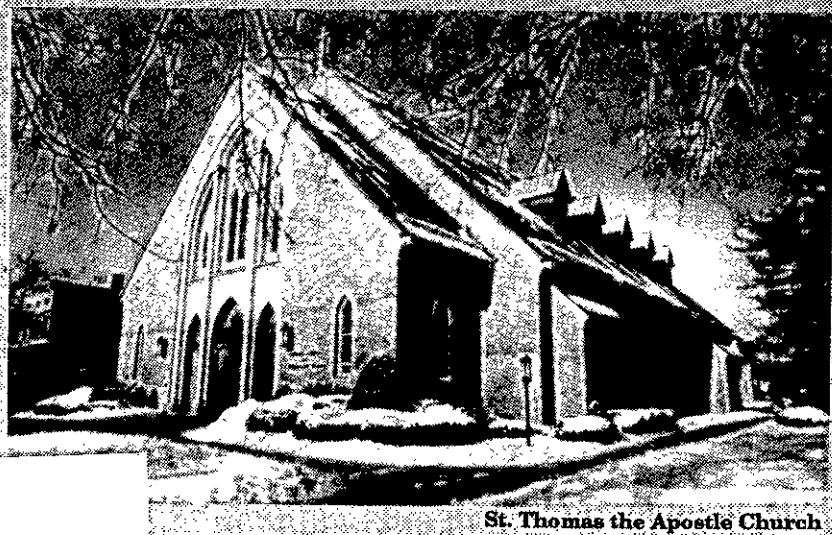




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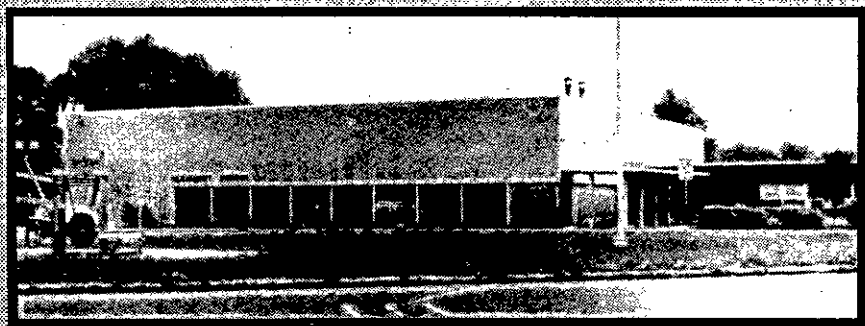
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Glenmont Elementary School

## Glenmont school wins state honors

"Our school motto, 'Care About Yourself, Care About the Things Around You,' is the basis for our approach to children and to one another." That is how Principal Donald Robillard summed up Glenmont Elementary School for the State Education Department. In turn, the department has named Glenmont as one of 27 winners in the statewide Elementary School Recognition Program, a consideration that makes Glenmont eligible for national honors.

Robillard described Glenmont as a close-knit, cooperative unit in which both students and staff "see themselves as learners."

According to Superintendent of Schools Leslie Loomis, Robillard and his staff will be recognized at a ceremony on Jan. 17 at Chancellor's Hall. A reception in the State Rotunda will follow. "All the credit goes to Don and his team," Loomis said. "They deserve the recognition."

Bethlehem Central Schools Director of Information Cristi Carr, has a  
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## Barr named to lead Bethlehem planners

Martin L. Barr of Elsmere, a retired attorney, will become the next Bethlehem Planning Board chairman, according to Bethlehem Supervisor-elect Kenneth J. Ringler.

Ringler said the incoming town board, which will have three new members including himself, had "reached a consensus" after an "extensive review process." Barr will be appointed at the board's organizational meeting on Jan. 2, Ringler said.

The 61-year-old resident of Euclid Avenue has been active in various planning capacities in the town, including serving as chief spokesman for the Delaware Avenue Improvement Association during the 1960s and 1970s.

He also served on the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Bethlehem Plan-

ning Board during the study to redraft the town's zoning ordinance in the 1960s, and as president of the Bethlehem High School Parent-Faculty Organization.



Martin L. Barr

In a written statement to the board, Barr said: "Bethlehem is a suburban town that has sought to join the beauty and nature of the countryside with the social and economic opportunities of the city. Unfortunately, such an effort can not be entirely successful. I have read that the suburb fails to be a countryside because it is too dense and fails to be a city because it is not dense enough."

"Even if our goal were ideal, we must continue to strive toward it. Whether some of us like it or not, the town will continue to grow, grow and change. We must not

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## Site near village eyed for new nursing home

By Bob Hagyard

A vacant parcel outside Voorheesville is being eyed as the primary location of a three-story, 200-bed nursing home.

Mercycare Corp. of Albany County, the not-for-profit organization that operates St. Peter's Hospital, wants approval for the home and a 50-registrant adult day care program. Approval must also be obtained from the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York, the regional health planning agency, and by the state Health Department, which regulates skilled nursing facilities in the region. An application was filed with the HSA last week.

Several sites, all in Albany County, are under consideration, according to a one-page abstract of the application the agency made public. However, the preferred site is the stretch of vacant land northwest of where Route 155 joins Voorheesville Avenue, just outside the village line.

Purchased years ago by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, which operates Mercycare, it encompasses 76 acres running from the village line north to the southern edge of the bloc owned by the Weatherfield developers.

The entire site is zoned for low-density residential use under current Town of New Scotland regulations. Nursing and convalescent homes are allowed in an LDR zone by special use permit from the town zoning board of appeals.

Mercycare indicated in its application that it needs six or seven acres at most for a site.

Mercycare's original application named the former Sisters of Mercy convent property across Manning Boulevard from St. Peter's as the site. That plan "was withdrawn," said Joan Frering of HSA, "because of a concern over traffic congestion in the area around St. Peter's, and

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Paul Millhausen (left), Lt. Peter Merrill (second from left) and Robert Irish (right) of the Elsmere Fire Department with the firemen of the year plaques awarded by the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association. The morning of April 22, the three entered a burning duplex to save the life of a 73-year-old resident. With them, second from right, is Elsmere Chief George Kaufman.

Joe Futia

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## A dancer teaches



New York City-based dancer Renee Tuzun of the world-renowned Sacko Ichinohe and Company Japanese dance troupe performs at Bethlehem Central High School last Thursday. The performance included Japanese contemporary, folk and traditional dances. The company was hosted by teachers Judy Scanlon, Ann Howell, Christine Schade and Barbara Cox. *Joe Futia*

### Volunteers needed to drive patients

The American Cancer Society is in need of more volunteers to drive cancer patients to and from treatments. Volunteers must use their own cars. The hours are anywhere between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and on weekdays only. Patients usually need to be driven only to local hospital and medical treatment facilities in Albany County. For more information, call 438-7841.

## Normanskill Road bridge closed due to deterioration

By Bob Hagyard

Where Normanskill Road crosses the creek to become Johnston Road in the Town of Guilderland, two expressionless highway workers awaited a Friday rush-hour snowstorm and hordes of commuters bent on crossing a closed bridge.

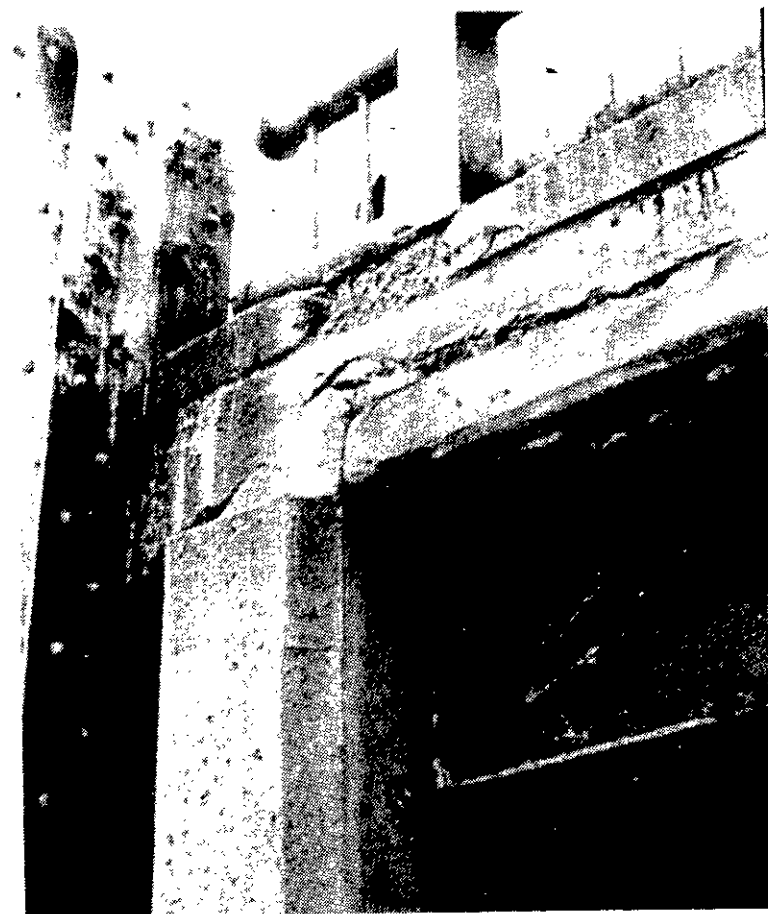
Concrete barriers went up that morning after a routine state safety inspection Wednesday revealed "deterioration in the bearings for the main girders," said County Highway Commissioner Richard Rapp.

The foot-wide steel beams support the north approach of the bridge and rest on concrete supports at each end. An inspector left grease-paint marks at the problem areas: at least one beam is no longer square with its supposed resting place.

Wednesday, state Department of Transportation officials notified Rapp, ordered a reduction in the weight limit from seven to three tons, and ordered him to take action. The next morning, Rapp called in engineers from Clough, Harbour Associates, who recommended barriers to block off all traffic.

The seven-ton weight limit was imposed by DOT in 1985 when inspectors found cracks in the concrete footings and a weakened concrete deck.

At the time, DOT officials spoke of replacing the bridge in 1986 or 1987, Rapp said, but the project



A deteriorated beam forced Albany County to close this bridge over the Normanskill. *Bob Hagyard*

was placed low on DOT Region I's list of priorities. So in 1987, Rapp said, it was put on the 1993 project list.

Hundreds of New Scotland commuters used the bridge on their way to work in Albany and

back. The closing forced commuters to use the nearest alternate routes: routes 85A and 85 to Slingerlands, and the more congested routes 155 and 20 to the construction bottleneck at the foot of the Northway.

## Town, police settle contract

A new three-year contract between the Bethlehem Police Officers Union Local 3364 and the Town Of Bethlehem was announced Tuesday by Officer Anthony Arduini and Councilman Fred Webster.

In contrast to years past when contract negotiations were heated and stifled by disagreement, the recent round of negotiations were considered amiable.

Webster said he and Councilman Robert Burns had the support of entire board. "I feel very fortunate that we have a three-year contract," Webster said. The previous contract was an 18-month contract that involved outside arbitration.

During negotiations, Webster took part in actual police patrols and toured the station as part of a familiarization process. "I spent a lot of time learning about their problems and appreciating what they went through," Webster said. "Our relationship has improved consistently. The problems of the past seem to be behind us. Those problems weren't mentioned at all during negotiations."

Arduini, president of Local 3364, said the atmosphere of negotiations was "extremely good."

"I think the town supervisor (J. Robert Hendrick) was with us 100 percent," he said. "And being together like that was the thing - it shows us his concern."

Webster said he was pleased with the contract negotiations and the "positive attitudes" shown by the union. "I was pleased with the union president's concern about the whole department and not just a small group of people," Webster said.

The contract, which is expected to be ratified by the town board at its Dec. 27 meeting, includes a six percent salary increase per year beginning in 1990 as well as time and a half for all holidays worked and three personal days per year.

Any officer who receives an officer in charge assignment will receive officer in charge pay from the first day of that assignment.

For officers with 15 to 19 years on the force, one day of vacation will be given for each year employed over the 15-year mark. That

vacation is in addition to the standard four-week vacation time allowed per year.

The contract also requires that all candidates for the department must live in the town during their first-year probationary period. Officers can relocate to anywhere within Albany County after that year.

There are 34 full-time officers on the force. The current one-year contract expires Dec. 31.

*Mark Stuart*

### Kenwood center plans school break program

The Kenwood Child Development Center will sponsor a recreation program for school-age children during the December school break period beginning Dec. 26.

The program will include activities in sports, arts and crafts,

movies and other special events. The hours of the day-long session will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The center is located at 799 South Pearl St., in Albany. To register, call 465-0404.

### Amazon field trip planned by Audubon

Ronald Dodson, President of The Audubon Society of New York State, Inc. announced recently the society is sponsoring a "Field Trip" to explore the Amazon River and the rain forests of South America. The trip, running from May 9 to 25, is entitled Project Jungle Rivers of South America.

The trip will include visits to some of the top wildlife areas in South America and will be accompanied by trained naturalists representing New York Audubon.

For a free color brochure concerning the trips, call or write the New York Audubon, 767-9051, Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary, Rt. 2, Box 131, Selkirk 12158.

### Methodist events

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar will hold a variety of seasonal events throughout the holiday season. On Saturday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 a.m., the church will hold a special program for children.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, the church will hold two worship services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Each will be preceded by a carol singing in the sanctuary. At 6:30 and 7 p.m., the Youth Fellowship will present a live nativity in the courtyard.

Also on Sunday, there will be Christmas Eve services at 7 and 11 p.m.

The church is located at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. For more information, call 439-9976.

## 'Happy holidays'

That seasonal salutation has edged its way into almost everyone's late-December greetings. It recognizes the existence of multiple festivals, applicable to virtually any religious tradition, as well as the purely secular observance that follows.

And as we close out the decade of "the Eighties," there truly is much that we Americans can be happy about. What had been known throughout our lifetimes as the greatest menace to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness seems to have receded. World security is generally in better condition and outlook than anyone can remember.

True, unsolved obstacles to happiness abound. We are uncomfortably aware of the afflictions besetting mankind, from poverty and homelessness to disease and addictions. But our very awareness of the trials of others speaks well for a people who, despite reassuring peace and prosperity, refuse to turn their backs on their brothers. In this season, is not that a warranted source of rational joy?

## We close a decade

And what a decade it's been! It opened with the beginning of the Reagan Era and a national trauma over the hostage crisis. It is drawing to a close in what may not become known as the Gorbachev Era but at least one in which our eyes are turned eastward to momentous events there. Perhaps it will be famous as the Walesa Era.

It was precisely at the outset of "The Eighties" that my wife Mary and I arrived in Bethlehem as the new publishers of *The Spotlight*. And what a decade it's been here, too! The community has changed its face almost continuously, and so have its problems, issues, and priorities. Many of the national scene's dramatic shifts have been reflected in our expectations and beliefs right here at home.

*The Spotlight* has of course changed along with the times, but in other ways as well. As we prepare to enter the decade of the Nineties, your community newspaper is stronger, larger, and more successfully enterprising in its coverage of and commentary on local concerns. In the number of pages each week, and in other physical aspects, we have grown most satisfyingly, too.

Over these 10 years, incidentally, we have delivered to our faithful readers (whose number has increased by 50 percent) about 500 weekly issues containing many millions of words and tens of thousands of advertisers' messages. Our news and editorial space has multiplied five times over.

On the strength of our readers' and advertisers' support, we felt confident enough in May of this year to add a second *Spotlight* to our publishing enterprise. The *Colony Spotlight* has been thriving for these past eight months.

The editorial and business staffs of both papers join Mary and me in expressing sincerest thanks for the wonderful support from our literally countless friends over this decade. And of course in offering the warmest of good wishes to each of you for this season, the coming year, and the next great decade.

Richard A. Ahlstrom  
Publisher

## If winter comes

Can spring be far behind? Who among us is not repeating Shelley's eternal question as the season changes?

A half-year ago we editorialized with the notation that, as of the first day of summer, the days already had started to shorten. This week, in a fair turnabout, we can resolve optimistically that each day brings another sliver of prolonged sunlight. Within a matter of short weeks, we'll all be exclaiming about the noticeable extra minutes of daylight before the evening's gloom.

We know, as the poet said long ago, that every mile is two in winter. But as another poet informed us, winter is the mother of spring, as night is the mother of day. So bend to the winter wind, remembering too that its blows are only relatively unkind.

A reward is hereby offered for the first reported crocus. Or a robin on the wing.

## Rescue squad wins mother's thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

By now many people have heard of the birth of our daughter, Lindsey Dee, who was unexpectedly delivered at home by her father.

What most people are unaware of is that night seven people were awakened a little after midnight and braved a 30-below windchill to come to our house and provide the delicate medical care, emotional support, and love that were needed by a newborn and her mother. These seven people are volunteer members of the Delmar Rescue Squad. They were joined by three Bethlehem Police Officers, two of whom are also paramedics.

Until that night we luckily had never had the need for the serv-

UNCLE DUDLEY

## Vox Pop

ices provided by the Delmar Rescue Squad. The knowledge held by each is unbeatable. The teamwork exhibit is to be applauded. The fact that each gave up hours of their own time to provide what only they can to the people of Delmar makes us very thankful that we live here.

We could never sufficiently express in words just how thankful our family is to each of them for being here for us on Dec. 4. To Mary Preska, Chuck Preska, Art

Lyman, Al McNamara and Bob Boyea our thanks for all they did. To Sgt. James Kerr, Officer Bruce Oliver and Officer Scott Anson thanks for additional support.

Lastly, to Amos Bastiani and Dave Bastiani — these two hold a special place in our lives as the first to arrive after Lindsey's birth and for all they did that was "above and beyond the call of duty."

We wish all of them a New Year filled with happiness. With special friendship,

Kimmy, Michael,  
Sean and Lindsey Ryan

Delmar

## Those dreadful squirrels

Squirrels are like flies in the soup to most people. They get inside the walls of your house (and perhaps expire there), they're everywhere you don't want them, and worst of all they love to chase birds away from feeders and gobble up the sunflower seeds and other tidbits. They're saucy and have no manners or sense of their proper place.

I'm among the multitudes who have spent many an hour and wasted many a strategic plot trying to foil a pesky squirrel, only to then invest additional time in damning the entire bushy-tailed crowd. Besides, minus that tail, what's a squirrel except an acrobatic rat, his cousin in the rodent family.

We have a "squirrel-proof" feeder — in fact, a couple of them, of varying design. One, that tips shut when a squirrel's weight touches it, is pretty effective, except that birds don't seem to fancy its strange design, either. The other feeder is suspended strategically from a long metal hook on a tall cast-iron pole, and is sheltered by a big lid. I've watched as squirrel after squirrel accepted the challenge and, like freshmen at an initiation, demonstrated their insouciant adaptability by solving the puzzle created for their enjoyment, finally hanging by the tail in order to be able to nibble away.

The birds (when they have a chance to feed) often drop seeds to the ground, and here's a bit of a bonanza squirrel-wise.

And as I scrutinize the action from the picture window, inspiration struck. Keep squirrels off the feeder by giving 'em plenty on the turf! So such a campaign was launched, seemingly with quite a bit of success. Later, as I observed them scrounging, realization set in. Sunflower seeds weren't enough! Those squirrels might have to go away hungry! Could I do that to them? The obvious answer was no.

So, a new campaign — and it's succeeding beautifully. In my squirrel-protection phase, nothing is too good for the little beasts. In addition to handfuls of seeds, their diet now incorporates a nutritious meal of Cheerios, pecans, dog kibble, raisins, toast, stale crackers, and rice cakes.

You have no idea what reward there is in watching a squirrel family swoop in and eat to their hearts' content. When real snow

comes, I'll have to figure some way to make sure that their meals aren't covered over. Meanwhile, a nice new hobby... (And I can't imagine anyone not admiring squirrels and their thrifty ways).

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Something of this little lesson in perspective came home to me afresh the other evening during a comfortable chat with a friend. We were reminiscing, and he turned to recalling a recent experience that had substantially altered his view of a longstanding feud.

## An ancient feud is repaired in a chance encounter

For many years — a score or more — he and a business acquaintance had been embroiled in a dispute that flared into personalities and strong, sometimes bitter, antagonisms. When there weren't active, sharp encounters, there were instead extended periods of distrustful and angry silence. One avoided the other, and for years came into contact only under unwelcome circumstances that were unavoidable. To my friend, the other person's name was anathema.

I was fairly well aware of much of that, but my friend now was bringing me more up to date. "You know," he said, "of that quite large punch party that the Jacksons throw every year?"

"Well, Gladys Jackson must have forgotten one fact that I'm sure she knew — that you just don't 'invite X and me to the same place. The mongoose and cobra kind of thing, you know."

"But there were X and I together in the same room. As the evening wore on and the crowd thinned, X and I realized — probably at about the same moment — that we were within a couple of feet of each other."

"It was X who did the right thing. He stepped forward and — believe it or not — introduced himself, as though I might not know! We shook hands, and after a second's hesitation we were in a very civil conversation."

"Over the next five minutes or so, maybe ten, we talked together. I asked him about a couple of friends of his — that sort of thing — and, strangely, I thought, he said, 'I don't want to be rude, but what are you doing now?'"

"It was becoming time to go. Wives were in flustered attendance. He squeezed my elbow as we exchanged goodnights."

"I may never have occasion to speak with X again. But those few minutes did quite a lot in setting our world to rights. Anger can be a very corrosive thing. And I guess that I have to recognize that X may not be quite as poor a specimen as I've been able to believe. Perhaps he's thinking the same thing."

When my friend had talked himself out, I told him about my squirrels.

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## Reflections on the holiday seasons

### Freedom holiday

Mort Adell, M.S.W., of Delmar, has just retired from a teaching position at Empire State College, after being executive director of the Albany Jewish Federation and Senior Service Centers of Albany.  
By Mort Adell

Hanukkah is basically a freedom holiday. It is a joyous, fun-loving time of celebration with one's family and friends — eating "latkes" (grated potato pancakes) and "Mantel brote" (small dough-cakes with honey), and playing with the "draydel" (a four-cornered top with Hebrew letters) for small stakes. It is a time of remembrance — of happy memories of one's childhood and of family and good fellowship.

The word "Hanukkah" (often spelled "Chanukah") means dedication, and some think it stems from the word "Chai," meaning life.

When Antiochus Epiphanes, king of Syria and ruler of Palestine in the year 165 B.C. (before the Common Era), tried to impose idol worship upon the people of his dominion, his goal was to destroy the peace and religious freedom of the Jews living in the area. He set up idols in the holy temple in Jerusalem and desecrated the altar.

Judah, the Maccabee, son of Mattathias, led his people in the revolt battling the Syrian army, and they fought for freedom and religious liberty. Even though greatly outnumbered, he led the Jews in victory from oppression. The idols were destroyed and the great temple in Jerusalem was purified and rededicated.

The legend is that when the temple was restored, and the huge candelabrum was lighted, there was oil enough for only one day. Even though it took eight days until a fresh supply arrived, the light still burned for all that time. And so, the 25th day of Kislev (approximately corresponding to our December) and seven days thereafter, the "Feast of Dedication" has been set aside as the observance of freedom from oppression and the Festival of Lights. It is also marked by the exchange of gifts and by family reunions.

In these days of turmoil in Europe, and in other areas of the world, it seems fitting and proper to observe this "freedom holiday" as a time of significant changes in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, and other countries seeking greater freedom and democracy for their peoples. Perhaps the rebellious uprising (not the Marcos rebels) in the Philippines may likewise be a manifestation of yearning for greater freedom: freedom from poverty, homelessness, and deprivation. This is a goal for which all the peoples of the world strive.

The people of China and South Africa, and likewise the poor of this affluent, great country of ours, have a common yearning — freedom from want and a desire for happiness and self-actualization.

And so, on this Hanukkah eve, on the "Feast of Lights" — so close to Christmas and the spirit of celebration and the joy of giving — let us hope that these two great holidays bring more freedom, peace, and happiness for not only the Jews but all the people of this planet Earth!

### Christmas heralds 'kinder, more humane world'

The writer is retired as rector of St. George's Church in Montreal. He is a frequent guest preacher at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany during the Lenten season.  
By Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator

The scene from the columned tower of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is a reminder that the struggle between good and evil continues in this world, notwithstanding the optimism of US President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev at the Malta summit.

The tower rises above the grotto deep in the foundations of the church where Jesus Christ, the founder of the Christian religion, was born.

From that tower, one can see beyond the surrounding buildings, (including a Muslim mosque) in the distant Judean hills the ruins of the tomb of the Hebrew king who ordered the killing of every Hebrew baby boy, two years old and under, in Bethlehem and its environs. St. Matthew's gospel records the terrible directive, indicating the king gave it because he was afraid this child one day might be his rival.

There is no historical record that Herod the Great actually did what the gospel stated. But it was the kind of crime the power driven monarch was capable of doing. Pathologically suspicious of any potential threat to his throne, including any from members of his own family, Herod had already sent to their deaths his favorite wife and her two sons.

The Herodium had been built in the Judean hills by the cruel king as a retreat from his royal duties in Jerusalem and in time of trouble, and after he died he was buried there.

On the eve of Christmas the world would sooner forget the Herods and focus on the Christ child. Not easy to do. Herod's successors are still at their dirty work.

None more contemporary than the possessed woman-hater stalking corridors at the University of Montreal and killing 14 women and then himself.

In Bogota, Colombia, the extraditables, part of the powerful cocaine cartel, claimed responsibility for the recent truck bombing in the downtown area, which killed at least 37 persons and injured hundreds.

Is it not strange that in a world which still produces such cruel successors of Herod the Great, millions pause at Christmas to remember the man who taught the elusive ethic of love? "Love one another just as I love you," He told his followers.

Is it not strange that in the face of all the hate and killing that took their toll around the world in past centuries, the memory of this man and his love-ethic was kept alive?

In his Christmas sermon preached in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket used as his text the words of the angel recorded in St. Luke's Gospel: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased."

Becket asked, "Does it not seem strange to you that the angel should have announced peace when cease-

lessly the world has been stricken with war and the fear of war? Does it not seem strange to you that the angelic voices were mistaken and a cheat?"

Were there nothing but hate, injustice, inhumanity, killing, etc., among people and nations, one would have to answer the archbishop's question with "yes."

On the surface of things to remember, the Christ-child at Christmas seems out of place because there is so much evidence to indicate Jesus's love-ethic is irrelevant and impossible.

But what about the evidence to the contrary? To what has happened in Poland, is happening in East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and may happen in Lithuania inside Russia? To the countless expressions of kinder humanity everywhere in Christendom, such as contributing to your own church or charity aimed at making Christmas a joyous time for the homeless and needy?

It is easy to be cynical and say, "Band-aid stuff, a drop in the bucket of woe and terror in the world, which will always be there. And don't expect any miracles, not even at Christmas."

This writer disagrees. The coming of the Christ with his love-ethic has made a difference. The full impact is difficult to assess; words only hint at it.

"Christ is the greatest character in human history," wrote essayist Clutton-Brock. St. Paul went deeper and farther: "In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven." (Col. 1:20).

There are the Herods of history and modern times and the world can do without their kind of humanity.

But Jesus Christ himself and the reliving of his life in his followers from St. Paul to Mother Teresa (and countless ordinary, kind, humane people in today's tormented world) spell the difference between a world ruled by hate, injustice, killing, and a world motivated by love and compassion.

In the light of the way Bethlehem's most famous son lived and taught and died, one can answer the question why a person should behave without thought of his own interests, why we should love and not hate, why we should tell the truth, be long-suffering and compassionate, even when we stand to lose by so doing and to suffer from the callousness and indifference of other people.

Little wonder many people, including Christians, have concluded Jesus was "a tough act to follow."

But the fact remains that a kinder, more humane world can only materialize as people give more than lip service to Jesus Christ and his prescription for making it possible. This Christmas, as we light the candles, deck the halls, sing the carols, enjoy the turkey and all the trimmings, let us determine to try to live closer to the quality of the life of the man who challenged us to be kind to one another.

To quote one of the beloved carols, composed by Bishop Phillips Brooks: "O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today!"

### CONSTANT READER

## Straight shooting prevails

I wind up my little reference shelf of gift suggestions, for persons addicted to the printed word, with a gem that I've enjoyed immensely over the past fortnight. It is the most recent of the annual thrillers by Dick Francis, the nonpareil of action/adventure/mystery writers, all within the world of horse racing.

The book is simply called "Straight," in the straightforward Francis style. This is his 28th novel, of which 13 have one-word titles, and only a single book title goes to the third word. (He has two non-fiction books.) My bookshelves contain all 30; and to say that I've read and enjoyed each is putting it mildly. Many of them I've read two times or more.

"Straight" must be rated by a Francis fanatic such as myself as just about the best of all. You may have noted that it's already on *The*

*New York Times* bestseller roster (in sixth place at this writing). The publisher is Putnam, who does it up handsomely at \$18.95. All 120,000 words are effectively presented by both author and publisher. They're a winning combination.

"Straight" has a number of interwoven themes, but the dominant one is honor and honesty (pretty much as the title suggests). The protagonist is a steeplechase jockey (in the mode of almost every one of the series) and the tale is related in the first person (as are all the books).

Dick Francis is an unparalleled master of immersing himself in an endless variety of unusual occupations or interests, and presenting them to the reader as though he himself had a lifelong intimacy with each new intricate subject. In "Straight," beyond the expectable

*"A scorpion asked a horse for a ride across a raging torrent. Why not? said the horse, and obligingly started to swim with the scorpion on his back. Halfway across, the scorpion stung the horse. The horse, fatally poisoned, said, 'We will both drown now. Why did you do that?' And the scorpion said, 'Because it's my nature.'"*

— From "Straight"

racing, thievery, and murder, Mr. Francis involves himself and you in gemology and also in gadgetry such as hand-held copiers and electric measurers, computerized travel guides, and telescopes that tell you how far away you are from the object in view. (This is only the beginning of his gimmickry — most of which plays an essential role in the plotting.)

The variegated strata of plotting all come together satisfyingly in the end, after the hero, Derek, has suffered the predictable assortment of cruel and inhuman punishments. Along the way we encounter a bonus of insights through his strong characterizations and effective dialogue. Among these, I particularly marked the "private and impassioned prayer" left behind by Derek's brother (whose violent death in the opening pages sets us on the path of further misdeeds that follow.) These were the words:

"May I deal with honor. May I act with courage. May I achieve humility."

As Derek observes, "that prayer was for saints."

Some other epigrams: "Crime to many is not crime but simply a way of life. If laws are inconvenient, ignore them, they don't apply to you." "Infinite sadness is not to trust an old friend." "Historically, more people have died of religion than cancer."

There's the revealing line from a married woman's letter to a lover: "I'm running out of headaches."

One of the best of Dick Francis's little sideglances I copied down and you'll find it in an adjoining column.

Find "Straight" and enjoy it. But don't expect to borrow it, because any owner won't willingly let go. And in another year there'll be a 29th tale emerging from Mr. Francis's typewriter. Right now, he's surely researching one more strange occupation for his next hero.

# Matters of Opinion

## Residents' presence sought on Dec. 21

Editor, The Spotlight:

The holiday season is a very inappropriate time for the Town Board to rush to its decision on one of the most controversial developments considered in recent years.

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning (BCRP) has filed lengthy comments on the Delmar Village Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) showing that the analysis of Delmar Village is not complete, the impacts are great, and the mitigation measures are inadequate. Even though the project has been on the books for five years, that alone should not be

### Vox Pop

a criterion for approval. In fact, it indicates a history of procedural woes and technical ineptness. Citizens concerned about the project were allowed the review time required by law and not much more. Citizens have raised good questions and numerous concerns. Many major problems are still not answered or mitigated in a way that protects the neighboring residents and our town's taxpayers.

Let us point out that the fiscal impact of this project will cost you,

the taxpayer, money. This project is not self-sufficient from a tax revenue point-of-view. In addition, the Town Board is considering mitigation measures that are not planned, not scheduled, and not budgeted. But it is clear that we will ultimately pay the bill. The impact on schools is controversial and is yet another step leading to overcrowding and redistricting.

The Delmar Village project originated with a trade of a road segment for a major zoning change. Was that trade adequately evaluated? No, it was determined to have no environmental impact. That decision was a mistake, a mistake that is now being further compounded by not mitigating the impacts that eventually were disclosed. And most of the mitigation measures proposed will cost you, the citizens, not the developer, money.

The town does have options. It can reduce the density of the project. It can assess the cost of mitigation to the developer. And of course, it could take the most courageous, most correct, action and set the project aside until Bethlehem has a comprehensive plan. More specifically, until there is a highway

and land-use plan for this very important part of town.

We applaud Town Board members Sue Ann Ritchko and Bob Burns. They understand the importance of this project. They are listening to citizen concerns and reviewing the analysis. They believe it is important to have a rational basis for a decision.

We invite you to come to the Town Board meeting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 21 to listen to the board deliberate.

Sylvia Ponemon,  
for Executive Committee,  
Bethlehem Citizens  
for Responsible Planning

eration in making the food drive such a huge success.

The employees of the Postal Service wish one and all a very happy holiday season.

Jim Hodgins  
Manager, Communications  
Albany Division,  
U.S. Postal Service

### Penny-wise slash at Helpline deplored

Editor, The Spotlight:

Prevention programs are always the first to be cut from local government budgets because their effect is not measurable during any current political half-life.

But cut the phone wires at Helpline? It's penny-wise and pound-foolish, and the ripple effect will be tremendous. Many of the Capital Region's human-service providers receive a large percentage of their clients from Helpline referrals.

People who need help are said to have only "one psychological dime." Taking away help that is available and accessible 24 hours a day leaves the hospital and some supermarkets to fill the gap!

I can only wonder what worthwhile projects the county will fund with its new-found quarter of a million dollars.

The squeaky wheel gets the grease, and it's not likely Helpline callers will band together to save each others' throats.

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Diane B. Kermani  
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### 51 tons of food collected by carriers

Editor, The Spotlight:

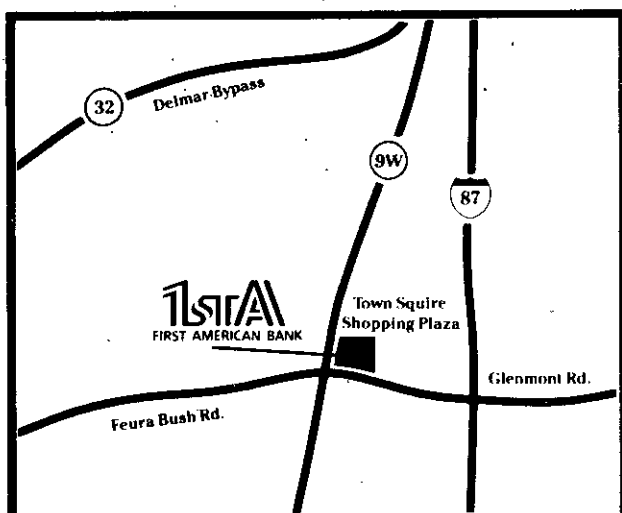
During the week of Dec. 4 to 9, the letter carriers of the U.S. Postal Service collected 51 tons of food for local food pantries. Food collected in a specific area was taken to the nearest food pantry in northeastern New York State for distribution.

In Albany 14 tons of food were collected by the letter carriers. Carriers left in the morning with their mailbags full of mail and returned in the afternoon with their mailbags overflowing with food for the less fortunate. The associate offices of Glens Falls, Plattsburgh, Schenectady, and Troy collected 36 tons of food. In suburban communities more collections were made and counted in the 51-ton total. The Albany letter carriers were the first in the nation to start this program. Last year, the first year, the carriers collected 18,000 food items. This year, with so much more food donated by our postal customers, we were forced to weigh the food instead of count it.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Tall Timbers DEIS aspects analyzed

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Town of New Scotland's planning board really deserves high marks on the super effort it has put into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Galesi Group's Tall Timbers development.

I took up the public offer to read over C.T. Male's DEIS statement on the project. It surely looks like the Tall Timbers development could be an excellent neighbor to all of us.

Questions will have to be fully answered on the largest development ever to hit the town. Maybe it would be wise for the planning board to give final approval on only the first phase that includes 52 houses of the total 170 single-family homes proposed.

Another very important issue is the "promised" water supply to 67 residential lots in the Orchard Park development, and the development of a community sewage disposal system could and should be moved forward. Let's see how Phase One goes first.

The proposed on-site sewage system will be designed to service only Phase One and would therefore have no growth-inducing aspects as is the water system to service the 170 units and provide a new source of water for the 67-plus units in the Orchard Park subdivision.

This system would not provide the ability for additional hookups, according to the DEIS.

The impact statement makes a very strong point that future development (Phase Two, 118 units) of the Tall Timbers project is only contingent on the development of a municipal wastewater treatment plant projected to be constructed in five to ten years.

With approximately 65 percent of surface drainage towards Vly Creek, there is a definite concern of contamination of the water aquifer by the runoff of lawn-care products by future residents and

care of roads (salting, etc.). Again, the DEIS reads: "This is an issue only the town of New Scotland can control."

Hilton Road widening will better facilitate the increased traffic generated by this development. The New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) has established guidelines for railroad crossings such as the existing crossing adjacent to the Tall Timbers site, saying it might not be sufficient to provide for widening.

Standard procedures set by DOT require that a hearing be conducted prior to the modification of a rail crossing. This process will have to be initiated by the Town of New Scotland and would require coordination between DOT, the town, and the developer.

Many town residents remember the Tall Timbers Country Club tennis courts and the huge banquet hall and clubhouse when the golf course was operating.

The DEIS says the recreation areas such as these will be "privately owned" and maintained by a homeowners' association. I recommend the developer rebuild these areas as planned and the residents of all the town utilize them for a much-needed community center, which many groups have been trying to build for our teenagers and families. This would make an excellent all-around community center centrally located in a super environment.

Finally, a long, hard look should be taken at the cost to New Scotland taxpayers for additional fire protection by the New Salem fire department.

The nearest fire-apparatus station is at the New Scotland Station No. 2, located across from the Long Lumber Co.

A letter of concern from the New Salem fire department's chief, Louis Donato, Jr., says: "This satellite system is adequate for current fire protection but, with the Galesi development and other develop-

ments on the east side of town, the New Scotland station will no longer be adequate protection for this expansion."

A new fire station will be needed for proper fire protection of our new residents. Possibly the developers could donate a parcel of property closer to the east side of town and establish a building and truck fund to offset the costs of a new fire station.

Again, congratulations to New Scotland planning board for thinking this through. Keep up the good work!

Harry Van Wormer

Voorheesville

### Terms of settlement with Larned endorsed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you, New Scotland Councilmen Craig Shufelt and Al Moak, for looking out for the entire town when dealing with the \$150,000 Larned mining settlement issue. To quote from the Town of New Scotland and Larned settlement agreement:

"Upon the execution of this settlement agreement, Larned will deposit with the town clerk, in escrow, the amount of \$150,000 in cash or letter of credit. Said funds to be held until such time as the conditions set forth below are met after which time said funds will be turned over to the Town of New Scotland to be used to reimburse the town for its expenses incurred in connection with its review, study and defense of the litigation (emphasis added) which has arisen

by virtue of the application for a special-use permit as previously described in this agreement as well as the creation of a public water supply district for the area generally described as the Orchard Park area to the extent such payments for such purposes are permitted by law or by authorization of the Comptroller of the State of New York.

The litigation costs are the first item mentioned in the settlement agreement to be paid from the \$150,000. Therefore, it seems only appropriate to reimburse the town

taxpayers' general fund for the money already paid for these legal bills. To state that the \$150,000 was allocated strictly to develop water for Orchard Park is plainly a misstatement of fact as you can see from the above reference. I would like to see everyone in town with municipal water, including my household, but let's do it fairly.

Councilmen Shufelt and Moak deserve thanks for equitable treatment of this matter.

James R. Carroll

Feura Bush

### Words for the week

**Anathema:** Someone or something cursed, reviled, or shunned. Also, a vehement denunciation or curse. Originally, a formal ecclesiastical ban or excommunication.

**Humility:** Modesty, lack of pride, the quality or condition of being humble.

**Insouciant:** Blithely indifferent, carefree.

**Intricate:** Having many complexly arranged elements. Soluble or comprehensible only with painstaking effort.

**Nonpareil:** Without rival, matchless, unequalled. A paragon, a person unmatched. (Also, in printing, a size of type. And let's not overlook the small chocolate drops covered with white pellets of sugar, also bearing this name.)

**Protagonist:** The leading or principal figure in drama or other literary form; from Greek drama as the leading character.

**Scrounging:** Salvaging or foraging; also, wheedling. Seeking to acquire something at no cost. Often regarded as slang.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Reflections on the killings

Editor, The Spotlight:

I felt numb, after the news of the killing of the students on the campus of the University of Montreal.

I am the mother of two daughters who were college-educated. My memories of visiting the colleges and the hours spent there are such good ones.

I can only begin to imagine how the families and friends of the students must feel, after the slaughter at the university.

What next? Must we begin to place guards at every school? "If we don't do something about the problem, we are part of the problem."

Are we really going to continue to allow automatic and semiautomatic rifles? Even if this deranged person had a single-chamber rifle he would not have been able to kill many people.

Even hunters should not have those weapons, for if they do, hunting is no longer a sport either.

Nothing but public apathy allows this outrage of so-called freedom in our society.

Name submitted

Selkirk

### 'Sexist violence' is subject of bill

Editor The Spotlight:

As much as I would like to rationalize the tragic deaths of young women in Canada as attributable to the killer's deranged mentality, I cannot, for this reasoning calls for a response. This is not the first

time that feminism has been cited as being unacceptable.

When the women's movement first began, the quotation that "men of quality do not fear women's equality" was expressed to point out that "quality" people do not place others in a second-class status nor feel threatened when people refuse to accept this lower status.

Since the early days of the women's movement, a struggle has been waged against sexism. Sexist attitudes can be encouraged by sex discrimination, sexist humor, and particularly by any acceptance of violence against women. Messages within a society can encourage, as well as discourage, feelings about violence towards women.

We must do all we can to discourage violence, for not only does sexism hurt, it also kills. One action we can do this year is to support a bill that is currently being considered in New York State. This bill, referred to as the bias-related violence and intimidation bill, will be a clear message that acts of violence against women and minority groups are unacceptable. Although it has been passed in the Assembly (#7464), this important legislation is currently being held up in the Senate (#4600), and its passage does not seem hopeful.

Kathy Bobb  
president,  
Albany Area  
National Organization  
for Women

Westerlo

### Thanks to officers from relieved girls

Editor, The Spotlight:

One night this week, my friend and I were home alone. We thought we heard footsteps downstairs. My friend Erin called and we told her we thought someone was in the house and she called the police. They came and searched the house. They didn't find anyone, and we were happy about that. We would like to give Officer Harrington and the two others who came a special thanks.

Michele Myers (13)  
Celia Doherty (11)

Delmar

### Equinox appreciates editorial support

Editor, The Spotlight:

We at Equinox commend your editorial of Dec. 6 in support of community commitment to fight substance abuse. We appreciate your recognition of the work our counselors do to help those more in need in our area and beyond. At this holiday season, we all need to renew our conviction to make possible a drug-free society and to support those services which enable us to fight this struggle.

Lorraine D'Aleo

Delmar

### Holiday closing

The New Scotland Town Hall will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 22 and 29, for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

## Fire districts hold elections, pass bonds

By Mark Stuart

Voters in the Elsmere and Delmar fire districts approved separate bond issues for \$142,000 and \$80,000 respectively and five new Bethlehem fire commissioners were elected last Tuesday night.

The Elsmere Fire Department plans to purchase a new pumper for \$240,000, of which \$142,000 will be funded through the bond. The remaining \$98,000 will come from an existing reserve fund, according to W. Gordon Morris, treasurer of the Elsmere Fire District.

The Delmar Fire Department will use the \$80,000 to purchase a new ambulance.

Voters on the North Bethlehem Fire District approved a proposition to spend \$4,950 on a new storage building by a vote of 82-6.

There were two contested fire commissioner elections. Anthony Morrel defeated William Martin, 284-53 in the Elsmere Fire District. In North Bethlehem, William James was elected commissioner by 78 votes, defeating Joseph M. Fahd of Guilderland who received 13 write-in votes.

In uncontested elections, Thomas Smith and James McCarroll were elected commissioners in the Slingerlands Fire District.

Henry Kleinke was elected commissioner in the Delmar Fire District. Joseph G. Keller was elected commissioner in the Selkirk Fire District.

All commissioners will serve a five-year term on the five-member board.

## Glenmont

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personal as well as professional pride in the citation.

"As a parent, I'm thrilled. Glenmont certainly deserves the award. I have a son in 5th grade there, and I have seen that their commitment is broad-based, in education as well as arts. They are about to perform a holiday *Cantata*, which they wrote themselves about the homeless. It even in-

cludes a march on Washington, which was written into the script long before it actually occurred. It's just another example of the school's involvement. It's absolutely marvelous," she said.

The school now enters the national phases of the competition. The district will know by Feb. 6 if Glenmont is a national nominee. National winners will be selected in May.

## Barr named

(From Page 1)

allow such growth to take place in an incoherent and unplanned manner, which can only deform or destroy our environment."

Barr was selected from a field of five candidates, whose nominations were submitted by 1990 town board members. He retired this year after serving for 20 years as counsel to the New York State

Public Employment Relations Board.

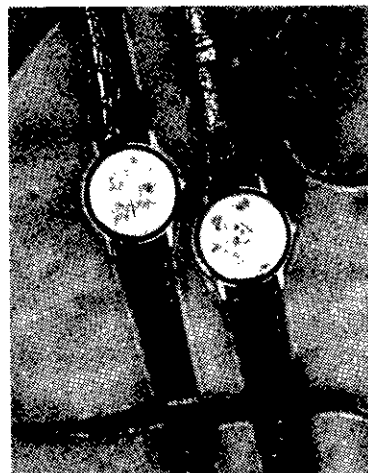
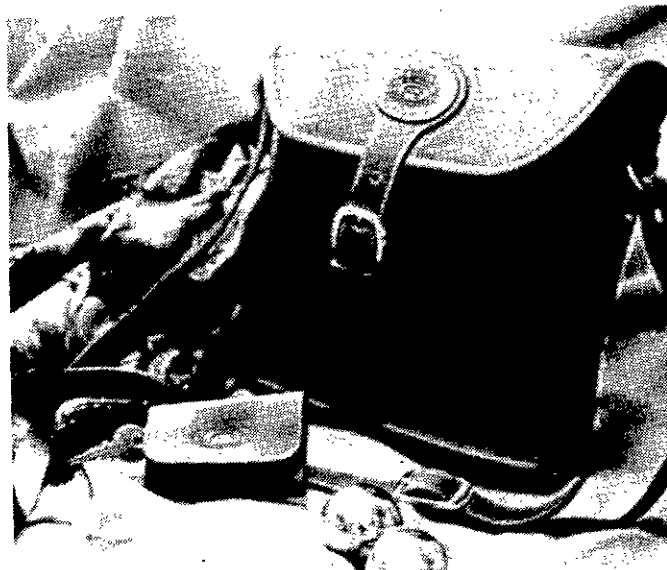
He was born in Newburgh, Orange County, and served in the Navy from 1945 to 1946. He graduated from New York University in 1949 and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1952. He has an extensive legal resume, including serving as assistant counsel to the Public Service Commission.

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Board grants stop sign request

By Mark Stuart

Against the advice of the town's Traffic Safety Committee, the Bethlehem Town Board Wednesday night approved a request from Elm Estate residents for three-way stop signs at the intersection of Fairlawn Drive and Ellendale Avenue.

Citing lack of opposition at a public hearing, increased population in the Skycrest development and an anticipated traffic increase, the board unanimously approved the stop signs.

Wednesday's decision was the third time in two years the board went against the recommendation of the committee in regard to stop signs and speed control. In two separate cases in 1988, the board approved stop signs for Jefferson Road in Glenmont and Willowbrook Avenue in South Bethlehem despite contrary recommendations from the committee.

In all three cases, the committee followed state Department of Transportation guidelines, which discourage the use of stop signs for speed control.

At a public hearing Wednesday night residents said the lack of sidewalks and street lights add to the safety problem at the intersection. One Ellendale Avenue resident noted that the intersection of Ellendale Avenue and Fairlawn Drive is a bus stop for both the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk and Bethlehem Central school districts.

Bethlehem police Lt. Fred Holligan, chairman of the Traffic

Safety Committee, disagreed with the board's decision and the residents' expectations. "I think you're expecting something from a stop sign that is not intended," he said.

Speed surveys conducted in August by the Traffic Safety Committee indicated that there was not a speeding problem at the intersection. Holligan added that during increased patrols of the intersection in November, 11 tickets were issued, including six for speeding and one for driving while intoxicated.

Five people spoke in favor of the stop signs. "Accidents with cars we can repair, accidents with children we can't repair," said Dave Crabtree of Ellendale Drive, adding that the stop sign issue goes beyond speed control and includes traffic control.

Murilene Gallogly of Fairlawn

Drive presented a statement to the board advocating stop signs based on figures collected in the Traffic Safety Committee's August speed survey. According to her figures there is an average of roughly 23,000 speeders in the Ellendale-Fairlawn intersection per year.

In other business, two public hearings were held regarding two separate water district extensions for the Quail Hollow Estates in Glenmont and an appliance warehouse on West Yard Road in Selkirk. No residents spoke at either hearing.

There will be a special town board meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 p.m. to discuss and possibly vote on building project approval for the Delmar Village project.

The board approved the sale of 4.38 acres to Callanan Industries

of South Bethlehem for \$10,000. The land was originally intended to be used as a park, but the town recently purchased a larger parcel of land along South Albany Road for use as a park.

The board authorized the transfer of \$41,000 to the Department of Public Works and \$2,000 to the Receiver of Taxes Office to cover year-end payroll and overtime. A \$3,047 transfer was also approved for the Planning Department to cover the cost of upgrading that department's computer terminal.

The next regular town board meeting will be Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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# Town approves refuse fee hike

The Bethlehem Town Board last Wednesday approved increased rates for the Rupert Road transfer facility effective Jan. 1.

According to Martin J. Cross, superintendent of highways, the new rates are due to the "substantial increase" in the ANSWERS program and the increased costs in operating and closing portions of the town's landfill on Rupert Road.

The new rates will remain in effect until the town installs a

vehicle weight scale at the Rupert Road facility.

Bruce Secor, commissioner of public works, said a fee will be charged even for disposing recyclable material in the town's recycling bins. "Recycling is necessary, but recycling isn't free," Secor said.

The fee for residential users will increase to \$3 per vehicle, up \$1.

Fees for recyclable items are \$3 for mattresses, couches and chairs, up from \$2; \$3 for rugs and carpets, up from \$2; \$6 for appliances,

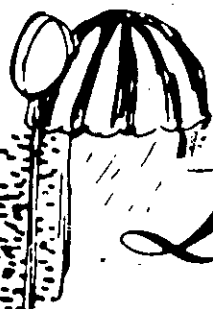
up from \$5; \$5 for truck tires, up from \$4; and \$2 for car tires, no change.

Fees for commercial users are \$6 per yard of non-compacted loads of refuse, up from \$2; \$6 per yard of demolition building material, up from \$5; and \$8 a yard for stumps, brush and logs, up from \$7.

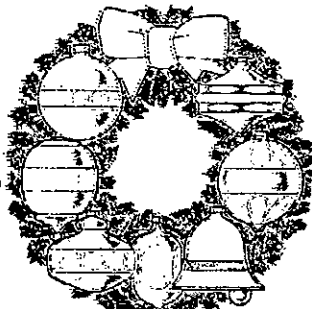
The fee for compacted loads of trash at ANSWERS will increase to \$48 a ton, up from \$30.50.



BC seventh graders Sara Battles (left) and Jennifer Piorkowski present gifts to Valerie Smith, development assistant at Parsons Child and Family Center.



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# RCS presents concert tonight

The sounds of the season will fill the RCS Senior High School Auditorium this evening as the junior high music department presents its holiday concert. Beginning with the 7th and 8th grade chorus followed by the 6th grade band and select chorus.

After a brief intermission, the junior high jazz ensemble, 6th grade chorus and the 7th and 8th grade band will perform.

Instrumental music is under the direction of Scott Andrews and vocal groups are directed by Kenneth Tyrrell.

The concert begins at 7:30 with doors opening at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

## Collector visits class

Mr. Peter Luke, a collector of antiques, visited Rose Lightsey's fourth grade class at P.B. Coeymans School with many of his treasures. His collection included a stove pipe hat, games from the 1900s, advertisements from the 1800s and many other artifacts. It was a very special presentation as the students were encouraged to touch as well as look at the artifacts. Luke used his display to tie in with the social studies unit on local history.

## Student to compete

Jennifer McDonald, Selkirk resident and ninth grader at RCS will be competing in her first national gymnastics meet. McDonald will be in Reno, Nev. competing in the Flipp's Invitational Gymnastic Meet January 5, 6, and 7. She will compete in Level 9 Advanced Optional All Around Events including beam, bar, floor and vault.

This is a USGS sanctioned meet and McDonald along with 8 other members of Yury's Gym will be competing for national ranking.

## News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



## Get those tickets

The Bethlehem Elks remind you to hurry and get your tickets for their annual Gala New Year's Eve Party. On Dec. 31, of course, beginning at 8 p.m. with a buffet, music at 9 'til 2 by Sundown, followed by a continental breakfast. Party favors, beer and soda are also included in the ticket price of \$45.00 per couple. Tickets are limited and the deadline for purchase is Dec. 26. No tickets will be held. For tickets and info, call Ken Parker at 731-2916 or the lodge at 767-9959.

## DAR awards

The Annual Yuletide Tea of the Hannakrois Chapter of NSDAR was held on Dec. 9 at the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum on Cedar Hill. During this Event, the DAR Good Citizen of the Year Awards are presented to one Albany High student and one Ravena Coeymans Selkirk student.

This year's recipients are Mara Fruiterman, a senior at Albany High School and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Fruiterman of Albany and Nina DeCocco, an RCS senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeCocco of Selkirk.

DeCocco is in the top 1 percent of her class, president of the National Honor Society, listed in Who's Who of American High School Students and participates in a variety of academic and sports clubs in school and is an active member in the Onesquethaw Reformed Church.

Fruiterman is active in her synagogue, where she has helped in the soup kitchen and visited

nursing homes and hospitals with her youth group. Her interests range from theater to tennis and she plans to attend college in September 1990 to pursue a major in the theater arts. She sees her prospective career as a "means to teach people, kids especially, about social problems and how to deal with them."

Both students received a \$50 savings bond and a commemorative pin.

## Happy wishes

From my family to yours, we wish you the happiest holiday ever, may your Christmas and Hanukkah be all you hoped for and please keep this holiday safe for yours and others by not drinking and driving. Let's make it a happy New Year for everyone. Cheryl Clary

## Community Christmas dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar will hold its second annual Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner for all ages on Christmas afternoon at 2 p.m.

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## BC students recognized by Elks

Bethlehem Central High School has named Matthew Begg and Meredith Tombros November Students of the Month, and the Bethlehem Elks Club in Selkirk will give an award to these students.

Begg, son of Robert and Nancy Begg of Delmar, is a senior active in Math Club, Chess Club, and the Thinking Reed. His hobbies include computers, electronics and Boy Scouts. He was nominated by Mr. Peters for his assistance in the CAD classes, as well as his work in

setting up a computerized desktop publishing program for the Principal's office.

Tombros, daughter of Jim and Barbara Tombros of Delmar, is a freshman. Mrs. Lillis nominated her for her helpfulness and friendly attitude. She is a member of Choraliers and the student government and active in Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group.

Other students nominated this month include Meghan Connolly, Jason Laks, Britt Luzzi, Rachel Nurick and Carla Torre.

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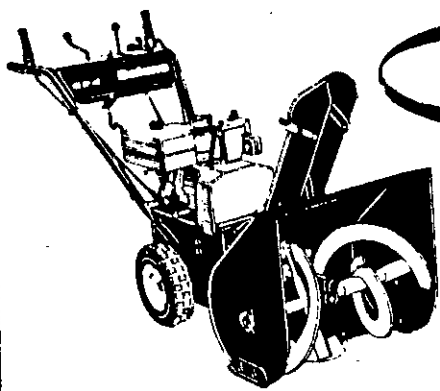
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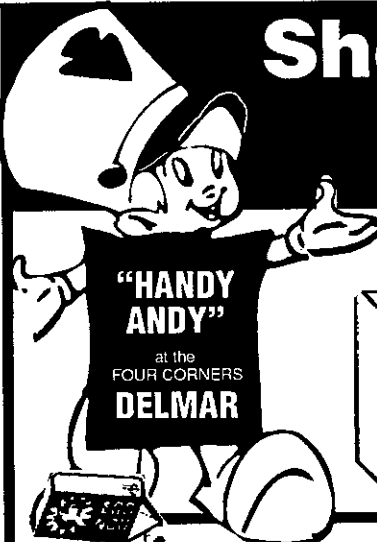
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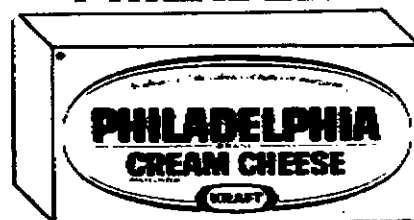
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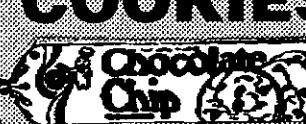
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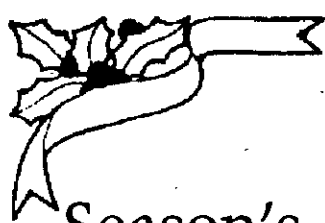
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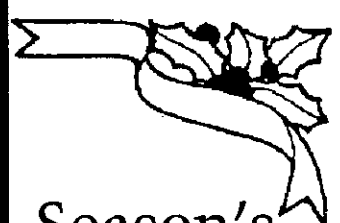
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# VC school chief skeptical of state report card

By Bob Hagyard

"We're doing extremely well, but if you subtract out the percentages, not significantly better than comparable districts. Yes, we do meet or exceed state standards."

That's how Alan McCartney, Voorheesville school superintendent, summed up the district comprehensive assessment report made public last week. The report includes partial schoolwide results from standardized tests taken during the 1988-89 school year.

Presenting the data to the school board, McCartney devoted most of his comments to pointing out its limits.

"To rank or compare school districts with each other on the basis of the data is completely invalid," he said, because of the high possibility of sampling error (the district currently enrolls 1,192). Further, McCartney said, "if I were asked to judge the climate for learning, or self-esteem of students from this report, I'd have to say these things are not covered."

One undeniable difference between Voorheesville and the rest of the state may be in the percentage of VC seniors who receive Regents diplomas. Last June it was 67 of 113, nearly 60 percent of the graduating Class of 1989. For the state outside New York City, the percentage was 33 percent (counting the city, much lower than that), according to high school principal O. Peter Griffin.

The other startling number is the high ratio of students to "support staff" — guidance counselors, librarians, social workers, nurses and psychologists. The ratio is 190:1 in districts of similar size, 186:1 for all state public schools, 174:1 for all other public schools in Albany County.

Voorheesville's ratio is 274:1.

In 1988-89, the district had "the equivalent of one fulltime psychologist, one-half of one social worker, two librarians, and two nurses," Griffin told the school board. "And 2.7 guidance counselors, but only a fraction (of one position) after administrative time." Enrolled in all grades were 1,196 students.

## Reconstruction

The board approved plans by architect Benjamin Mendel for \$7.1 million in reconstruction work at the elementary and high school buildings. Funding will come from the balance of the \$9.8 million asbestos removal/reconstruction bond issue approved by district voters last spring.

At the elementary school, plans call for a new main double entrance in front of the building. Gone would be the side entrance and parking lot, a traffic hazard, Mendel said, and traffic in front of the building would circulate one way, not two-way. A playground would be installed in place of the side lot. Workers would also relocate the library, revamp the gym and auditorium, renovate faculty workrooms, and install an elevator to serve the handicapped.

At the high school, workers would double the existing cafeteria, construct a four-classroom addition, renovate the pool, construct a 100-seat music practice room off the southeast corner of the building, install a new auditorium ceiling and replace the waterlogged stage, and renovate and enlarge the library.

The entire stage would be refloored, not just part, as the board was originally told a year ago by then-Superintendent Louise M. Gonan. Funding "would go outside the bond issue," said Anthony Cashara, assistant superintendent for business, since "it's a safety issue."

Set-up work — such as removal of library books at both buildings — may begin as early as March, said elementary principal Edward Diegel. Most of the work would be completed over vacations during 1990.

## Asbestos

The board also awarded six contracts totaling \$9,420 to remove 25 feet of pipe from a shop wall at the high school.

That's \$376.80 per foot, or \$31.40 per inch of pipe — asbestos-contaminated material not detected during previous sweeps of the building.

"We hope this is the last of it," said Robert Abramovits, consultant to the district on asbestos matters. The job would be com-

pleted between Christmas and New Year's, he said.

## Country club assessment

The board refused to sign off on an agreement, reached between the Town of New Scotland assessor's office and Colonie Country Club, compelling the district to reimburse the club \$24,000 over the next five years for over-taxation since 1983.

The overcharges stem from town assessments of the property beginning with the 1983 assessment roll, school attorney Donald Meacham reported. Beginning with the 1983 roll, he said, club attorneys filed grievances with the town board of assessment review.

As reported last August, Town Attorney Fred Riester sat down with Myron Cohen, attorney for the club, to review the case, including the assessments of comparable club properties. The "comparables" suggested to Riester that the town should have assessed the property at \$135,000 rather than \$150,000.

Terms of the settlement, Meacham related, were what Assessor William Bailey "felt what an acceptable compromise to avoid

extensive and expensive litigation." As for the method of payment, McCartney and former VCS business administrator Gene Grasso suggested that rather than deduct the annual amount from the tax bill, the district should collect the money, then send annual refund checks to the club.

Just one small problem: Though VCS stands to be the major loser from the agreement, the school board wasn't consulted. Until the board received a copy last month with a request to sign off on \$24,000.

"The issue is not a legal one, but one of communication," said board member Steven Schreiber. He asked Meacham, "What was the basis on which the assessment was changed?" Meacham did not reply.

Mary Van Ryn of the board wondered how the town erred on the club assessment. "The Grand Union was empty after 1983," she said, recalling another assessment

case brought by the owners of the former Voorheesville supermarket after the building was vacated. "This property represented no change (in use), no significant difference in any way."

"We receive taxes based on assessments of property conducted by the town," explained board president Joseph Fernandez. "We don't have any standing."

"If we don't sign," wondered Van Ryn, "who are we accountable to if we don't pay the money?" Later she added: "This is going to cost us more (revenue) than them (the town). And it may have been one of those situations where it might have been in our best interest to fight this."

Board member C. James Coffin stressed to others at the table: "The important thing is to be informed in advance. Is there any way we can express to the town our dissatisfaction?"

The board approved Schreiber's motion to delay the decision a month. The board president would also advise the Town Board in writing of "the need to be advised before (assessment) negotiations are agreed to."



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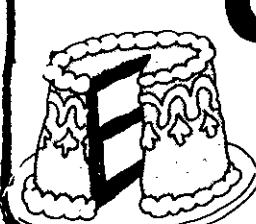
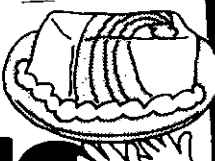

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# Vacation fun at the library

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On Thursday, Dec. 2, preschoolers are welcome to enjoy the film "Winnie the Pooh and You" featuring the beloved bear which will begin at 10:30 a.m. That afternoon at 2 p.m. a special art program entitled "Foil-a-saurus and Moree" will be offered by local art education instructor Holly Desmond Debs. Children of all ages are welcome to come and make creations out of foil.

The final holiday story hour will be held on Friday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Story hours will resume again on Jan. 9.

To celebrate the advent of the library's new computerized circu-

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



lation system which will go into effect during the next few months there will five fine free weeks held from Dec. 26 through Jan. 31. During that time no fines will be charged on overdue books and existing fines will be halved. It is hoped that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to start off the new decade with a clean slate.

Finally a reminder that the library will be closed for the holidays on Saturday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 25.

### Think warm

Clayton Bouton Junior Senior High School is encouraging students to "think warm" on these cold winter days. The school will

sponsor a springtime trip to Martinique during spring break from Apr. 7 until Apr. 14. Marguerite Montouri, an experienced traveller and teacher of French in Voorheesville

will led the trip to the French Island.

Reservations are for triple occupancy rooms in a hotel with pool and beach and includes all breakfasts and dinners. There are also several options for teacher led sightseeing tours which will include trips to a pre-Columbian Art Museum, the Schoelcher Library, Trois-Ilets-the birthplace of Empress Josephine, the Museum of LaPagerie, which contains relics of Josephine's childhood and Saint-Louis, a Roman Catholic Cathedral built in 1875.

Adults are welcome to come along too but only after all students have had a chance to sign up. For more information, call 458-1788.

### No more school

Vacation will soon be here. Students in the Voorheesville Central School district will leave for holiday vacation at the end of the day on Friday, Dec. 22. Both schools will have early dismissal with high school students leaving at 1:40 p.m. and grade school students being dismissed at 2:20 p.m.

Both the elementary and high schools will resume classes on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

### Kudos to soccer star

Congratulations go out to Kevin Davis, a 1989 graduate of Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School who is making soccer news at King's College in Westchester County. As goal keeper Davis finished the season by being named to the NCCAA All Northeast District, honorable mention All American and all star goal keeper. He also won the Most Valuable Defense title in the NCCAA National Tournament. He is the son of Lance and Penney Davis of Voorheesville.

### Competition under way

Robert Daley, exalted ruler of New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611, announces the opening of scholarship competition by two Elks groups.

The Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Students" Scholarship/Leadership awards are open to all New York State high school seniors. A total of 87 scholarships ranging in amounts from \$800 to \$40,000 will be awarded. The awards to students in this state will be part of the program which will provide 1,982 scholarships totaling \$3,169,600 nationally.

The New York State Elks Association will offer 54 scholarships of \$800 each as well as 18 special merit scholarships based on financial need to high school seniors or college students through their junior year whose father is, or was at the time of his death, a member of the Order of Elks.

According to local scholarship Chairman Edward Donohue application for both awards can be obtained at the high school or by calling him at 765-4400, or Daley at 768-2944. Properly executed applications must be filed no later than Jan. 19 with winners being announced about May 1.

### Scouts win awards

Voorheesville Girl Scout Troop 47 walked away recently from the annual Christmas Greens show at Pruyn House with several awards for their efforts. Jessica Veeder and Kate Tyrrell both earned blue ribbons for first prize while Emily and Erin Kohler and Melissa Martin earned red second place ribbons and Lisa Dunbar earned a yellow third place ribbon. The girls made their winning creations after a visit by guest lecturer Rachel Harvey, a member of the Helder-vue Garden Club and an award winner in her own right.

### Concert tonight

A reminder that this evening (Dec. 20) the last of three winter concerts presented by district music groups will be held. The concert featuring the junior high band and chorus as well as the senior high chorus will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school. The concert will be held in that location due to the renovation of the auditorium at the high school. All are welcome to this free program which begins at 7:30 p.m.

### Give to the needy

There is still time for anyone to donate food or money to the Human Concerns Committee which will be providing baskets and gifts for area families in need. Canned or boxed goods may be left off at St. Matthew's Church. To donate money, meat or a gift certificate, contact the Human Concerns Hotline at 765-2373.

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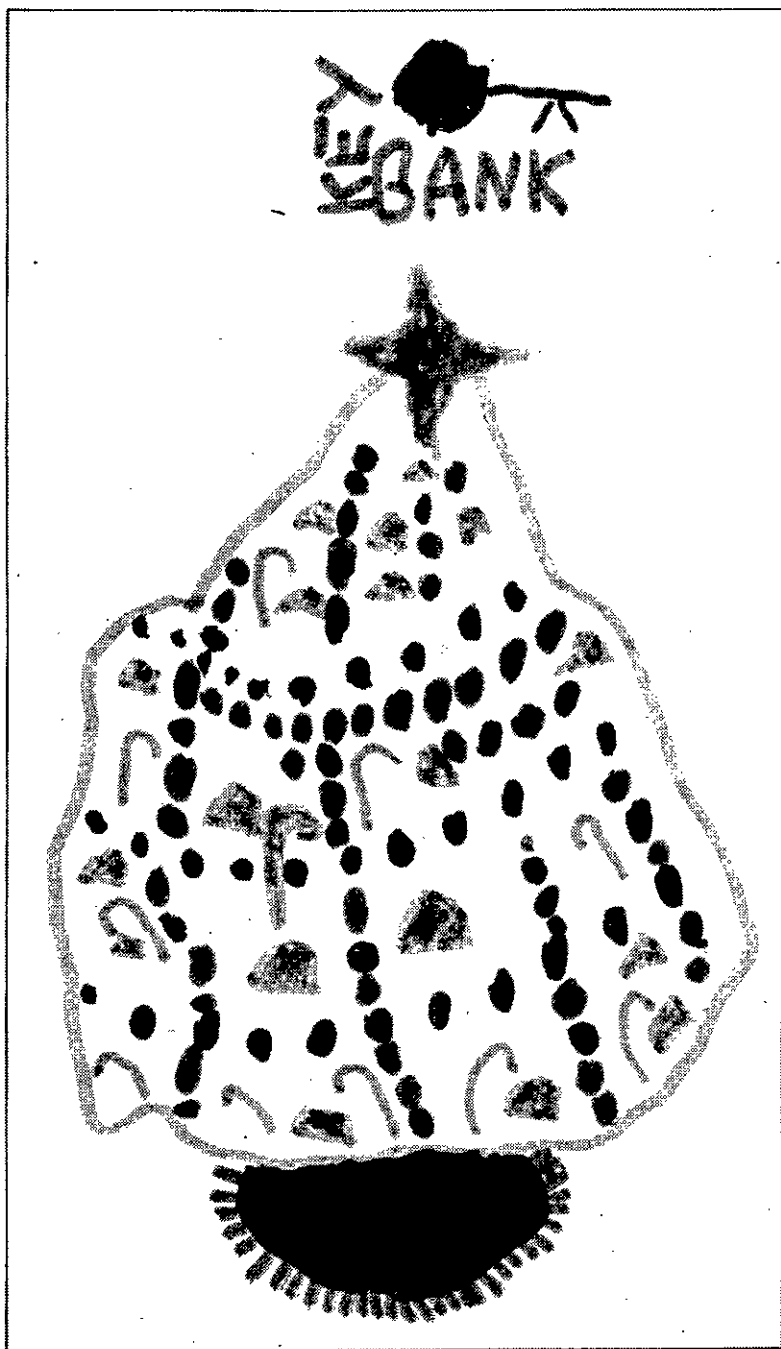
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Four-year-old Catherine Benton of Delmar submitted this entry in Key Bank's holiday greeting card contest, one of six winners out of about 900 designs submitted.

## Holiday card contest winners

Catherine Benton, 4, of Delmar, has been named one of the winners of Key Bank's holiday greeting card contest, out of approximately 900 entries by young artists throughout northeastern New York.

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This month, entries are on display at branch offices.

## Carol for kids

"Caroling for Kids," an annual fund-raiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Albany, is scheduled to run this year through Christmas Eve.

Individuals and community organizations are invited by the Ronald McDonald House board of directors to help raise money for the house by forming groups and caroling on or more evenings. For more information, call 438-2655.

## Presbyterian services

The Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., in Delmar, will hold three special services on Christmas Eve.

Morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. A Fellowship Hour will follow. An informal 7 p.m. service of carols and scripture reading will end in a candlelighting ceremony. The Lord's Supper will be served at the 11 p.m. service.

For more information, call 439-0481.

## Nursing home site

(From Page 1)

the physicians' office building (Mercycare) now wants to put on the site. At that point, they started investigating other locations."

In the new application, Mercycare promised to provide:

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Construction of the \$10.9 mil-

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Medicaid would be the source of 89 percent of operating revenues the first year of operation (\$10.3 million total). Medicare would contribute another 8.7 percent while private pay would account for the remaining 2.1 percent.

Operating expenses the first year would add up to \$9.8 million, the abstract stated.

HSA's Albany Subarea Council will review the application when it meets at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 9 at its offices in Pine West Plaza, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany.

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# Barn height, building fee changes proposed

A 35-foot maximum height for barns and other accessory structures in agricultural zones will come up soon on the New Scotland Town Board agenda. The change, plus a new building fee schedule, were recommended by the town planning board last week.

Public hearings must precede approval by the Town Board.

The 20-foot limit would still apply to accessory structures in all other zones. The 35-foot requirement would be in force "in cases where the parcel is 5 acres or more... provided the front, side and rear setbacks are at least 50 feet" from property lines.

As it now stands, the higher maximum applies only to accessory structures used for commercial purposes, such as farming.

Why a five-acre cutoff? Planning board member Ann Richards noted at the Dec. 12 meeting that it coincides with the town's five-acre minimum for commercial farming. However, Building Inspector Paul Cantlin wanted to see that lowered to three.

"My concern is for people with less than five acres," he told the planners Dec. 12. "If we're talking barns, then perhaps five acres applies. But we're not talking barns. We're talking about all accessory structures."

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"We're talking about appropriate and compatible structures," said planner Raymond MacKay. "We're looking for the type of building we want in rural areas, and that's how we came up with agriculture.... The sense of the discussion (the past month) was to try to be fairly restrictive."

A Nov. 10 zoning board rejection touched off that debate: a 32-foot high carriage barn reproduction proposed for the Freihofer property on New Scotland South Road which ran afoul of the 20-foot limit.

The proposed change "is a good, conservative plan," said planning counsel John Bailey, adding that if the limit proves too high or too low, "the town can re-amend it. I don't see this etched in stone."

The planning board's recommendation was unanimous.

### Building fees

Town Board approval was also recommended for a new schedule of fees the building department charges applicants for building permits, variances, special use permits, site plan reviews and other approvals.

"The idea is to provide the same service to small users, while charging more for large users," said board member Samuel Stein, echoing a consensus at the board table.

Residential building permit fees would rise dramatically for large homes, those over 3,000 square feet. Builders are now charged \$2 per 100 square feet without limit. That would change to \$15 per 100 square feet up to 3,000 square feet (\$450). After that \$450, the rate rises to \$20 for every additional 100 square feet.

"You have a \$1 million home plus barn," said Stein. "A \$200 fee just doesn't seem to cover the cost of the (building inspector's) work."

For "minor" users—homeowners applying for permission to install decks, porches, outdoor pools and such—the current rates would apply, noted Cantlin. "We want those people to come in with their plans so we can make sure they will conform to the law," he said.

"The only changes," he added, "are in defining 'non-building': tennis courts, dams, ponds, power, telephone and cable television lines, TV satellite dishes."

Board member John Loucks wondered if separate permits would be required for say, a pond and nearby bathhouse. The lan-

guage was unclear, he told Cantlin and attorney Bailey.

"We have always asked for two separate permits," Cantlin replied. "No one has complained yet."

Ponds need to be regulated by the town, he went on, because of siting problems: "proximity to roads, lack of fencing, and water backup," he said.

And home occupations, such as logging operations, deserve more oversight, said planning chairman Robert Hampston. "We'd like to require a permit," he said, noting the \$50 fee in the new schedule. "It lets you ride around," he said half-jokingly to where Cantlin and Bailey sat, "and if you find a home occupation, you send a letter, and it's \$50 to Paul."

"Home occupation," apparently defined twice in the 1981 zoning ordinance, was narrowed to the stricter definition last winter. A home occupation may not occupy more than 25 percent of the dwelling area, or involve manufacturing, display or sales on the premises, or offer any personal services except "those normally performed on a consultation basis" by members of recognized professions.

"Not all home occupations are allowed," Hampston said. He held up the fee schedule, then added: How can you tell from looking at

this whether this or that home occupation is allowed?" He then read the law, the strict definition which excludes all but "clergyman, doctors, lawyers and similar profession(als)."

As a property assessment consultant, Stein of the board spoke up. "How much would you guys charge me?" he asked. "I use my (home) phone.... to talk to my customers."

"You're not a lawyer, a doctor or a clergyman. You can't do it," said the building inspector.

The list could be lengthened, said counsel Bailey, to include consultants. Then he looked up.

"But what of traveling salesmen?" he asked.

In seconding the motion, Richards suggested the Town Board work up a better definition of "home occupations." The motion carried unanimously.

### Other action

The board also:

- Approved a site plan for the proposed Stewart's ice cream shop and self-service gas station in Feura Bush, so long as (1) the zoning board grants a variance allowing a store building of 2,300 square feet, more than the 2,000 square foot maximum called for in the ordinance; (2) the Town Board accepts the 20-foot wide Railroad Avenue easement Stewart's would yield up; and (3) drainage approval



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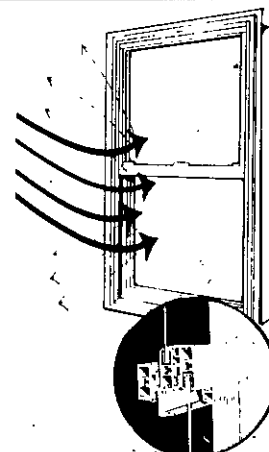
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• Advised Raymond Decker of potential problems he might encounter if he constructs senior citizen housing along the east side of Route 155 near Voorheesville. "This is only one layer of government authority," the board counsel told him. "Here, you're talking about a septic system. And, added chairman Hampston, because the area is zoned low-density residential, "each building would have to have a substantial lot." Though the town has no senior citizen housing zones, "certainly they are something the board must consider when it approves the master plan," he said.

• Heard Hampston report that the latest target date for completion of the master plan is "the end of January, but don't hold me on that." C.T. Male has prepared all but 40 pages of a draft master plan under a \$28,000 contract with the town. Of that sum, about \$20,000 has been spent, according to Supervisor Herbert Reilly.

#### Promoted by bank

Gisela "Gigi" Garver has been promoted to branch manager of the National Savings Bank Westgate Office. Garver has been employed at National since 1978 in various branch positions. She previously held the operations manager position at Westgate. She lives in Delmar with her husband and three children.

## NiMo to install new 115kv lines

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has announced it will begin installation of 7.5 miles of new transmission lines through New Scotland and Bethlehem next April.

The 115,000 volt lines will run between the New Scotland substation on New Scotland South Road and the Glenmont generating plant on Route 144, within an existing right-of-way, according to Donald J. Neville, consumer relations manager for NiMo's Capital Region.

The new lines are expected to improve service throughout the region and prevent the need for "rolling blackouts, similar to those experienced in the summer of 1988

when two transformers in New Scotland broke down, according to NiMo spokesman Nicholas Lyman.

Neville said the line is part of a multi-phase project to meet the region's growing power needs and bolster the reliability of electrical service.

"Last summer we completed the installation of major new transformation equipment at the New Scotland substation," he said. "This new transmission line will enhance our ability to deliver power throughout the region and provide additional contingencies in the event of equipment failure or other problems."

Mark Stuart

#### Voorheesville Methodist activities

The First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville has announced activities at the church for the rest of December.

AA and Al-anon will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m.

The Senior Choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

On Friday, Dec. 22, the MOMS group will meet at 9 a.m., and a living creche will be acted from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The creche will also be held on Saturday, Dec. 23, at the same time.

The church will hold a cherub

choir rehearsal at 11:15 a.m., and a junior choir rehearsal at 11:30 a.m. There will be candlelight services at 8 and 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, the church will hold a worship service at 10 a.m.

#### China petition circulated by Amnesty

Christmas shoppers and moviegoers at Crossgates Mall will have an opportunity tomorrow (Thursday) to register their sentiments about recent events in China. Members of Amnesty International, Albany Group 361, will be manning a table in the concourse there from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., soliciting signatures on two documents of protest. One is a letter to China's

ruling officials appealing for clemency for imprisoned pro-democracy people. The second is a petition asking for fair trials and the freeing of prisoners of conscience.

Those who sign the letter and petition will then be able to pin a yellow ribbon to a "Tree of Hope" near the Amnesty International table.

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# THE Spotlight Sports

## Kaplan sets new scoring mark to lead Lady Eagles to victory

By Shannon Perkins

The Bethlehem girls basketball team is a likely candidate for the Gold Division championship and Coach William Warner says the strong play of the team as a whole has a lot to do with it.

Warner credits the girls' strong defense and improved team play, but fans can say that having Anita Kaplan has proven to be more than a humble boost.

In the first three weeks of play, the team's star center broke three consecutive records. In a non-league game against Mount Anthony, Kaplan broke Bethlehem's record for the number of points scored by a player in a single game with 40 points. Then, in the team's first league game, Kaplan broke her own record, scoring 41 points. Finally, in their next game, Anita broke both her own record as well as the record for Section 2 with 49 points.

Although the team had a rough time getting started with three losses in non-league games to Catholic Central (46-57), Linton (50-54), and Mount Anthony (62-72), Warner was assured that the team would succeed in league play. The coach was right. In the team's



Anita Kaplan

first league game against Guilderland, BC played both an outstanding offensive and defensive game. The defense was especially determined not to give any shots away. Bethlehem won with a final score of 62-26.

In their next game against Columbia, Bethlehem began to play like a team, recognizing each player's strengths and weaknesses. The team played an outstanding game, scoring a total of 61 points. Kaplan contributed an astonishing 49 out of those 61 points.

The girls season looks promising. The team is young: only three team members are seniors. But with each game, their skill is improving, and they seem to be able to work together as a team very well. With any luck, they will be the top team in the Suburban Council.

Rounding out the team this year are seniors Karyn Mendel, Chrystal Fornier, Tracey Keyes and Kassie Jeram; juniors Kelly Ryan, Andrea Cornell, Marybeth Breslyn, Kerry Fitzpatrick and sophomore Lyn Doodie.

### Star Bowlers



Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 10, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Women—Meg Fargione 233, Sharon Carson 560 triple.

Jr. Boys—Steve Bradt 234, 583 triple.

Jr. Girls—Julie Mattot 183, 485 triple.

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Prep Girls—Michelle Storm 177, 464 triple.

Bantam Boys—Stephen Schmitt 105, 281.

Bantam Girls—Kim Comtois 144, 407 triple.

## Rockmore sets Voorheesville pace

By Dennis Sullivan

There are many ways to put points up on the score board: big and flashy, silent and steady, grinding and persistent, among others.

As was evident in Voorheesville's 66-49 win over Cohoes last Tuesday, Blackbird Todd Rockmore prefers the silent, steady approach. It's a case of "Now you see me, now you don't," and for the most part, Colonial Council teams prefer the latter.

Rockmore finished with 22 points against Cohoes, the second time this season the junior has surpassed the 20 mark. He finished with 23 against Ravena in a pre-season tournament giving him an average of 15 points a game.

Rockmore's silent and steady approach makes him a deceptive talent on the floor. Without the razzle-dazzle, Rockmore quietly racks up points. Against Cohoes, 12 of his 22 points came quietly on the foul line out of 14 tries.

Voorheesville's first encounter with Cohoes Tuesday was a whistle-stop-foul line affair all evening, bringing more yawns than a cup of Chamomile tea. Someone unfamiliar with the game might have concluded that referees are paid by the whistle rather than per game.

Though Cohoes matched baskets with Voorheesville for the first quarter, the Blackbirds outscored their opponents 22-9 in the second quarter to take a 32-18 halftime lead. The early lead frustrated Cohoes, distracting two players to the point where they were relatively ineffective for the rest of the game.

Sophomore Steve Lapinski, who recently replaced Bill Stone in the starting line-up, aided the Voorheesville charge by scoring 12.

Mike Haaf and Kevin Jarvis both finished with 8 for the Birds. Jeff Freyer and Eric Logan had 6 apiece.

Voorheesville stands at 3-1 in the Colonial Council and 4-2 overall. Tomorrow night (Thursday) they host Cobleskill in their first non-league game of the regular season before taking a holiday break. They return to host Lansingburgh Friday, Jan. 5.

Last night's results from the Voorheesville-Mechanicville game were not available at press time.



Todd Rockmore

### Helping victims costs money

As disaster victims in Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and six states begin the difficult process of recovery from the effects of Hurricane Hugo, the American Red Cross has moved swiftly to

their aid. Working with government agencies and community groups, the organization has put its resources and years of experience in disaster relief to work in the stricken areas.

Costs of the Red Cross relief operation are expected to reach \$42 million. The Red Cross needs the financial contributions of the American public to cover not only the Hugo relief effort but to ensure that the necessary funds will be available to other communities for disaster relief when they are in need.

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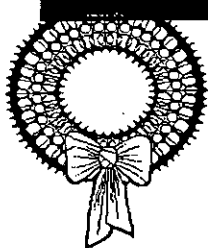
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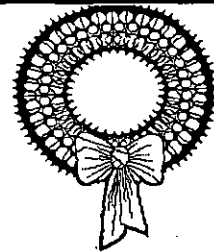


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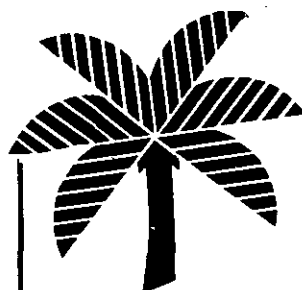
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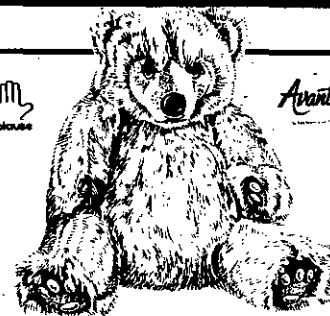
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# 8-year-olds lead Dolphins

In their third appearance of the season, 21 Delmar Dolphins traveled north Dec. 10 and joined almost 400 swimmers entered in the Glens Falls Gators Holiday Invitational.

Delmar eight-year-olds Jimmy Veazey, Arianne Cohen and Becky Fay led the local contingent, sharing 11 individual medals among them. Veazey took first place in both the 25 fly at 18.95 and the free at 16.42, with third place medals in the 100 IM and 25 breast.

Breaking a meet record of 21.60 set in 1987, Cohen captured first place in the 25 breast with a time of 21.00, second place in the 100 IM with 1:30.52 and third in the 25 free with 17.38.

Becky Fay was a first place medalist in the 25 back, which she swam in 20.72, and had fifth place finishes in the 25 fly, 25 free and 25 breast.

Among 11 and 12-year-old girls, Melanie Veazey took sixth place in the 100 back, finishing in 1:18.14, while in the 13 and 14-year-old age groups, Anne Byrd was fifth in the 100 breast with 1:20.68 and Brian Lenhardt was fifth in the boys' division at 1:21.58. Swimming in the Senior 50 free, 14-year-old Georgia Butt captured fourth place, with a time of 28.38.

In the boys 10 and under 200 yard medley relay, the Dolphin entry of nine-year-olds Stephen Corson and Andrew Loomis, together with Jimmy Veazey and seven-year-old Brian Dowling, took home a fifth place ribbon.

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Strong individual performances were turned in by Lucy Dunne, Jonathan Williams, Claire Dunne,

Following a holiday break, the Dolphins will swim in the Albany Starfish Trophy Invitational at the RPI pool in Troy on Jan. 6 and 7.

## Guilderville upsets Shaker

By Josh Vink

A Voorheesville ninth grader, Stephen Csiza, was the hero in a storybook drama that took place in the high school pool last Thursday.

The Guilderville swim team was given little chance against undefeated Shaker, but the visitors were shorthanded by virtue of four front-line swimmers absent by illness. As a result, the meet went down to the final relay with Shaker needing first and second places to win.

They got the first, but not the second. Csiza (pronounced "Chee-zuh"), anchor man for Guilderville, went into the water three seconds behind Shaker's second-place relay team and had to make up an almost impossible gap. He caught Shaker's second-team anchor man and beat him by two yards for an upset 39-37 victory.

Csiza also won the 200 IM with a time of 2:33.27. His coach, Kevin Merges, said: "Stephen swam well. In the intermediates he was up against a much bigger kid. He had to swim hard and did."

Guilderville won six out of the first eight events and had a lead of 36-30 going into the freestyle relay, where first place is worth six points, second place three and third place one.

Joe Tyrrell won the 50 and 100 free with times of 23.78 and 53.83. Dave Washburn won the fly in 1:01.89 and the 100 back in 1:03.97. Seth Rose took the 500 in 5:34.11.

Sideline that day for Shaker were Dan Houlihan, who holds the school records in the 200 free and 500, Brian Hurley, a breaststroker, and Scott Thompson and Josh Greenbergh, both sprinters. Shaker's coach, Ned Monthie, said this about the meet: "They beat us that day. It doesn't matter what we say, they won the events they had to win, and they got the all-important second place in the final relay."

Two days earlier, Guilderville lost, 51-25, to powerhouse Troy, the team favored to win the sectionals. Winners for Guilderville in this matchup were Tyrrell, 54.03 in the 100 free; Rose, 5:32.51 in the 500, and Washburn, 1:09.89 in the breast.

This week Guilderville was traveling to Queensbury on Monday and Johnstown today (Wednesday).

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# BC discovers holiday joy at Nisky's expense

By Michael Kagan

They came. They won. They sang Christmas carols on the way home.

That's what the Bethlehem boys basketball team did on Friday in Niskayuna, earning their first victory of the season, 72-69.

"In spirits, they looked just great," said BC Coach Jack Moser adding that he thought the Eagles played "excellent".

Forward Sean McDermott said the Eagles "took the ball to the hoop well" and "really crashed the boards. We were more aggressive and we weren't tentative with our shooting."

## Basketball

Kevin Keparutis said he thought BC played more as a team against Nisky than they had all year.

The Eagles took an early lead and at the end of the first quarter, it was BC on top, 20-18. Although not overwhelming, it is important since BC had lost the first period — sometimes embarrassingly — in each of their four preceeding games. McDermott, Keparutis, and Scott Hodge all attributed this improvement the fact that BC, in

McDermott's words, "came out with a lot of confidence." McDermott continued, "We need to know we can beat the other team and not be intimidated by them"

Keparutis said that it may also be because there was "less pressure—as far as playing a better team is concerned" and that Bethlehem "came out more energetic." With that renewed energy, the Eagles won the half, 40-34.

Ironically, foul shooting was Bethlehem's main weakness in the game, as they hit only eight of 23 shots in the second half and just 11 of 33 over the whole game.

Last Tuesday, BC travelled to Gloversville, who won the Colonie Tip Off tournament earlier this season. Bethlehem was able to hold Chris Ciacio, one of the area's top players, to 9 points, his second lowest career mark. However, the Eagles still lost the game, 61-50. The Eagles played "much better," according to Moser, "but they made all their foul shots in the second half." Keparutis explained simply that "they had a better game."

Last week's games brought Bethlehem's record up to 1-1 in the Gold Division of the Suburban Council (1-4 overall.) They are

currently one game out of first in the division, trailing Guilderland (2-1.)

In the Niskayuna game, McDermott led BC with 16 points, including two three pointers, and 14 rebounds. Scott Fish, who had three three pointers and seven rebounds. Hodge had eight points and Eric McCaughin scored seven. John Hansen had five rebounds.

Against Gloversville, McDermott again led, this time with 17 points and two three-pointers. Hodge had 10 and Hackman added 8. Keparutis had eight rebounds.

# Turbulence ahead as Eagles protect streak

By Nat Boynton

There should be a bit more competition this week for Bethlehem Central swimmers, who have had things their own way in early skirmishes in the Adirondack Swim League.

The Eagles were facing Shenendehowa yesterday (Tuesday) and Saratoga today, both in the friendly confines of the home pool, after two easy victories last week.

Their 102-68 win over Amsterdam-Fonda on the road and a 124-42 romp over Albany Academy at home were little more than formalized workouts. After this week, the Eagles will take a holiday recess — from classes anyway, if not the pool — leaving five January

## Swimming

meets before the supreme test against Troy High.

BC will face the moment of truth on Jan. 25, when the powerful Trojans are due in Delmar. The Eagles narrowly survived the Troy meet a year ago, but suffered heavy losses in the June graduating class. In Troy, on the other hand, master strategist Jack Fitzpatrick has his full cast intact, pointing to make the first dent in the Bethlehem dynasty in 18 years. In Sean Maxwell, Dave LaPoint and Mike Purcell, Fitzpatrick has three of

Section 2's top swimmers, good for 30 sure points and probably closer to 40 counting relays, but he is wary of Bethlehem's squad depth.

"In a six-lane pool they count five places, and a lot of meets can be decided on thirds and fourths," he said this week. "We may get more firsts, but you can't overlook all that balance BC has."

Another critical factor is having everybody healthy. While BC was romping over two weak teams and Troy was destroying a respectable Burnt Hills team last week, Shaker,

always a threat, was being upset by Guilderville's young team by two points. The Bison, with four of their top swimmers sidelined by flu, were knocked out of the unbeaten ranks by virtue of one body length for second place in the final relay.

Of interest to the locals, Troy and Shaker were paired in a dual meet on Monday as these pages were being readied for the press. BC doesn't encounter Shaker until Jan. 31.

As for BC's two latest scalps, there is little to report as Ken Neff works to bring along his young

and inexperienced swimmers for the tests ahead. At Amsterdam he conceded 1-2 finishes in both the 200 and 100 free to the Amfos along with the 4x100 relay, yet still had plenty of leeway. The Eagles won the medley relay with Craig Mattox, Ian Salsburg, Dan Cohen and Jeremy Goldman, swept the diving with Joe Schneider, Shaun Keneston and Tim Bearup, and swept the 500 with Pat Fish, Drew Patrick and Larry Fisher among other productive events.

The Academy meet was a mismatch, BC taking all 11 firsts and being merciful in the casting. It was like the grab-bag meets of yore.



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# Blackbirds suffer disappointing losses

By Kevin Taylor

The past week went from bad to terrible for the Voorheesville wrestling team. First, they lost a close match to league rival Mechanicville on Thursday and then wrestled in a tournament at Hudson Falls, which they came in a distant last among the strong eight-team field.

Against Mechanicville, the Blackbird hopes seemed dim right from the outset as Darren Ascone was pinned early in the first period of his contest.

Then came a back-breaker for the Birds. Eric Dommermuth, wrestling at 98 (as a seventh grader), controlled the whole first period of his match against Noah Rose not letting Rose off his back for most of the period. At the end of the period, Dommermuth held a substantial lead.

But coming out for the second session, Dommermuth appeared a little cocky and before a minute could pass Eric was on his back and pinned. That pin gave the Raiders a 12-0 lead.

Fortunately, two Voorheesville forfeits tied the match up at 12.

## Wrestling

Those forfeits were to freshman John Cook at 105 and junior co-captain Josh Vink at 112, who raised his record to 2-0.

Then the Raiders got their forfeits, all four of them right in a row, at 119, 126, 132 and 138, giving Mechanicville a 36-12 lead. Voorheesville's Tim Reeth quickly cut into that lead with a pin over Dave Henderson in 48 seconds in the 155 class, but the slim Blackbird hopes ended when Scott Harms was pinned 1:04 into his match with Paul Taglione. At 167, Paul Novak dominated in taking a 9-5 decision over Eric Jermain. At 177, Buddy Deschenes picked a forfeit for Voorheesville. Finally, at 215, Chad Hotaling raised his record to 2-0 without wrestling a match, as he picked up his second straight forfeit victory.

Then came the dreadful tournament. The Blackbirds sent nine

men to the mat against their stiff competition, and when it was all said and done, only one Blackbird had placed higher than fourth place. At 91 and 105 both Darren Ascone and John Cook, respectively, lost their first two matches and were quickly eliminated. At 112, Vink fought to a 7-7 tie at the end of regulation. After wrestling three overtimes, the referees had a conference and awarded the match to Vink's opponent ruling that he won since he had the first take-down in the overtime periods. This didn't set well with Vink, Coach Richard Leach, or the crowd for that matter, but it was all over. Vink lost his second match by decision, still appearing to be in shock of the ruling in his prior

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match. At 138, Mike Gaudio went for the Birds but he was pinned twice in the first period. At 145 was Tim Reeth. Reeth lost a tough first match but rebounded with a win, the Blackbirds' first as a team. Unfortunately, Reeth looked drained from his second match and lost a decision in his third contest, allowing him to finish sixth. At 155, Scott Harms was pinned twice, both matches coming against proven wrestlers though. At 167, Paul Novak won his first match putting him in the semi-finals, where he lost 4-2 to a home favorite from Hudson Falls. Then Novak was pinned by Joe Grimm from Scotia while leading 14-1. At 177, Buddy Deschenes wrestled his first Varsity match. Buddy wrestled well but lost both of his first two matches

The lone Voorheesville hero was Chad Hotaling, who won his first

two matches and was in the final match against a tough opponent from Salem. Hotaling was edged out but still accomplished more than any other Blackbird had. Finally at 250 was big eight-grader Dave Bartholomew who was pinned twice in his first two matches as a varsity wrestler.

Many of the wrestlers from Voorheesville said that this was the toughest tournament they had been in and their statements were backed up by Leach who said "nobody will have another match that tough all year". A good sign for the Birds.

Coming up this week, the Birds will be entertained by Albany Academy on Thursday, Dec. 21, and will host a dual met with Bethlehem and Averill Park on Friday, Dec. 22. The Blackbirds also wrestled yesterday (Tuesday) against Cobleskill.

## Lakers win battle of the unbeatens

In a battle of two unbeaten BBC Pro Division teams, the Lakers dumped the Bulls, 34-24. Matt Winterhoff performed superbly at point guard, finishing with 15 points for the winners. Mike D'Aleo and Scott Geis played tenacious defense and Mike Bonenfant cleared the glass for the Laker team. The Bulls were led by the steady offensive and defensive play of Ross Borzykowski who contributed 8 points and several timely

steals. Andrew Kinney and Matt Padula anchored the defense for the Bulls. An exciting highlight of the game was Keith Riccio's running one-hander in the third period.

In other Pro Division action, the Knicks scored 11 points in the fourth quarter to come from behind and defeat the pesky Warriors 26-17.

Jim Boyle pumped in 11 points and Matt Wood added 8 to lead the winners. Adam Holligan and Matt St. Lucia spearheaded the defensive efforts of the Knicks. For the Warriors, Jason Heim and Erik Gill posted 7 and 6 points respectively while Jeff Dievendorf, Ed Bardelli and Kevin Rice played strong man-to-man defense.

In spite of Willie Sanchez's season high 22 points, the Pistons triumphed over the Celtics 40-35. Bill Soronen and Kelly Kruger played tough on defense and Jason Gutman sparked the winners with 10 points. For the Celtics, Pat Roberts and Brian Mooney made numerous steals and played solid defensive basketball.

In College Division games, Georgetown upended previously unbeaten Syracuse 44-16. The winners exhibited a balanced scoring attack as Chris and Time Wenger combined for 20 points and Sean Berry, Sean James, and Ben Odendorf scored 8, 8, and 6 points respectively. For Syracuse, Kevin Gilmore and Joe D'Angelo led the scoring with 6 and 4 points respectively. Brian Rice and Dan Baum anchored the defense for Syracuse.

St. John's notched their second win in a row as they downed Seton Hall 32-20. For the winners, Bill Robinson and Will Cushing poured in 10 and 7 points respectively while Chris Bannigan, David Silbergleit, and Martin Cadieux spearheaded the defense. Seton Hall's Dave Martin played an outstanding game at both ends of the court scoring 6 points and making several sparkling defensive plays. Scott Isaacs, Avi Shoss, and Ben Goldstein also excelled for Seton Hall.

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# Injuries worsen BC slide

A bad situation became worse for Bethlehem Central in Suburban Council wrestling action last week.

BC 155-pounder Darryn Fiske, injured in the consolation finals of the Clyde Cole Tournament the previous weekend, joined Brian VanAernem, recently hurt in practice, and Kevin Schoonover, who was injured in the season opener, on the sidelines. Missing three starters caused a few shake-ups in the Eagles' lineup as they traveled to Guilderland for a league dual meet Wednesday evening. Nick Morrison moved to 126 to fill VanAernem's vacancy, with Dave Pierce coming up from JV to wrestle the 132-pounder bout, while John Bellizzi dropped from 167 to take over for Fiske. Bethlehem's effort fell short as the Dutchmen prevailed in the close 39-33 dual.

Pins in nine out of 14 weight classes, four of them in the first period, made Wednesday's dual short in time but long in tension. Freshman Chad Mallow started the Eagles off by securing a pin 48 seconds into the first period of the 91-pound match. Anish Shah took a forfeit at 98, launching BC off to a 12-0 start.

Guilderland quickly evened the score by pinning BC's Seas Brewer at 105 and Gary Hurd at 112. At 119, Eric Newdom ran his record up to 6-1 and regained the advantage for Bethlehem with a fall in the first period. Morrison likewise pinned his man in the first period.

The Dutchmen took the next two matches, Don Gardner winning by fall over Pierce at 132 and Dave Rubenstein decisioning Scott Mitchell, 6-4, at 138. Bethlehem still hung on to the lead, 24-21.

Mike Braga picked up a key win for Bethlehem in his first varsity match, outlasting his opponent for a 3-0 decision in the 145 bracket. Guilderland's Jim Balet decisioned Bellizzi 7-1 at 155. Ethan Beyer cored a pin early in the third period to increase BC's lead to 33-24.

A close match at 177 resulted in Luke Evans of Guilderland decisioning Jared Doyle 2-1. At 215, defending Section II champion Chip Foster, who placed fifth in the state at 155 last year, defeated heavier opponent Joe Emerich of BC with a second period fall, tying the score 33-33 going into the superheavyweight match. Don Thomas was pinned by Dutchman Ray Lyons in the final period to

## Veterans reminded

Many veterans, despite repeated reminders, are not aware that they are entitled to partial exemption on their real property taxes and are missing out on a benefit they earned through wartime service, says State Division of Veterans' Affairs Director Tom Lewis.

"The tax exemption, like all veterans benefits, is not automatic and must be asked for," Lewis said, advising that, "an important tax deadline for many veterans and their families is quickly approaching."

The deadline for filing exemptions in most other municipalities is generally March 1, although the cutoff may vary according to certain city charters.

For further information on tax exemption or any veterans benefits, contact the nearest State Veteran Counseling Center or the Division's toll free information hotline, 1-800-635-6534.


close out the dual. The Eagles fell to 0-2 in the league (0-3 overall). Guilderland is 1-1 in the Suburban Council and 2-1 overall.

This 0-3 start is one of the weakest ever for the Eagles, and Bethlehem's injuries have been a constant source of frustration for Coach Rick Poplaski. Poplaski saw last night's scheduled home opener against Shaker as a great opportunity for the Eagles to turn the season around and come up

with a victory. The 0-2 Blue Bison fell to Columbia and Colonie in their first two league dual meets.

Friday, BC will face perennial non-league challengers Averill Park and Voorheesville in a triangular meet at Voorheesville.


Bethlehem's JV wrestling team rose to 2-1 with a victory over Guilderland Wednesday. BC's frosh wrestling team opened their season with a victory last Wednesday over Saratoga.



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Ski Center Location	Travel Time	Vertical Drop	Midwk Lift	Adult Lift Weekend	Information	Special Snow Number	Nursery Facilities	Area Snow Making Ability	Cross Country Skiing
BELLEAYRE Highmount Thruway south to exit 19 at Kingston, 37 miles west on Rt. 28 to Highmount. Turn left.	1 1/2 hr.	1,340	\$22	\$28	(914)254-5600	1-800-942-6904	Nursery	85%	5 miles, rentals, lessons trail use free
BOUSQUET Pittsfield, Mass. Off Tamarak Rd. in Pittsfield	45 min.	750	\$16	\$24	(413)442-8316	1-413-442-2436	No nursery	93%	No cross country
BRODIE New Ashford, Mass. I-90 bridge over Hudson River, exit at Washington Ave., Rt. 43 east 29 miles.	45 min.	1,250	\$25	\$30	(413)443-4752	1-413-443-4751	Nursery	95%	25 km, rentals, lessons
BROMLEY Manchester Center, Vt. Rt. 7 north from Bennington, Rt. 11 eight miles east of Manchester in Peru.	1 1/4 hrs.	1,334	\$20	\$34	(802)824-5522		Nursery	84%	Telemark
CATAMOUNT Hillsdale Taconic Parkway to Claverack, east on Rt. 23 for 17 miles.	1 hr.	1,000	\$22	\$30	1-325-3200	1-800-342-1840	Nursery	90%	Vicinity
CORTINA VALLEY Haines Falls Thurway to Catskill, west on Rt. 23A 20 miles to Haines Falls.	1 hr.	625	\$16	\$26	1-589-6500	1-800-826-SNOW	No nursery	90%	No cross country
DEER RUN Stamford Thurway west to I-88, west to Richmondville, Rt. 101 south for 20 miles.	1 3/4 hr.	750	\$29	\$29	(607)652-7332	1-800-558-SNOW	Nursery	80%	30 mi., rentals, lessons
GORE MOUNTAIN North Creek Northway Exit 25	1 1/2 hrs.	2,100	\$28	\$28	1-251-2411	1-800-342-1234	Nursery	90%	11 km, rentals, lessons
HAYSTACK Wilmington, Vt. From Bennington, Vt., take Rt. 9 east 19 miles to Wilmington. Left on Rt. 100, 2.4 miles to Col Brook Rd., 3 miles to Haystack.	1 1/2 hrs.	1,400	\$20	\$22	(802)464-5321	(802)464-5321	Nursery	90%	Vicinity
HICKORY Warrensburg Northway Exit 21, Rt. 9N west for 5 miles.	1 1/4 hrs.	1,210	Wkds & holidays only	\$12	1-623-2825	-623-2825	No Nursery	None	Vicinity
HIGHMOUNT Highmount Thruway south to Exit 19, Kingston, Rt. 28 west for 40 miles.	1 1/4 hrs.	1,050		\$25	(914)254-5265	1-800-255-7669	Nursery	60%	No cross country
HUNTER Hunter Thurway south to Exit 21, east on Rt. 23 to Catskill, Rt. 9W south to Rt. 23A, west to Hunter.	1 1/2 hrs.	1,600	\$33	\$33	1-263-4223	1-800-367-7669	Nursery	100%	No cross country
JIMINY PEAK Hancock, Mass. I-90 bridge over Hudson River, exit at Washington Ave., Rt. 43, east 29 miles.	1 hr.	1,140	\$30	\$30	(413)738-5500	1-413-738-5500	Nursery	95%	No cross country
MAGIC Londonderry, Vt. Rt. 7 north from Bennington, Vt., to Manchester, Rt. 11 east for 18 miles.	1 1/2 hrs.	1,700	\$15	\$34	(802)824-5566	1-800-222-7545	Nursery	85%	No cross country
MAPLE RIDGE Schenectady Thurway west to I-88 exit. Left at first light, 3/4 miles left on Burdack St., 3/4 mile to Rt. 159, 3 miles on left.	1/2 hr.	225	Tues-Sat nights \$10	\$16	393-5126 Ski School	381-4700	No nursery	100%	No trails, but permitted
MOUNT SNOW Mount Snow, Vt. Rt. 9 east from Bennington, Vt., 20 miles to Wilmington, north on Rt. 100 for 9 miles.	1 1/2 hrs.	1,700	\$350	7 day \$850.	(802)464-3333	1-802-464-2151	Nursery	80%	Vicinity
PLATTEKILL Roxbury Thurway west to I-88, south to Rt. 30, south to Roxbury.	1 hr.	1,000	\$16	\$25	(607)326-7547	1-607-326-7547	Nursery	90%	No cross country
PROSPECT Bennington, Vt. Eight miles east of Bennington, Vt. on Rt. 9.	1 hr.	700	No midweek	\$20	(802)442-2575	1-802-442-2575	No nursery	None	40 Km, rentals, lessons
STRATTON Stratton Mountain, Vt. Rt. 7 north from Bennington, Vt., to Manchester. East on Rt. 11 for 37 miles, Rt. 30 to Bondville.	1 1/2 hrs.	2,003	\$27	\$36	(802)297-2200	1-800-297-2211	Nursery	70%	27 km, rentals, lessons
WEST MOUNTAIN Glens Falls Northway Exit 18, 3 miles west on West Mountain Rd.	3/4 hr.	1,010	\$20 (shift)	\$25 2-day	1-793-6606	1-793-6606	No nursery	70%	Vicinity
WILLARD Greenwich I-787 to Rt. 7, Troy, north on Rt. 40, 20 miles to North Easton.	3/4 hr.	505	\$18	\$18	1-692-7337	1-692-7337	No nursery	70%	No cross country
WINDHAM Windham Thruway south to Exit 21, Rt. 23 west to Windham.	1 hr.	1,600	\$24	\$33	1-734-4300	1-800-342-5111	Nursery	97%	Vicinity



# Obituaries

## Paul Richards

Paul B. Richards, 68, died at Albany Medical Center Hospital Saturday after he was stricken at his Indian Ledge Road, New Salem, home.

A native of Riverside, R.I., he moved to New Salem with his family in 1959. For 30 years he was the managing director of the General Building Contractors of New York State. He left the position in 1987 to become the association's special projects manager and was employed part-time by the State University Construction Fund.

Early in his career, he was employed by several construction contractors in New England and was a member of the laborers international union. After serving in the Army during World War II, he enrolled at Brown University, graduating with a Phi Beta Kappa key in 1949. He served in the Air Force with the rank of major during the Korean War and in the Central Intelligence Agency during the early '50s.

After receiving a master's degree from Cornell University in 1955, he worked for the Turner Construction Co., New York City, until he began his association with the state General Building Contractors in 1958.

He built one of the nation's largest chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America. As state director he was regarded in his field as an expert in construction law, contract documents and labor relations. From 1959 to 1973, he lobbied for the association on Capitol Hill.

He co-chaired the Laborers' Craft Board under President Nixon's 1971 executive order concerning wage stabilization in the construction industry. He also served as an appointee of the governor on the Public Works Advisory Board and on advisory boards for the commissioners of education and environmental conservation.

He was also an adviser and lecturer for several construction education programs, particularly at the State University at Delhi.

In 1987, members of the contractors' association created the Paul B. Richards Scholarship Fund in his honor to insure the training of future generations in the industry.

In 1982 he served the national organization as president of its chapter managers' council.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Greenough Richards; a daughter, Eliza C. Richards, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two sons, Lt. Stephen Richards, USNAF, of Pace, Fla., and Peter A. Richards of Cambridge, Mass.; a brother, Charles Richards of Wallingford, Pa.; a sister, Hope Brothers of Nashville; and a grandchild.

Funeral services were private under the direction of Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Voorheesville Area Volunteer Ambulance, Voorheesville 12186 or the Paul Richards Scholarship Fund, 6 Airline Drive, Albany 12205.

## Yvonne Hutchinson

Yvonne T. Hutchinson, 77, of Delmar died Saturday in Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Watertown, Mass., she was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel W. Hutchinson; a daughter, Wendy H. Kidder of Rochester; a son, Geoffrey Hutchinson of Canandaigua; a brother, W. Cutler Trow of Cotuit, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 433 New Karner, Road, Albany 12205 or the American Lung Association of New York State, 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany 12205.

## Helen Peck

Helen Irene Drucker Peck, 71, of Feura Bush died Thursday at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany, after a long illness.

Born in Independence, N.J., she was widow of Charles H. Peck. Survivors include a son, Donald J. Drucker of Colonie; four stepdaughters, Grace Moak of Feura Bush, Terry Willsey of Foster, Ky., Alice Loucks of Clarksville and Hazel Arsenault of Ravena; four stepsons, Charles H. Peck of Westerlo, Robert H. Peck Sr. of Westerlo, Clayton E. Peck of Coeymans Hollow and Kenneth M. Peck Sr. of Dormansville; six sisters, Marguerite Koerber of Meredith, N.H., Dorothea Carroll of Colonie, Mary Gannon of Albany, Fred Hunt of Colonie, Elsie McClellan of Mountain View, Cal., and Gloria Drucker of Colonie; two brothers, Donald Drucker of Colonie and John Drucker of Red Bank, N.J.; 46 step-grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday from Cunningham Funeral Home, Greenville with the Rev. Roger Eernisse, pastor of Unionville Reformed Church, officiating. Spring burial will be in Westerlo Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be sent to the memorial fund of Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush 12067.

## Fred Wight

Fred E. Wight, 65, of Delmar died Thursday at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Paterson, N.J., he served in an administrative capacity with the state Department of Social Services.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Gregg Wight; three daughters, Claudia W. Nill of Port Huron, Mich., Valerie S. Sisson of Chandler, N.H., and Amy E. Wight of Albany; two sons, Gregory A. Wight of Syracuse and Scott F. Wight of New York City; his mother, Mabel Hebb Wight of Gulfport, Fla., and six grandchildren.

Services were from Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany. Memorial contributions may be made to the Squires Fund, Main 3, Albany Medical Center Hospital, New Scotland Avenue, Albany 12208.

## JCC plans holiday dinner

The Albany Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Chanukah Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner will be held at the Center, located at 340 Whitehall Rd., in Albany. The cost of the meal for an adult will be \$7. A child's meal will be \$3.50.

To register, call 438-6651.

## \$1 bill altered

Bethlehem police have turned over a forgery case to the U.S. Secret Service.

Sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 9 p.m., Dec. 12, a customer slipped a cashier at Woolworth's, Delaware Plaza, a \$1 bill altered by taping the ends of what appeared to be a \$20 bill to the ends. The alteration was discovered when the store deposited its cash with the Key Bank branch in Delmar that evening.

## Feura Bush man injured in mishap

A Feura Bush man was hospitalized as the result of a snowmobile accident Saturday in the Town of New Scotland.

Theodore Fritsch, 49, was injured when the snowmobile he was operating crashed into a bridge rail on Onesquethaw Creek Road and overturned at about 1:30 p.m. Fritsch was transported by Onesquethaw Rescue Squad to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment of multiple injuries. As of Monday he was reported to be in fair condition.

No charges were filed.

## Men charged with DWI

Albany County sheriff's deputies arrested two motorists last week on misdemeanor driving while intoxicated charges.

On Thursday night, deputies stopped Bert Hagyard, 32, of North Bethlehem on Route 140, Slingerlands, for alleged speeding and failure to keep right. After reportedly failing several field sobriety tests, he was arrested and charged with DWI, then released on tickets pending a Jan. 2 appearance in Bethlehem Town Court.

Early Sunday morning, deputies stopped Michael Michalski, 39, of Slingerlands, on Flat Rock Road near Clarksville for alleged failure to signal a turn. After failing a field sobriety test, Michalski was arrested and charged with DWI and released on tickets returnable to New Scotland Town Court.

## Arrested for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested an Albany man for felony driving while intoxicated early Sunday morning.

Police said that at 4:09 a.m. a car driven by Patrick Scott Wolfe, 26, of 45 Kakely St., Albany, was stopped at the intersection of routes 85 and 140 for alleged speeding, operating an unregistered vehicle and failing to observe a stoplight. Police said he failed field sobriety and pre-screening device tests. He was then arrested and taken to the police wing at Town Hall where a breath test yielded a .21 blood-alcohol level.

Wolfe's driving record included a 1984 DWI conviction, police said. He was arraigned before Judge Roger Fritts and remanded to Albany County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail pending a scheduled reappearance Tuesday in Town Court.

## Farmers meet to finalize policy

Farm leaders from throughout the state gathered early this month to establish policy on over 100 agricultural concerns at the annual meeting of the New York Farm Bureau. These resolutions were formulated this fall by the grassroots membership and recently passed at county annual meetings across the state.

The Citizenship Award, the Farm Family Insurance Companies in Glenmont agent of the year award, and several program and membership honors were also announced at the meeting.



## Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
December 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 7	Selkirk fire Dept.	Structure Fire
December 7	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
December 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 8	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
December 8	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
December 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
December 9	Delmar Rescue Squad I	Auto Accident
December 9	Delmar Rescue Squad II	Auto Accident
December 9	Elsmere Fire Co.	Auto Accident
December 9	Selkirk Fire Co.	Trash Burning
December 9	Elsmere Fire Co.	Trash Burning
December 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
December 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 10	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Emergency
December 10	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
December 10	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 11	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
December 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
December 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 11	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
December 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
December 11	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
December 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
December 12	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
December 12	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
December 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
December 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 12	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Trash Fire
December 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
December 12	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
December 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
December 13	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
December 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
December 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
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Steven Bowman and Kimberly Woodside

## Bowman-Woodside

Robert L. and Pamela Woodside of Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Woodside to Steven Leonard Bowman, son of Joanne and Edward J. Bowman of Cortland, N.Y.

Woodside is a graduate of Beth-

lehem Central High School, and Maria College. She is now attending the College of Saint Rose.

Bowman attended State University at Delhi. He is employed by T.G.I. Fridays in Albany.

A June 1990 wedding is planned.

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## Community Corner

Happy Holidays

Christmas and Hanukkah are celebrated this week in many places and many different ways.

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Randolph Gambelunghe  
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## Gambelunghe-O'Brien

Patricia Lohse and Randolph Gambelunghe of Delmar have announced the engagement of their son Randolph A. Gambelunghe to Karen O'Brien, daughter of Sylvia O'Brien and Harold O'Brien of Coeymans Hollow.

Gambelunghe is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and attends Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed by the Italian American Community Center in Albany.

His fiancée is a graduate of Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School and Maria College. She is employed by the Bethlehem Preschool in Glenmont.

A June 1990 wedding is planned.

## Births



### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Nico D., to Suzanne D. and John J. Neri, Ravena, Nov. 19.

Boy, David Michael, to Ellen E. and Dr. Joseph J. Fay, Slingerlands, Nov. 20.

Girl, Melissa Lauren, to Sandra and Andy Appleby, Clarksville, Nov. 20.

### Sweden

Boy, Alexander, to Catarina and John Hjort of Sodertalje Sweden, Sept. 13. Catarina Lundeborg Hjort, a Rotary exchange student spent the 1980-81 school year at Bethlehem Central High School.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Van Ryn

## Van Ryn-Pickett nuptials

Leonard John Van Ryn, son of Trudy and Simon Van Ryn of Selkirk and Rita Kerwin Pickett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William E. Pickett of Albany were married on Oct. 14.

The ceremony took place in the Chapel at Siena College.

Margaret Pickett was maid of honor.

Jack Van Ryn was best man.

The groom is a graduate of

### Concert cancelled

The Red Grammer concert scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. at Voorheesville Elementary School has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled some time in January.

Call 765-2382 for more information.

Bethlehem Central High School, State University at Albany, State University at Stony Brook, and Albany Law School. He is employed by the Public Service Commission in Albany.

The bride is a graduate of Mercy High School, Siena College and Albany Law School. She is an attorney with a Albany firm.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in East Greenbush.

## Randles-Garman

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Randles of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their son, Jeffrey Scott, to Angela Lorraine Garman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Garman of Sunbury, Pa.

Randles is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hamilton College and Barney School of Business. He is employed by Arthur Anderson in Hartford, Conn.

Garman is a graduate of Bates College and Barney School of Business.

A fall 1990 wedding is planned.



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## TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS

By Joy Healy

A star rises over the Town of Bethlehem, signifying the beginning of the celebration of the Christmas season.

While the star being referred to is atop the practice tower of the Town of Bethlehem (New York's) fire department, according to 26-year town resident Jo Ann Lenden, it still stirs emotions in those who pass by, as they see it shining in remembrance of another birth.

Lights such as Bethlehem's are an important part of the Christmas celebration in many areas.

When Patrick and Jean Nash were first married, apartment living ushered them in and out of town every holiday season to enjoy the Christmas lights, and they waited for the time they could create their own outdoor displays.

Today, thousands of Northway drivers enjoy the benefit of that experience. The Nashes own one of the intricately lighted "twin houses" in Colonie that can be seen from Northway Exit 2W.

The Nash's now traditional lighting has grown for the past 20 years, and Jean Nash assured us that her family decorates the interior of their house as much as its shining outsides.

Electrified lighting, of course, was not always the norm.

Allison Bennett, former Bethlehem town historian, explained that the lights probably stemmed from traditions such as the Irish practice of placing a candle in the window to signify lighting of the way for the Christ child.

Marion Raymond, president of the New Scotland Historical Society always places a bayberry candle in the window of her home. "It is a light in the window if anyone needs a place to go, a sign of hospitality," she said, adding that superstition says never to blow out the candle, but to let it burn out naturally, to prevent bad luck in the New Year.

An Advent wheel plays a central part in the celebrations at the Onesquethaw Reformed Church in Feura Bush. The historical church, made from stones used for building the Erie Canal, involves its members each Sunday during Advent, at the singing of the first hymn. Seven parishioners light candles representing the holidays. A special purple candle is reserved for Sunday, the sabbath. Originally,



Samantha Miller is the first to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus during Colonie's traditional Santa Claus Run. The run is one of the many community traditions that comprise Christmas in the area. Joy Healy

nally, the candles were placed on a big wagon wheel. The wheel's central candle, signifying the Christ Child, is not lighted until Christmas Eve.

At Feura Bush's Jerusalem Reformed Church, an Advent wreath of green construction paper leaves, traced from the hands of the parish's children, is central

to the Christmas celebrations. A candle for each December Sunday and one symbolizing the Christ child are lighted during the holidays.

Greenery has been an important part of the season since the Roman Saturnalia, a celebration of the harvest, according to Bennett. The "hanging of the greens" at

the Unionville Church in New Scotland brings church members together to decorate the building, as well as the Christmas trees that will be central to their Advent activities for the month.

Betty Corning of Bethlehem, wife of the late mayor Erastus Corning II, enjoys her Old Heavy Berry, an enormous big leaf holly which grows in her garden along with many other hollies. "The birds love it, especially the cardinals. It is very Christmacy," she added.

In many cultures, the scurry of decorating is replaced by serious thoughts of holiday food preparation.

Mike Ricci of Voorheesville has always enjoyed a scrumptious meatless meal, indicative of his Italian Catholic heritage. "The day before Christmas was fast and abstinence day for old Catholics," says Ricci. "We were served smelt, baccala made into chowder and casseroles, linguini with garlic and oil, eel, breads and wines." In keeping with tradition, he has a dutch oven where the family still bakes pizza with fish toppings, pies and breads for the celebration.

Ricci's grandfather initiated cavatelli as part of the special foods for Advent. "My grandmother used to hand-make the shell-shaped pasta. If you went to the house on Sunday, you would be fed cavatelli, which led to our family being nicknamed 'Cavatelli,'" he said.

Oysters, for years traditional holiday fare, were a delicacy not easily found by customers of Denison's General Store in Latham—except at Christmas time. Betty Shaver remembers her father, the proprietor of the store on the Troy-Schenectady Road, taking many orders for the seafaring specialty. And there were always enough left for the family's own oyster stew on Christmas Eve, and sometimes even oyster stuffing.

Tiny green Lady apples are a special part of Jo Ann Lenden's Christmas.

The story goes that even though the apple is not usually good for eating (being picked very late in the fall and kept into the cold winter season) it will ripen on Christmas morning.

Lenden said she tried the apples early in the season, and finding them inedible, used them only for her decorations. But on Christmas morning, she tried one of

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## Festival of lights is separate holiday

By Ruth Dickson

There is never any doubt as to the onset of the Christmas season. The lights, the decorations, the mobs of shoppers, the ubiquitous carols everywhere you turn... the season seems to permeate the very air we breathe. And, at the same time, there is the quiet emergence of the Other Holiday, arriving with little fanfare, but as joyous a holiday as Christmas itself: Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights.

Rather than the birth of a savior, Hanukkah celebrates a miracle of another sort. Twenty-two hundred years ago, when the known world was dominated by the Greeks under Alexander the Great, the great temple of Israel was taken over by Alexander's Hellenic troops. A small band of Israelites, the Maccabees, decided to oust them from the temple, and, against all odds, succeeded in doing so.

Afterwards, as part of the cleaning

process, they needed to light the oil lamps, but discovered there was only enough pure oil to last for one day. They lit the lamp, and started the eight-day process of purifying more oil. Beyond all rational explanation, the lamp continued to burn brightly for the entire time. And so a holiday was born.

Today, the menorah, a sacred candelabra bearing candles for each of the evenings the lamp burned, is lit on the first day of Hanukkah and an additional candle is lit every evening for the next eight days.

Is it a Jewish Christmas? Not exactly. Most years, Hanukkah and Christmas do fall within days of each other, and children are given gifts, but that is where the similarity ends.

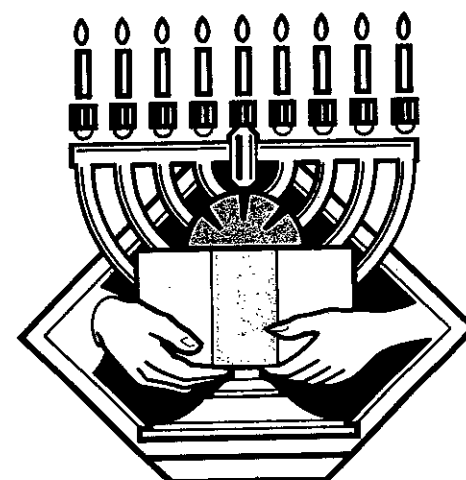
Hanukkah is not considered a "high holiday" in the tradition of Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur. But without doubt, possibly because of the proximity to Christ-

mas (and therefore convenience to marketers) there has been some commercialization of the festival, but it's a mere token compared to the pervasive Christian holiday. Cards, menorahs, and dradles are more easily obtained every year, and school children are taught the Hanukkah story as well as the one about Christmas, but according to Rabbi Nachman Simon of Delmar's Chabad Center, and his wife, Clara, this is all to the good.

"I don't think there's any danger of over-commercialization," Simon said. "But the growing awareness of Hanukkah and the increase of friendly contact it produces can only be a positive thing."

Themselves parents of eight children, the Simons go all-out at Hanukkah. Parties and dinners that feature potato pancakes (latkes) keep their home full of friends of all ages during the festival.

The children play the dradles, sing traditional songs, and participate in the



lighting of the oil lamps. On the Sabbath, the adults congregate in the basement which doubles as the only Orthodox synagogue in the area.

Do the children feel left out of the Christmas festivities?

"Not a bit," says Clara Simon. "We try to make them feel special and give them as much fun as the gentile children have."

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**  
Dickens' timeless tale, Proctor's, Schenectady, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

**HOODWINKED**  
Regional premiere, musical comedy, Cohoes Music Hall. Now through Dec. 24, Thurs. Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

**FAMILY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL: CHILDREN'S CLASSICS**  
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**TIME TUNNEL ON HOLIDAY.**  
Four days in which the museum becomes a living theater for children in grades 1-6. State Museum, Albany, Dec. 26-29, 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Information, 474-5877.

## MUSIC

**MUSICAL CELEBRATION ENTERTAINMENT**  
John Cook, solo guitarist, Dec. 20; Albany Symphony String Quartet, Dec. 21; Schenectady Brass Quintet, Dec. 22; Visit Santa Claus, daily through Dec. 22, National Savings Bank main lobby, Albany. All programs are noon-1 p.m. Information, 472-6833.

**NOWELL, SING WE CLEAR**  
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## FILM

**CREATIVE THIRTIES**  
Examines the great depression and its effect upon American society as seen in our arts, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## LECTURE

**PHOTO ESSAY**  
Learn about using a dissolve unit for slide show, Schenectady Photographic Society, Schenectady, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

## WORKSHOPS

**LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT**  
Styles, designers, and manufacturers of men's and women's clothing from the 1920s, 30s and 40s taught by Cornelia Frisbee Houde, Albany Institute of History and Art, Dec. 21, 6-8 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

**FICTION WRITING**  
In Cornwallville, Greene County, taught by Esther Cohen. Information, 289-6265.

## VISUAL ARTS

**VISIONS AND VISTAS**  
Gallery tours of the Artful Looks program, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, Dec. 22, 12:15-12:45 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

**ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS**  
Presented in the Ten Boeck Mansion, Albany, by the Albany County Historical Association. Now through Jan. 5, Thurs.-Fri. 2-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 1-4 p.m.

**ARTIST AT PLAY**  
Group showing, Greene County Council on the Arts Catskill Gallery, Catskill. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

## ASPECTS OF REALISM

Paintings of Marcia Clark, Thyra Davidson, Warner Friedman, Barbara Mungall, Tom Nelson, Harry Orlyk, Marjorie Portnow, Chester Rose, Judith Weinman, George Wexler and with window installations by Adrienne Klein, Ted Gallery, Albany. Now through Feb. 10, noon-7 p.m. Wed.-Sat. Information, 434-3285.

## COMMITTED TO PRINT

Social and political themes in American printed art from the sixties, State Museum, Albany. Now through Feb. 11, Information, 474-5877.

## OHI CHRISTMAS TREE!

Exhibition of artists giving their view of this seasonal symbol, Albany Institute of History and Art. Now through Jan. 6, Tues.-Sat., noon-5 p.m.

**VISIONS OF CHRIST'S COMING**  
Opening show at new diocesan gallery, Pastoral Center, Albany. Now through Jan. 14, 2-5 p.m. Information, 439-4951.

**TIM FOLZENLOGEN EXHIBITION**  
Recent drawings and paintings, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy. Now through Dec. 29, 5-8 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

**FACULTY CRAFTS SHOW**  
Holiday crafts show and sale featuring works in wood, stained glass, ceramics, fabric, and metal by faculty members, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Small Works Gallery, Troy. Wed.-Sun., through Dec. 29. Information, 273-0552.

**DOUGLAS C. SHIPPEE**  
Exhibition of abstract paintings, The Orange Street Gallery, Albany. Now through Jan. 5, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

## FORMS AND FIBERS

Group exhibit; paintings, textiles, sculpture, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, Albany. Now through Dec. 31. Information, 449-1233.

## KAY WALKINGSTICK PAINTINGS

Featured at the Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany. Now through Dec. 22, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Thurs. 6-8 p.m.

## HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Group showing, Greene County Council on the Arts, Top Gallery, Windham. Now through Jan. 7, Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 734-3104.

## AMERICAN ART FROM THE 20s, 30s AND 40s

Includes works that represent some of the major regional and national trends in early 20th century art, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

## ERASTUS DOW PALMER EXHIBITION

American sculptor of the mid-19th century, Albany Institute of History and Art. Now through June 10.

## INTIMATE GESTURES, REALIZED VISIONS

Masterworks on paper from the collection of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now through Dec. 31.

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New exhibit, Museum of The Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Albany. Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Information, 462-1676.

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## A FOCUS ON THE FEMALE FIGURE

The Rice Gallery in the Albany Institute of History and Art. Gallery hours, Tues.-Sat. noon-5 p.m.

## WALTER LAUNT PALMER

16 paintings in a new exhibition. Albany Institute of History and Art. Through 1990. Information, 463-4478.

## THE STATE OF UPSTATE: NEW YORK WOMEN ARTISTS

Work of women artists from across Upstate New York, State Museum. Now through Jan. 28. Information, 474-5877.

## GREENHUT GALLERIES

New paintings by local artist Barbara Mungall, new works by 12 female printmakers from upstate New York, Greenhut Galleries, Albany. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

Exhibit by Clare Pelkey, Colonie Town Hall, Route 9, 8:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri. Information, 783-2728.

## CROSSROADS

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# Traditions

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the Ladies, named for the Virgin Mary, and found it to be sweet and delicious.

Flaming English plum pudding is a favorite each Christmas day for Delmar resident Marion Raymond's family. "I would bring it in flaming, with those blue flames licking around the bowl, a holly berry stuck in the middle, and my children would squeal with delight."

Oranges, now taken for granted, were once a prized gift during the Christmas season.

For 60 years, the Legion Hall and Fire Department in Voorheesville have been giving a Christmas party for village children. Hard candy and oranges, usually handed out by Santa himself, were the gifts that delighted youngsters.

Although gift giving was a late addition to the Shaker way of life, oranges were one gift that met with approval.

According to *As I Remember It*, a history of local Shaker life, "Oranges and bananas were very special treats to be had only at Christmas, special holidays or the last day of school. Our oranges came wrapped individually in squares of tissue paper stamped with the name of the distributor." The book goes on to explain that the children would make parachutes from the tissue wrapping, making their delectable oranges last long past the eating.

The food isn't always for human celebrations, however.

Edith Levenburg, a longtime Colonie resident held a "Party for the Birds" for 15 years.

On Dec. 24, families could count on Levenburg to invite all the children to her home to string popcorn for the birds. In return, she would send each child home with a specially made coffee cake for the family, to be enjoyed on Christmas morning. This was her gift to parents who might need a bit of extra time for shopping or wrapping.

The Kuhn Senior Citizen Center in Colonie uses the Christmas season as an opportunity to help the less fortunate. This year nimble fingers knitted and crocheted 85 caps and 20 pair of mittens to be donated to local children.

Betty Shaver of the Shaker Historical Society remembers a time when Christmases were not as bountiful.

"When the war began (tin foil) icicles disappeared," she explained. So instead of throwing them out with the Christmas tree, "We would remove them carefully to preserve them for the next year."

Dorothy Hopkinson, another longtime Historical Society member, looked forward to receiving a Christmas animal cracker box filled with hard candy from

her Sunday School, presented by Santa himself. The special box would be hung on her tree at home. On Christmas morning, the special present she received usually was homemade, such as a dollhouse constructed of boxes, and wallpapered, with little pictures hanging on the walls.

A Twelfth Night Celebration was part of Voorheesville's community activities for many years. It started with the Burning of the Greens, which involved burning the greens from Christmas celebrations, except for a token part, which would be saved for the next year. That symbolic part would be carried to the next year's celebrating, its ashes to be sprinkled over the new logs.

Twelfth Night signified the coming of the Wise Men and the end of the Christmas season. Mike Ricciarelli remembers when Voorheesville had its own celebration, involving two cakes containing special rings. If you were served one of the pieces containing a ring, you became the king or queen of Twelfth Night, which culminated in a celebration dance.

"It was another reason for the community to get together," he said. "The traditions seemed to erode as the years went by, as our community complexion changed," he added.

Today, as it has for the past 10 years, the Village of Colonie delights youngsters with its annual Santa Claus Run. Santa rides through every street in the village, handing out candy and giving little ones an opportunity to sit on his lap.

In Voorheesville, the Maple Avenue Cultural Society, known as the "Maple Avenue crazies", also bring Santa and a Christmas tree to residents, knocking on doors and handing out candy.

Village Mayor Edward Clark summed up the holiday spirit.

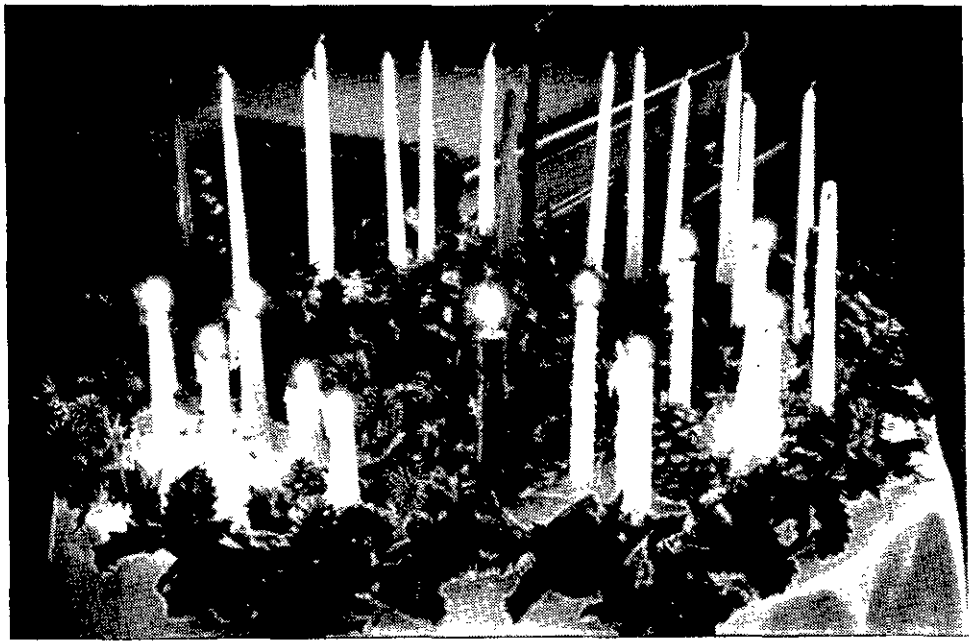
"This has to do with entertaining the kids and with celebrating in the community," he said. "We have a wonderful time — and everybody loves it."

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The four weeks of Advent are observed each Sunday by lighting candles above this wreath at the front of the Onesquethaw Reformed Church sanctuary near Feura Bush. An additional eight candles are lighted at each worship service to mark the progress of the season until Christmas Sunday, with the lighting of all 32 candles (28 white, four red). The wreath and handmade table on which it stands were presented by members years ago.

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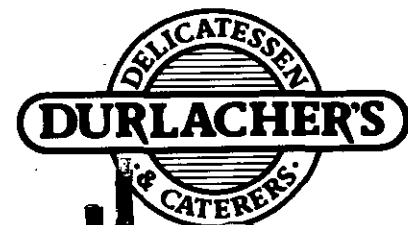
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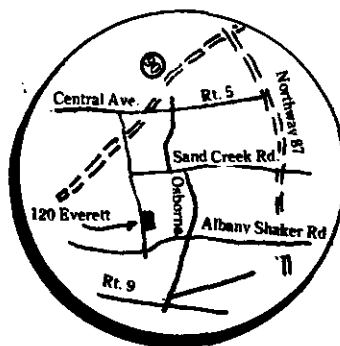
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meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m. every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, Information, 439-3689.

**BOWLING**

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

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Thursdays, Bible Study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON**

for members, guests and membership applicants, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Albany Motor Inn, third Thursday, noon.

**FOOD STAMP FORM AID**

third Thursday of odd numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB**

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

**FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS**

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

Friday  
December 22

**BETHLEHEM**

**"SOUNDS OF THE SEASON"**  
performance by the Senior High Jazz Ensemble, RCS Senior High School, Ravena. Information, 756-2155.

**DRAWING**

for 8-foot stocking full of toys, Delmar Carpet, Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon.

**HOLIDAY STORY HOUR**

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**RECOVERY, INC.**

self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

**CHABAD CENTER**  
services and discussion followed by kiddush. Special menorah lighting at 4 p.m. for Hanukkah. 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, Information, 439-8280.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**MOMS GROUP MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 9 a.m.

**LIVING CRECHE**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday  
December 23

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
closed. Information, 439-9314.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**

First Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

**CHABAD CENTER**

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

of Delmar, Christmas Journey for children, 10:30 a.m. 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**LIVING CRECHE**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday  
December 24

**BETHLEHEM**

**"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"**  
presented by the Glenmont Community Church Reformed, Weiser St., Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0655.

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM: CHRIST THE LORD!**

**YOU ARE INVITED...**

to worship with us this Christmas



Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m.  
10:30 p.m.

Family Eucharist with  
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The Holy Eucharist with Hymns  
and Carols of Christmas

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

at the corner of Elsmere Avenue  
and Poplar Drive, Delmar

for information call 439-3265



**THE YOUTH NETWORK**

**PALS — Kids Helping Kids**

The Peer Assistance League (PALs) was established as an attempt to help children in the development of interpersonal skills they will use throughout their lives. First piloted at Hamagrael Elementary School last year, the PAL program has been expanded to all five Bethlehem Central elementary schools.

This fall, every 4th and 5th grade class completed a five-session unit on the use of problem solving strategies to resolve personal conflicts. The students learned that conflict is a part of daily life, that it is neither good nor bad, and that our response to conflict is what makes the difference. They then receive training in the areas of cooperation, communication, expression of feelings, and conflict resolution.

Upon completion of the general lessons, interested students were selected to receive additional training which prepared them to apply the principles learned in the classroom to situations involving other people. They learned the specific steps to mediation and will be available at recess periods to assist their peers in the mediation of common disputes before they escalate into major conflicts. This approach frees teachers and aides from the role of referee and gives them more time to teach and supervise.

The positive consequences of the program for students are many. They experience a sense of empowerment and gain confidence in their ability to help themselves. The skills they learn can help them get along better not only at school, but at home as well. Their self-esteem is enhanced as they feel more skillful in their relationships. Their sense of responsibility is increased because they learn to evaluate situations and decide upon their own responses and consequences. The students are also given the opportunity to work cooperatively toward a common goal and learn about cooperative activities, a somewhat unique opportunity in our competitive society.

The concept of peaceful conflict resolution and the rules for mediation can also be used successfully in the home. Next week we will review those concepts, followed by an article on strategies for one-to-one conflict resolution, and will complete the series with a discussion of using these techniques in the home.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 24. Refreshments following.

Christmas Day Service 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 25.

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**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
closed. Information, 439-9314.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., 3 year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided from 8 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.; worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; Family service with carols, 7 p.m., scripture and candlelighting, 7 p.m. Holy Communion, 11 p.m. Information, 439-9252.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**  
church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
ELCA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible Class, 10:15 a.m., Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m. 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Information, 465-2188.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Scientist, service and Sunday School, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**  
church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-3406.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m., Christian Education for all ages, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m., Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

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

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
of Delmar, worship, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Dr. Hagy will preach on "The Gift of Peace," church school, 9:45, youth and adult classes, 11 a.m., Live Nativity 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve services, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

**GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**  
Christmas Eve candlelighting service, Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 7 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

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

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

**ONESQUETHAW CHURCH**  
worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**  
Worship, 10 a.m. Church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

**UNIONVILLE CHURCH**  
adult coffee-break Bible Study, 9:45 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided; Children's Story Hour, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
Worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. church school, coffee hour, 11 a.m., Cherub Choir rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Candlelight services, 7 and 11 p.m. Information, 765-2895.

**Monday December 25**

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

##### BETHLEHEM

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
closed. Information, 439-9314.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
for all ages, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1887.

**FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
ELCA, Christmas Day service, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 10 a.m. Information, 465-2188.

##### NEW SCOTLAND

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
Christmas Day service, 10 a.m.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**  
Candlelight Christmas eve service, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday December 26**

##### BETHLEHEM

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
reopens, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

**SCHOOL'S OUT FILMS**  
"Cricket in Times Square," and "Mouse and His Child," 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**DEADLINE FOR TICKETS**  
for Bethlehem Elks New Years Eve Party to benefit Cerebral Palsy, \$45 per couple. Information, 731-2916.

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

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

**ALATEEN MEETING**  
support group for young people whose lives have been affected by another's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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

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

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

##### NEW SCOTLAND

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

**Wednesday December 27**

##### BETHLEHEM

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

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

### CELEBRATE! REJOICE!

Come celebrate the birth of the Christ Child with us at Delmar's First United Methodist Church

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 23**  
10:30AM • Christmas Journey for children younger than second grade (adults welcome) with a story teller, music, movement, etc.  
**Sunday, December 24**  
9:30AM • Christmas Worship Service (Child care and Church School)  
11:00AM • Christmas Worship Service  
6:30 & 7:00PM • Outdoor Live Nativity in the Courtyard  
7:30PM • "Super Gift from Heaven" by Betty Hager and Fred Bock, presented by the Junior and Intermediate Choirs  
11:00PM • Christmas Eve Worship Service



Kathryn Mann and Nicholas Hasselbach place gifts on the mitten tree to give to children in need.

428 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar

**Catch the Spirit**

### FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

1 Chapel Lane - Glenmont, N.Y.  
(Reformed Church Bldg.)

#### HOLIDAY SERVICES

Wed- Dec. 20th, 1989	— Sunday School Program	7:00 p.m.
Sun- Dec. 24th, 1989	— Worship Service	9:00 p.m.
	— Sunday School-Bible Class	10:15 p.m.
	— CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	5:00 p.m.
Mon- Dec. 25th, 1989	— CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	10:00 p.m.
Sun- Dec. 31st, 1989	— Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	— Sunday School-Bible Class	10:15 a.m.
	— NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE	5:00 p.m.

All are welcome .....Church Office 465-2188

### CHRISTMAS IS FOR EVERYONE

You are invited to share in the mystery and wonder of Christmas by attending the December 24th Christmas services:

- Morning Worship Service 10:00 AM  
(nursery care provided)
- Family Candlelight Service 7:00 PM  
(nursery care provided)
- Traditional Candlelight Service 11:00 PM

Delmar Reformed Church

386 Delaware Avenue  
(At The Four Corners)  
439-9929



**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**  
provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday. Information, 439-4258.

##### NEW SCOTLAND

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

**"FROM PULP TO PAPER"**  
Public library program. Children in kindergarten and up will learn to make paper and decorate it at the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**  
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

## Rejoice!

Come celebrate with us our Lord's birth.

#### Christmas Worship Schedule

7:00 pm	Christmas Eve
9:00 pm	Christmas Eve
10:00 am	Christmas Day

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
85 Elm Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 439-4328  
Rev. Warren Winterhoff

### We invite you to celebrate Christmas Eve with us at the DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. Family Service  
11:00 p.m. Holy Communion

585 Delaware Avenue  
Delmar, N.Y.

Rev. Larry A. Deyss

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
SENIOR VAN  
call 439-5770. 9-11 am

### SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Town of Bethlehem Transportation Services  
for the Elderly - 1989

The Senior Van & Senior Bus are staffed  
by Community Volunteers

RESERVATIONS: 9:00 am - Noon weekdays 439-5770.

HOURS IN SERVICE: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm weekdays.

INFORMATION/ SCHEDULING: Van Information Sheets available in office or by mail. Transports independently living residents of Bethlehem over the age of 60 within a 20 mile radius of the Town Hall.

#### PRIORITY:

• chemotherapy/radiation • hospital visits with family • hospital/doctor appts./therapy  
• persons in wheelchairs going to medical appointments • clinic appointments: legal, blood pressure, tax, fuel

#### WEEKLY GROCERY SHOPPING

**Monday's:** Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza from 9:00 - 11:30.

**THURSDAY'S:** Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Glenmont Plaza from 9:00 - 11:00.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** When the school district is closed due to inclement weather, vehicles will not operate.



# AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday  
December 20

## ALBANY

**CHANUKAH DINNER**  
sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SINGLE SQUARES DANCES**  
with caller Ed Joyner, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Ave., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-5653.

**PODIATRY SCREENING**  
Wellness Center, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 454-1550.

Thursday  
December 21

## ALBANY COUNTY

**ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION**  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

**CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE**  
meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, every Thursday, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Friday  
December 22

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

Saturday  
December 23

## ALBANY COUNTY

**FAMILY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION**  
sponsored by Albany Jewish Community Center and Ladies First, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

Sunday  
December 24

## ALBANY COUNTY

**BOOK SHOW**  
with novelist and folklorist Edward Hower, Public Radio Book Show, WAMC-FM, 90.3, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

Monday  
December 25

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday  
December 26

## ALBANY COUNTY

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

**RECREATION PROGRAM**  
for schoolage children, through Dec. 29, Kenwood Child Development Center, Inc., 799 South Pearl St., Albany, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information, 465-0404.

**TIME TUNNEL PROGRAM**  
for children in grades 1-6, presented by Michele Pierro and Chuck Peters, State Museum, Albany, 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Information, 486-5656.

**"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS"**  
presented by Pegasus Productions, hand and shadow puppets, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**  
every Tuesday, Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

**CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, second and fourth Tuesday of every month, Gaspary's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., 5:45 p.m. Information, 1-851-9859.

## SCHENECTADY

**SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP**  
group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Ave. and Eastern parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

Wednesday  
December 27

## ALBANY COUNTY

**SINGLES SQUARE DANCES**  
with caller Cliff Brodeur, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Ave., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-5653.

**TIME TUNNEL PROGRAM**  
for children in grades 1-6, presented by Michele Pierro and Chuck Peters, State Museum, Albany, 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Information, 486-5656.

**BASKETBALL CAMP**  
sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center, through Dec. 29, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, \$45. Information, 438-6651.

**Y OPEN HOUSE**  
sponsored by the Albany Young Men's Christian Association, 274 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Information, 449-7196.

**"LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD"**  
presented by Opera Excelsior, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.



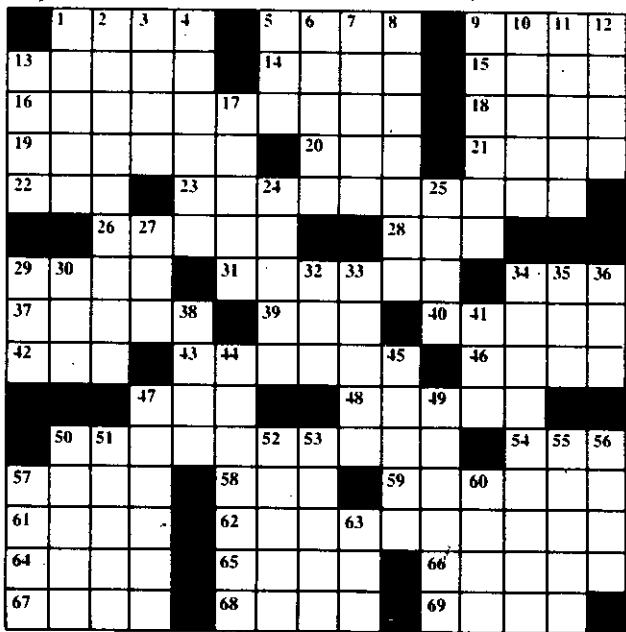
## Weekly Crossword

"HERE WE GO A CAROLING"

By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- 1 To be contiguous
- 5 "The Herald Angels Sing"
- 9 "Glory to The New King"
- 13 Boston Garden, ie
- 14 To me: French
- 15 Away from the wind
- 16 "O \_\_\_\_\_ of Bethlehem"
- 18 Renovate
- 19 "\_\_\_\_\_ I bring you great tidings of joy"
- 20 Man's nickname
- 21 Word with dance, bow or fall
- 22 "\_\_\_\_\_ is Calm"
- 23 "Hark The Herald \_\_\_\_\_"
- 26 Paper
- 28 Org. of Amer. States
- 29 Word with head or back
- 31 Little blue people
- 34 Texas Univ.
- 37 "It Came Upon a Midnight \_\_\_\_\_"
- 39 Rifle org.
- 40 "Join The Triumph of The \_\_\_\_\_"
- 42 Ebenezer's grand nephew
- 43 Gunsmoke's Ms. Blake
- 46 "Picnic" and "Bus Stop" playwright
- 47 Compass pt.
- 48 Ripening
- 50 "Joy \_\_\_\_\_"
- 54 Fido's org.
- 57 Jaw's boat
- 58 Precedes "LOV": Russian official
- 59 Comes before "BERRY": Type of blackberry
- 61 Bellow
- 62 "Peace on Earth \_\_\_\_\_ Men"
- 64 J \_\_\_\_\_: Jack Benny's sponsor
- 65 Arm bone
- 66 "The Highway Man": Author
- 67 Patron Saint of Norway
- 68 River to the North Sea
- 69 They come between "F" and "H"



### DOWN

- 1 Shakespeare's Tempest character
- 2 "O Little Town of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3 "\_\_\_\_\_ to us a child is born"
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a tree
- 5 Trilby, ie
- 6 Love Italian style
- 7 Part of a spur
- 8 "We Three \_\_\_\_\_ Orient Are"
- 9 Chuck \_\_\_\_\_: Gong Show host
- 10 New York city
- 11 Turn the soil again
- 12 Broadway light
- 13 Troubadour love song
- 17 Ms. Ferber and Millay
- 24 Precedes "SIUM": Sports arena
- 25 Back talk
- 27 Briny
- 29 Part of a play
- 30 CCCLXIII minus CCXII
- 32 Ewer
- 33 Corporal O'Reilly
- 34 "\_\_\_\_\_ Citizens of Heav'n Above"
- 35 One of the March girls
- 36 Employ
- 38 Outbreak
- 41 Close relative

44 Caspar Milquetoast, eg:

- 2 wds
- 45 Radiating warmth
- 47 "\_\_\_\_\_ Wonder"
- 49 Warming up the car
- 50 "\_\_\_\_\_ The Ancient Yuletide Carol"
- 51 Florida city
- 52 Cashmere, mohair and angora
- 53 \_\_\_\_\_ layer: Environmental concern
- 55 March toys
- 56 Corporate big wheels: Abbreviation
- 57 Kind of cookie
- 60 Healing plant
- 63 Woman's org.

Solution to "Rudolph"



Sandra Bowden's *Psalm XXIII* is part of "Forms and Fibers" at the Things of Beauty Gallery on Lark Street in Albany through Dec.31.

**Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle**  
35 Adams Place Delmar, New York

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.

**Christmas Masses**

5:00 PM Christmas Eve (Sunday)  
Christmas Vigil Eucharist  
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.)

11:30 PM A Liturgy of Readings and Carols precedes the Midnight Mass with choir and strings.

**On Christmas Day**

7:30 AM Christmas Mass at Dawn

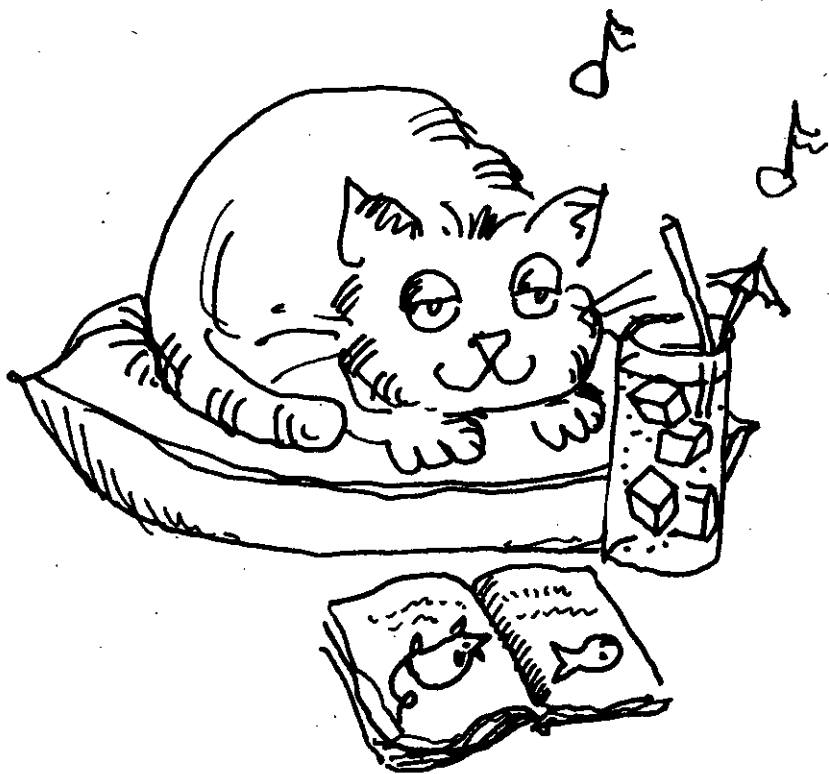
9:00 AM Concelebrated Mass with Special Liturgy of the Word for children.

10:30 AM Traditional Christmas Mass with choir.

12:00 PM Christmas Mass at Noon.

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.

## And now for something completely diFfeRent...



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### Aspects of Realism on exhibit at gallery

Aspects of Realism, open now through Feb. 10, at TED Gallery, Albany features contemporary realist paintings of Marcia Clark, Thyra Davidson, Warner Freidman, Barbara Mungall, Tom Nelson, Harry Orlyk, Marjorie Portnow, Chester Rose, Judith Weinman, George Wexler and with window installations by Adrienne Klein. The Gallery Hours are noon to seven p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturday.

### A Christmas carol

Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady is presenting Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. The production and adaptation of the story of Scrooge and Tiny Tim is done as a masque, not as a musical comedy. The songs do not move the story along, rather, they stand apart from the text. For more information or tickets call 346-6204.

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## Hanukkah

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Actually, they have eight times more fun. After all, Christmas only lasts one day. Here, children receive gifts for eight days. No complaints from them!"

The Chabad Center will precede its regular Friday night service this week with the lighting of the menorah at 4 p.m. Hanukkah will be celebrated at the center's Saturday morning service as well, and an open-house holiday party is scheduled at the center for Tuesday the 26th.

The Hanukkah Festivities will conclude next week with the lighting of the menorah's final candles at Friday and Saturday services.

Anyone wishing to attend the Delmar services or others in the Capital District should call the Simons at 439-8280.

### Musical celebration

The National Savings Bank of Albany will host the Albany Symphony String Quartet on Dec. 21 and the Schenectady Brass Quintet on Dec. 22. Both performances are from noon until 1 p.m. in the main lobby at 90 State Street.

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem is desirous of conveying a parcel of land and Callanan Industries, Inc., South Street, Coeymans, N.Y. is desirous of purchasing said parcel which is adjacent to their land on New York State Route 396, and consists of 4.38 acres, more or less, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has no plans for the use of said parcel and Callanan Industries, Inc. has indicated a desire to purchase said property, an

WHEREAS, the parcel has been appraised and the parties have agreed to the purchase and sale of said parcel for the amount of \$10,000.00, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 64(2) of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board is enabled to convey real property in the name of the Town by resolution which shall be subject to permissive referendum, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, subject to permissive referendum, the Town of Bethlehem shall convey to Callanan Industries, Inc., all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto, upon the expiration of the required thirty day period following the adoption of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that within ten days after the adoption of this resolution, the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and contain an abstract of such resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof. Said notice shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

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

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

Dated: December 13, 1989.  
(December 20, 1989)

## NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of

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Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 1990, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 P.M., to take action on the application of Joseph F. Allegretta, 15 John St., Selkirk, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed five (5) lot subdivision, to be located on John St., as shown on map entitled, "Subdivision Map, Lands of JOSEPH F. ALLEGRETTA, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany" dated January 4, 1988, revised 2/8/89 and made by C.T. Male Associates, P.C., Latham, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

Kenneth Ringler, Jr.  
Chairman, Planning Board  
(December 20, 1989)

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Fuel Oil for the use of said Town, including Water District No. 1, during the year 1990, as and when needed.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of January, 1990 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
CAROLYN M. LYONS  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: December 13, 1989  
(December 20, 1989)

## NOTICE

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Town, for the year 1990.  
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Dated: December 13, 1989  
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## LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The applications of Sound of Life, Inc. ("Sound"), Family Broadcasting, Inc. ("Family"), George M. Ragsdale, Daniel F. Viles, Jr. and Gregory T. Lano d/b/a Mid-Atlantic Broadcasting Company ("Mid-Atlantic"), WAMC ("WAMC"), Francis W. Bell ("Bell"), R. Bryan Jackson ("Jackson"), and Tri-Cities FM Limited Partnership ("Tri-Cities") for a commercial FM radio station on Channel 242A at Voorheesville, New York have been designated for hearing on the following issues:

1. To determine whether Sonrise Management Services, Inc. is an undisclosed party-in-interest to Tri-Cities' application.  
2. To determine whether Tri-Cities' organizational structure is a sham.  
3. To determine whether Tri-Cities violated Section 1.65 of the Commission's Rules and/or lacked candor by failing to report: (i) the designation of character issue against other applicants in which one or more of its partners has an ownership interest, (ii) the dismissal of such ownership interest and/or unresolved character issues pending, and (iii) the interest held by one or more of its partners in appli-

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cations pending and/or dismissed with prejudice by the Commission.

4. To determine, from the evidence adduced pursuant to Issues 1 through 3 above, whether Tri-Cities possesses the basic qualifications to be a licensee of the facilities sought herein.

5. To determine whether the proposals of Sound and WAMC would provide coverage for the city sought to be served, as required by Section 73.315(a) of the Commission's rules, and if not, whether circumstances exist which warrant waiver of that Section.

6. If a final environmental impact statement is issued with respect to Sound, Family, Mid-Atlantic, WAMC and/or Jackson in which it is concluded that the proposed facility to have an adverse effect on the quality of the environment, to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, as implemented by 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1301-1319.

7. To determine which of the proposals would, on a comparative basis, best serve the public interest.

8. To determine, in light of the evidence adduced pursuant to the specified issues, which to the applications should be granted, if any.

The hearing will convene on February 26, 1989, at 10:00 AM at the office of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. A copy of the application, amendments thereto and related material of Mid-Atlantic are available for public inspection during normal business hours at Voorheesville Public Library, during regular business hours. (December 20, 1989)

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Police Uniforms for the Town of Bethlehem Police Department.

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
CAROLYN M. LYONS  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: December 13, 1989  
(December 20, 1989)

**Lands To be Conveyed  
By The  
Town of Bethlehem  
To  
Callanan Industries, Inc.  
South Street  
Coeymans, New York**

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, and State of New York, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point, said point being the intersection of the easterly boundary of the parcel herein intended to be described with the southerly boundary of parcel number 51 map 34-RI, New York State Route 396, New York State Highway Number 1562; thence in a southerly direction and along curve to the left having a central angle of 3 degrees 36 minutes 40 seconds, a radius of 8464.42 feet for a distance of 530 feet to a point; thence continuing in a southerly direction a distance of 100.00 feet to a point; thence continuing in a southerly direction and along a curve to the left having a radius of 8,484.92 feet for a distance of 160 feet, more or less, to a point in the dividing line between the Town of Bethlehem on the North and the Town of Coeymans on the South; thence in a westerly direction, a distance of 120 feet, more or less, along said Town line to the westerly boundary of the parcel herein intended to be conveyed; thence in a northerly direction along a curve to the right having a radius of 8583.42 feet for a distance of 90 feet, more or less, to an angle point in said westerly boundary; thence in a northwesterly direction, a distance of 105.00 feet to a point;

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thence in a southwesterly direction, making an interior angle of 282 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds with the last described course a distance of 175.00 feet to a point; thence in a northerly direction, making an interior angle of 68 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds with the last described course a distance of 620.00 feet to a point in the southerly boundary of Parcel Number 51, Map Number 34-RI, New York State Route Number 396, and New York State Highway Number 1562; thence in a southeasterly direction and along the southerly boundary of the aforementioned parcel making an interior angle of 72 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds with the last described course a distance of 290.11 feet to the point and place of beginning.

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(December 20, 1989)

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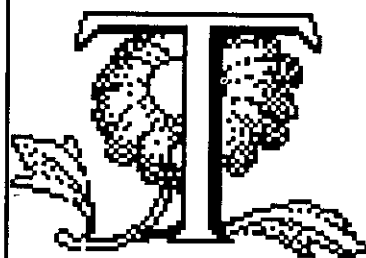


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