didn't even own a key to any door in the house.

In this delightful place, there was only one policeman, and if he needed to pursue a possible lawbreaker, he hurried to the shoemaker's at the Four Corners and the every-ready shoe repairman closed his shop and jumped into his car. And without red lights flashing or sirens screaming, the two of them chased after their quarry together.

Also in our midst, a well-known doctor — as much friend as physician — was on call all the time, with visiting hours every afternoon and evening, except Sunday. If you didn't feel well, you need have no worry about an appointment... just go to the office and "Doc" would always find time to see you.

In the waiting room, you assessed when you'd be seen by noting who came in after you. That was your responsibility. The big old grandfather's clock in the corner ticked away until the door to that inner room opened and you heard the familiar call, "Ayah, who comes next?"

With the examination over and perhaps a period under that "all-healing heat machine," prescriptions were not written to hurry you to the drug store (which had more room for a soda fountain and tables for chatting over ice cream concoctions). The doctor dispensed his medicines from his own apothecary cabinets.

He made no charge for pills or tonics — they were part of his making you well and he considered that was his purpose. If you received a bill for office visits in less than six months, it was extraordinary. We never saw an exchange of money in the office. We wondered how he managed to live although he always drove a Cadillac. A very big and shaggy dog accompanied him in it on his house calls.

### The Christmas pageant was written and directed by local talent, but was produced with professional polish.

And once upon a time in the little town of Bethlehem, the stars looked down upon the townspeople wending their way to the Community Christmas Festival. Carols were amplified at the Four Corners, luring us to the high school for the holiday event. On two nights, 500 people appeared on stage in choirs, orchestras, a poignant home scene, and a stirring pageant. The pageant was written and directed by local talent but it was produced with professional polish.

No one expressed concern about using a creche, and the question of mixing church and state was not voiced if anyone did in fact think of it. This was everybody's festival for the good of mankind throughout the world. Donations collected were given to charitable causes. Final sums were apportioned and a goodly amount (especially in the war years) was sent overseas in addition to that distributed in the community.

As the ebullient audience left the auditorium, opened the huge doors, and stepped outside, they were often greeted by softly falling snowflakes. One night, a blizzard had delayed the starting time for all performers to arrive. The show went on — and to a packed house! Soon the orchestra adopted "White Christmas" as its theme song and the occasion became known as The White Christmas Festival, with neighbor greeting neighbor, expressing the hope that their "days be merry and bright."

Does this sound like a fairy tale? It wasn't meant to be, for I have related exactly how it was when we moved to Delmar in the early '40's. Of course it's different today as the town has tripled in population (if not more) and changing times necessitated that now we lock our doors. We have a choice among many physicians now; though not always available they do have someone on call. A good-sized police force is on duty. We hear sirens daily, but often it's to be helpful on an emergency call.

A Christmas Festival committee still labors. No public performances are given, but behind the scenes a collection is received — actually throughout the year because contributions arrive at varying times from churches, businesses, civic organizations, and individuals. Guided by a board and an advisory committee, a great deal of aid is given in the community, and each year the need has become greater. Through the wonderful, caring work and investigations of school nurses, social workers, and churches, needs are met humanely and consistently.

The little town of Bethlehem is still a beautiful place to live, a friendly place where "hopes and fears of all the years" are shared with loving neighbors who wish for each other that their days truly be merry and bright!

# Matters of Opinion

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but in too many instances, was negated or given summary treatment. We wonder if our comments during this final 10-day period in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process will be treated any more fairly.

This Delmar Village FEIS is still incomplete. There are still too many questions being avoided.

The mitigating measures proposed do little to deal with urgent concerns. They are incomplete, inadequate, and often poorly conceived. Properties and existing homeowners should be protected, not sacrificed to what is called "the inevitable." They should be treated with at least as much consideration as the new homeowners in Delmar Village.

### Vox Pop

Furthermore, there has been no tie-in of this development with the proposed master plan and the work that the Land Use Management Advisory Council (LUMAC) is doing. Cumulative impacts from pending developments have not been adequately addressed.

This town board owes its citizens much more explanation and information. If more time is needed to do a fair and honest job, time should be allotted.

Action involving the approval of this project will be taken at a special meeting on Dec. 18 or 19. Residents are urged to attend.

Sylvia L. Ponemon

Delmar

### Charges clarified by Orchard Park

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your edition last week contained comments from Hugh Roberts, president of Roberts Real Estate, which attempt to convey the impression that the charges brought against himself, David Newell, Lucia DeDe, and Karen Curren are the result of public pressure and unfounded complaints to the Department of State by residents of Orchard Park. This is false and misleading. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The State Department's investigation was not a witchhunt on the part of Orchard Park residents. The charges against Roberts Real Estate were made by the state following an investigation into complaints made by residents who had

purchased their homes through Roberts Real Estate. The fact that charges were filed by the Department of State means that the state concluded that the complaints of our members are credible and real.

The state has said it believes that Roberts Real Estate failed to disclose information regarding the contamination of wells in our homes brought through that firm. Testimony at a recent State Department hearing indicates that sales agents and management staff of Roberts Real Estate indeed were aware of contaminated water in homes sold in this area.

Does Mr. Roberts believe that he can make this issue seem minor by challenging the credibility of the agency that conducted the investigation?

The public will have to wait and see what the decision of the administrative law judge will be re-

garding the charges against Roberts Real Estate. In the meantime, we feel that it is necessary to clarify any misconceptions that are portrayed to the public by anyone who is involved in the hearing process.

Joseph M. Catazino, Jr.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** One of the major issues in the hearings has been when the agents for Roberts knew about the contaminated water, and what they did after learning about it.

### Another option on what's best

Editor, The Spotlight:

John Sarris' letter that appeared in the Nov. 29 *Spotlight* made its point very clear, namely that any hamlet in the Town of Bethlehem must be able to have a veto power over any construction project in its hamlet. This proposition raises, of course, its own questions, such as

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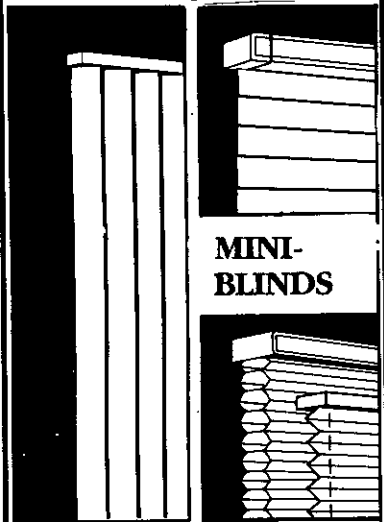
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# Planners to review Krumkill Manor

By Mark Stuart

Plans for a 57-lot subdivision on the corner of Blessing and Krumkill roads in North Bethlehem were put on hold until January by the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday.

Krumkill Manor is a 35-acre proposal located behind the Association For Retarded Citizens facility. The board expressed concern about a ravine that bisects the development and how a roadway through the development between Krumkill and Blessing roads could be constructed.

Pending the town board's 1990 organizational meeting, the planning board did not set a public hearing on Krumkill Manor. The town board will need to appoint a new planning board chairman after Jan. 1 to fill the vacant seat of Supervisor-elect Kenneth Ringler.

Krumkill Manor is located in an A-Residential Zone.

The board also approved an exterior facade plan for the Glenmont Plaza Shopping Center on Feura Bush Road and Route 9W. The board had requested a new facade plan when site plan

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approval was granted in November.

Two of the tenants in the 136,000 square foot shopping center will be Grand Union, which had previously announced that it was closing its nearby Town Squire store, and an Ames department store.

## Town installs trash separation bins

As part of the town's first effort to implement a solid waste management plan, trash separation bins for newspapers, metals, glass, plastic and cardboard are now available at the Bethlehem Rupert Road transfer facility.

Bruce Secor, commissioner of public works, said he expects the town to begin townwide separation as early as this spring.

The following items are now being accepted:

- Newspapers: Dry, uncontaminated newspapers and any newspaper insert will be accepted. Newspapers may not be in plastic

The board tentatively set a public hearing for Jan. 2 to discuss the Allegretta five-lot subdivision located on John Street.

The board granted final plat plan approval for the three-lot McAndrews subdivision on Stratton Place and Kenaware Avenue.

After reviewing plans for curb cuts, sidewalks and location of a recreational facility, the board

recommended building project approval for Dowerskill Village, Section 2.

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky explained how the proposed Route 9W Overlay District law would apply to site plan requirements. The law is under town board review and has been tabled pending revisions requested by Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick.

is this best for the town as a whole, and how is a hamlet's opposition to be determined. I do not intend to take any position on Mr. Sarris' point. I would simply voice another option. Should every commercial development and large-scale residential development be subject to a town referendum?

Michael J. Hutter

Delmar

## Grand Union success enlarges monopoly

Editor, The Spotlight:

The news that Grand Union is relocating its current store in Glenmont to a much larger one, and is expanding its store in Delaware Plaza, is certainly good for Grand Union. It will continue to monopolize nearly all the business of our townspeople.

As for those of us who shop in town, we still do not have the benefit of a choice or of a competitive pricing.

Why aren't Price Chopper, Super Shop and Save, or Great American able to do what Grand Union can do here?

Stanley L. Zalen

Delmar

## Words for the week

**Facsimile:** An exact copy or reproduction, as of a document. Also, a method of transmitting images or printed matter by electronic means; and an image so transmitted.

**Novella:** A short prose tale of the type developed by Boccaccio, characterized by epigrammatic terseness and point. Also, any short novel.

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## Holiday deadlines

So that our employees may enjoy the holidays, the Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 issues of The Spotlight will be produced in advance of the regular Tuesday press time. This will require earlier deadlines for advertisers and contributors.

For the Dec. 27 issue, the deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, for all advertising and editorial items. For the Jan. 3 issue the deadline for advertising and editorial contributions is Thursday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m. Both issues will be distributed on the usual Wednesday schedule. The Spotlight offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

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## Bethlehem Board of Appeals

# Stewart's approval, Ross' expansion

By Mark Stuart

The owners of Ross' ice cream stand, a busy summertime draw on New Scotland Road., want to convert the site to a full-time restaurant.

Ross' is one of two proposals tentatively scheduled for review by Bethlehem Board of Appeals on Jan. 3. The other involves another proposal for a Stewart's store in Selkirk.

Regina Treffiletti of Five Sisters Inc., owner of Ross', has requested a variance to replace an existing non-conforming use to build a 2,300 square-foot restaurant at 1342 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Under the proposal, the existing 18-by-24 foot ice cream stand and an adjacent wood shed would be demolished to make room for the new building. The new facility would seat 77 and include parking spaces for 46 cars.

The proposal has already met resistance from the Slingerlands Homeowners Association. In an Oct. 10 letter to Building Inspector John Flanigan, Mark Haskins, president of the association, said: "While we appreciate Ms. Treffiletti sharing this proposal with

our organization before submitting it, we in no way endorse this expansion. Our opposition to the expansion of commercial development in residential areas of Slingerlands is well documented."

Ross' is located in an A-Residential Zone. It pre-dates zoning and is considered an existing non-conforming use.

The Stewart's proposal will be revised version of a plan that received a Board of Appeal variance in 1988, but was never reviewed by the planning board because of the Route 9W Corridor Study moratorium.

Due to site plan requirements in the proposed Route 9W Overlay District law, Stewart's again is seeking a variance to comply with setback requirements of the proposed law.

The store would be located on a 258-by-238 foot parcel on the corner of Cottage Lane and Route 9W.

On July 6, 1988, Stewart's was granted a special use exception for installing 18,000 gallon fuel storage tanks. The site is located in a CC-Commercial Zone.

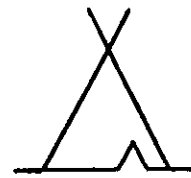
If approved, both proposals will require site plan review by the planning board.

## Auxiliary party Dec. 18

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion auxiliary, will hold its annual Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the post rooms on Polar Drive.

A dutch treat cocktail hour will precede the roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. Holiday entertainment and a visit from Santa will follow.

Cecile Richichi, Albany County president, and Irene Borowski, county vice president, will be guests.



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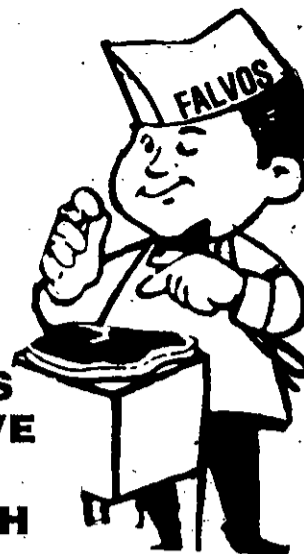


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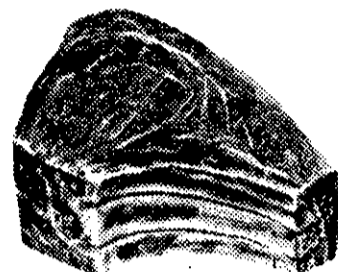


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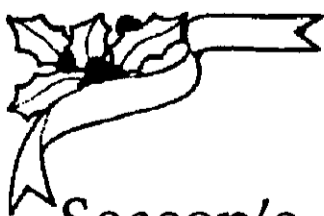
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# Bethlehem Lutheran

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According to Paul Stracke, a sales representative of Geotech Energy Conversion Corp. of East Greenbush, the system has been installed in 50 Capital District homes and he expects to have the system installed in as many as 500 by next November.

Stracke said the system is based on old cooling tower technology where cooled water from a storage tank on the roof of a building is circulated through a building in summer and furnace heated water is circulated through the building in winter.

"We basically do the same thing,

but we've put a little twist on it," he said.

According to Stracke, the Geotech system will provide 50 percent more savings than a conventional above-ground heat pump, 25 to 30 percent more savings than a fuel oil system, and 18 to 20 percent more savings than a gas system. He said the reason the underground heat pump is more efficient than the above-ground heat pump because as an underground system, it is not subject to the climate changes experienced in the Northeast. "An air source heat pump may work well in Washington D.C., but in this climate, they're marginal at best," he said.

The new addition will cost between \$600,000 and \$650,000 and will be funded entirely by the congregation through its three-year pledge program.

One of the reasons for the expansion is to allow community use of a building that is currently used for Sunday School and Bible study classes. The building is also used for Girls Scouts, 4-H and AA and Al-Anon meetings. Winterhoff said the building would continue to offer meeting space, free of charge, to non-profit community organizations and would also serve as a community youth center. "We really see it as a way to reach out into the community as part of our ministry to the kids," Winterhoff said.

## A Victorian Christmas

A festive party with sleigh rides, caroling, holiday refreshments, and visits with Saint Nick and the Bennington puppets will be on Dec. 16-17 at the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs. For more information, call 584-2225.

## Police recover stolen car

Albany police recovered the car of a South Bethlehem assistant fire chief, missing since a firemen's Christmas party the night of Dec. 2, and arrested three suspects.

According to Bethlehem police, Clifford Apple's car was spotted the following Wednesday at 2:15 a.m. by an Albany detective, sporting a new set of license plates, at the corner of Quail and Bradford streets.

Three men standing nearby were arrested for criminal possession of stolen property, fourth degree: Freeman Noe, 17, of Or-

chard Street, South Bethlehem; David J. Klein, 20, of 76 West St., Albany, and Glen T. Foster, also 20, of 841 New Scotland Road, Albany. With the three but not charged was a 20-year-old Albany woman.

An investigation by Bethlehem police is continuing and more charges are expected.

## Elks party planned

Ticket deadline for the Bethlehem Elks' New Year's Eve Party is Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Tickets are \$45 per couple, and all proceeds will be used to benefit cerebral palsy. Beverages, party favors and a continental breakfast will be served.

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# Five years for Delmar Village

(From Page 1)

After heated discussion, the board accepted the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) as complete by a 3-2 vote, with councilmen Bob Burns and Sue Ann Ritchko voting against. Both said they felt they had been given inadequate time to review the lengthy FEIS.

Included in the FEIS is a timetable for developing a roadway link between New Scotland Avenue and the Delmar Bypass via Fisher Boulevard and Van Dyke Road.

Bruce Secor, commissioner of public works, said HMC Associates, the developer of Delmar Village would be required to adhere to a 10-year building schedule in

order to minimize traffic impact while the roadway improvements are made.

Secor said the town has already begun work on Van Dyke Road by widening the road near the Bethlehem Central High School athletic fields and expects to complete the Van Dyke Road-Delmar Bypass connection by the end of 1990.

He said the town has acquired all easements and properties required for the roadway projects, which include upgrading Fisher Boulevard from its current sub-standard rating by 1992.

Hendrick blames the lengthy process on the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). No other town planned residential district has been sub-

ject to the detailed scrutiny of SEQRA as has Delmar Village. The environmental review of Delmar Village began June 10, 1987, when the town board named itself as the lead agency for the environmental study.

Delmar Village presented a unique opportunity for the town to connect the Delmar Bypass with Delaware Avenue to allow traffic from the Hilltowns and New Scotland to travel to Albany without compounding traffic problems on New Scotland Road and Delaware Ave. Supervisor Tom Corrigan backed a plan in 1985 to have the developer of Delmar Village build an extension of Fisher Boulevard to connect with Delaware Avenue and require a developer to pay for

construction. Up to that point, it was common practice for the town to pay for roadway construction and the developer to pay for grading and clearing only, according to Secor.


The approval of Delmar Village as a planned residential development resulted in the formation of Bethlehem's most active citizens' group during the 1980s: Bethlehem Citizens For Responsible Planning. BCRP, the project, was formed in part by John Smolinsky of Orchard Street, a direct neighbor to the proposal. Smolinsky served as the president of BCRP until July 1989 when he announced his Democratic Candidacy for town board.

The planning board has recommended to the town board that building project approval be granted.

## Good citizens get DAR awards

The winners of the Tawasentha Chapter DAR Good Citizens Awards for 1989-90 were announced recently. Andrew Patrick, son of Gretchen Patrick of Delmar and Harrie Patrick of Slingerlands, representing Bethlehem Central High School, was a recipient.

The award is made to the high school senior chosen by fellow students and faculty members on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The winners were presented with pins, certificates and \$50 cash awards at the chapter's Christmas meeting.



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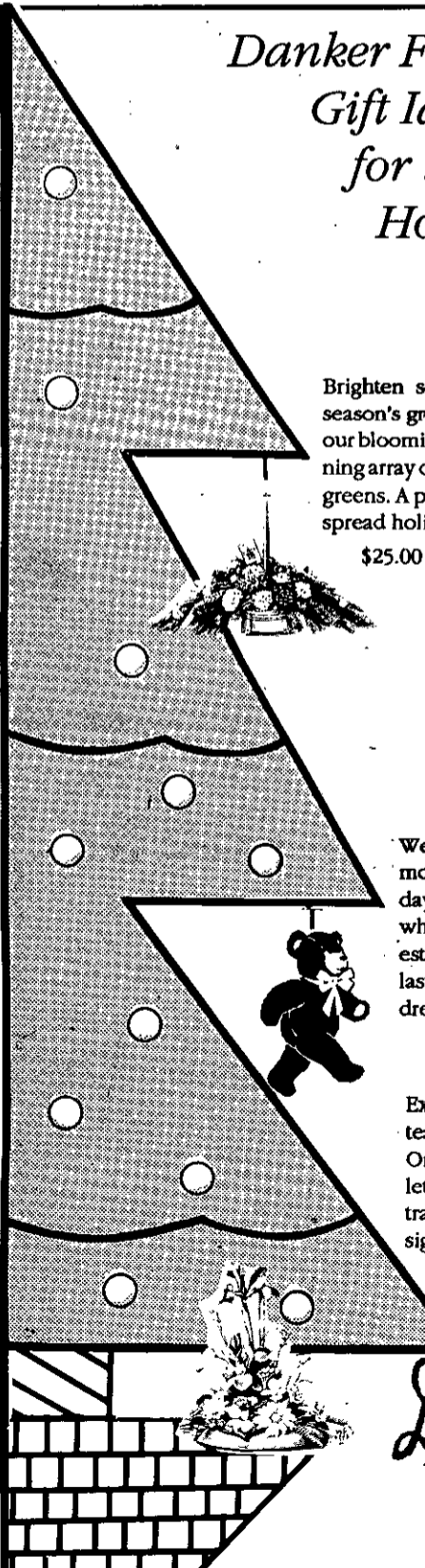
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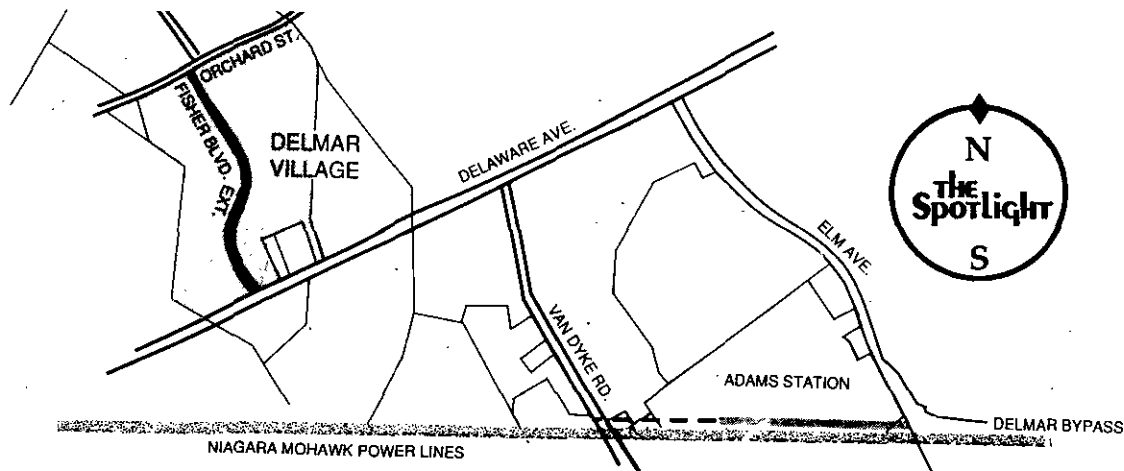
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Three older brothers, all Eagle Scouts themselves, participated in the ceremony. Charles Gunner, member-elect of the Town Board and former principal of Bethlehem Central High School, was the guest speaker.

Edgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Edgar of Glenmont is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School. For his Eagle project, he organized a successful blood drive at the First United Methodist Church for the American Red Cross, Albany Area Chapter.

McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinney of Delmar is a freshman at Albright College in Reading, Pa, and a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



At Eagle ceremony, from left: Jim Edgar, C.B. Edgar, Tim Edgar, Ryan McKinney, Mark McKinney, and Robert Tangorre.

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Thursday, Dec. 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the senior high auditorium. The senior band, harmonics, senior chorus and jazz ensemble will be presenting their own

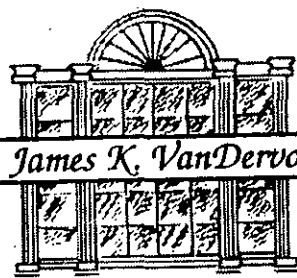
style of seasonal music bound to delight even the toughest Scrooge in the house.

### PIE plans meeting

PIE (Partners in Education) will meet tonight, Dec 13 at 7:30 p.m at the RCS Junior High School. Guest speaker will be William Schwartz, superintendent of schools. All parents and teachers are invited to hear Schwartz discuss the future of the RCS district and the work of the CAFE Committee which is seeking to solve overcrowding in the schools.

### Elks begin competition

The Bethlehem Elks announce the 1990-91 State Elks Association Scholarship Competition for high school seniors. Amounts of awards range from \$800 to \$40,000 nationally. State awards of \$800 will go to 54 students across the state. The competition is open to high school seniors and college students through their junior year whose father is an Elk or who was at the time of his death. Contact Ken Parker at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge for application information.



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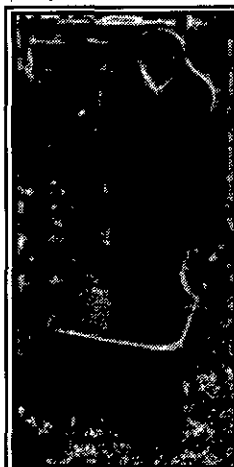
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Jessica Sengenberger, a sixth grader at RCS, will dance in this year's presentation of "The Nutcracker" at the Palace Theater this weekend. Jessica, who has been studying ballet for a number of years, is the daughter of Mark and Heidi Sengenberger of Feura Bush.

**Children's party set**

The Selkirk Number 3 Fire Company in South Bethlehem will hold their annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the firehouse. Santa will be there to hand out gifts to the youngsters, and Sugar and Spice the clowns will perform magic and dazzle with balloon sculpture and face painting.

Children who live in the fire district ages 10 and under are invited to take part in the fun and enjoy the refreshments. Parents are requested to escort their children during the fun.

**Working on movie**

Local actresses Kathy and Jennifer Keenan of South Bethlehem are working on another movie project. Last year they performed in "Vampyr" directed by Bruce Hallenbeck. They are now involved in a psychological thriller "The Demon Within" being produced by a Connecticut film company.

**Author to speak at library**

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, Jim Nehring, author of *Why Do We Gotta Do This Stuff, Mr. Nehring?*, will discuss his new book on the life of a history teacher.

The presentation will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar, at 7:30 p.m. Call 439-9314 for more information.

**Christmas Party reservations taken**

Bethlehem Senior Services is now accepting reservations for the

Community Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the First Methodist Church and the Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association.

The turkey dinner is open to anyone who wishes to participate and will be served Christmas Day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

There is no fee for the dinner and transportation will be provided by the Bethlehem Senior Bus.

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### Voorheesville News Notes

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ues as the junior high school presents the final district concert Wednesday, Dec. 20. The seventh and eighth grade band under the direction of Lydia Tobler will perform such numbers as "When I'm Sixty-four" by the Beatles and "Winter Wonderland." The chorus, directed by Margaret Dorgan, will present their renditions of "Shine Little Light" and "The Angels Song." The high school chorus will also perform. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school and is free and open to the public.

Reminder that the high school music groups will present their winter offering this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The public is invited.

#### Library sets performance

The Voorheesville Public Library has some music in store for the holidays as well. On Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. musician Susan Trump will present a program called "Home for the Holidays" featuring a variety of Christmas and Hanukkah songs. She will accompany herself on banjo, guitar and dulcimer. She will also bring a display of old time toys. All are welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 there will be a holiday craft and film program at 4 p.m. for children of all ages.

Later at 7 p.m. young people's librarian Nancy Hutchinson will read some of her favorite holiday stories at bedtime story hour. Regular story hours will also continue with a holiday theme on Monday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. and Friday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Story hours will then end resuming on Jan. 8.

Adults are reminded that there is still time to read one of John Gardner's works for the next meeting of the book discussion group on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. Those interested should check at the circulation desk for available titles.

Finally the beautiful "Friendship" quilt hand crafted by the Village Quilters will be raffled off on Dec. 20. To take a chance taking a chance on the piece which contains squares prepared by members of the community, contact the library at 765-2791.

#### Pantry needs replenishing

The Human Concerns Committee, whose pantry is housed at St. Matthew's Church, is preparing for the holidays. Those wishing to help make Christmas a little brighter for local families are invited to donate gifts, meats, or other food to assist with the program which aids those in need in the New Scotland area. Gift certificates to area shopping malls or super markets are also welcome. Groups or individuals can contact the Human Concerns Hotline at 765-2373 to contribute.

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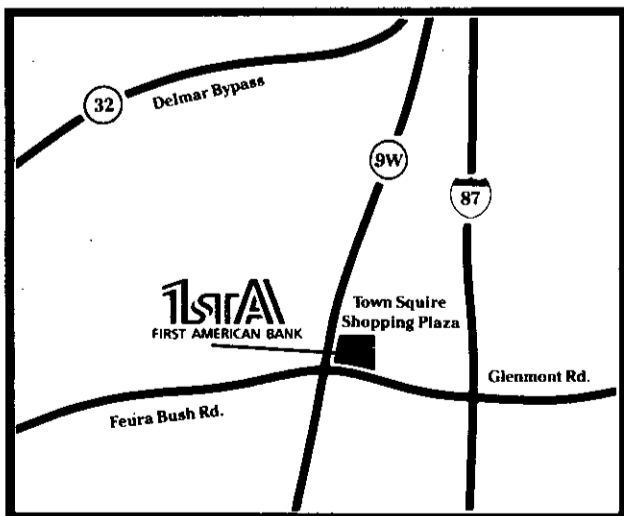


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**Scouts plan party**

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**Collect those labels**

During these chilly days the Voorheesville PTSA reminds everyone to save those Campbell soup and Prego products' labels for an education project, which is under way. Labels can be dropped off at the grade school or the public library.

There is still time to purchase a bulb to be hung on the memory tree in front of the Voorheesville Elementary School. Bulbs are \$3 and can be obtained by calling Elaine Burns at 765-4898 or Cathy Musella at 765-3002.

**Kiwanis bash set**

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will be holding its annual Christmas Party this Friday, Dec. 15 at the American Legion in Voorheesville. Following a turkey

dinner, the Kiwanians and their guests will be serenaded by the Trirhythmics, a small group of high school vocalists who specialize in popular music. Caroling and a visit from Santa will round out the evening. The Kiwanians will also be collecting gifts that evening to be distributed to those in need in the area for Christmas.

**Legion plans breakfast**

The Voorheesville American Legion Post #1493 will hold its monthly public breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. Cost of the complete breakfast is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. All are welcome.

**Area ballerinas shine**

Several Voorheesville ballerinas will be whirling across the stage at the Palace Theater this weekend as the Berkshire Ballet presents its seasonal production of "The Nutcracker." Second grader Christen Rymanowski will dance the part of a clown, while fifth graders Charmaine Davis, Megan Longworth and Annie Schryver will portray children. All are students at the Voorheesville Elementary School.

Lyra Colfer, a sophomore at Clayton Bouton Junior Senior High School will also perform as part of the Berkshire's junior company. She will dance in the "Waltz of the Flowers".

**3 arrested for DWI**

Three motorists will appear in Bethlehem Town Court next Tuesday on misdemeanor driving while intoxicated charges.

Shortly after midnight Monday, town police stopped a 17-year-old Glenmont teenager on Delaware Avenue near the Albany city line. After failing pre-screening device and field sobriety tests, police said, she was arrested and taken to the police wing at Town Hall. There she was processed and ticketed for DWI, driving with a blood-alcohol level of .10 or more, and failure to keep right.

Her name was not released pending consideration for youthful offender status.

Sunday at 3:48 a.m., police stopped a car driven by Manuel L. Dennis Jr., 43, of Glenmont at the corner of Elmwood and Longwood, Delmar. After he failed pre-screening device and field sobriety tests, police said, he was arrested and processed for DWI, driving with a blood-alcohol level above .10 and failure to keep right.

Called to the scene of a Saturday night accident at the intersection of Feura Bush and Jefferson roads, police found Tyler M. Schroeder, 36, of 158 Fairlawn Drive, Selkirk. Police said he admitted to driving the vehicle, falling asleep at the wheel and consuming alcohol before the accident. After he was transported by Delmar Rescue Squad to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he was treated and released, police ticketed him for DWI, driving with a blood-alcohol level of .10 or more, and crossing pavement markings.

**Luncheon planned**

The Women's Organization of the Normanside Country Club will hold its Christmas bridge luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m.

To make a reservation, call 439-5362.

**Sunday breakfast**

The Voorheesville American Legion Post #1493 will hold a sausage and egg breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon.

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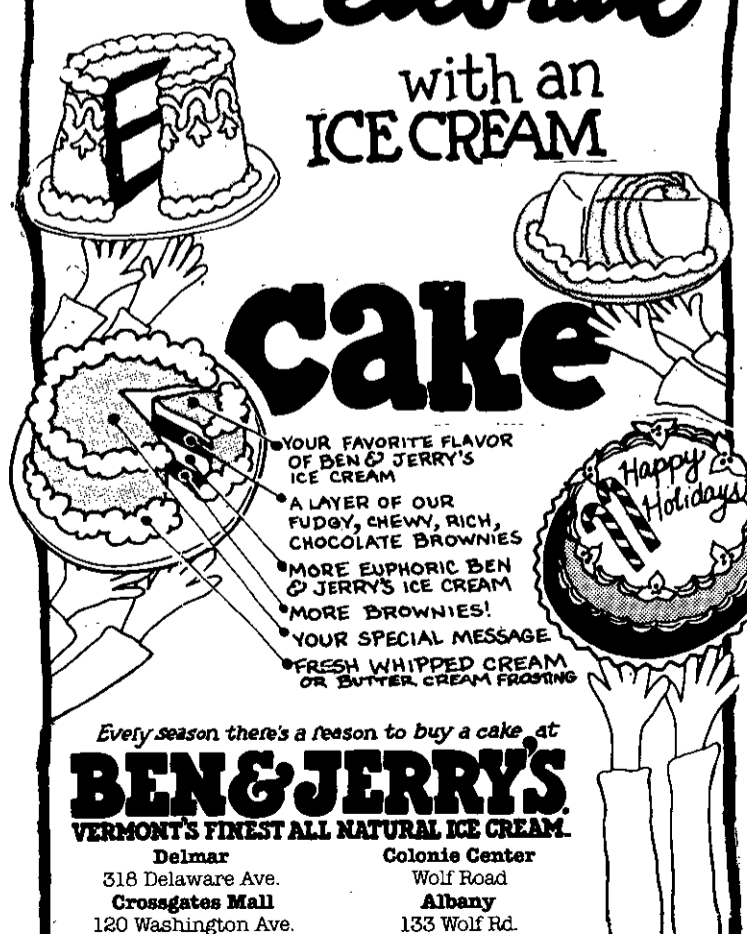
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# Orchard Park hearing adjourns again

By Bob Hagyard

The six-month state Department of State hearing into the conduct of a Roberts Real Estate realtor and three of her superiors may or may not resume sometime next year.

Administrative Law Judge Felix Neals gave the attorneys until Jan. 31 to agree whether more testimony is needed, or whether sworn affidavits will suffice before a decision is reached.

Realtor Karen Curren is accused by the department's divi-

sion of licensing services of withholding information about contaminated well water from prospective homeowners in Orchard Park, a 67-unit subdivision east of Voorheesville. Her superiors, company president Hugh Roberts, vice president David Newell and Guilderland branch manager Lucia DeDe, may be liable as her supervisors.

Last Tuesday, DeDe followed Curren on the witness stand at New Scotland Town Hall. Like Curren, DeDe essentially reiterated testimony she gave on behalf

of the defense in August, before Judge Neals' illness forced the lengthy adjournment to last week. Testimony focused on the time Roberts Real Estate sold homes in Orchard Park, from April 1986 to February 1987.

DeDe first learned of the possibility of methane contamination of well water from Curren at a meeting in DeDe's office the first week of November, she testified. At that time, DeDe added, Curren offered to inquire into the likelihood of methane in the water and what it signified.

Curren, DeDe went on, then promised to "continue to monitor the situation."

Attorney Richard Walsh represented Curren and conducted the direct examination of Curren and DeDe while Susannah Fitch represented the Roberts firm. Paul Heyman, associate counsel for the licensing services division, represented the department.

## BC senior wins music competition

The Empire State Youth Orchestra held its annual Concerto Competition where a panel of three judges selected Meg Bragle, violinist, as the winner of the 1989 competition. She will perform Samuel Barber's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 14 with the orchestra this season.

Bragle, concertmaster of the youth orchestra, is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School where she is a member of the orchestra, concert choir, Sound System (select group) and the Chorals. Last summer she attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich. Bragle studies privately with Ariana Bronne of New York City.

## Heart association sale

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## Village Squares plan Christmas dance

The Tri-Village Squares will hold a Christmas Dance on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8 to 10:30 p. m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., in Delmar.

Caller will be Tom Vitow. For more information, call 861-6407.

## Music program slated at school

The annual Holiday Music Potpourri will be held at the Ravena Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School auditorium, on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Featured will be performances by the senior band, harmonics, senior high jazz ensemble and senior chorus.

On Friday, Dec. 22, during the school day, the senior high school jazz ensemble will perform for students in the cafeteria.

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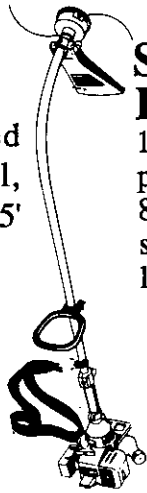
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# Use Larned funds for water, Orchard Park residents say

By Bob Hagyard

For Joseph Cotazino, it was "a perfect example of a community coming together for a community cause."

Cotazino was referring to a petition, signed by 109 Town of New Scotland residents, presented to the Town Board last week. The signers opposed a plan to tap into the \$150,000 Orchard Park Water District fund to pay legal expenses incurred by the town in litigation against William M. Larned and Sons, who are extracting soil and gravel from the former Tall Timbers Country Club property.

The \$150,000 was paid by the mining company in an out-of-court agreement. When the check came in two months ago, board members initially agreed to set the money aside in an interest-bearing account to help establish the water district.

Later, however, Councilmen H. Allyn Moak and Craig Shufelt suggested that up to \$45,000 be transferred to the general fund to reimburse legal expenses.

Cotazino, who is president of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, presented the signatures last Wednesday. Supervisor Herbert Reilly and Councilman John Sgarlata expressed sympathy for the homeowners, and the

matter was dropped without a vote.

First of all, Reilly explained later, the issue "should wait" until the state Department of Audit and Control presents its opinion on what the town can and cannot do with the money.

Reimbursing legal expenses that have already been paid, Reilly added, "could be the straw that breaks the back" of the Orchard Park Water District, still in the planning stage.

The agreement also includes requirements for maintaining the site so as not to endanger the district's future source of supply. A town-designated engineer visits the site periodically, and Larned has agreed to reimburse the town for that cost as well.

"Larned has reimbursed us for every expense so far, by return mail, practically," the supervisor said. "They have been very upfront with the town."

The same night, the board:

- Learned that the Terhune case will go before state Supreme Court Justice William McDermott this Friday. Donald Terhune, who manages the farm immediately west of Town Hall, and his mother, owner Beatrice Terhune, are accused of numerous violations of the junkyard ordinance and other town codes. The most recent de-

lay in the case, Reilly explained, was necessary to give Highway Superintendent Michael Hotaling time to estimate the cost of cleaning up the property to conform to the law.

- Took no action on a revised swimming pool ordinance, the topic of a public hearing earlier that evening.

- Scheduled the annual end-of-the-year meeting for 4 p.m., Dec. 28 and the organizational meeting for 11 a.m., Jan. 1.

## Glenmont Job Corps celebrates anniversary

Glenmont Job Corps will be one of nine Job Corps Centers throughout the state at the Empire State Plaza this month to celebrate Job Corps' 25th Anniversary in New York State.

The highlight of the celebration and annual conference in Albany will be the Job Corps Exhibition being held now through Dec. 7 in the North Lobby concourse of the Empire State Plaza.

## Tall Timbers concerns

By Bob Hagyard

Fire protection, traffic, an apparent decision not to widen a railroad crossing, density, the flow of underground water in the town's biggest aquifer, recreation and the design of a new water district — all are neighbor concerns about the Tall Timbers project.

As proposed by the Galesi Group, 170 single-family homes would be built on the former country club property east of Voorheesville. The New Scotland Town Board heard public comments on the developer's draft environmental impact statement at a public hearing last Wednesday and will continue to accept written comments through next week.

Agencies such as the state Department of Environmental Conservation are likewise expected to file comments, said Supervisor Herbert Reilly. A final EIS incorporating all concerns would follow.

"One comment I kept hearing is that the language of the (draft) is too tough for the layman," Reilly said.

One neighbor, James Eberhardt, came to praise the project's utilities design plan, "even if it's at a little extra expense," as he put it.

Harry Van Wormer of Route 155 suggested that the authors of the draft contradict the findings of state Department of Transportation engineers who say there is insufficient room at the Hilton Road railroad crossing for widening the roadway.

Fire protection would be provided by the New Salem Fire District's firehouse at New Scotland. Van Wormer quoted a letter from Louis Donato, New Salem fire chief, asserting that the station would be "insufficient" for the new homes.

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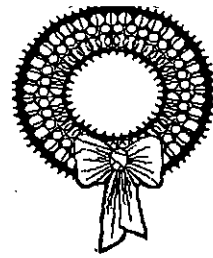
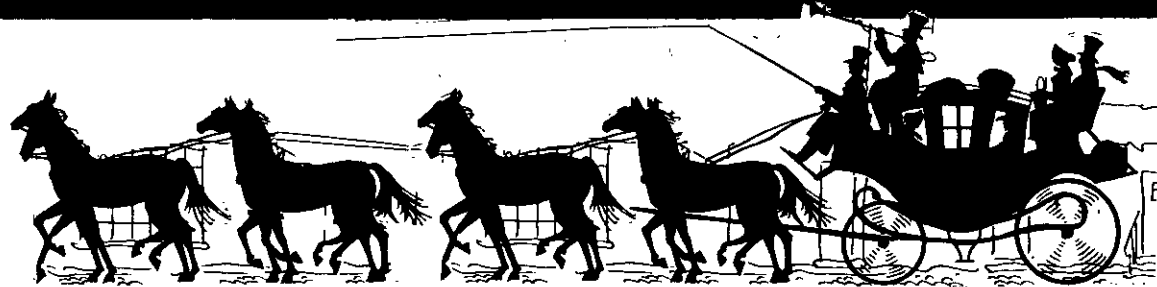
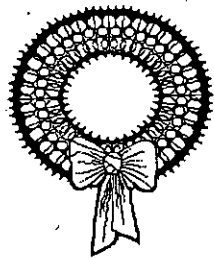


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# THE SPOTLIGHT Sports

## Eagles see some improvements

By Michael Kagan

The Bethlehem Central basketball team played better last Friday against Guilderland than they did the previous week in the Colonie Tip-off tournament, but still ended up losing, 70-56.

As in the tournament, the Eagles had severe shooting troubles, hitting less than half of their shots from inside the paint. Coach Jack Moser said BC "still didn't shoot the ball as well as we should have." Eric McCaughin, who scored five points, said "we need to have more confidence when we shoot."

One of Bethlehem's main problems Friday was a high number of unforced turnovers and fatigue, especially in the second half. The Eagles would win a hard-fought rebound or make a steal only to throw the ball right back to Guilderland. Moser said that eliminating that problem would be the priority in practice this week. Point guard Scott Fish agreed that "we need to work on our passing and moving without the ball."

McCaughin thought "our defense was pretty good," but later said "we weren't rotating enough on defense."

Fish said that BC allowed Guilderland to "get a lot of second

shots," making it harder to play defense.

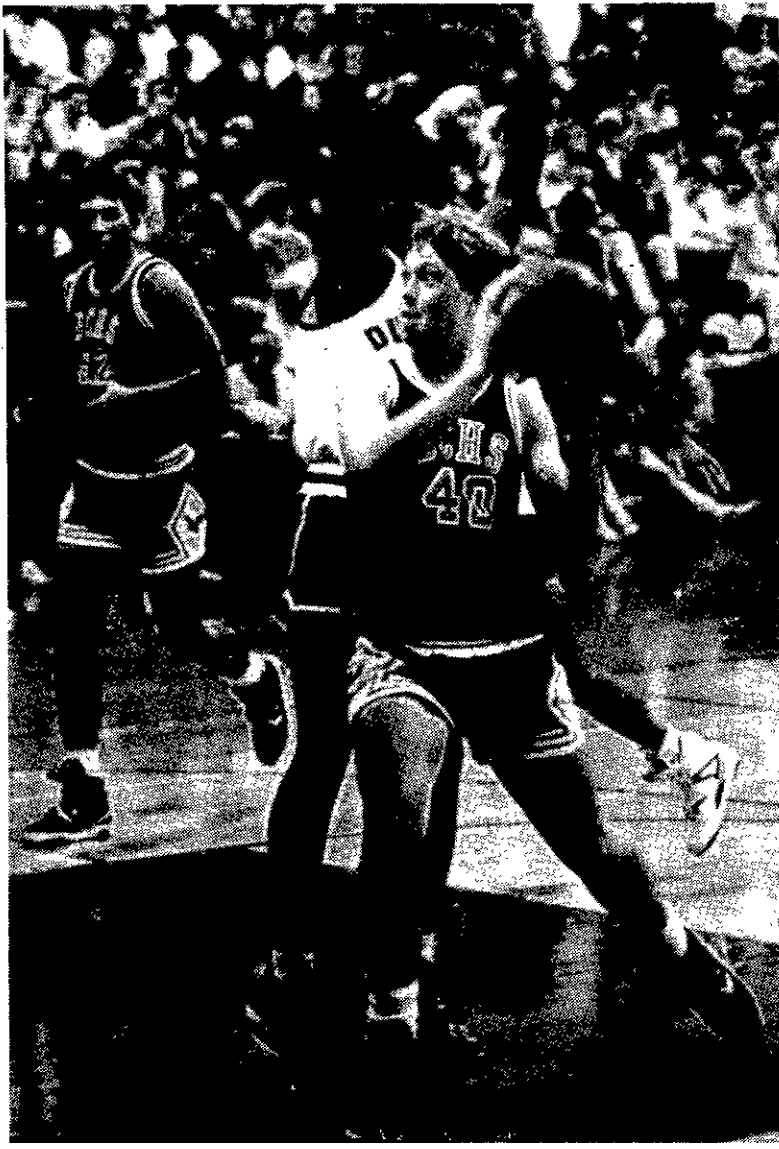
Moser said Bethlehem "played poorly" in the first quarter, losing the period 13-6. In fact, over their two games in the Colonie tournament and the game in Guilderland, the Eagles have been outscored 43-26 in the opening quarter. Surprisingly, this is also the period in which they play their best defense, allowing the least points to the opposition of any quarter.

According to McCaughin, "we come out kind of flat....our offense kind of struggles for the first few minutes."

Bethlehem won the second quarter, 18-15. In all three games, this has by far been their best quarter, as they have outscored their opponents 58-51.

The Eagles lost the third quarter 16-15 and the fourth 26-17. Over the three games, BC has been defeated 124-90 in the second half, being outscored by 17 points in each quarter.

McCaughin said fatigue is "definitely" a problem. "We only went two deep against Guilderland. We could have gone a little deeper on the bench." He recommended



Bethlehem's Scott Hodge (40) drives past Guilderland's DeMond Baker Friday night. Looking on is BC's John Hansen (52).  
Bob Hagyard

that BC "sub throughout the game." Although he blamed the man-to-man defense, Fish said in the fourth quarter, "we died—everybody got tired."

Forward Sean McDermott led the Eagles with 15 points, including three three pointers. Fish scored 12 points and Scott Hodge and Alex Hackman each had 7.

This week, Bethlehem travels to Gloversville on Tuesday and Niskayuna on Friday.

## BBC action continues

Bethlehem Basketball Club action this week was characterized by close games and well-played contests.

In the Pro Division, the Lakers edged the Pistons 38-32. Bill Conway led the winners with 10 points while Chris Seavey, Josh Hasselbach, and Scott Rivard scored key baskets.

John Svare and Jason Gutman led the Pistons with 9 and 7 points respectively while Mike Soronen played steady as the floor general of his team. The play of the game was Keith Timmerman's coast-to-coast layup in the third period. The Bulls edged the Knicks 28-21 as scrappy Nate Kosoc led the offense of the winners with 12 points. Ross Borzykowski scored 7 points and had numerous assists and Damian Sullivan anchored the defense. For the Knicks, Jim Boyle swept the boards and added 9 points. Outstanding defensive play by Greg Phelps and Dave LaValle kept the game close.

The Celtics came from behind to defeat the Warriors 29-25. Willie Sanchez and Matt Wing led the scoring for the Celtics with 9 points each. Leo Grady and Tom Birdsey had several key rebounds and Dave Lussier played strong defensively. The brother duo of Jason and Todd Heim combined for 15 big points for the Warriors. Erik Gill and Aaron Thorpe provided additional offensive and defensive spark for their team.

In College Division action, Syracuse upended Seton Hall 35-17. Ryan Murray led the orange with 17 points while Joe D'Angelo ignited the fast break with numerous rebounds and outlet passes. Ted Hartman and Dan Baum made several key assists.

Seton Hall was led by Nick Turner with 7 points. Steve Euler and John Kuta kept their team in contention with spirited play at both ends of the court. Led by Will Cushing and Bill Robinson (10 and 8 points respectively), St. Johns held off a fourth period rally to throttle Georgetown, 18-12. Sean Barclay, Mike Ryan, and Mat Shannon contributed to the victory with stellar defensive play. Sean James and Frank Havlik led Georgetown with 6 points each while Kate Lillis and Sean Berry spearheaded the defense.

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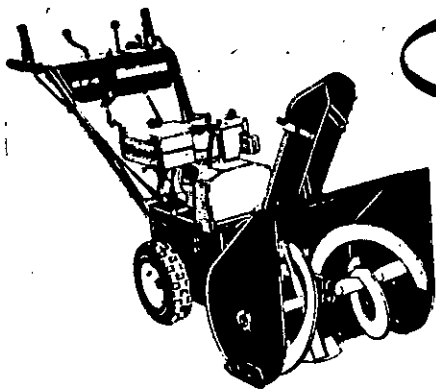
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Voorheesville's Darren Ascone, left, prepares to take down Duilio Viscusi of Schalmont during Thursday's 91-pound match.

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## Eagles progress at Cole tourney

The 27th annual Clyde Cole Wrestling Tournament held last weekend in Oxford (Section 4) was a great step forward for Bethlehem's varsity grapplers, who gave their best performance yet this year.

The Eagles fought especially well in the consolation brackets and ended up with two wrestle-back finalists.

119-pound captain Eric Newdom finished third after defeating Tom Hale of Sidney 9-6 in the consolation finals Saturday night. Leading 5-2 going into the third period after a takedown and near fall, Newdom reversed Hale, increasing his lead to 7-2. An escape by Hale made the score 7-3.

Newdom was penalized twice for passivity in the final minute of the match, resulting in three points for Hale. A third stalling call would have given Hale the match. Instead, Newdom scored a takedown with five seconds remaining to secure the victory. Newdom is 5-1.

After losing in the quarterfinals and winning a consolation bout by default, junior Darryn Fiske was pinned in a difficult wrestleback final, ending up with fourth place at 155 pounds.

Bethlehem coaches Rick Poplaski and Craig Walker saw the weekend as a very positive one for BC's athletes, where many less

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## Blackbird forfeits cause early season problems

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville wrestling team was supposed to have "a match" against upstart Schalmont on Thursday, but actually there was very little wrestling done by either school when the match was finished.

The Blackbirds gave away 30 points in forfeits and dug themselves a huge hole from which they never recovered. After the smoke cleared, the Blackbirds had lost a lopsided decision to the Sabres, 51-7.

There were few bright spots for the Birds, except for Darren Ascone's victory at 91 pounds, and

### Wrestling

co-captain Josh Vink's come-from-behind win at 112. Vink rallied from an early deficit to win his match by 9-6.

Then came the forfeits. The Blackbirds gave away the matches at 119, 126, 132, 138 and had already given away the match at 98 and found themselves trailing by 31 points even though they had won two of the bouts that had been wrestled. At 145, Tim Reeth appeared strong early, holding off his opponent for the first period, but ended up losing by 6-3.

At 155, sophomore Bob Stapf of Voorheesville was overmatched against Charlie Ferrera, who pinned Stapf in 1:28. At 167, Andy Symula, who weighed only about 150 went up against a much bigger Schalmont wrestler, who pinned Symula early in the second period.

Finally, came the long awaited match with Paul Novak of Voorheesville going up against one of the Sabres' best wrestlers, but the Schalmont coach, seeing that he had the match well in hand, elected to forfeit the last two matches. Consequently, Novak picked up the forfeit at 177 as did Chad Hctaling at 215.

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## BC's quest for 18th sectional crown begins

By Nat Boynton

Bethlehem Central's boys swim team is off to a fast start in quest of an 18th consecutive sectional championship.

Despite the loss through graduation of several standout swimmers, the Eagles turned back Guilderville and Burnt Hills last week to open their 16-meet schedule leading into the Section 2 championships Feb. 16-17. In their debut, which christened Voorheesville's renovated pool, they took both relays and five individual events in a 51-25 triumph. Two days later, at home in six lanes, they disposed of Burnt Hills by 93-78, taking seven firsts and again both relays.

In both meets BC's younger swimmers got their first taste of varsity competition, and several picked up points.

Pat Fish, a junior who has been a front-line swimmer for three years, was a triple winner in both meets. Dave Cleary, a standout sophomore, went 5-for-5, and Drew Patrick, the team's only experienced senior other than diver and part-time freestyler Andy Sattinger, had a triple against Burnt Hills.

Two other sophomores lost little time establishing themselves as vital factors in this year's campaign. Ian Salsburg, who got a fourth in the breaststroke in the sectionals last year, won his specialty against Guilderville's Scott Bowden and teamed with Patrick for a 1-2 finish against Burnt Hills. Paul Engle won the fly against Burnt Hills and was second behind Fish in the IM at Voorheesville, and both swam strong splits in the medley relays.

Versatile juniors Craig Mattox and Brian Rosenblum got help from classmate Jim Davis, who placed third in both sprints in the opener and got another third against Burnt Hills in the 200 free. Mattox got seconds in both meets in the backstroke in addition to relay duties.

The Eagles travel to Amsterdam this afternoon (Wednesday) and will host Albany Academy in Delmar Friday.

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## Bethlehem wrestlers

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experienced wrestlers gained some important varsity mat time against quality opponents.

Chad Mallow, Gary Hurd, Nick Morrison, Scott Mitchell, Mike Roney, Joe Emerich and Fiske all picked up their first varsity wins of the season at Oxford.

Bethlehem had two wrestlers in the winners' bracket semifinals on Saturday: Newdom and super-heavyweight Don Thomas, who is ranked fifth in Section 2 by *Grapplers* magazine's pre-season poll.

Bethlehem finished with a respectable 96 team points.

Perennial Section 2 power Queensbury repeated as team champions. Oxford was only the beginning of a very competitive tournament circuit for the Eagles this winter. Later this month, BC will continue to seek out the toughest tournament competition in the state with a trip to Spencerport (Section 5) for the Rotary-Bernabi Tournament, with the Saratoga Tournament and the Suburban Council Invitational following soon thereafter.

Though the Oxford Tournament was positive, last week's dual meet situation continued to look bleak for Bethlehem as they fell to Shenendehowa (1-0 league, 1-2

overall) 49-26 in the league opener for both teams. Bethlehem scored pins in four weight classes, but were overwhelmed the rest of the way as they fell to 0-2 overall (0-1 in the Suburban Council).

Senior Brian VanAernem, who was prevented from wrestling at Oxford by a muscle injury, ran his record up to 2-0 with a pin at 126 pounds. Thomas and Newdom won by fall at 250 and 119 respectively, and Ethan Beyer had a third period pin at 177.

The Plainsmen won big in the first four weights, chalking up pins at 98 and 112 and decisioning Mallow 15-4 at 91 pounds and Hurd 12-0 at 105. Newdom and Van Aernem both pinned their opponents in the second period. Shenendehowa captured decisions at 132, 138 and 145 pounds. At 155, Fiske came from behind in the third period and was leading with under 30 seconds remaining when he was reversed and pinned.

John Bellizzi was pinned at 167, but Beyer overcame his heavier adversary after two hard periods at 177. The Plainsmen received a forfeit at 215 and Thomas disposed of his opponent in 1:05 at 250.

A big challenge is in store for Bethlehem as the Eagles face a much-improved Guilderland team in a league dual tonight. The Dutchmen (0-1 league, 1-1 overall) have some strong contenders, including defending Section II champion Chip Foster, who placed fourth in the state at 155 pounds last year. Guilderland, ranked sixth among large schools in Section II by *Grapplers* magazine's pre-season poll, opened the season with a 46-15 victory over CBA but fell to Niskayuna 54-17 in the Suburban Council opener. Coach Poplaski expects tonight to be a close match.

Bethlehem's first home dual meet will be against 0-2 Shaker next Tuesday, with JV starting at 6:30 p.m.

## Guilderville dunked

By Josh Vink

Coach Kevin Merge's Guilderville boys' varsity swim team opened its season last Wednesday with a 52-25 loss to Bethlehem, a team that has won the Section 2 Championship for the past 19 years.

Bethlehem started with wins in the 200 medley, 200 free and the 200 individual medley. It looked as though Bethlehem might sweep, but Voorheesville's Joe Tyrell won the 50 free with a time of :24.33. Guilderville also won the 100 back with Dave Washburn's 1:03 flat. Tyrell won the 100 free with a time of :53.77, and Scott Bowden was an extremely close second in the breaststroke with a time of 1:10.11. It was not enough though, as Bethlehem won the fly, the 500 and the freestyle relay.

### Swimming

Merge's team looked better in a 40-36 win over Albany High on Friday at Voorheesville. They started out fast, with Seth Rose, Bowden, Tyrell and Washburn winning the medley relay in 1:56.67. Other winners were Tyrell in the IM with 2:30.89, Bowden in the 100 free in :54.14, Rose in the 500 with 5:35.69 and Brian Brown in the breast with 1:18.01.

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# Voorheesville avenges early season loss

By Dennis Sullivan

In streaks of brilliance Friday night, Voorheesville senior Kevin Jarvis wreaked havoc on Ravena notching 19 points and 15 rebounds in the Blackbirds' 58-41 triumph over the Indians.

Jarvis hit from the outside with three three-pointers and scored six from the free throw line after being cut down under the hoop several times by Ravena's last-resort defense.

Sophomore Stephen Lapinski followed Jarvis' lead by taking charge of the boards on both ends of the court. The center finished with 14 points and eight rebounds effectively converting key offensive rebounds into scoreboard lights.

The Blackbird win Friday was a total about-face from their loss to

## Basketball

Ravena two weeks earlier in the Gold Medal finals when their offensive attack was tentative and at best spotty.

Friday the Birds were well-coached from start to finish. They moved about the court confidently as if their every move had been planned in a pre-game strategy session.

What made the cherished win even more delectable for the Birds was that their point guard Rich Adams figured into the game's outcome by sparking the team with 12 assists. Adams also added 4 points, a sure indication that the junior's confidence in his shooting ability is beginning to resurface.

Todd Rockmore, watched closely by Ravena's defense all night, still managed to remain a sizeable threat, finishing with 11. It was the second time in four days that the junior hit double figures having ignited Voorheesville to its 58-56 win over Albany Academy Tuesday with 17 points. Six of those came by three-pointers as Rockmore persisted in eating away Academy's surplus.

On Tuesday the Birds had to fight constantly to overcome that surplus all night. With three and a half minutes to buzzer, they were still running uphill, down by nine. But chip away they did.

With minutes to go junior Jeff Freyer put in two critical free throws. Then with 1:37 remaining Rockmore tied the game at 56 with another pair of free throws.

Voorheesville coach Skip Carrk then put Erin Sullivan back in the game at forward for offensive strength. Sullivan worked himself free enough underneath to accept a pass from Adams which he put up for what turned out to be the game-winning basket with 28 seconds left.

When Academy took the ball out, Rockmore stole it, passed to Mike Haaf underneath who put up a layup but missed only to further the tension. When Academy took possession with seconds to go, guard Matt Owens flew a three-point try at the buzzer from just short of half court but the desperation shot found only the rim.

Jarvis finished with 14 Tuesday and Bill Stone with 9. Several of Stone's baskets came at key

moments enabling the Birds to maintain a delicate balance.

Voorheesville now stands at 2-1 in the Colonial Council and 3-2 overall.

The Birds have a bye this Friday and face Mechanicville away next Tuesday (Dec. 19) at 7:30 pm.

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# Ladybirds suffer narrow losses

By Matt Hladun

The Voorheesville girl's basketball team had two close games last week and came out on the short side of both, suffering Colonial Council losses against Holy Names and Ravena.

Against Holy Names, the game went back and forth like two kids on a see-saw. After struggling in the first half, and being down by nine points, the girls bounced back in the third quarter and took a one point lead. The fourth quarter saw each team gaining a share of the lead.

The Birds had their opportunities to pull away from Holy Names.

They applied a full court press and were able to get numerous steals and force many turnovers, but were unable to convert on their end of the court. Coach Nadine Bassler continuously saw her girls steal the ball and then throw the ball away themselves.

With under two minutes to go, Holy Names took a three-point lead, Voorheesville was unable to pull any closer. The final score was 43-39.

Kelly Donahue led the Blackbirds in scoring with 15 points.

The Birds faced Ravena in another league match-up. Like the previous game, the lead changed hands frequently. Neither team was

able to build a lead of more than six points.

The Blackbirds did find themselves down by two points at halftime, after losing a two-point lead in the first quarter.


The second half remained close as well. The lead never grew to more than six points and both teams had their share of the lead. The Blackbirds stymied the Indians with a strong man-to-man defense, but were again unable to convert at their end.

With just under 25 seconds to play, the Indians took a one point lead. Bassler called a time out to

gather her troops. She wanted her team to take a good shot, but not to let Ravena have enough time to get down the court for a desperation shot. The Blackbirds held the ball until four seconds showed on the clock but the shot was off the mark, and the game ended with RCS on top, 41-40.

Donna Zautner and Courtney Langford led the way with 8 points each.

The Birds will have their work cut out for them this week, as they face Cohoes at home on Tuesday.



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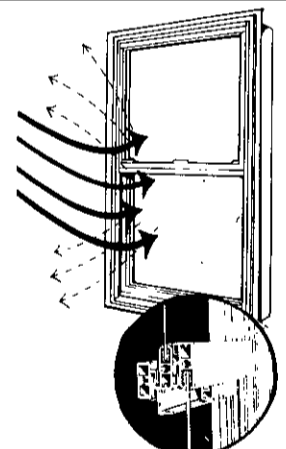
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# □ BC drug policy

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Sussman called the language and organization "unclear and confusing," and said, "We are not a disciplinary body, we are an educational one. This is not reflected in our initial statement. Education and treatment should come before any discipline. The first thing we should have in mind is to learn how not to abuse." Sussman added that he did not feel tobacco was appropriate to include in the policy, as it is "not as disabling as illicit drugs."

Board member Pamela Williams said that the policy draft does not exclude treatment, but that, "We are not prepared, as a district, to develop a medical model." Board member Velma Cousins added, "There are agencies out there better equipped than we are to deal with those problems, that's why we haven't included (treatment) specifics."

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the district had not changed its approach in the new document.



Receiving \$1,000 award from Bethlehem Helpers Program. From left: Craig Opportunities Unlimited President Holly Christian, Meg Meixner, Drew Patrick, Erin Billings are members of the BCHS Peer Mitchell and Megan Connelly.

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"We still believe in identification and early intervention, but up to a certain point," he said. "This policy is not intended to dilute the efforts we have made or will make. We are committed 1) to speak powerfully to our mission, 2) to provide a method of abatement and 3) to provide discipline." Loomis added that tobacco was indeed a drug, and as it is harmful to health, "not to include it in the policy would seem to be inconsistent."

Board member Bernard Harvith pressed for tobacco to be included "because not only can it be harmful to the student, it is one of the few abused substances that can be directly harmful to other students as well," he said. "It is

against the rules, and therefore criminal conduct, and should be denominated as such," said board member William Collins. "If it was another form of crime, we wouldn't be pussyfooting around the issue like this."

Sussman agreed that smoking should be banned where it is harmful to others, but that it is difficult to control. "The primary weapon we have is education, not prohibition," he said. "My preference, if we have to include it, is to allow its use."

Harvith questioned the effectiveness of education in this instance. "They've had the education efforts for 20 years now, and they haven't worked worth diddly-squat. We've even had the anti-

smoking thing at the elementary school, and the main effect of that is that many of the teachers give up (smoking). The students seem to remain unaffected," he said. Harvith also said that given the district's agreement with the union, a district employee may not be required to go into a group of smoking students to make them stop, as it would conflict with the guarantee of a smoke-free work environment.

Students attending the meeting also commented. One, who identified himself as a non-smoker, made a seemingly simple demand—"get them out of the bathrooms." Another countered that, "It's better than getting off the bus and walking through a crowd of older kids smoking and harassing you though." Another said the same people who smoke in the bathrooms are usually responsible for vandalizing them as well, and added that the SCAT group (School, Community and Teachers) was already at work on developing solutions to the problem.

The board will have a second reading of the drug policy on Jan. 3, and another on Jan. 17.

In addition to staffing and changes in bus personnel, the board:

- Appointed John Mose as boys varsity basketball head at \$3074, and William Warner as girls varsity basketball head at \$2544.

- Unanimously approved a bid resolution giving the district the option of purchasing buses through BOCES or state contract, whichever offered the best price.

- Received negative parent comments on the new high school report card system using numbers instead of written teacher comments.

The next board meeting will be held on Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. The Dec. 20 meeting has been cancelled.



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# Obituaries

## George Davis

George I. Davis, 90, of Fernbank Avenue, Delmar, died Wednesday, Dec. 6 at his home.

Born in San Francisco, he moved to the Capital District many years ago and lived in Delmar since 1936.

Mr. Davis was employed as an engineer for the New York Telephone Co. in Albany from 1917 until retiring in 1963.

He was an Army veteran of World War I, serving in the European theater. He was a member of the Ancient Temple Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons in Albany for more than 60 years. He was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include a son, Warren C. Davis of Voorheesville.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar, with burial in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands.

## John DuBois

John C. DuBois, 44, of Kenwood Avenue, Bethlehem, died Monday, Dec. 4 at his home after a long illness.

Born in Albany, Mr. DuBois had lived in Delmar for 20 years. He had been a self-employed house painter for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Smith DuBois; two sons, John DuBois III of Voorheesville and Jason DuBois of Delmar; a daughter, Nicole DuBois of Delmar; his mother, Lillian Kirchner of Delmar; two sisters, Michelle MacDonald and Dawn Moak, both of New Scotland; and two brothers, Gerald DuBois of Unionville and Paul DuBois of Delmar.

Services were from the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

## Christine Spaulding

Christine Plankenhorn Spaulding, 70, died Sunday at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

A native of Prattsville (Greene Co.), she resided in the Delmar area for many years. A homemaker, she was a member of Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush.

She was the wife of the late Frazier B. Spaulding.

Survivors include two daughters, Dawne Ellers and Holly Seaburg; a son, Fred Spaulding of Feura Bush; seven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday (today) from Jerusalem Reformed Church. Burial in St. Matthew's Cemetery, Glenmont, will be under arrangements by Norman Dascher Funeral Home, Albany.

Memorial contributions may be made to Onesquethaw Fire Co., P.O. Box 327, Clarksville 12041.

## Elwood Brooks

Elwood C. Brooks, 78, of Selkirk died Friday at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

A native of Fort Montgomery (Orange Co.), he was an area resident since 1942. At one time, he worked for the FBI in Puerto Rico and Albany.

For 32 years he worked in security management for Sterling-Winthrop, Rensselaer, until his retirement in 1975.

He was a member of the American Society for Industrial Security and Grace United Methodist Church, Ravena.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Minard Brooks; two daughters, Phyllis A. Mullaney of Westerlo and Barbara J. Huber of New Port Richey, Fla.; a son, Charles A. Brooks of Schenectady; a sister, Henrietta Herbert of Highland Falls (Orange Co.); six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday from Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena. Burial will be in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena 12143.

## Kathryn McCormick

Kathryn Trowbridge McCormick, 94, died Saturday at her home at 584 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

A Branford, Conn., native, she was a 1916 graduate of Barnard College. She worked as a bacteriologist for the cities of New York and Newport, R.I. Following her marriage to the late Paul J. McCormick, the couple moved to Atlanta, settling in Delmar in 1930.

Active in community affairs, she served as president of the Delmar Choral Society and the Delmar Parent-Teacher Association. During World War II she was chairwoman of the Delmar branch of the American Red Cross. She was a life member of the Delmar Progress Club, where she had served on several committees.

She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, for over 50 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Catherine White of Huntington, L.I., Virginia Stearns of Gladwynne, Pa., and Frances Flint of Reno, Nev.; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from St. Peter's Church. Burial in Bethlehem Cemetery will be under arrangements by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

## Viola Knapp

Viola I. Knapp, 89, of Fernbank Avenue, Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 4 at the Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home, Albany, after a short illness.

Born in Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Knapp lived in New York City for a short time before moving to Delmar in 1932. She worked for the state Thruway Authority for 20 years, retiring in 1970.

Mrs. Knapp was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary in Delmar, the Bethlehem Senior Citizens and the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth A. Knapp of Hackensack, N.J.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

## Carmello Praga

Carmello ("Mel") Praga, 71, of Saratoga Springs, formerly of Slingerlands, died Dec. 4 at the Albany Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

An Albany native, he retired in 1958 after 20 years as an ironworker. He was a member of Local 12 of the Ironworkers Union in Albany.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a past commander of Louis Oppenheim Post 1019, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Weller Praga; two daughters, Raffaella Dugan and Maryanne McNeil, both of Albany; two sons, Salvatore J. and George W. Praga, both of Delmar; four brothers, Joseph, Frank and Albert Praga of Colonie, and Anthony Praga of Rensselaer; a sister, Anna Praga of Saratoga Springs; 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday from Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Northeastern New York, 1237 Central Ave., Albany 12205.

## Margaret Candido

Margaret Soldynski Candido, 75, of Voorheesville died Friday in her son's Smith Lane home after a long illness.

A Schenectady native, she lived in the Albany area most of her life, moving into her son's home in May.

She was a clerk for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Albany for more than 20 years, retiring in 1963.

A communicant of the Church of St. Patrick, Albany, she was widow of William G. Candido.

Survivors include a son, William Candido of Voorheesville, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, and the Church of St. Patrick, Albany. Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

## Arrested for DWI

An Albany motorist was arrested last Wednesday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated by Bethlehem police.

Police said that Calvin C. Jordan, 50, of 15 Second St. was spotted driving a vehicle east on Delaware Ave. near the Albany city line at about 4 mph with a taillight missing. After an open bottle of an alcoholic beverage was spotted on the front seat, Jordan failed a pre-screening device test and declined a field sobriety test, claiming a disability, police said. He was then arrested for DWI and taken to the police wing at Town Hall where a blood-alcohol test was administered. Jordan was released on tickets returnable next Tuesday in Town Court.

## Police seek hit-and-run driver

Bethlehem police are looking for a hit-and-run driver who crashed into the rear of another vehicle on Route 144, then sped off last Thursday evening.

Police said that Mary Lou Knoll, 32, of R.D. 3, Hudson, was backing out of the driveway of an Asprion Road, Glenmont, residence onto 144 when the right rear corner of her car was hit by a southbound vehicle.

Knoll could only recall that the hit-and-run driver was operating a tan-colored vehicle that continued to head south.



# Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glasuttter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
November 30	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Illness
November 30	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
December 1	Selkirk Fire Co.	Structure Fire
December 1	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
December 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 2	Voorheesville Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
December 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Maternity
December 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
December 4	Elsmere Fire Co.	Alarm Drop
December 4	Delmar Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
December 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
December 4	Voorheesville Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
December 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 4	Selkirk Fire Co.	Alarm Drop
December 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
December 4	Selkirk Fire Co.	Wires Burning
December 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
December 4	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
December 5	Selkirk Fire Co.	Alarm Drop
December 5	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
December 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 5	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
December 5	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
December 5	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
December 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
December 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack

On December 14 at 6:30 p.m. the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Co. will have a covered dish supper at the firehouse for their Christmas Party. There will be a \$5 grab bag.

Fire Fighters Corner / Isabel Glasuttter 439-2627

## Legion auxiliary to meet Dec. 14

The Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary Unit #1493, Department of New York, will meet at the post meeting room on Voorheesville Ave., at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Fowler

## Janet Osterhout wed

Janet Lynn Osterhout formerly of Delmar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osterhout of New Salem, and Frederick L. Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson E. Fowler of Troy were married on Oct. 28.

Rev. Steven Cordes performed the ceremony in Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brunswick. Nancy J. Watson was matron of honor. Ruth H. Bello was bridesmaid.

Jackson E. Fowler Jr. was best man. Walter Bassey was an usher.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Russell Sage College and College of Saint Rose. She is a kindergarten teacher with the Dover Public School.

The groom is a graduate of Brown University and Albany Law School. He practices law with Center Brunswick and is the Brunswick Town Attorney.

After a wedding trip to Williamsburg, Va., the couple will reside in Brunswick.



James Risi and Jennifer Hase

## Hase-Risi

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Hase, of Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Melissa Hase, to James Michael Risi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guido Risi of Scituate, Mass.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Russell Sage College and College of Saint Rose. She is a kindergarten teacher with the Dover Public School.

The groom is a graduate of Union College. He is employed by the Raytheon Co. in Massachusetts and is pursuing a master's degree at Boston University.

A wedding date is set for July 21, 1990.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Soeller

## Soeller-Krug nuptials

Lawrence Gregory Soeller, son of Gertrude and Alois Soeller of Delmar, and Susan Lynn Krug, daughter of Jean Pasquini of Guilderland and Paul Krug of San Francisco, were married Oct. 21.

The wedding was performed by Rev. David V. Berberian in the Christ the King Church, Guilderland.

Julia Warren was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Barbara Ciccone, the bride's sister; Anne

Brummagyn and Holly Markert. Terry Ritz was best man. Ushers were Don Cooke, George Williams, and Mike Soeller.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a mechanical engineer with the State Energy Office.

The bride is a graduate of Junior College of Albany. She is a registered professional nurse with Albany County Health Department.

Both bride and groom are volunteer firefighters and paramedics for the Delmar Fire Department.

After a wedding trip to Canada and Boston, Mass. the couple will reside in Delmar.

### Work On Waste meets Thursday in Delmar

Bethlehem Work On Waste, a group formed in opposition to incineration and in support of waste reduction, reuse and recycling, will meet Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Town Library.

The meeting is open to interested area residents. For information, call 449-5568.

## Births



### Lenox Hill Hospital

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## Community Corner

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## A grandmother's mousterpiece

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

He is a lovable and adventurous rodent, often attired in a Gallic beret and scarf. His life includes a wife, Betty, and a forsythia-sheltered house in Delmar, "built to last" of Legos. He is Freddy, a creation of Ruth Andrews, the matriarch of *Freddy's Family*.

Freddy was born almost 15 years ago, at the bedside of Andrews' oldest granddaughter, Susan. "Freddy was just another of my creations," she explained. "I always told stories to my kids, then to my grandchildren. I was trying to think of something common, that could be in anybody's house, and that's when I thought of a mouse. I described Freddy to Susan first, and I had her so convinced that she even looked around the baseboards in the house for his mouse hole."

After telling "Freddy" stories for several years, Andrews wrote and illustrated a Freddy present for Susan. "I did it on a fancy typewriter, and put it together between sheets of plastic paper, so I guess that was the first real Freddy book," she said.

In short order, Andrews became a grandmother another six times, and

tion in today's children sad. "They are glued to their TV and their Nintendo, and of course they are not using their imaginations. I teach classes at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, and I've discovered that these kids are not challenged imaginatively. So they never know what to expect from me. I let them create, and most importantly, I never judge. They get told in school that enough is not right — they are never allowed to just let go. I had wonderful teachers all those years back at Albany Academy, and they really let me go. I'm lucky for that."

Andrews has lived in Delmar for over 35 years, and all of her children including Richard, who lives in Foxboro, Mass.; Donald, a resident of Latham; and William, who lives in Feura Bush, "adored" books. "It's a tradition in our family. Up at our summer home in Lake Champlain we did a lot of reading,



Included in the book are all of Andrews' grandchildren. Clockwise from the head of the table are Susan, Michael, Jenny, Donny, John and Ryan.

the adventures of Freddy grew six-fold.

"It seemed like in two-year intervals things really grew. The kids kept wanting more, and I discovered that like most children, they enjoyed it most when you plug their names into the stories, and they feel they are really a part of it," she said. Hence all of her grandchildren — Susan, now 16; Michael, 14; Jenny, 10; Donny, 8; Ryan, 7; John, 6 and even 14 month old Michelle are characters in *Freddy's Family*. Several of Andrews' residences, including one on Greenock Road in Delmar and another in Dublin, Ohio, also get mentions.

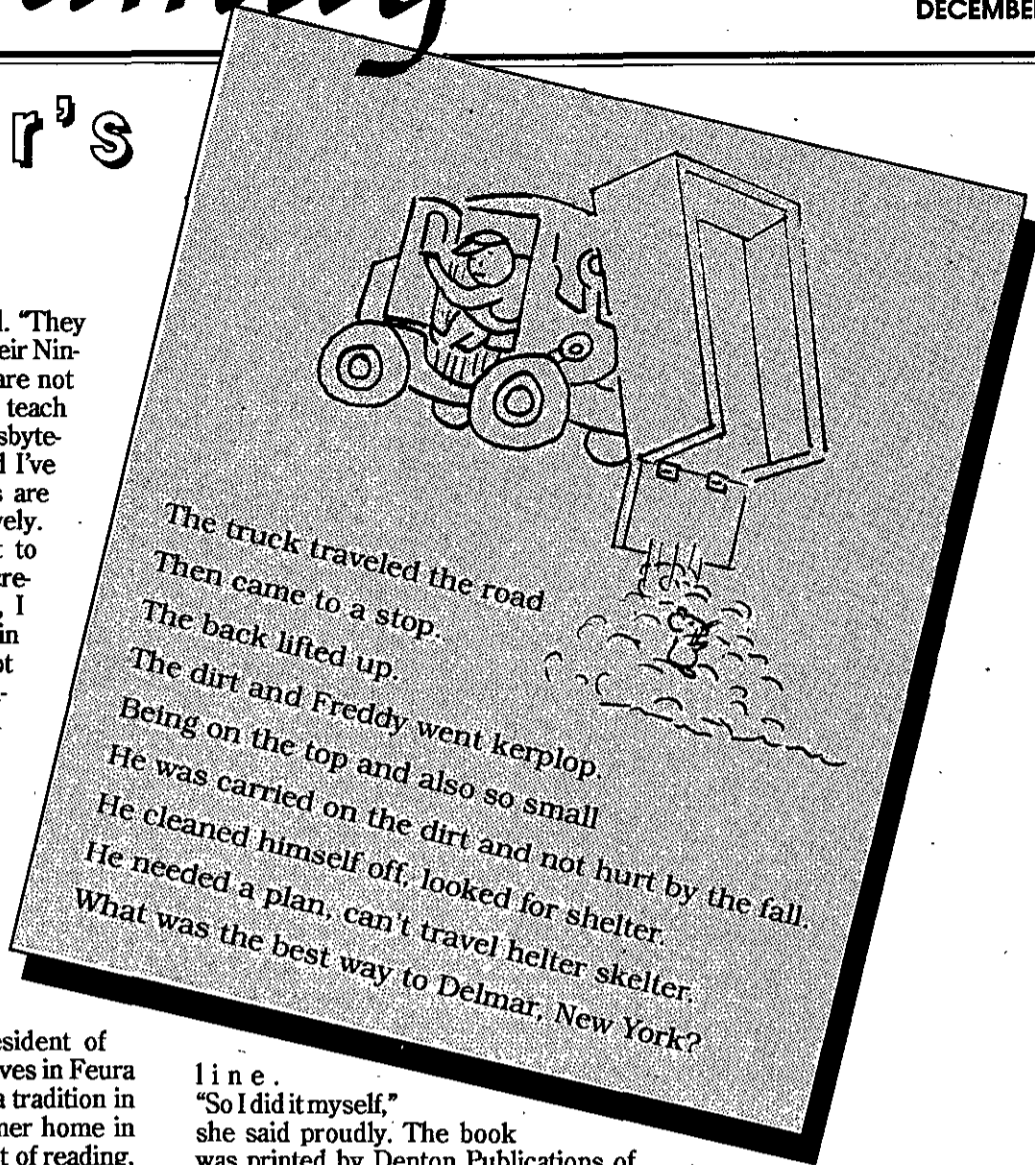
Andrews hopes that Freddy's entrance into other local homes will rekindle the oral tradition in many families. "I'm a great reader myself, and I would hope parents would encourage their children to read, and especially to read with them. You can just watch their eyes pop out of their heads with interest when they are really involved," she said.

She also finds the lack of imagina-

as well as sitting on the front porch on the swing and storytelling. We'd play games, like starting a story and passing it from one to the next to continue. I think things would be a lot better if everybody still had one of those front porches!"

Andrews credits her father with her storytelling capabilities. "He use to fascinate me and my friends with his stories. One that especially used to get us was about a flying penny. He'd have us so that we could see that shiny penny, with its copper head and its date, just flying through the air. But what he had really done before he started the story was bury a penny with that exact date nearby — so we really found it when he was finished. It was marvelous!" Andrews' father is now 97 years old. "The relationship between parent and child has been so pulled apart by automation these days," Andrews added "perhaps this in some small way can change that."

While Andrews had approached publishing companies with Freddy's tale, all wanted to edit the story, at what she felt would be the expense of characters or situations important to the family story



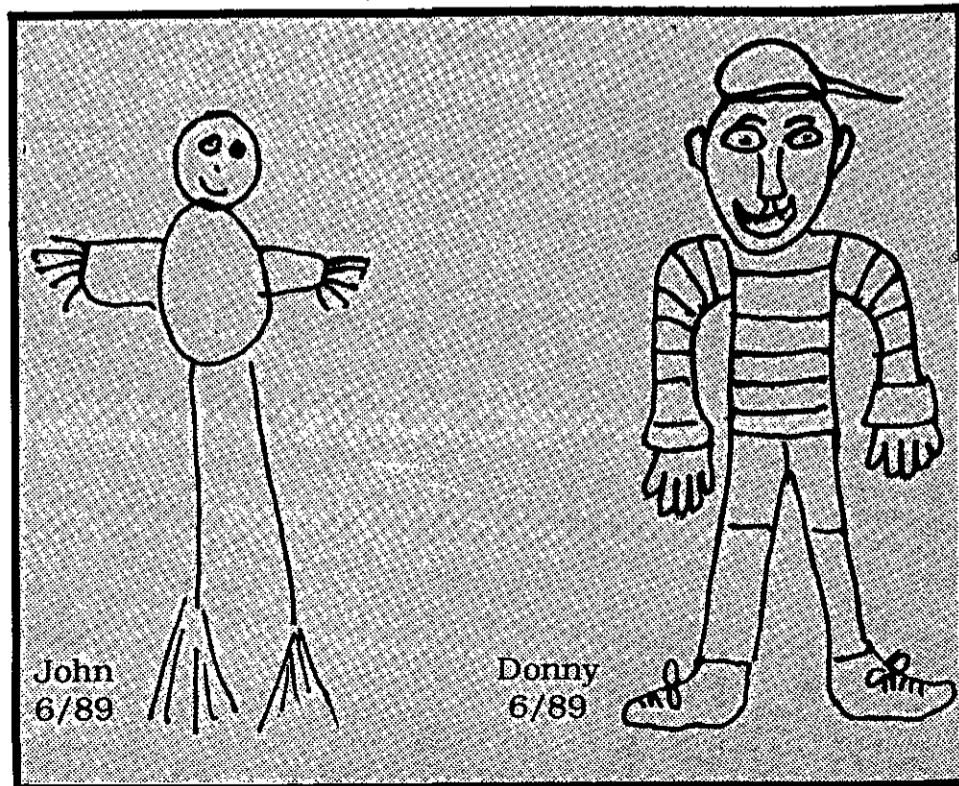
line.

"So I did it myself," she said proudly. The book was printed by Denton Publications of Elizabethtown, N.Y., near the Andrews' summer home.

*Freddy's Family* is in black and white, but Andrews feels that Santa may be bringing more colorful editions to her grandchildren at Christmas. As well as the rhyming text, she did most of the illustrations, with the exceptions of those initialed by her grandchildren.

The general public can pick up Freddy's adventures at The Doorway, Johnson's Stationers, and the Friar Tuck Bookstore in Delmar. Andrews was pleased to report that over 100 copies have already been sold.

What next for the busy grandmother? "I'm doing another book, about a little Indian — Achocolatechip — from the Lake Champlain area, which I would consider sending to a publishing house. But I have a daughter in the New York City area, and she is carrying my next grandchild, so there may be more Freddy stories come February," she said.



Illustrations fill *Freddy's Family*, including these from the next generation of Andrews artists.



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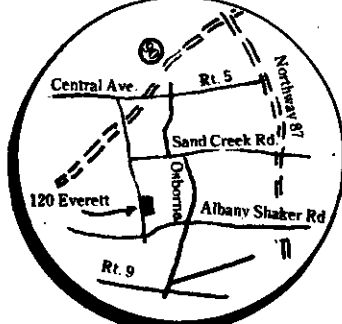
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Superintendent William Schwartz speaks on the future of the school district, RCS Middle School, Ravena, 7:30 p.m.

**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

**SECOND MILLERS MEETING** featuring presentation of author Nat Boynton on "Perils and Pitfalls of Private Publishing," Delmar Methodist Church, Delmar.

**BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** general membership meeting and mixer, Chez Rene Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, \$6 per person at door. Reservations, 439-0512.

**RED MEN** second Wednesdays, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

**LITERARY LECTURE** "Bleak House," presented by Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**HOLIDAY PARTY** hosted by Education Parent Support Group, Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Junior High School, 7 p.m. Information, 756-9397.

**DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** meet second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED** Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

**TESTIMONY MEETING** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7862.

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

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**Thursday**  
**December 14**

**BETHLEHEM**

**CHRISTMAS BRIDGE LUNCHEON** sponsored by Women's Organization of the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-5362.

**JAPANESE DANCE COMPANY** performance by the Saeko Ichinohe and Company dance troupe, Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Dr., Delmar. Information, 442-4240.

**BETHLEHEM WORK ON WASTE** meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 449-5568.

**RCS HOLIDAY CONCERT** Senior Band, Harmonics, Senior High Jazz Ensemble, Senior Chorus, Ravena High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Information, 756-2155.

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**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.

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**BOWLING** sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group, for parents of handicapped students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

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**MEETING** Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #1493, Dept. of New York, Post meeting rm., Voorheesville Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-4306.

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

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**December 15**

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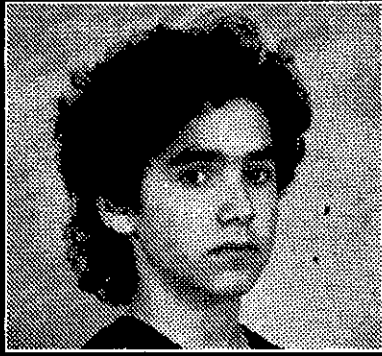
**HOLIDAY MUSIC POTPOURRI** vocal and instrumental selections by Bethlehem Central High School, Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, South Gallery, Albany, noon-1 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

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## THE YOUTH NETWORK

### Smokeless tobacco

*This week's Networks column was submitted by Dr. Jay F. Piccirillo, division of Otolaryngology, Albany Medical Center.*

The use of smokeless tobacco by teenagers, especially boys, has been increasing at an alarming rate. More than 12 million Americans use smokeless tobacco, including three million under the age of 21.

The irony is that many people believe chewing tobacco is a safe alternative to cigarette smoking, when in fact, both can kill you. It is particularly tragic for young people to get hooked on smokeless tobacco because it may be many years before they realize the terrible health consequences.

**Myths About Smokeless Tobacco**

Which of the following is true?

1. Smokeless tobacco is a safe alternative to smoking.
2. Smokeless tobacco is not as habit forming as cigarettes.
3. Smokeless tobacco is not a problem, except among cowboys and farmers.

If you answered true to number 1 — wrong!

If you answered true to number 2 — wrong again!

If you answered true to number 3 — you strike out!

It has taken a long time for the public to realize that smoking is a major health hazard. It's becoming less and less acceptable or chic for people to smoke. Recently, however, another tobacco related public health menace has begun to surface — smokeless tobacco, that is chewing or sniffing tobacco. Sixteen percent of all males between 12 and 17 used smokeless tobacco in 1985, and the number is increasing rapidly.

The tobacco industry has succeeded in duping the youth of this country into thinking that by using smokeless tobacco instead of cigarettes, they are exercising a safe alternative. Make no mistake about it, it is the young people of this country to whom the industry has directed its efforts. For example in some states surveys, more than 50 percent of those who use smokeless tobacco developed the habit before they were 13 years old. Don't let you or your children be fooled. Smokeless tobacco is a deadly habit.



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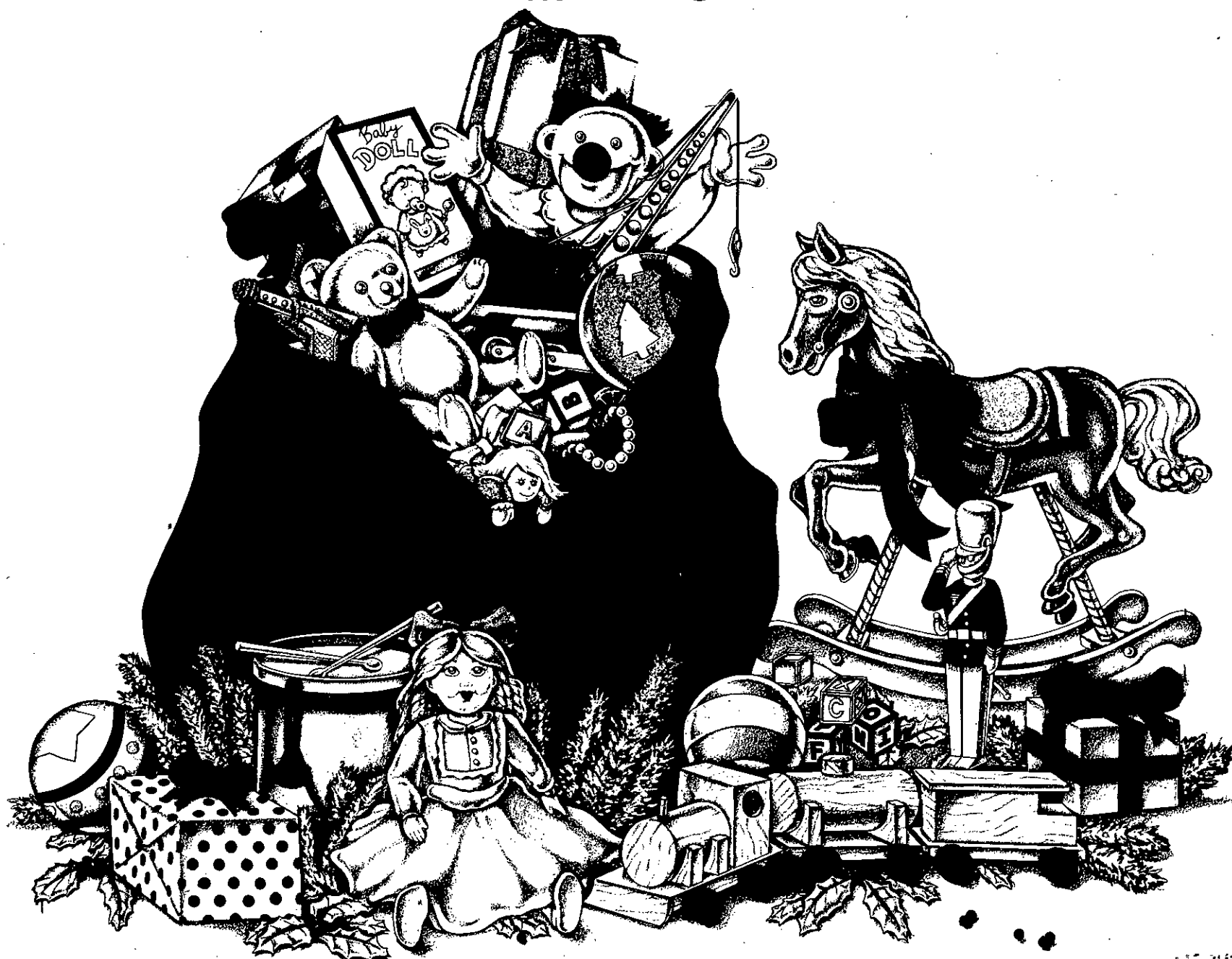
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	<p><b>Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle</b> 35 Adams Place      Delmar, New York</p> <p>You are invited to join our parish community at Christmas to worship and celebrate together the birth of Jesus, our Savior. We pray this great feast will be a time of homecoming and family joy for all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Masses</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 PM Christmas Eve (Sunday) Christmas Vigil Eucharist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Christmas celebration begins with this Mass which includes the lighting of candles throughout the church. (A second Mass is offered at the same hour in the school.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 PM A Liturgy of Readings and Carols precedes the Midnight Mass with choir and strings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>On Christmas Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 AM Christmas Mass at Dawn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 AM Concelebrated Mass with Special Liturgy of the Word for children.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM Traditional Christmas Mass with choir.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:00 PM Christmas Mass at Noon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The candlelit church is open on Christmas Eve between the hours of 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to visit and invited to pray during this time.</p>								
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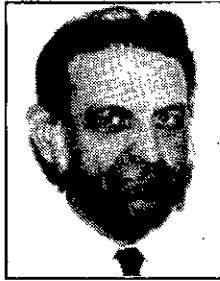
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