

# Christmas Holiday Gift Guide III

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# Yuletide traditions vary across the globe

How did Santa Claus come to be a jolly old man? Why do children hang stockings on the hearth on Christmas Eve? Why do we exchange gifts for the holidays?

Holiday traditions have been evolving for centuries. Following are a few international customs, some of which will seem very familiar.

## AROUND THE WORLD

One way to enliven your holiday celebrations is to adopt an old custom that is new to your family.

You might hold your family dinner and exchange gifts on Christmas Eve, like the Germans, or create an elaborate nativity scene, like the French.

Other French customs include *le reveillon*, an elaborate feast served in the first hours of Christmas after a midnight Mass. The French continue their holiday celebrations until Twelfth Night, when they conclude the festivities with an Epiphany feast.

Christmas trees are rare in Greece, and gift-giving is generally done on St. Basil's Day on Jan. 1.

In Mexico, religious processions re-enacting Mary and Joseph's search for a room at the inn start

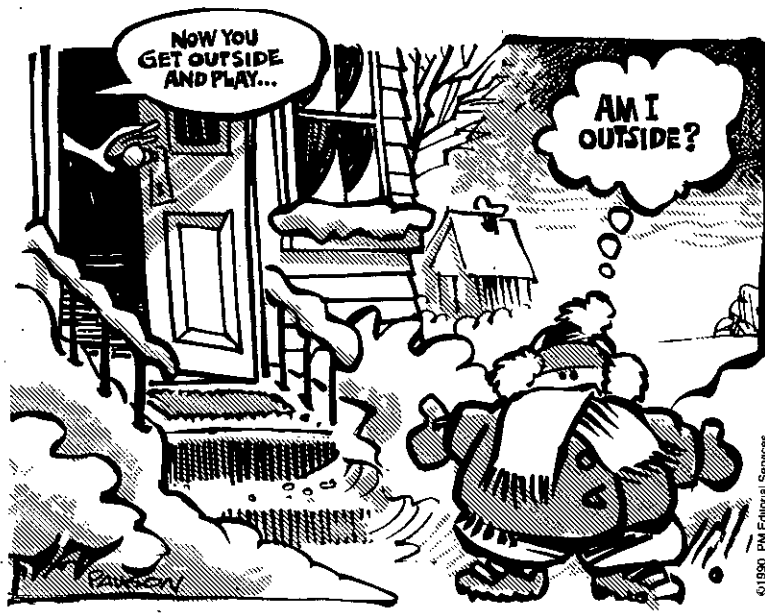
nine days before Christmas. Pilgrims are refused entry until Christmas Day, when they reach a house with an altar and a creche. A party follows, complete with a goody-filled pinata.

## GIFT GIVING

Although many believe that the practice of exchanging gifts during the holidays began when the Magi presented gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus, the custom actually goes further back to ancient Romans.

For their midwinter Saturnalian celebration, the Romans exchanged laurel, olive and myrtle, which were symbolic of health, happiness and affection. By the reign of Caligula in 37 A.D., however, offerings were less modest — gold, silver and clothing were the gift items of choice.

The custom of hanging stockings on the hearth for extra goodies comes from the British. Legend has it that Father Christmas tossed gold coins down a chimney that would have been lost in the ash grate if they hadn't landed in a stocking left to dry in the fireplace.



## SWEET ST. NICK

Though we get our vision of Santa Claus as a jolly, rotund elf from Clement Moore's famous poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas," St. Nick has a different look in other countries.

He gets his name from St. Nicholas, the fourth-century Bishop of Myra, who had a reputation for generosity, particularly toward

impoverished children.

The English have Father Christmas, a tall, white-haired, merry gentleman. But in Sweden he looks more like a gnome. French children get their presents from *Pere Noel*.

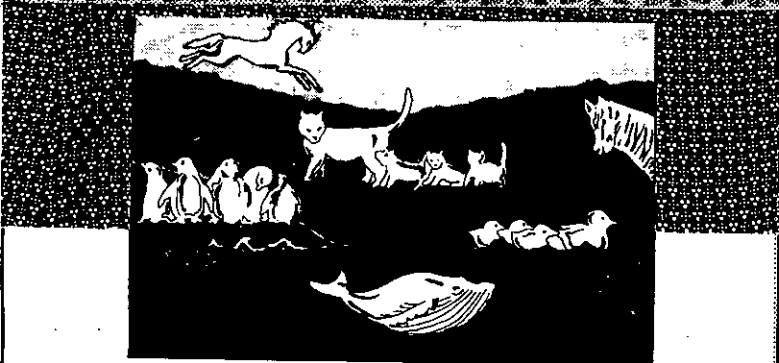
Dutch children called him Sinte Klaas and filled their wooden clogs with carrots and hay for his horses (a forerunner to leaving

milk and cookies for a hungry Santa Claus). These clogs would be left by the fireplace on Christmas Eve, and in the morning good children would find them filled with presents. Naughty youngsters were spirited away to Spain for a year by Sinte Klaas' Moorish companion, Zwarte Piet.

Italian children get their gifts from *La Befana* — a kind of good witch — on Twelfth Night. Legend has it that she was invited to join the three wise men on their journey to Bethlehem. But she waited a day to clean her house and never caught up with them. Instead, she bestowed gifts on every child she met, hoping one would be the Christ Child.

## WAYS TO FILL THE HOLIDAY STRETCH

- Take the tree down and invite your best friends over for turkey mole or cacciadore made from leftovers.
- Pitch camp in the desert, relax, rough it and catch up on your 1990 magazines.
- Head for the bayou to enjoy Sugar Bowl events in New Orleans.
- Sleep.
- Go in with friends to rent a condo at a winter sports retreat.
- Harness up those Belgian mares for a hayrack or sleigh ride.
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If you have a friend or loved one who is an avid photographer or videographer — or if you're looking for ways to give photos as gifts, consider the following.

Check furniture and department stores for storage cabinets especially designed to store videotapes, travel or luggage stores for a backpack or satchel to hold video equipment and film; video stores for how-to tapes that targets special interests, or give a gift subscription to a video-oriented magazine.

For someone who has recorded

a lot of home video on outdated film formats, consider having these converted to VHS so they can watch their films on a VCR.

Scrapbooks and photo albums are always welcome (blank if they're for someone who has lots of pictures to stash, filled if they're for someone with whom you share memories). Have the cover of a leather album engraved with the recipient's name, or choose an album with an unusual textured cover (faux crocodile hide, tapestry, hand-marbled Italian paper, embossed lizard).

If you consider photo frames basic and boring, you're in for a surprise; styles range from lead crystal to antique reproduction. These include sterling silver, beaded (for wedding photos), embossed leather, rough-hewn pine, burl wood, beveled acrylic, faux malachite, wood inlay, more.

Traveling photographers will be delighted with a Suntron Film-Safe X; available in most camera stores, these containers protect film from dust, water and airport X-rays.

### Celebrity Wish List

What do the famous wish for? Rocker Mick Jagger pines for an 8mm camcorder. Tina Turner wants state-of-the-art videotape editing equipment for her home movies. Comedian Jay Leno thinks some video games might be fun.

### Shopping Strategies

Almost half of us know what to buy before we walk into the store. More than a quarter of shoppers buy their holiday gifts throughout the year; one in five purchase all their gifts in one shopping expedition.

### Candy Cane Consumers

Nearly 23 percent of children say they can devour a candy cane in less than a minute. But 41 percent need five minutes; 20 percent savour theirs for 10 minutes.

### Sneaky Snoops

Parents beware! Sixty-six percent of children admit they snoop for their gifts. Could it be time to find more creative places to hide presents from overanxious elves?

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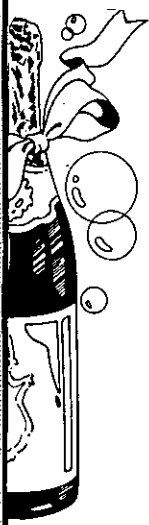
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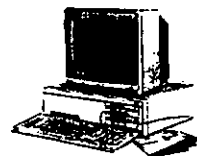
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Wrapping gifts can be fun or a hassle, an opportunity to exercise your creativity and ingenuity or an unwelcome way to spend precious time.

However you see it, heed the following and you'll find the process more enjoyable.

## IF YOU HAVE TIME

Put extra sparkle in your holidays by wrapping a gift in an especially creative or beautiful way.

Use tinsel instead of ribbon, for example. Or tie some foil "icicles" into the bow. Jazz up a package with a small, shiny Christmas ball or appealing hand-crafted ornament; add a few tiny tinkling bells.

Select something unusual for gift wrap — the Sunday funnies, tin foil, wallpaper or fabric with a holiday print or something with texture, such as velvet, velour, silk or chamois.

Make your own wrap, and encourage the kids to help. Start with white butcher paper, then embellish it with pine trees drawn with felt pens, a repeating star pattern, goofy elves and reindeer, red-and-green abstract designs, patterns made with rubber stamps or stickers sold by the roll.

Tie a sprig of mistletoe on the gift and hold it above the recipient when you give it to him or her. (All the better if the gift is lingerie or jewelry!)

Take a big piece of white paper and write a huge (felt pen) letter to Grandma or another out-of-town loved one; then wrap the gift with it.

Visit a craft or variety store for unusual embellishments, such as silk poinsettias, feathers, pom-poms, metallic yarn, colorful miniature birds, pipe cleaners (use them to spell names, make ornaments) and more.

Hobby shop "sleds" made of balsa wood can be used to hold festive packages — and they also make attractive centerpieces.

Handmade gift tags can become lasting treasures.

Cut tiny snowflakes from colored tissue paper and glue them on tags of heavy white paper. Or have your toddler "draw" a picture of the recipient on the tag (Grandma will love it).

You also can make tags from cut-up greeting cards and used calendar pages. Heavyweight wrapping paper works well, too, or stiffen regular wrapping paper with a layer of clear contact paper; punch a hole in one corner for the string.

Women can apply bright red lipstick to their lips and then use them to stamp kisses on a white tag or plainly wrapped gift.

Instead of words on your gift tags, use pictures. On the front of a card, a snapshot of the recipient; on the inside, a photo of the giver.

Traditionalists will be pleased that even "ordinary" gift-wrap items have been improved. New curling ribbons come in metallic colors, and bows and tags are now patterned to match papers.

## IF YOU DON'T

Let's say you remembered to buy wrapping paper, ribbon, tape, tissue and tags — in sufficient quantity — and you've located the scissors. If you have 20 gifts to wrap, at 10 minutes each, you'll spend over three hours at it.

That's not a small chunk of time, particularly at this time of year (and it doesn't include cleaning up bits and pieces of paper and ribbon and finding a place to stash the rest).

Fortunately, card and gift-wrap manufacturers realize that many people who love to give gorgeous presents loathe the wrapping process, and they've come up with a solution: handsomely decorated gift bags and boxes.

All you have to do is slip your item into the container; add tissue, a bow and tag (if you wish). A bonus is that the bag or box is a gift in itself and will probably be reused by the recipient.

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ple, feature vibrantly colored traditional holiday scenes and subjects and a durable, high-gloss laminated surface. Rope handles make the bags even sturdier.

Lighter-weight bags with pinched and flat bottoms are ideal for last-minute gifts or gifts that come in bottles. Decorative boxes come in several sizes: large (bathrobe size), medium (shirts or blouses) and small (lingerie, gloves, scarves).

Bag designs get more clever every year, and many of this year's crop appeal to kids. American Greetings features a cartoon polar bear skipping rope (his jump rope is the bag handle). Other new designs include cartoonish caroling reindeer and Santa making his rounds.

But what if you bought something big, bulky and awkward to wrap? Not a problem. Slide that sled, doll house or tricycle into a huge red or green plastic bag imprinted with a holiday pattern. (These larger gift bags can be found in stationery stores and shops that specialize in containers.)

Another way to "wrap" an awkward gift is to enclose a picture of it in a card. The recipient has the pleasure of anticipation, gift-unwrapping and surprise; you can keep the object hidden in a closet or the trunk of your car.



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## Elegant wrapping spruces up homemade gifts

It's more pleasing, somehow, to present edible gifts in open containers rather than hiding them inside boxes.

You'll want to choose a container that is useful long after its contents have been enjoyed. A wonderful woven basket, for example, can become a towel or magazine holder.

But beyond baskets, you can pack your items in such creative containers as an outside salad bowl, ice bucket or even a wire

gardening basket. It's better to select a smaller container that will look brimming full, rather than a large one that seems to have lots of room left.

To add a warm, elegant touch to your gift, line the container with a swatch of colorful fabric. Other alternatives are tissue paper or lightweight wrapping paper.

Wrap in clear plastic, tied simply with a ribbon; busy paper and frills can detract rather than enhance — but you might want to tie

an ornament or two in with the ribbon.

### Who Shops When

Women are more likely to pick up holiday gifts all year long. Men, on the other hand, tend to wait until the last minute, according to an American Express survey.

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# Picking your tannenbaum treasures

Every Christmas, my mother couldn't resist getting creative with the family tree. After years of living with flocked trees, we switched to an ecologically correct living pine.

Then she dispensed with the traditional pine or spruce altogether, choosing to embellish our *ficus benjamina* with tiny clear lights, which looked oddly fitting for a Southern California Christmas, or, one year, with red yarn bows, which drooped and made

the tree look embarrassed.

But it was our family's treasured tannenbaum — the perfect home for Mom's elaborately wrapped gifts (she had a penchant for intricate Egyptian motifs).

If the *ficus* is our family tree, early celebrants favored small potted cherry and hawthorn trees during the holidays. The first decorated trees surfaced in Alsace in the early 17th century.

We have Queen Victoria's German royal consort, Prince Albert,

to thank for the lavishly decorated trees we now associate with the holiday. When German immigrants brought the tradition to the United States, we added our own homespun touch with strings of popcorn and cranberries.

To this day, my mother's *ficus* notwithstanding, tradition reigns supreme during the holidays, and most families opt for a pine, spruce or fir.

There is a myriad of places to find your perfect tree. Every year,

empty lots are transformed into tree emporiums. You'll also find trees at large home improvement stores and nurseries. For those city folk who want the experience of chopping down their own trees, there are tree farms.

## SELECTING A TREE

Start by deciding where the tree will go and measuring the space. Remember that a tree that's too large is overpowering while one that's too small loses impact.

Then shop early in the season, when you'll have the best selection of fresh trees. You can judge a

tree's freshness by its needles, which should be resilient and flexible. (Needles that snap when bent indicate a dried-out tree.) Pull your hand across a branch — needles shouldn't fall off in your hand. Then lift the tree a few inches and let it drop on its stump. Green outer needles shouldn't fall off.

Consider how you'll decorate the tree. If you plan to load it with heavy ornaments, opt for a hardy balsam or noble fir. The Fraser fir has short, soft needles and open branches that are better for lighter ornaments.

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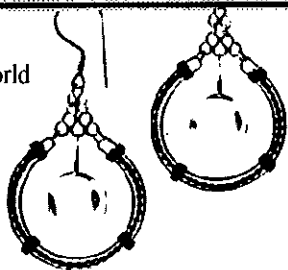
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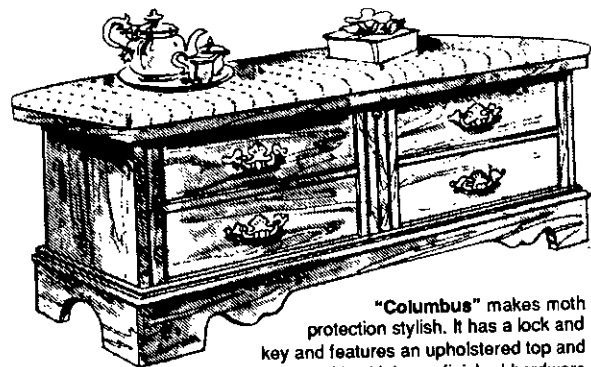


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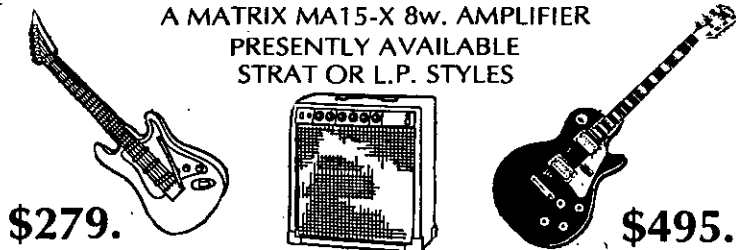
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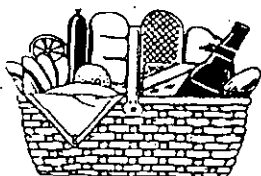
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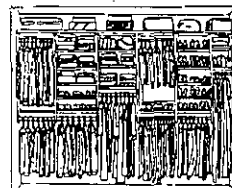
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If you munch with abandon between now and New Year's, you stand to gain about seven pounds.

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Tiptoe through the temptations, ever alert to paunch-producing foods and libations.

Which is not to say you have to suffer. There are many ways you can (cheerfully, gracefully) avoid culinary pitfalls and enjoy the feasts and festivities ahead.

You can vow to avoid high-fat snacks and gooey sweets, but chances are you'll give in when the going gets tough (under the watchful eye of a hostess who slaved all day to please her guests).

Plan in advance; take it easy for a day or so before you go, cutting back on your intake. But don't arrive famished, or you may lose control when you need it most.

When you do indulge, for heaven's sake, enjoy it! Guilt tends to lead to feelings of deprivation, which lead to a binge, and then more guilt — a cycle you're wise to avoid.

Alcohol can sabotage you. Not only is it sky-high in calories, it also can weaken your resolution. If you must imbibe, choose a dry wine instead of a sweet one — or a wine cooler made from wine and seltzer.

Watch out for salty snacks; they make you thirsty, and you tend to drink more. Also, they tend to be high in calories.

Unless you look forward all year to eggnog, you're smart to refuse it. This holiday "treat" can have up to 1,000 calories per cup! (Look for eggnog made with low-fat milk, available at most supermarkets.)

When at the buffet, choose carefully, then move away. At the dinner table, politely refuse seconds (you can protest that it was fabu-

lously delicious, but you're more stuffed than the turkey).

Even though you're busy, plan to visit the fitness center or enjoy your favorite form of exercise frequently during the holidays — especially the day after a party. You'll feel terrific.

Sometimes inclinations to over-indulge with food or alcohol intensify during the holidays. Don't delay getting help; now may be the best time to join a support group, visit a clinic or make an appointment with a counselor or therapist.

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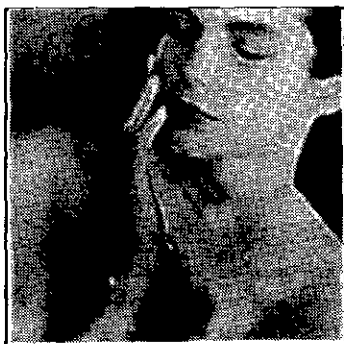
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# Kitchen creations make for the perfect gift

Does the idea of fighting the crowds in search of gifts for friends and relatives leave you with a "Bah, humbug" attitude? Here's one cure: Stay home and cook.

Give 'em goodies from your kitchen: breads, muffins, cookies — or herb mixtures and flavored vinegars, oils and mustards. (In this season of excess, foods that last beyond the holidays are a good idea.)

## GIFT BASKETS

It's fun to select themes and design gift baskets. A "country holiday" basket, for instance, might contain fresh biscuits and jams, while a "high tea" hamper could feature a platter of scones, special teas and holiday napkins.

A "holiday baking" ensemble might include recipes, cookie cutters and a rolling pin. "Holiday brunch" could have French bread, goat cheese and plenty of fresh fruit and pastries.

A "pancake basket" might contain different kinds of mixes and syrups; a "treat basket," Belgian chocolates and champagne.

For someone who loves to cook, stuff an oversize kitchen mitt with small kitchen accessories or an in-

teresting assortment of gadgets (cookie cutters, an apple peeler, colorful measuring spoons, wire whisks in several sizes).

Planning to visit someone in another city? Pack a basket with items produced in your community (such as wine from a local winery) or that you've grown in your garden (banana apples, sweet seedless tangerines, walnuts).

These store-bought treats make great fillers: flavored coffee beans, all-fruit jams, sparkling cider, cocktail olives, flavored pasta, fancy dried fruits, honey, nuts, sun-dried tomatoes.

## MAIL-ORDER SOURCES

Perhaps the easiest way to treat others (and yourself) to unusual gift foods is to order them by mail. Among the many items available are snack foods and desserts, exotic fruit baskets, spicy condiments, tempting syrups and all sorts of candies. Sources include:

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The following gift-basket items are as enjoyable to make as they are to receive.

## PESTO VINAIGRETTE

4 cups basil leaves, lightly packed  
 ½ cup parsley leaves, lightly packed  
 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated  
 6 medium cloves garlic  
 1 tablespoon salt  
 2½ cups olive oil  
 1½ cups champagne vinegar  
 ½ cup lemon juice

Yields 7 cups, a good item for a pasta gift basket.

In blender or food processor, combine herbs, cheese, garlic and salt until pureed. With motor running, add oil in steady stream. Process until blended; add vinegar and lemon juice.

## CRAIG CLAIBORNE'S SWEET MUSTARD

½ cup whole black or yellow mustard seed  
 ¾ cup dry mustard  
 2 tablespoons turmeric (optional — adds bright yellow color)  
 2 teaspoons dried tarragon  
 1½ cups boiling water  
 1 cup tarragon-flavored vinegar  
 1 cup dry white wine  
 2 tablespoons oil  
 4 tablespoons granulated sugar  
 1 cup finely chopped onion  
 4 cloves garlic, finely minced  
 ½ teaspoon each: ground cloves, allspice, cinnamon

Yields about 4 cups.  
 Combine mustard seed, mustard, turmeric, tarragon and boil-

ing water in small bowl and let stand for 1 hour. After 45 or 50 minutes, combine vinegar, wine, oil, sugar, onion, garlic and spices in saucepan. Bring to boil and simmer 5 minutes. Pour mixture into blender or food processor, add mustard mixture and blend for 2 minutes.

## BRANDY-APRICOT JELLY

3 cups apricot nectar  
 7 cups granulated sugar  
 1½ cups brandy  
 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
 ¼ cup liquid fruit pectin

Yields 8 cups.

Combine apricot nectar, sugar, brandy and lemon juice in saucepan. Bring to boil and cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in pectin.

## First Carols

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While the excess of Victorian holiday decor might not be your taste, it does encourage you to think of the whole house as fair game when it comes to bringing

the spirit of the season into your home.

Instead of looking at it as a chore, make it fun. Start by putting out small decorations in early December, adding more as the holidays draw near.

## INVITING ENTRIES

Wreaths are a traditional way to invite friends in for the holidays, but you don't have to stop there. Ideas for doorways include decorating the door like a giant

present by dressing it up with bright red paper and a huge bow.

Or create a country Christmas by framing the doorway with swags of fragrant evergreen garlands, highlighted with big red bows and polished apples.

Perk up windows with small ornaments, lights or even painted-on decorations.

One idea is to use fancy paper doilies as window stencils. Use a wide stencil brush or a sponge to apply water-soluble paint and cre-

ate a flurry of pretty snowflakes. The more creative among us, of course, can create their own stencils using a variety of holiday motifs.

When you're stringing lights up outdoors, don't overlook lawn decorations. Create a nativity scene or dot the lawn with charmingly primitive-looking reindeer made with logs and twigs. And lights aren't the only way to perk up trees and shrubs — dress them up with bright streamers of wide red and gold ribbon.

## DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with anything —

boughs of holly, swags of evergreens, garlands of fruit and vegetables. The choice is limitless and the effect is always cheerful.

In "Entertaining in the Victorian Style" (Dutton Studio Books), Marilyn Hansen suggests that festive excess is best:

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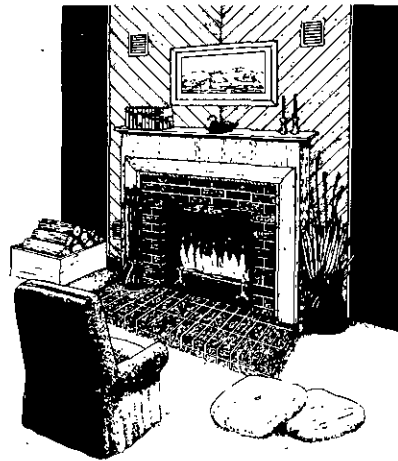
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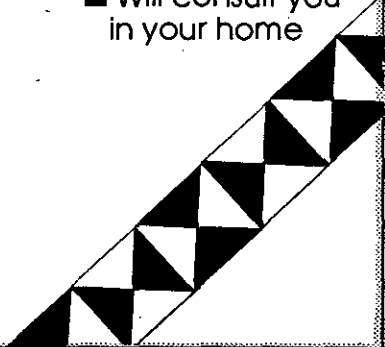




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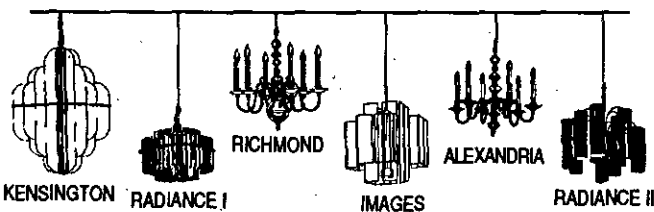
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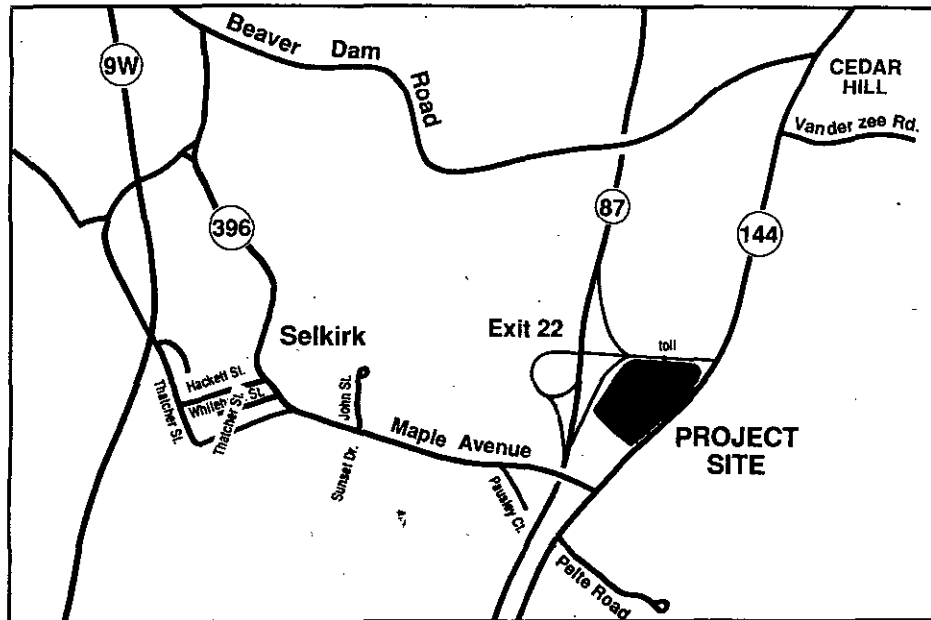
By Mike Larabee

Union Oil Corporation of California, or Unocal, the company behind Union 76 brand gasoline, has proposed building what it describes as an "upscale" truck stop on about 22 acres of property at Thruway exit 22 in Selkirk.

The company submitted an application for the project to the Bethlehem Planning Board in early September. Board Chairman Martin Barr said Tuesday the proposal is still under review by town staff, and that he could not speculate when it will appear formally on the board's agenda.

The truck stop would be built on 22 acres of a Unocal-owned 30-acre parcel sandwiched between Route 144 (River Road) and the state Thruway. According to plans filed with the town, it would include a 200 seat restaurant, separate

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Location of Unocal's proposed Selkirk truck stop

**VOORHEESVILLE**

## Wide gap still splits VTA, board

By Susan Wheeler

The Voorheesville Board of Education silently sat Monday night while C. James Coffin, board president, answered questions fired at the board by the teachers.

After picketing outside of the high school before the meeting, about 40 teachers entered the meeting together. They asked prepared questions to the board on current contract negotiations.

Teachers have been working without a contract since June 30, when their previous contract expired. They have been working to the letter of their former contract since early November, according to Richard Mele, Voorheesville Teachers Association president.

Richard Freyer, a high school science teacher, asked the board to negotiate for a new contract "personally," instead of sending mediators to negotiation meetings. He said the teachers would like to meet "face to face across the table."

Although Coffin said the board has made its negotiators, Superintendent Alan McCartney and Andrew Nolte, available to the teachers, he said the board "made a collective decision to have paid negotiators work with Dr. McCartney."

Freyer said that with the increase in state aid the district is receiving, the savings should be passed on to the teachers. Treasurer Sarita Winchell said that the increase in state aid is delegated for

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## Kenwood Avenue developer proposes 91-lot division opposite Elm Avenue Park

By Mike Larabee

Klersy Building Corporation, a Kenwood Avenue building firm in Delmar, has proposed a 91-lot subdivision on 58 acres between Elm and Murray avenues across from the town's Elm Avenue Park.

The single-family home development, dubbed Fieldstone Creek, is in the preliminary stage of review by the Bethlehem Planning Board. It would be slightly smaller than a similar proposal for the site, then called Forest Run, brought forward in late 1988 by the same devel-

oper.

According to a memo written by Deputy Town Planner Ellen Kost, the Fieldstone Creek site is vacant and largely wooded, and contains part of an unnamed tributary of the Phillipinkill.

In addition, the property surrounding the tributary is currently classified as a state wetland, though the Department of Environmental Conservation (EnCon) is in the process of removing the designation, she said. According to Kost, EnCon has determined that the area is actually

two distinct wetlands, neither of which is large enough to qualify for status as a protected wetland.

At the planning board's Tuesday, Dec. 4, meeting, development representative Robert E. Walsh of C.T. Male Associates in Latham said EnCon has said the wetland would be formally deregulated on or about Jan. 15. Nancy Heaslip, the department's senior wildlife biologist reviewing the question, later confirmed that the property soon would lose its

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## Voorheesville class gets taste of Desert Shield

By Susan Wheeler

A sixth-grade classroom at Voorheesville Elementary School opened its door last week on a snowy day to taste life in the desert. Or at least to nibble the food U.S. soldiers participating in Operation Desert Shield eat and to learn about life in Saudi Arabia.

Sheila Lobel's 26 students touched, and some ventured to sample, the meal-ready-to-eat (MRE) brought in by visitor Kelly Zelker, the sister of 21-year-old Shane G. Zelker, a private first class in the Army 82nd Airborne. Kelly, the 24-year-old cousin to sixth-grader Jodi Oddy, brought the rations and news about Shane to the sixth-graders.

Jodi and her classmates wrote to Shane, a paratrooper, and the 82nd

Airborne in October. They invited Kelly, a Saratoga Springs resident, to their classroom to give her a banner for Shane and his comrades, along with a second batch of letters to be mailed. The students have received replies from Pvt. Zelker and three others from the 82nd Airborne.

"This situation has brought the world into the classroom," Lobel said. Not only does the sixth-grade curriculum, world history and current events, correlate with the recent developments, but some of her other students also have relatives in the Mideast, she said. "This has brought it all together."

Shane, also from Saratoga Springs and the grandson of Slingerlands residents

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Sixth-grade teacher Sheila Lobel, student Jodi Oddy and Kelly Zelker are joined by Trooper in displaying the banner Lobel's class made for Scott Zelker and the 82nd Airborne. Susan Wheeler

## Brother in fair condition after shooting mishap

Richard Leonard, 39, a West Coxsackie resident shot by his brother in an apparent hunting accident Saturday, is listed in fair condition in Albany Medical Center Hospital's intensive care unit, a hospital spokesperson said Tuesday.

Leonard was shot in the chest with a 12 gauge Mossberg pump shotgun by his brother, Gary Leonard, 38, of Shady Grove Trailer Park, Selkirk, in a wooded area about 400 yards north of Creble Road in Bethlehem, police said.

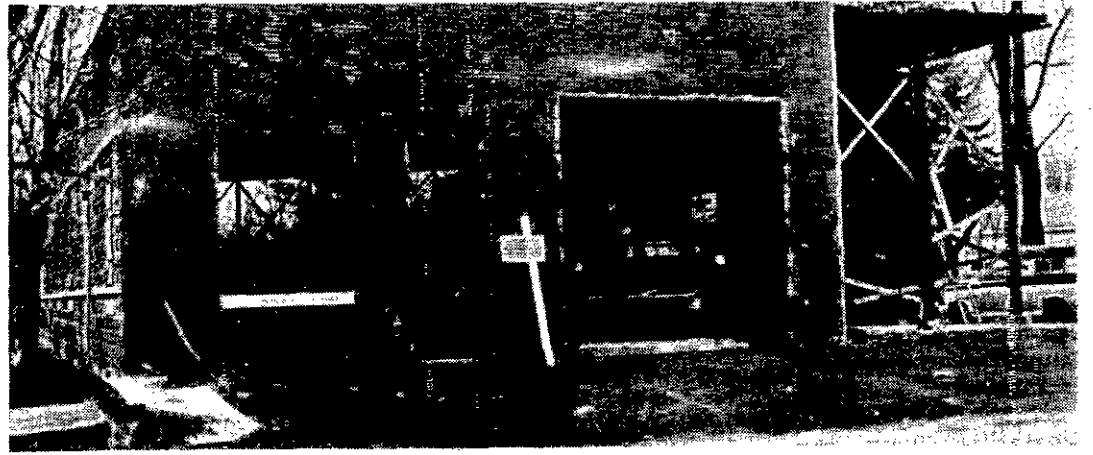
According to police, Richard Leonard was wearing brown and

green camouflaged attire without any bright colors when the accident occurred. Gary Leonard reportedly told investigators he mistook his brother for a deer coming out of a patch of heavy thicket in a wooded area.

Bethlehem police said they are still investigating the incident and are consulting with the Albany County District Attorney's office, though a report on the shooting said the department has ruled out foul play.

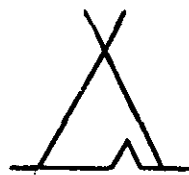
Richard Leonard's fair listing at the hospital was an upgrade over his status Monday, when he remained in critical condition.

## Work in progress



Construction continues on Phase I of the renovation of the former Main-Care building at 500 Kenwood Ave., which is

being converted into 4,258 square feet of office space by Robert Mitchell Associates of Delmar. *Mike Larabee*



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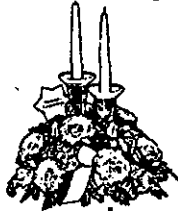
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# Confusion, bills mount in Clarksville

By Debi Boucher

What New Scotland engineering project is mired in unpaid bills, disputed cost overruns and delays, and is still inoperational?

If you live in Clarksville or the surrounding area, you guessed right away: It's the Clarksville Water District, that once promised so much and has so far delivered only headaches.

The latest chapters in the saga, occurring simultaneously, concern both engineering and finances.

Dunne Geoscience has launched a 21-day test at the well which, if all goes well, will prove to be the one that can be pumped for water uncontaminated by nitrates. LaBerge Engineering, meanwhile, is pressing the town to pay outstanding bills even as auditors work to finish a comprehensive audit of the town's finances, triggered by the amount of grant money being awarded for the project. Supervisor Herbert Reilly said he hopes the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will come through this year with the remainder of the money it has pledged.

Regardless, the project is still over budget, although it's not yet clear by how much. That may be resolved when Williams Matt & Rutnick submits its final copy of the audit. Reilly said he would like to have the report in hand in time for the town board's year-end meeting, set for Dec. 19 at 5 p.m., but was not optimistic. More likely, he said, it would be on the agenda for the board's January meeting.

At its last meeting, the board voted to delay paying the outstanding bills on the water district, and to have Reilly send a letter to LaBerge expressing the board's concern over problems at the site. Highway Superintendent Michael Hotaling said he had a list of things that needed to be corrected, and also expressed concern that since the system isn't up and running yet due to the well problems, it's still largely untested. "We haven't had a chance to see it in full opera-

tion," he pointed out, "and we're still having problems with it."

As of Monday, Reilly said he and Hotaling were working on a comprehensive punch list to send LaBerge. Although Reilly declined to give details pending LaBerge's receipt of the letter, he said two fire hydrants still needed repair, and some "maintenance tasks" for homeowners were still undone.

Robert Smith, a planning board member, said at the meeting that if LaBerge and its contractor, Memphis Construction, were paid the retainage fees the town still owes, they would be released from performing any remedial action at the site. Reilly said he would take that concern up with LaBerge.

Recent correspondence from LaBerge to the supervisor put the amount still owed Memphis Construction at \$72,546 for Contract No. 1 (which concerned development of the well and distribution within the hamlet) and \$20,594 for Contract No. 3 (which was for transmission line from the site, which lies outside the hamlet, to residents). Of the first figure, according to the Nov. 19 letter, \$46,964 is retainage from previously approved payments; the figure for Contract 3 is all retainage from previously approved payments.

In another letter, dated Nov. 8, LaBerge recommended the town approve payments for extra work totaling \$10,727 for 14 items performed by Memphis and another \$3,019 for four items done by a subcontractor, Hom-Cort Electric. In the same letter, however, LaBerge recommended denying payment on over-runs for paving, totaling \$14,504. According to the letter, a change-order approved earlier had limited paving expenses to estimated quantities. Reilly said later the contractor was about four times over budget on paving.

The board did not act on LaBerge's recommendations, brought up at the Nov. 5 meeting. "It's going to take some study to determine whether the overages are legit," Reilly said at the meeting.

## Ref-Fuel names new manager

American Ref-Fuel, Inc., the Houston-based firm which has proposed a regional waste-to-energy garbage incinerator in Bethlehem, recently announced that Kevin Cmunt will replace Larry Merington as proposal project manager.

Merington, Ref-Fuel's chief spokesperson with regard to the project since it was announced formally in 1989, has been promoted to company marketing manager, according to the firm.

"The Capital Region project has reached an important stage," Richard Oliver, Ref-Fuel vice president for project development, said in a

written press release. "In the coming months, the state Environmental Quality Review process will unfold. Bethlehem officials and residents, among others, will decide for themselves whether our project makes sense for their community."

Cmunt has been employed by American Ref-Fuel since May, according to the company. Prior to that, he worked for Ogden Martin Systems, Inc., and has been involved in waste-to-energy operations for the past seven years.

American Ref-Fuel is a joint venture of Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc., and Air Products and Chemical, Inc.

## Diabetes association provides information

An estimated 4,000 or more children and young adults may develop type I insulin-independent diabetes during the next four months, and too often, their symptoms are confused with a flu-like illness or gastroenteritis.

According to experts, unusual thirst, frequent urination, nausea and rapid weight loss are the ma-

jor symptoms of this form of diabetes. Also vomiting, abdominal pain, and fatigue may indicate a serious problem. The American Diabetes Association urges anyone who has these symptoms to be checked by a physician at once.

A free four-issue subscription to Diabetes '90, the ADA's quarterly newspaper is available by calling, 1-800-ADA-DISC.

## The angels did sing



Brownie Troop 642 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 290, of Glennont Elementary School, went caroling at Delaware Plaza on Saturday. Elaine McLain

## New Scotland grinch steals wreaths

Before the New Scotland Town Board had a chance to formally thank the Kiwanis Club for donating two holiday wreaths to brighten the outside of town hall, the wreaths had disappeared.

The missing wreaths, of live greenery with bright red ribbons, lasted only a matter of hours on their hooks flanking the front door at New Scotland Town Hall. Hung at around 4 p.m. Dec. 5, they were discovered missing at the close of

the town board's regular meeting that evening, about 11 p.m.

Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly said he was pretty certain the wreaths were still hanging when he arrived at town hall about 7:20 p.m., prior to the 8 p.m. meeting. "I'm sure I would have noticed if they weren't there," he said.

A resident who attended the meeting, Jane Blessing, was sympathetic enough to donate two wreaths — purchased from the Kiwanis — to replace the missing

ones. "I just wanted to do it," she said.

The disappearance of the wreaths prompted Reilly to write a letter to the Kiwanis a little different from the one he originally planned, telling the group their wreaths were so attractive that "somebody other than town employees liked them too," he said.

"And may they have a Merry Christmas."

Debi Boucher

## Board tables debated Swift Estates

By Debi Boucher

The New Scotland Town Board has not yet decided whether to go along with the planning board's recommendation not to approve the proposed sewage treatment plant for Swift Estates, a nine-house subdivision that won preliminary approval from the planning board earlier this year. Before the issue was tabled, developer Peter Baltis raised the stakes by offering to help the town with long-term sewer plans.

Attorney Eugene Sneeringer, representing Baltis and his wife, Donna Baltis, who owns the 22-acre parcel on Swift Road, told the town board at its regular meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 5, that the planners had "in part usurped the authority of the town board" in making its negative recommendation.

Saying the planning board's letter to the board "pertains mostly to town policy," Sneeringer charged that it was inappropriate for the planners to address the question of whether it would be to the town's advantage to assume responsibility for a treatment system for such a small number of homes. "We feel the town board should make its own decision," he said.

Councilman Craig Shufelt said he wanted more information on the proposed system, known as Multi-Flo, before making a decision, leading to the board's 3-2 vote to table the matter until its end-of-year meeting, scheduled for Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

The dissenting votes were from Peter Van Zetten, who was ready to vote against the proposal, and John Sgarlata, who was leaning in the other direction. "We have to make a decision sometime," he said, after questioning the planning board's findings. "There's not a solid argument in here," he said of the planning board's letter. "No

concerns were raised on the operation, design or engineering of the system."

Expressing the planning board's concerns about possible escalating maintenance costs, Chairman Robert Hampston responded, "Money will make anything work right — and that's the question, does the town want to be responsible?"

The treatment plant would be constructed by the developer, and then be turned over to the town, which would be responsible for its upkeep. Homeowners would be billed for maintenance costs.

Tom Field, of Percy Cotton Associates, engineer for the project, said maintenance costs were expected to average \$4,000 a year, split between the nine homeowners. Included in that figure, he said, was the cost of a town employee checking on the system about once a week, as well as the approximately \$1,000 annual expense of maintenance by a manufacturer-approved contractor.

## Business club awards scholarships

Two area women have been awarded scholarships by the Heldberg Business and Professional Women's Club. One recipient, Colleen M. Teal of Delmar, is a Bethlehem Central High School graduate now attending Ithaca

College. Mary M. Vance, of Voorheesville, received the group's scholarship for women who return to college after an extended period of time. She is currently attending Siena College.

Baltis, who two weeks ago criticized the planning board for asking what the town stood to gain by taking over the treatment plant, said he had reconsidered that question. "Maybe there is something more we can do for the town," he said, offering to "work with the town to see if it's possible to build the plant someplace else," specifically, on land the town owns on Swift Road.

If the plant were constructed on town land, Baltis pointed out, there would be room for expansion, and the town would be in a better position should the county begin requiring comprehensive sewer systems. "You have to use some imagination, and have some vision for the future," he told the board.

## Students share holiday spirit

Several students from the Glennont Job Corps Center will visit the Arbor Hill Elementary School on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to share Christmas

with the youngsters. The members will spend time helping the pupils prepare holiday cookies and decorations and share in holiday song.

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### Sheriff's deputies make DWI arrests

Albany County Sheriff's deputies arrested three people for driving while intoxicated in New Scotland last week.

John Geary, 34, of Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, was arrested for DWI on Thursday, Dec. 7 at about 11:15 p.m. on Route 85A after he was stopped for operating without a headlight. He is due in New Scotland Town Court on Dec. 13.

Bruce Christie, 39, of Stonington Hill Road, Voorheesville, was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Dec. 9 at about 1:15 a.m. after being stopped on Route 306 for failure to keep right. He is due in New Scotland Town Court on Jan. 3.

Amy Twiss, 23, of Voorheesville Avenue, Voorheesville, was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Dec. 9 at about 4:30 a.m. after she was stopped on Route 306 for an inoperational taillight. She is due in New Scotland Town Court on Jan. 3.

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### Police arrest 3 for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested three motorists for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated last week.

Sean Casey, 17, of Second Avenue, Rensselaer was arrested Saturday, Dec. 8, for DWI after he was stopped for traffic violations at Delaware Plaza on Delaware Avenue, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 18.

Gregory Keefe, 33, of Colatosti Place, Albany was arrested Saturday, Dec. 8, for DWI after he was stopped for traffic violations on Route 396, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court on Dec. 18.

Richard Knickerbocker, 34, of Campbell, N.Y. was arrested Wednesday, Dec 5, after he was stopped for traffic violations on Route 144, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court on Dec. 18.

### Post gives to schools

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 in Delmar has supplied coloring books related to the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights to the five public elementary schools in Bethlehem and to St. Thomas the Apostle School.

## 91 lots

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wetland classification, though she could not say when the process would be finalized. But Heaslip said that even if EnCon signs off on the wet area, the Federal Corps of Engineers would still have some regulatory authority over how much could be filled and built on under the U.S. Clean Waters Act.

Henry Klersy, president of Klersy Building Corporation, would not comment on the proposal.

About 90 percent of the property is zoned Residential "AA," while the remainder is zoned Residential "A," according to Kost.

The development would have three entrances, one accessing each of Murray Avenue, Elm Avenue, and Old Elm Avenue, according to design drawings submitted to the board. But part of the the

planning board's discussion Tuesday centered on the configuration of Fieldstone Creek's internal roadways, and Walsh agreed to present the board with an alternative road layout the next time the project appears on the agenda.

In addition, Board Member Dominick DeCecco asked Walsh to consider naming the streets after past town officials or historical figures in light on Bethlehem's upcoming Bicentennial in 1993, to which John LaForte, the board member who sits to DeCecco's immediate left, asked if he had something in mind like "DeCecco Drive."

### Chiropractic offered

The Barile Chiropractic Office at 163 Delaware Ave., Delmar, across from the Delaware Plaza, is offering its services free of charge to area residents on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to give them the opportunity to experience chiropractic as an alternative healing method. For an appointment, call 439-5077.

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# County budget follows familiar party-line script

By Don Haskins

In what Majority Leader Harold Joyce termed a replay of "a script written 10 years ago," the Albany County Legislature last Thursday night approved the county's 1991 \$289 million budget.

The measure increases 1990 spending by approximately \$19 million, but cuts the county tax rate by 2.2 percent. The strict party line vote — Democrats in favor and Republicans unanimously in opposition — followed the script referred to by Joyce.

Every year except recently, Joyce said, "The tax rate goes down when the county budgets are presented. The minority always votes unanimously against it, then the majority votes unanimously in favor. They always talk about how the sky is falling," Joyce said, "then the budget passes with a tax cut for Albany County residents."

Adoption of the budget sets a 1991 tax rate of \$3.98 per \$1,000 of full value assessment, compared with a 1990 rate of \$4.07.

The most vocal budget critic among the Republicans has been minority leader, Robert G. Prentiss. In a third press conference in recent weeks just two days before the legislature met, Prentiss again criticized the "columns and columns of meaningless numbers" in the budget document, forecast a deficit in the coming year, and

urged creation of a seven-member Private Sector Commission on Cost Control to review budgeting practices and recommend ways to cut governmental costs.

The goals, Prentiss suggested, would be cost control, improved productivity and tax savings.

Other Republicans echoed Prentiss's criticisms at the meeting. Colonie Republican Kenneth MacAffer charged the spending plan is a "nine-month document" based on the county's expectation of revenues from a deal to lease the airport. Increased county property values are responsible for any tax reduction, he charged, noting the tax levy of \$34.6 million is more than double the 1988 figure and up 9.6 percent from the current year.

The budget forced legislators to vote on a "set of numbers" that they didn't understand, charged Republican Jay Sherman, also of Colonie.

Michael Ricci, New Scotland Republican, drew a response from Democratic Majority Leader Harold Joyce when he criticized the cost of the Knickerbocker Arena operation and what he termed its anticipated \$1 million deficit this year.

Joyce contended that the facility is a major county asset that in no more than two years will "turn the corner" to become profitable. The public gets more out of the

civic center even with a \$1 million deficit, Joyce said, than from the amounts spent on other county services.

Colonie Republican Edward Buhmaster said cuts in public works and probation departments will curb necessary services, and charged that the budget was prepared to include a tax cut first, and "the people's needs second."

## Lions sale successful

The Bethlehem Lions Club wishes to thank all friends and neighbors for the support in their recent light bulb sale.

For those who would like information on obtaining light bulbs, call 439-4857.

All proceeds are used to fund the projects of sight and hearing conservation, senior citizens, youth and other community needs.

## Police, two officials honored

At its meeting last week, the Bethlehem Town Board passed three separate resolutions recognizing Court Clerk Barbara Hodom, Building Inspector John Flanigan, and the Bethlehem Police Department for honors each received in October.

Hodom and Flanigan both were recently honored by their respective peer associations. Hodom has stepped down after two years as president of the 600-member state Association of Magistrates' Court Clerks.

Flanigan has been president of the state's Building Officials Conference for the past two years. The group's 1990 conference was dedicated Flanigan, saying in its program guide, "During John's tenure as president... many problems were ironed out because of his leadership."

The Bethlehem Police Department became the first area police agency and one of the first nine agencies state-wide certified under the state's new Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

"We're very proud of the fact that we're the first in the area to achieve this," Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said at last week's meeting.

Hodom, Flanigan and Police Chief Paul Currie each were presented framed certificates by Ringler and the town board. The resolutions were suggested by Councilman Charles Gunner at the board's meeting two weeks ago.

Mike Larabee

## Five Rivers Limited elects officers

Members of Five Rivers Limited, the not-for-profit organization which supports the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, elected James Tate of Delmar to its board of directors. Tate is a Mobil Oil Corporation retiree, now farming at Red Horse Farm, an active master gardener and volunteer tax counselor for the elderly for AARP. Also elected to a second three year term was David Rhodes of Delmar.

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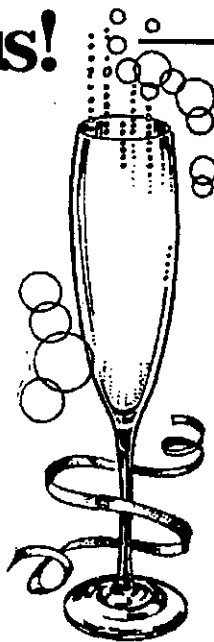
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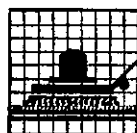


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# Matters of Opinion

## 'Grace' in Albany County?

Even though it is being brought forward by the embattled minority in Albany County's Legislature, the proposal for a "Private Sector Commission on Cost Control and Agency Review" — modeled after the federal fact-finding body named for Peter Grace — bears much merit. We hope it will be granted a chance by the majority party.

Looking at a dismal budgetary outlook, minority leader Robert G. Prentiss states: "What we must do is better manage the resources we have, control all the spending, holding the line on taxes, and plan ahead." The proposed commission, as he describes it, would "provide an independent, top-to-bottom legislative oversight of county agencies and recommend how best to eliminate waste and improve county government's ef-

### Coordination

The occasion was a uniquely dramatic one—the need to find and rescue five cave explorers—but the manner in which it was successfully accomplished earns applause for the area's fire, ambulance, police, and allied special crews. When the alarm went out on a Saturday afternoon about spelunkers trapped in Onesquethaw cave, some two dozen emergency teams converged with their equipment at the remote spot.

The result was gratifying in the extreme. And it serves most effectively to bring home to all of us the extent to which others are protecting our interests. The five ambulance companies; eight fire companies; two rescue squads; police from the town, county, and state; highway crews; diving and cave rescue teams all deserve particular commendation

## A 'good idea' loses again

The lopsided defeat by Selkirk Fire District voters of the proposed service awards for volunteer firemen underscores the reluctance of many people to approve even good ideas if more spending and taxing will result.

Perhaps the Selkirk award program is just a temporary victim of these tight times, and will win approval—probably in some modified form—at a time in the future. But certainly after two referendums, the sentiment of district residents is unmistakable, and though the enabling law would permit putting the plan before the voters again, that would be a mistake, and exercise in futility.

### Belt-tightening time

There seems to be a game going on in which everyone but the players knows the score.

The score goes like this: Governments at all levels are being hard-pressed to make ends meet (or to even come close); belt-tightening and retrenchment must be the order of the day until further notice.

The players are the public employees whose union leadership is out of touch with reality. They decline to cooperate—as is mandated by a drastically changed economy—with elected officials who bear the

## That final 'first chance'

Ordinarily we don't encourage public officials' claiming "I was misquoted" after some published remark proves to be embarrassing. But we're willing to grant an Albany County Assistant District Attorney, Cheryl F. Coleman, the privilege of denying a quote attributed to her in the daily paper:

"Everybody deserves a first chance," is a remark said to come from her in connection with a survey of plea bargaining of DWI arrests down to a lesser charge.

"First chance" at what? is a logical follow-up question. First chance at vehicular homi-

### Editorials

ciency and responsiveness." Every county agency would be obliged to "justify its existence" regularly at hearings that would aid legislators in "eliminating or modifying wasteful practices and programs." The anticipated result could be "substantial tax-dollar savings."

The commission, as envisioned, would consist of "persons highly qualified and experienced in business, industry, and labor." And the minority even grants the majority the right to select most of the members, by a 5 to 2 ratio. The effect might be amazing, Grace or no.

for their efforts. Even more telling, however, is the skill that they brought to the scene, honed through training and practice. Their work was coordinated; each had an assignment.

So special recognition and thanks go to these fire departments: Onesquethaw, Coeymans, Delmar, East Berne, New Baltimore, New Salem, Selkirk, and Slingerlands; ambulances with crews from Delmar, Helderberg, Onesquethaw, Ravena, and Voorheesville; the Slingerlands and Guilderland rescue squads; Bethlehem police, state troopers, the sheriff's patrol; New Scotland and county highway departments; the Bethlehem Incident Command Center—as well as to the other groups and individuals who helped.

Other fire districts, on the other hand, have adopted the service awards (which truly are modest pensions for volunteers). Several districts in Colonie, for example, now will have the awards by virtue of recent votes. Various other local districts, which have not yet formulated a program, may well expect to find the necessary approval difficult to gain at this time.

Staffing of the fire companies is a priority on any community's agenda. To the extent that the service awards could help to recruit and retain enough volunteers, their rejection is regrettable. The concept is much more attractive than the cost.

responsibility for keeping governments solvent and able to function. They balk, they complain, they picket, they refuse to recognize the absolute urgency of the dire fiscal pickle that the country, the state, the county, the municipalities are in.

Emergency measures may cost some jobs, forfeit some raises, cause a payless week or so. But at its worst, the pain will be nominal in comparison with the present lot of the hundreds of thousands of their fellow citizens who have been called to much graver duty abroad.

cide? Manslaughter? (Murder, it's called in some jurisdictions.) Self-injury? Injuring or crippling innocent individuals? Property damage, if nothing more?

Probably the assistant prosecutor does have in hand a good substitute for the attributed comment that a "first chance" at such results is deserved by any person with a driver's license. It does seem as though she might wish to correct the record and the impression that a prosecutor comes off sounding like a public defender with a very weak case.

### Focus on Faith

## Hanukkah: An ancient holiday; a modern relevance

By Joel Gross

Hanukkah celebrates the deliverance of the mighty into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, and the wicked into the hands of the righteous. It is celebrated beginning on the 25th day of the month of Kislev, (the lunar calendar of the Jewish year) and therefore, it falls on different dates in the solar calendar generally used in today's world.

This year, Hanukkah began on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, when the first candle was lit on the Menorah. Today, Jews celebrate Hanukkah by kindling the candles for eight days, to remind us that with divine help we can overcome all obstacles and that the righteous ultimately triumph.

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Historically, the story of Hanukkah can be traced to the division of the Greek Empire after the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BCE. The rulers of Palestine made continuous attempts to force the Jews to abandon their faith in favor of Hellenist ideas and customs. In 175 BCE, King Antiochus of Syria employed force to impose Greek customs on the Jewish people. He forbade Jewish Torah observances, ordered Jews to bow down to pagan idols, and defiled the Holy Temple.

These acts precipitated an armed uprising led by the Hasmonian family from the town of Modi'in. The Hasmonians were joined by a small, poorly armed band of Jews. The army was commanded by a Hasmonian named Judah the Maccabee. The Jews staunchly resisted the Syrians. Brave Jewish fighters, called Maccabees, waged an incessant battle to drive the enemy from the land. After several years of fighting, in which they displayed extraordinary courage and faith, Judah and his men drove the Syrians out. On the 25th of Kislev in the year 165 BCE (exactly three years after the defilement of the Temple Sanctuary) they made their entrance into the Temple and rededicated it to the service of God.

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Hanukkah is called the Festival of Lights. The Menorah, the candelabra, which symbolized the Divine Presence and Spiritual light, was rekindled with undefiled olive oil that had been discovered in the Temple. Miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, until new pure oil could be produced.

Hanukkah lights are required to be kindled in such a way that their light can be seen outside. It is not enough to illuminate one's own home with the light and warmth of Judaism; it is also necessary to illuminate the neighborhood and the community at large.

Another important point about Hanukkah lights is that the light of the previous night is not sufficient. Every night a new light is added. This teaches that, however satisfactory our religious observance is today, we must do better tomorrow, continuously adding more goodness and holiness in our daily lives.

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Finally, as I begin to look at today's world Hanukkah continues to remind me that no one needs to be powerless. A belief in one's self and innate goodness can lead to great victories. The exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel, the survival of the State of Israel, and the breakthrough of freedom in Europe are all events which attest to the fact that good will prevail over evil with a combination of dedication (Hanukkah) to a cause and a belief in one's divine destiny (Hanukkah).

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UNCLE DUDLEY

## Letter from a sober friend

A recent letter from a friend seemed to me to be deserving of a much wider audience than it could find on my desk. So I decided to share it with the readers of this column. It's especially timely in the "holiday season," when the occasions for temptation are always frequent and strong. Read it and be inspired.

Dear Uncle Dudley,

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

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

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

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

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

What you do with it after this moment is entirely up to you. I knew I was in trouble with drinking for about two years before I was able to do anything about it.

I read an article in a women's magazine written by an alcoholic. What she wrote sounded just like my life. I wrote to her, she wrote back to me telling me how to get help. I kept her letter under the blotter on the desk for two more

CONSTANT READER

## What causes addictions?

This abbreviated column will, I gather, turn out to complement Uncle Dudley's, though quite unintentionally. It's been some months since I brought you a report on the rather new magazine "In Health." The November-December issue, as usual, offers solid but interestingly presented material.

Among the several features is one titled "Hooked—Not Hooked: Why isn't everyone an addict?" In 15 pages, the addictive qualities of 18 different substances — from caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol to "crack," "ice," and "ecstasy," are evaluated in a variety of ways. In one respect, the addictive potential inherent in each drug is ranked

years. No joke. Every time I went past that damn desk my heart skipped a beat. Then one night (compulsively as usual) I jumped up from the dinner table and said, "I'm going out!" Big surprise, because I never was able to go anywhere in the evenings. My husband and the kids stared in disbelief.

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

### After 'just one,' depression was my perpetual condition

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

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

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

When I got home, everyone was in bed. I climbed into bed. My husband jokingly said, "Where did you go, to GG's?" (a local bar in town). I told him it was two letters all right but not "GG," it was "AA." He put the light on and we talked for hours. Luckily for me, he is warm, loving, kind, and sympathetic. He was also naive (still is). He never realized how much I drank. He says he never dreamed

I needed AA but, on the other hand, he has always encouraged me to go to the meetings.

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

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

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

There is a fall-out of happiness throughout my family and friends in the last 19 years because of AA. I like to think it has changed me physically, financially, and spiritually. I'm on a direct line to God. He holds me and my loved ones in the palm of His hand. And whether you believe it or not, 19 years' worth of "Our Fathers" (said after every AA meeting, no matter what your religion) has to improve your life.

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

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

Your friend,  
Agnes A.

but the body, the mind, and the setting.

People with concerns about addictions may well find this article of informative interest. This paragraph from a segment that asks "Are teenagers saying no?" reports on one study: Nine out of ten high schoolers try alcohol during their teens, and two out of three experiment with cigarettes.

"In Health" has a "special" single-copy price of \$1.95 for this issue (regular price unstated). The subscription price is stated as \$18 for the six bimonthly issues each year, but a blow-in card offers them at \$12. The address is P.O. Box 52431, Boulder, Colorado, 80321. Altogether, a pretty good buy for persons involved with their own health.

## Lower rates will soon energize home sales

The contributor of this column is president of Roberts Real Estate.

By Hugh D. Roberts

Over the past months, the public has been bombarded with reports about the declining real estate market.

### Point of View

As a result, it is easy to become depressed about the value of our homes as investments. I am confident that the current downturn will come to an end soon. This optimism is based on the history of real estate and an understanding of factors which caused the current housing recession.



The current housing recession began in 1989 after a two-year leveling-off. The recession was caused by several factors. First, the baby boom generation completed its home-buying binge and in the process drove prices above underlying values. The next wave, the "move-up buyer," will purchase larger, more expensive homes. This market is primarily the generation who are now in their 40s, are more financially secure than were their parents at that age. Their move is an optional decision based more on desire than need. "Sticker shock" created by rapidly increasing prices, and tax law changes in 1986 reducing the value of interest deductibility, proved to be impediments to this kind of purchase. With interest rates at a historic high level in relation to inflation, potential buyers have waited for lower rates.

The housing market might have picked up this year because a slowing economy should have produced lower interest rates, but that did not happen. Surprising political movements in Eastern Europe added a new, major source of credit demand in the world, and this kept interest up. Budget deficits at home and our national leadership's inability to resolve the problem aggravated the condition. Finally the Kuwait crisis was the final straw: Oil prices went up sharply, inflation accelerated, and interest rates could not fall despite a rapidly deteriorating economy. As a result, the real estate market slowed substantially—and newspapers and TV seized upon the bad news with great zeal. Home-buyers and sellers have, of course, been demoralized.

We have hit bottom and, believe it or not, things soon will start to improve. The stage is set and all components are starting to fall into place for the market's resurgence.

Prices have leveled off or, in some cases, dropped. Value is catching up. Affordability has increased as incomes rise. Income tax rates have increased, making interest deductibility more valuable. Far from least is that the demand is backing up. Many people out there want to purchase a home.

The immediate budget crisis has been dealt with after a fashion, and the oil shock may be behind us. With the world's oil production reported higher than before the Kuwait invasion, consumption is down by a million barrels a day so the price must drop. It is reported, too, that if war broke out, Iraq would be incapable of

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## To understand the future: examine the past.

The economy, like real estate, is cyclical. Historically, a downturn in real estate signals the beginning of a decline in the economy. The housing recession of 1974-76 was a product of limited credit and a major slowdown in the economy. Real estate was especially weak because my parents' generation already had purchased their homes and my generation was not yet ready to hit the market. Housing rebounded in 1976 through 1979, but then interest rates rose in the late '70s and the market slowed down. In 1981 interest rates went to astronomical levels, and the economy—especially real estate—was brought to its knees. This happened just as the "baby boom generation" was ready to purchase first homes.

In July 1982, however, oil prices reversed and interest rates followed. The housing market exploded due to the pent-up demand and expanded steadily from 1983 through 1987. Home sales increased significantly; prices, reflecting demand, skyrocketed. Actually, the stage was set for the next downturn in housing.

It is well to recognize that housing prices and housing values are not necessarily the same; in periods of growth, prices increase faster than underlying values, but in recessions, prices level off and value has a chance to catch up. In a severe downturn, prices may even drop below the underlying value. But housing values have been growing and will continue to. Historically, values have increased at an average annual rate equal to the rate of inflation plus one percent. The long-term forecast modifies that growth to equal inflation.—H.D.R.

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## Rates

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interrupting the flow. Lower oil prices mean lower inflation. Lastly, an international recession appears underway as reports from major industrial nations indicate this trend.

With all this happening, lower mortgage rates are ahead. They are, in fact, dropping right now. Barring unforeseen events, they could reach a level lower than we've seen in a decade. The near-term for housing should unfold in the following manner:

Bargain-hunters will pick up the numerous bargains available from desperate sellers as the market drifts through the holiday season. After the first of the year, buyers will return to the marketplace spurred on by lower rates and prices. Through the first quarter of 1991 they will purchase the current inventory. By spring word-of-mouth and press reports will enlighten the public on the turnaround in housing—and pent-up demand will hit the marketplace full force. Prices will rise again. A mini boom in housing through the spring and summer of 1991 is predictable.

In the longer term, as interest rates rise, the market will level off in the latter part of 1991. Underlying demographics will drive the market from that period forward. Our economy will be on the rebound as we move into 1992 and the housing market will experience slow, steady growth. Prices will rise with values,

yet the average price will increase substantially because of the large number of more-expensive homes sold to the move-up market. The middle '90s will bring offspring of the baby boom generation into the market and, coupled with the move-up buyers, this will result in a housing boom similar to mid-'80s.

The Capital District is blessed with a diverse economy. A recent report by the State Department of Economic Development indicates that, during the past year, Capital District business activity showed the greatest increase of any metropolitan area in the state.

### Thanks a lot— for a lot of reading

Editor, The Spotlight:

At this holiday time of giving, the Elsmere Elementary School PARP Committee would like to thank those in our community who gave to our recycled book project.

We obtained over 300 books.

Robin Young, Lynn Reedy, Jeanne Ferrentino, Barbara Eames, Carol-Lisa Gutman.

### Lung Association salutes contributors

Editor, The Spotlight:

At this joyous time of year, the "Christmas Seal Season," the American Lung Association of New York State wishes to acknowledge and thank all your caring readers who have contributed to our cause throughout the past year.

The active involvement of willing volunteers, and the generous financial donations of others, have made it possible for us to assist and improve the lives of countless lung disease victims.

Our Christmas Seal Campaign, currently underway, makes this possible. We count on public support of this effort to underwrite vital lung research, and programs such as "Better Breathers," "Tobacco Free Teens," and "Freedom From Smoking."

We, the "Christmas Seal People" at the Lung Association salute you all, and hope that your holiday season will be happy and healthy.

Dorothy H. Watson,  
president.

## Some 'family' members will take it on the chin

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a state worker and member of CSEA, I have been trying to keep abreast of the budget situation. On a Dec. 4 news broadcast, Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine compared New York to a family. One definition of "family" is: "A group of people forming a household."

If you look at New York State as a "household," why is it that only certain members of this "family" are expected to "suffer the pain"? New York is *not* made up of public employees (and school districts) alone! When Governor Cuomo implemented the tax cut, we didn't benefit alone! Where does the rest of our family fit into this?

I'm sure we all appreciate hearing that the governor would take a five-day furlough, but he could recoup his loss by making a speech. Well, the rest of us can't. Many people barely make it between paychecks now! If they are forced to accept five days without pay, how do they recoup it? Not to

mention those the governor plans to layoff. I am also sick of hearing "the unions would rather have layoffs than furloughs." CSEA has offered alternatives, and on Dec. 4 PEF did the same. It's obvious we want neither.

Assembly Speaker Mel Miller says his workers are entering their "busy time" and will not be furloughed. (Aren't they a part of the "family"?)

I work for the Department of Transportation, and can tell you that with winter here this is another busy time for our highway maintenance crews. To help relieve the budget crunch, management has decided to cut down on plowing, salting, and sanding. When our "family" has complaints due to road conditions, remember our crews are doing their best with less.

Dorothy Dutton

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# Matters of Opinion

## Disenchanted fireman has second thoughts

Editor, The Spotlight:

To the people of the Selkirk Fire District: On Nov. 27, you voted on a referendum that concerned an awards program for volunteer firemen. You, the public, voted this down by a good majority of the people. This is your right, and I don't have a problem with that!

What I do have a problem with, is the way it was done! The voting public was misled, lied to, frightened, and given an incomplete picture of the proposed program.

I have lived in this community for over 18 years and have served in the fire department for over 16

years and over 15 years as a member of the ambulance service!

I have tried to serve my community because I care very much about it! For this, I now feel that I've been slapped in the face. For all that these people care about is money! My belief has always been that my commitment came first, whether I made money or lost money. I have given money, and lots of time away from my family, because I cared, and thought I was doing the right thing. Now I wonder why, since you don't care!

I never realized that we have

people in our community who would go to any length, to champion their cause. For some of these eminently respectable people have made us out to be drunks, money-hungry, and other uncomplimentary descriptions.

Because of this, I think I will start backing off! I care so much, relative to what these people are doing and saying, that it is tearing me apart inside; and they are not worth it.

Some other people insist that they volunteer in the community, and there is no difference between

them and us. That's wrong! When they risk personal injury or death at a fire scene, or they crawl into a wrecked car to care for a victim, and he or she dies in their arms—then they can compare themselves to us, and not till then.

Directly as a result of this mess, and these people, I think it's time to rethink my priorities in regard to this community, as it has shown its priorities to me and to my fellow volunteers.

David M. Pratt

Selkirk

QBK: Where are you?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Radio station QBK, AM and FM, has its offices and studios on Smultz Road in Glenmont in the Town of Bethlehem. Its license, I understand, from FCC locates it in Rensselaer. The mailing address is Albany. On the air, it is identified as coming from "Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Troy."

It seems to me that "Town of Bethlehem" should be included in its point of origin. Perhaps this note will serve to start a movement in that direction.

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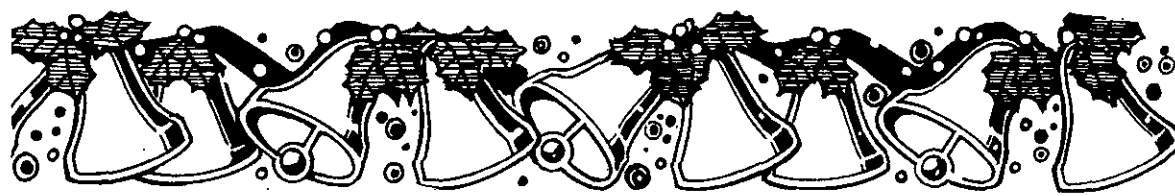
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# Your Opinion Matters

## Restraint by military urged by church unit

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to bring to your readers' attention the text of a resolution that has been passed unanimously by the Board of Mission, the corporate representative body of the American Baptist Churches of New York State, representing 315 churches and 16 associations.

"We encourage the restraint of military buildup in the Persian Gulf. Furthermore, we call for every diplomatic avenue to be exhausted in reducing the tensions

with Iraq and its neighboring countries in the Middle East. Furthermore, we implore that every effort be made for a peaceful and just resolution to the current conflict and we oppose other forms of resolution to the Persian Gulf situation. Furthermore, every effort must be made to remove U.S. troops from the region and return our military personnel to their families and homes."

(Rev.) J. Phillip Miller-Evans  
Latham

## Rural residents irked by hunters' discards

Editor, The Spotlight:

Okay, so a few bad apples spoil the bushel. We live on a country road popular with hunters because several large tracts of woods and fields have never been posted. It is commonplace to see two or three cars and pickups parked in open country, obviously by hunters in season.

Lately, the amount of litter—trash, food cartons, paper bags—left at the roadside has been increasing. This season has been worse than usual.

Are these sportsmen, or city

folk who don't realize—or care—that people *live* on these country roads because they love the country and its bucolic beauty? Sure, it's the boonies, so who cares if there's litter out there?

We've picked up the trash now, wondering how much more is in those lovely woods. Our roadsides are clean once again, the season is over, and there won't be anymore. The neighbors are posting their lands now, closing off several hundred acres of game country to thoughtless outsiders. Sorry, guys, but you asked for it.

Old Curmudgeon

New Scotland (Name submitted)

## Merchants assist PTA

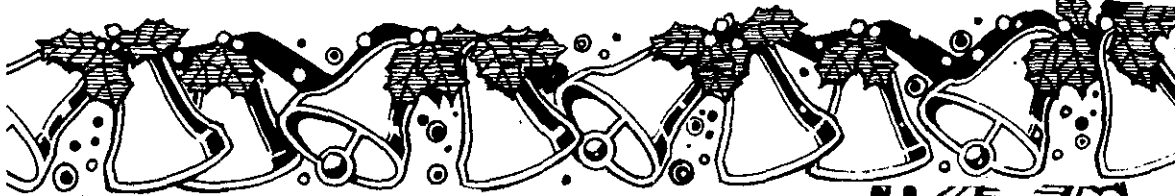
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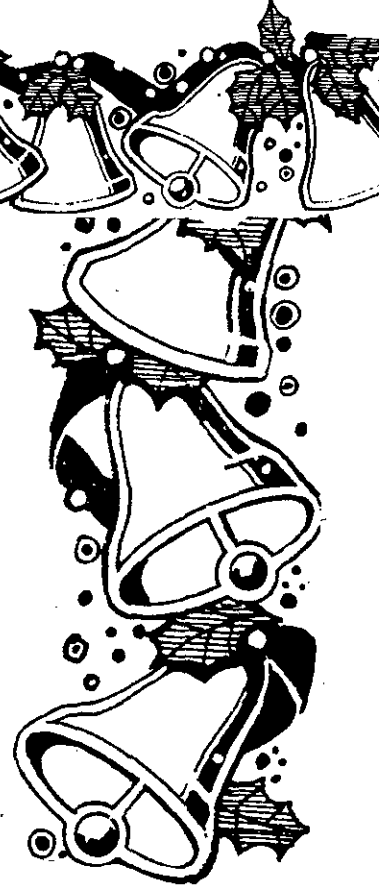
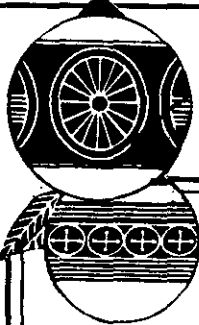
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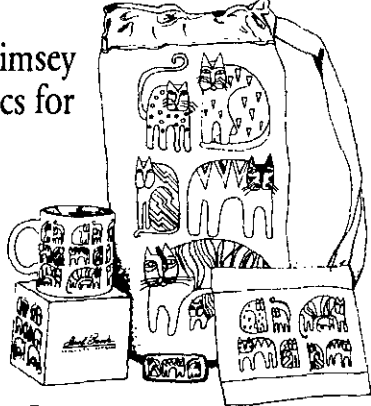


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# Teachers

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transportation, building and hand-capped costs. She said the district has had an increase in these areas this year because of the building renovations and the purchase of five new school buses.

McCartney later said "the board is putting together" information for the community on the figures for which the teachers are asking and those the district is offering.

McCartney said the teachers are asking for about a 33 percent

increase in salary over the length of the proposed three-year contract, while the district is offering just over 25 percent. He said that by looking at the figures, it is obvious there "is a pretty good gap."

"In negotiations everything moved along," he said. "You can see why it's taken so long for negotiations. We've had a tough time going up into the 30 percent range. We are not able to close this gap."

McCartney said the board asked for a factfinder last month from the Public Employee Relations Board to have "an unbiased third-party opinion." He said the board is pushing to get the factfinder to help bring about an agreement to close the gap.

The teachers are asking for a 13.4 percent increase in salary the first year, 10.33 percent the second year and 9.7 percent the third year. The district is offering 7.68 each year for three-years. McCartney said the district is reluctant to offer "double digits."

# Truck

(From Page 1)

auto and truck fuel islands, a trucker lounge with full shower and toilet facilities, a truck service garage, and parking for 171 auto and 205 trucks.

The company said in its cover letter on the proposal that, "The facility is designed to be an asset to the community and to be fully compatible with the local neighborhood."

"The auto/truck stop facility proposed by Unocal for this site is distinctly upscale in character and unlike truck stop facilities found within 100 miles of the Capital District," wrote Lynn Sipperly of Albany engineering firm Smith & Mahoney, who are project representatives locally.

While Sipperly said Monday that large set-backs and green-space dedications will give the facility a park-like appearance, opposition to the proposal has already surfaced. Early in October

Town Supervisor Ken Ringler received a letter signed by six Cedar Hill area residents objecting to the proposal. Freeman Putney Jr., one of the residents behind the letter, said Tuesday he thinks the project would amount to "unsightly and inappropriate development" and that it should be tabled until the town's Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC) finishes work on a Bethlehem master plan.

"We're fearful that if you put a truck stop there that has certain objectionable aspects to it that it can be key element to development there that could foul up better things," he said.

Putney said he is "skeptical" that an "upscale" design for truck-stop would mitigate its effects on surrounding properties.

"It's 376 car and truck places. It's noise, it's pollution, it's all sorts of things," said Putney, who is a member of LUMAC. "It would be very difficult to pretty it up in such a way that it will not be a detriment to the area."

But Putney conceded that he doesn't think local resident's will be unified in opposition to the project, in part because Unocal plans call for the installation of 1.6 miles of new Route 144 sewer line through Cedar Hill to the facility.

"I would expect it's a big controversy coming up," he said.

The Unocal property is currently unzoned and vacant. The corporation lists a Columbus, Ohio address on its application.

Unocal has 148 truck stop facilities across the country, according to Sipperly. Most are in the south, southwest, and west, though the company has two currently in operation in New York, he said.

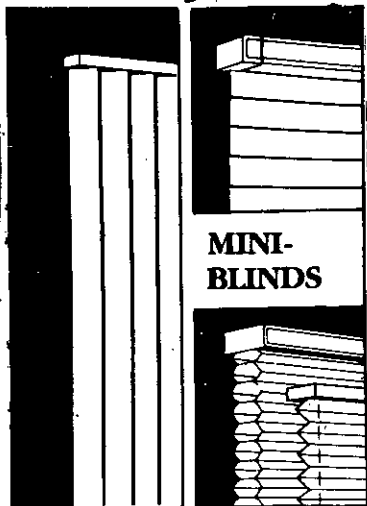
In a reply to the Cedar Hill group's letter, Ringler suggested the planning impact study of the proposal, and listed a number of concerns he has with the project.

"I am somewhat concerned about problems that may occur as a result of the overnight parking of a great many trucks in such close proximity to the hamlet of Selkirk and other areas," Ringler said.

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## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

The holiday season has arrived and gift giving will be one of our top priorities. It's time to share some reduction, reuse and recycling tips.

All that popcorn, cookies and candy is packed in decorative tins which could have second uses as wastebaskets, toy caches, food carriers or homemade "goodies" gift boxes. If too many tins arrive under your tree, they are very recyclable.

Many of us bring out the linens and cloth napkins for holiday meals. Why not keep the napkins out all year, or give someone a set for everyday use as a gift? We all wash towels often and should have napkins that are compatible with this laundry.

About 40 percent of all battery sales are made during the holiday season. This year choose an alternative to those throw-away household batteries and switch to rechargeable ones. The initial cost of a rechargeable battery cell is substantially higher than its primary dry cell counterpart, but the life-cycle cost of a rechargeable will be much lower. Each battery can be recharged as much as 1,000 times. Rechargeable appliances have one problem, though: Most are made so that their nickel-cadmium batteries are not removable for replacement.

Vanilla and cinnamon simmered in a cup of water is a good alternative to scent sprays, which only coat the air and nasal passages. A candle can also be an air freshener.

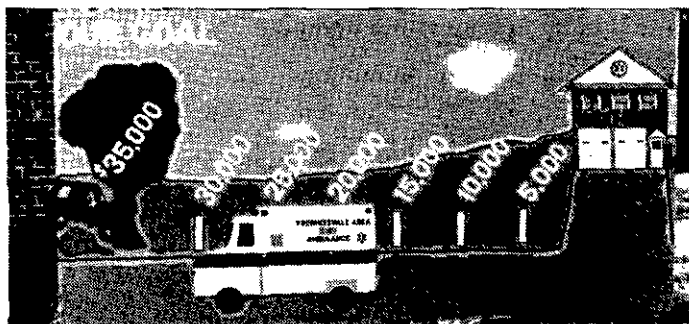
Iron the wrinkles out of wrapping paper saved in a closed or be creative with a reusable wrap, like a kitchen or bath towel, aluminum foil and a ribbon, or brown paper splattered with red, green and white paint.

When sending a package, reuse the plastic peanuts or substitute newspaper or scrap paper when possible. No need to double-wrap if the brown box is decorated with stickers or a stenciled or painted design on the outside.

As a general rule, avoid excessive trash by thinking reuse and recycle as you make your purchases. Also refuse the bag whenever possible or carry your own tote bags with you.

Last, but not least, recycle live Christmas trees by putting them outside decorated with food for the birds or taking it to the Garden Shoppe in January for mulching.

Extra tip: *Do not* throw household batteries in the trash. Save them in a plastic bag (in case of leakage) for proper disposal in the near future.



## Thank you!

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service would like to thank all the members of our community for their overwhelming support of our recent equipment fund drive. Both our door-to-door and mail-in campaigns were highly successful, and our new ambulance has arrived and is stocked with new equipment. We now have both ambulances on the road. We also appreciate all the kind words and notes of appreciation we received throughout the fund drive. We would also like to acknowledge the support of many local businesses and civic groups, that were very supportive of our drive.

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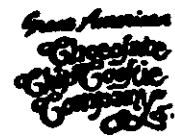
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Four members of Selkirk Fire Company No. 1, Bill Asprion, Dan Hotaling, Terry Ritz and Chuck Wickham, successfully completed Emergency Control of Hazardous Materials Incidents, II. The 24-hour course trained the firefighters in the response and control of hazardous material. The prerequisite for the course was the 16-hour course I. Both courses are certified by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

**Health group meets**

The Capital District Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will meet on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany.

The RCS Senior High School will be touched with magic on Friday evening as the "EBA" Dance theater performs 'A Child's Christmas' directed by Maude Baum. The company has performed this production since 1973. The show was written, choreographed and scored by the EBA company.

'A Child's Christmas' weaves a dance tale of holiday foe and friendship. Come and see how the story's heroine, Ann, plays with the snow people and snow ball, deals with angry hippos and glowering fire monster.

Remember the date: Friday, Dec. 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The performance is

**Tap into magic at RCS performance**

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



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**New group to meet**

The newly formed South Bethlehem Area Association will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the South Bethlehem Church Hall on Willowbrook Avenue. Bylaws will be presented for adoption at that time.

The group was organized to address concerns and issues that South Bethlehem will be faced in the future such as zoning, air quality and waste disposal. All residents are urged to come to this meeting, participate in the association and help preserve the quality of life in the area.

**Thanks to readers**

We would like to express our personal thanks to all those people who were involved with the Parents As Reading Partners program at the A.W. Becker School.

Through the efforts of many we were able to inspire 80 percent of our students and families to share time reading together. Of that 80 percent, 93 percent or 307 families, completed the program and were awarded a free book of their choice.

The support from local businesses for our kick off and finale was greatly appreciated. Our teachers were instrumental in helping us to implement the program and many incorporated the PARP theme into their lesson plans. Thank you! Special thanks to all those parents who shared time with their children reading. Sincerely, Donna Crisafulli and Deborah Moon, A.W. Becker PARP Co-Chairs

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The band is under the direction of Margaret Dorgan, and the chorus is led by Lydia Tobler. The concert is free and all are welcome.

## Library hosts musician

Glen Weiser of the Banjo Guitar Studio will perform at the Voorheesville Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.

Weiser will discuss playing the guitar, banjo and pennywhistle and will perform some holiday music.

## Library exhibits art

Local artisan Beverly Carhart is exhibiting her oil paintings at the library this month. Carhart teaches classes in her home and studio in Voorheesville and also has a gallery.

## After-school program set

On Monday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m., there will be an after-school craft program and the film "Winter Daze" in the community room at the library.

## Voorheesville News Notes

Susan Casler 765-2144



## Historian's book available

Village Historian Dennis Sullivan has announced that the second printing of his book, "Voorheesville, New York: A Sketch of the Beginnings of a 19th Century Railroad Town," is now available for purchase. Copies of the first edition sold out, and a limited number of second printings will be available at the Voorheesville Public Library, Clapp's Bookstore in Guiderland, North River Bookstore in Albany, Friar Tuck at Delaware Plaza and the Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza.

## Students to perform

Charmaine Davis and Megan Longworth both won and will share the role of Clara in a production of the Nutcracker ballet at the Palace Theater on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Other Voorheesville students who will perform are Jamie Boyle, Chris-

ten Rymanowski, and Kristin Wilson.

## Choir formed

A group of individuals has formed a community choir and will perform a Voorheesville Area Community Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Methodist Church. Area singers are urged to join the choir. The group is practicing on Dec. 13 and 20 from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. at the church. For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

## Elks sponsor hoop shoot

New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611 will hold the annual Elks Hoop Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 15 at Voorheesville High School at 10 a.m. Boys and girls ages 8 to 9, 10 to 11 and 12 to 13 will participate. Each contestant has 25 shots. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores receives a trophy and will advance to further competition leading to the national finals. For information, contact Mike Burns at 765-4390.

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## Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

The following departments answered emergency calls during the week of Nov. 29 through Dec. 5: Delmar Fire Department, one structure fire, one auto accident, one standby at cave rescue; Delmar Rescue Squad, three respiratory distresses, two personal injuries, one cardiac emergency, four standbys, one standby at cave rescue, five medical emergencies, four auto accidents.

Also, Elsmere Fire Department, one structure fire, one standby for air bottles for cave

rescue; Bethlehem Ambulance, one personal injury, one cardiac emergency, one medical emergency, one standby in quarters for cave rescue; Slingerlands Fire Department, one structure fire, one auto accident; Slingerlands Rescue Squad, one cave rescue; New Salem, one cave rescue; Onesquethaw Fire Department, one cave rescue.

And, Onesquethaw Ambulance, one caverescue; Voorheesville Ambulance, one cave rescue; Voorheesville Fire Department, standby for cave rescue.

## Fire association makes plans

LeRoy J. Cooke of Herber Avenue, Delmar, a member of the Delmar Fire Department, recently attended a meeting of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York Fire Prevention Committee at the association's headquarters on Washington Avenue, Albany.

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Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association, of which he is first vice-president, Cooke was assigned the job working on legislation with FASNY's legislative committee, as well as working on many other fire prevention topics. The meeting of the newly formed committee was to plan the strategy on fire prevention in the '90s.

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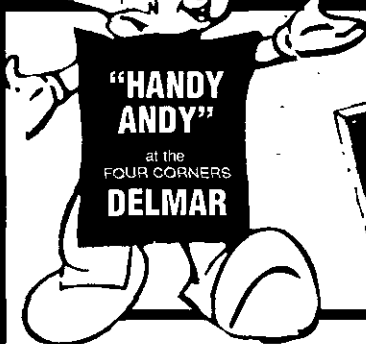
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## Practice makes perfect



Jason Gasorowski and Karen Grimwood rehearse for the Christmas pageant to be presented by the youth of the Delmar Presbyterian Church, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The community is welcome.

## Fife and Drum Corps holds open house

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Delmar has been busy recruiting new members and practicing for its upcoming performance season.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, the Village

Volunteers will have an open house at Bethlehem Town Hall, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Take a break from the holiday hustle and drop by for an hour of musical entertainment.

## Residents air drainage concerns

By Mike Larabee

Questions about drainage — Would it be improved? Or could it, conceivably, become even worse? — were at the heart of a public hearing last week on McMillen Woods, an 11-lot Delmar subdivision proposal.

The subdivision is planned for a 4.4 acre parcel about a half-mile from town hall, and would involve the westward extension of two narrow dead-end streets, McMillen and Stratton places. The property, which is owned by Keystone Builders Inc. of Delmar and M. Sullivan Construction Company of Feura Bush, abuts a general headwater area that collects runoff from as far away as Cherry Avenue and feeds it to the Dowerskill, according to town planning staff.

Many of the property owners at the Tuesday, Dec. 4, hearing with the town planning board, which will ultimately approve or reject the subdivision, were concerned about the impact McMillen Woods would have on already poor drainage. The area is currently subject of a town-sponsored drainage study by C.T. Male Associates of Latham and some, notably Arnold Mos-

men Jr., owner a large plot immediately to west of the McMillen Woods site, asked the board to hold off action on the subdivision until the study is finished.

Mosmen said he is worried the development of McMillen Woods will ultimately force the town to divert the lion's share of area drainage to his property.

"It just seems that this parcel of land could become worthless," he said. "That highly concerns me."

But Ellen Kost, deputy town planner, said water displaced from existing retention areas by the new development would have to be dealt with on the McMillen Woods property itself under any plans implemented after the C.T. Male study is finished. "They can't be made up on your property," Kost told Mosmen. "That's my understanding."

Alvin Leirheimer, a Kenaware Avenue resident, said drainage "is too positive a term" to describe water flow in the area. He said the "drainage" in the area terminates with a mosquito pond in his backyard, and that care should be given to maintain what little movement exists now south to Delaware Avenue.

Paul Castellani, also of Kenaware Avenue, agreed, saying that disrupting water flow on the McMillen Woods site could cause problems on his property. "That whole drainage area is extremely tenuous," he said, and asked if a second public hearing could be held after the results of the C.T. Male study are in. Kost said the study is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

Delmar land-surveyor Lindsay Boutelle, who represented McMillen Woods at the hearing, said the development won't aggravate the drainage problems of adjacent properties.

Planning Board Chairman Martin Barr told residents that anyone who left their name with board clerk Alice Cirillo would be notified when the topic was again on the board's agenda.

Mary Converse of McMillen Place read a written statement on behalf of her landlord, Dr. Theodore Wenzl. Wenzl said he is against the subdivision because it would add noise, traffic, and otherwise disrupt what he regards as a "pristine cul-de-sac" and wooded area rich with wildlife. "To me this would be a poor exchange for what we now have," Wenzl said.

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## Club growing by leaps and bounds

By Susan Graves

If you bounce an idea off Bruce Svare, you're likely to get results. Svare, Bethlehem Basketball Club president, helped launch the group four years ago when his own children "started getting older."

He said the club came into being largely through the efforts of parents. When the group formed, it ran through the PTA and was for fifth graders, he said. "It was low key," and involved about 40 to 50 kids.

At that point, beyond the basketball the children played in gym classes in school, there was no opportunity to participate in an organized group. "There was really nothing (in terms of basketball) for kids," he said.

In its second year, because of interest in the group, the activity moved to Bethlehem's Office of Parks and Recreation. Then to no one's surprise, "We got bigger," Svare said. At that point, "We wanted to be more flexible — to incorporate — so we became a private club." Last year, the club operated in that capacity for the first time. This year, there are 200 players, up from 120 in 1989. About 60 adults help coach the group's 24 teams.

The club teams play on Sundays at Bethlehem Middle School and practice once a week at the elementary schools, Svare said.

He credits community involvement as the key to the club's growth and success. The town, the school district, businesses, private organizations and individuals have all made contributions to the club. "BOU (Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited) played a real leader-



Bruce Svare

ship role," he said. At the season kick-off last week, the club paid tribute to Holly Billings, BOU president, for her work in support of the BBC. "If I could emphasize anything it would be the whole community (involvement). To me, it's very gratifying," Svare said.

Part of the group's underlying philosophy is that "Every kid has to play at least one-half of a game in every game."

Svare, who said he's been involved with all of the other clubs including Pop Warner, Tri-Village

Little League and Bethlehem Soccer Club, said, "We've tried to pull the best elements from all those programs."

For BBC, the participation rule is a key factor. As a result, teams are kept small. Svare also said the competition viewed in an age-appropriate manner. For the younger players, the game is "purely instructional," he said.

Sportsmanship is another important part of the club's philosophy. "The kids shake hands after the games." Given the example of some of the professional players in various sports, sportsmanship is sometimes hard for the children to understand.

To foster a positive approach, negative rooting is not permitted by the Bethlehem club. Members of the BBC board of directors attend the games and monitor negative rooting. Offenders are first warned and then asked to leave if the negative rooting continues.

The club is funded through registration fees. Individual fees are \$40 and cover uniforms, insurance costs, referee fees and gym rentals. For information on the club, call 439-7284.

## Close encounters in BBC

Close contests highlighted this week's games in Bethlehem Basketball Club action. In the All-Star Division, the Spurs squeaked by the Hawks 20-28. The Spurs' Mike Pressman paced all scorers with 15 points. Mike D'Aleo played outstanding defense. Matt Winterhoff led the Hawks with 14 points.

Spearheaded by the slashing drives of Matt Nutall (7 points) and the offensive play of Tom Leyden (14 points), the Rockets got by the Sixers 30-23. The Sixers were led by Greg Sack's 10 points. Brian Scott made the play of the day as he rebounded his own foul shot and in mid-air, tipped it in for 2.

Led by a potent offensive attack of Erik Gill, Jason Gutman, and Aaron Thorpe, the Bucks downed the Mavericks 61-32. Mike Bonenfant led the Mavericks with 18 points.

In the Pro Division, the Celtics scrambled to a 45-35 victory over the Pistons. Ed Bardelli and Bill Robinson led the Celtics scoring with 16 and 14 points. Ryan Murray and Sean James paced the Piston attack with 19 and 10 points.

The Knicks defeated a feisty Bulls squad 42-34. Ted Hartman

pumped in 26 points to ignite the Knicks, and Chris Wenger led the Bulls attack with 14 points.

Behind the 10 point performance of Chris Bannigan, the Lakers outlasted the Nuggets 32-21. Will Cushing netted 7 points to keep the Nuggets close throughout the game.

College Division action was topped by the nail-biting victory of Providence over Seton Hall 29-28. For Providence, Bryan Walsh and Kevin Russell paced the scoring with 10 and 8 points. Tom Hitter, Mark Katz and Steve Euler led Seton Hall's offense with 10, 6 and 6 points.

St. Johns upended Villanova 51-30. The winners were paced by the scoring of Jamie Paine with 17 and Andy Karins, 12. For Villanova, John Kasarjian and Kris Darlington netted 12 and 8 points.

Georgetown barely outlasted a tough Syracuse squad 40-36. For Georgetown, Mark Svare, Geoff Linstruth and Mike Ferraro hit for 17, 14 and 7 points. Syracuse was pace by Marc Borzykowski and Paul Patane with 14 and 8 points.



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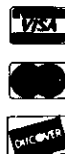


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# Shield

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George and Theresa Ertel, has been away since August, Kelly said. He trained at Fort Bragg, N.C., before going overseas. Since he's been gone, she's been putting together a scrapbook for him, and taking care of Trooper, his German shepherd puppy.

"I'm doing this for my brother," she said, "and to keep myself from crying. I don't want to see this (a war) happen."

Although Shane's in training a lot of the time, Kelly said he and his unit spend many hours trying to stay cool in the 110-degree shade. She said they read and reread the letters they were sent, and await packages from home.

"My mother sends him something every other day," Kelly said. She sent him flea collars for his ankles to help keep the sand-fleas from biting, she said.

The students eagerly read the letters they received from the 82nd Airborne, Lobel said. Some of the children brought the letters home overnight to show to their parents, she said. "It's very exciting, very frightening," she said. "It has made the situation real."

Some students who wrote to the 82nd asked about the clothes the soldiers must wear, how many hours they train and if they are scared of going to war. Shane's "already scared" he'll have to go to war, Kelly said.

Oddy said that her message to Shane is, "I miss him." Sixth-grader Tommy Oravsky wrote for them "to have a safe time."

Lobel said she reminded her students that they were fortunate to receive replies to their letters. "We're lucky to have a friend like Shane," she said.

Anyone interested in writing to Shane and the 82nd Airborne can do so at: Alpha BAT 1st/319th AFAR, 82nd Airborne Div., 116-64-2009, APO New York, N.Y. 09656.

The Bethlehem School District is doing its part to help support Operation Desert Shield. The Bethlehem Middle School's leadership club, under the supervision of Jane Feldmann and Kathy Englander, collected items for the USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG-58), a large naval ship serving in the Persian Gulf. Bernadene Fisk's kindergarten class in Clarksville Elementary drew pictures with a message, also for the crew. Seventh-grader Tina Morrell

encouraged the donations after her father, Donald Morrell, a radio operator in the Navy Reserve in South Weymouth, Mass., told her that his squadron was collecting items for the crew. "I want to show I appreciate what they (members of the armed services) are doing," Tina said.

The leadership club collected boxes of cards and letters, board games, magazines and comic books, sports equipment, batteries, candy and paperback books at the middle school and at the Grand Union on Route 9W. The boxes, picked up this week by a member of Morrell's squadron, are scheduled to reach the ship by Christmas.

Tina, whose sister Lori is in Fisk's class, asked Fisk to have the kindergartners draw pictures for the ship's crew. Fisk compiled the

pictures into a book, and gave it to Morrell to give to his squadron.

Fisk said her students "really enjoyed" drawing the pictures. "They may be five," she said, "but they understand what's going on."

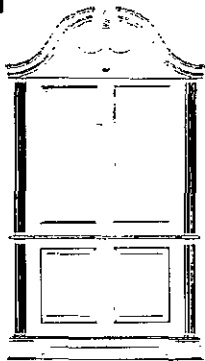
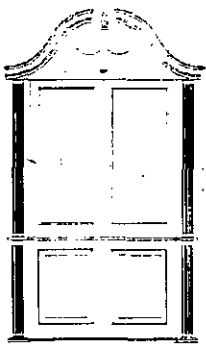
Morrell said the ship, which was hit by a mine two years ago while stationed in the Persian Gulf, has hung cards and letters they've received in the past on a bulletin board so everyone sees them. "It gets a little boring out there," he said. "It gives them something to read."

## Nativity live at church

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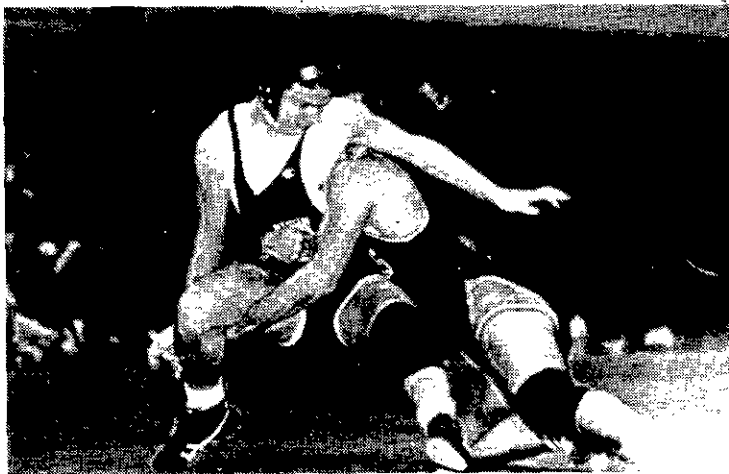
By Matt Kratz

Bethlehem started off a great wrestling season last week. They beat Shaker 74 to 6 and Guilderland 64 to 9.

Against Shaker, the first two matches passed easily by forfeit. Next, Zack Hampton, at 105, pinned his opponent and Scott Cunningham, at 112, won by forfeit. The next three matches were won, two by forfeit and one by pin.

Except for one pin by Shaker, the rest of the matches were won by Kevin Freeman, Michael Braga, Jim Mattis, and Darryn Fiske by pin. Don Thomas won by forfeit and Ethan Beyer by technical fall.

The match against Guilderland was more of the same. Cunningham and Hampton pinned their opponents, while Anthony Genovese won by forfeit. Guilderland did manage to score one pin and two decisions, but it was just not enough. Freeman, Braga, and Mattis scored pins, Cory Trefilietti



Bethlehem's 145-pound wrestler Mike Roney battles Shaker's Matt Manico in a match last week. *Bob Hagyard*

and Beyer won by decision. Fiske won by forfeit. Cunningham won by default and Nick Morrison won by technical fall.

Last weekend, at the Oxford Tourney, Bethlehem placed one wrestler in third and four in fourth place.

Judging from the tourney and match results, Bethlehem should have a great season.

## Dolphins make splash

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Arienne Cohen set a record in the girls 10 and under 50 yard breaststroke, with a national "A" time of 40.81. She was also fourth in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events.

The boys 10 and under relay team of Sean Boyle, Steve Corson, Tim Corson and Scott Strickler took a second-place ribbon in the 200 yard free relay. Steve Corson had a record-breaking second place finish in the 50 breast, with an "A" time of 41.25, with other second place finishes in the 50 fly and 100 free. He was third in the 50 free and fourth in the 50 back. Tim Corson was a fourth place finisher in the 50 fly and eighth in the 50 back. Scott Strickler won seventh place ribbons in the 50 breast and 100 free, while among 11 and 12-year-old boys, Brian Strickler was a heat winner in the 50 yard freestyle.

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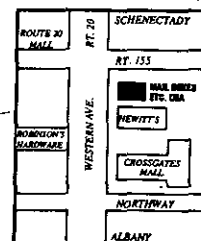
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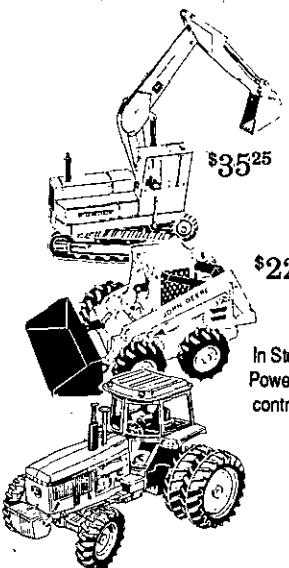
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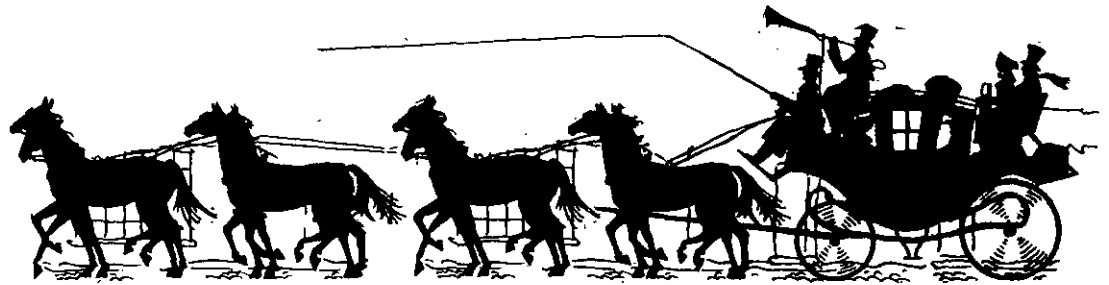
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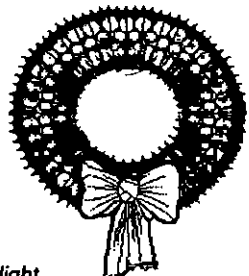
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# Schalmont hands Birds first loss

By Erin E. Sullivan

## Basketball

Suffering their first loss of the season to Schalmont Friday night, the Voorheesville boys varsity basketball team went 1-1 for the past week.

Last Tuesday, with no time on the clock and VC trailing Waterford 56-54, junior Tom Gianatasio fired up a final attempt from behind the three point line. Gianatasio's shot plunged through the net, capturing the Bird's first win, 57-54.

Along with strong performances by junior Steve Lapinski, Coach Frank Carrk said he felt that Gianatasio was the most consistent player for the Birds. While he was pleased with the team's defense, Carrk said that it was an overall good game for Voorheesville.

At the end of the first quarter in the match against Schalmont, the Sabres had a 16-5 lead.

Voorheesville's Lapinski had been prepared to cover the opponent's 6-foot-6 junior center. However, Lapinski faced foul trouble after the first two minutes of the game, and was unable to be used by Carrk for the rest of the quarter. Lapinski played well in the second and third quarters, scoring, along with teammate Erin Sullivan, the VC high of 13 points. With four minutes left in the fourth quarter, he fouled out of the game, leaving the Blackbirds with a height deficit.

Throughout most of the night, Schalmont maintained the lead. The game was tied three times in the fourth quarter, but Voorheesville could not hang on. Carrk said that during the last three quarters the Birds were the better team, but just not good enough. Besides inaccurate foul shooting,

the team's offensive timing and shooting was off. But, according to Carrk, this will come in time.

Carrk attributes the loss to another factor. "We were not emotionally prepared to play the game," he said. "When a team plays on the road, they have to be ready from the start. We were not."

Todd Rockmore, at guard, added 10 points with two three-point goals for Voorheesville, and Gianatasio made another tremendous effort with five points. He led in rebounds with 11, followed by Sullivan with eight.

Carrk said he was not happy with the loss. "We tripped over a wire that we shouldn't have tripped over." He said the team will now have to work extra hard, and the results will be determined by the players.

The Blackbirds will face Ravena away on the 14th and Cohoes at home on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

# Sir Bills ground BC

By Michael Kagan

Home cookin' was a bit sour for the Bethlehem Central boys basketball team, as the Johnstown Sir Bills came into town to bring the Eagles down to earth, 67-58.

What BC wanted to be a final non-league tune-up before the first league game, ended up being a sloppy performance the Eagles hope to have gotten out of their system.

The Eagles took control at the tip-off, building a 10-5 lead. But then Johnstown scored eight straight points and led at the end of the first quarter by one. In the second quarter, Bethlehem took leads of 18-15, 20-19, and 25-21, but the Sir Bills came back again and led at the half, 28-25.

BC took the lead again in the third, 31-28, but immediately lost it on 10 consecutive Sir Bill points. The Eagles tied it at 40, but when the quarter ended, Bethlehem was still in the hole by three.

Bethlehem looked like it might still comeback, as it led 47-46 and 50-49 in the final period, but then Johnstown closed the issue with a 13-3 run.

The Eagles played the second half almost completely without their star center, Eric McCaughin, who committed his fourth foul with 4:20 to go in the third. He sat on the bench until the middle of the fourth period, when he fouled out almost immediately after returning to the game. Guard Scott Fish also fouled out in the fourth quarter, but only after the outcome had been made all but official.

The Sir Bills drove and passed right through the Bethlehem defense to get almost all of their points on layups, while the Eagle offense looked like it was trying to penetrate a brick wall. The shooting charts for Johnstown and BC looked like direct opposites. Johnstown had so many shots from right under the basket that one's eyes might go blurry trying to read it, while Bethlehem had each shot spread all over, with precious few near the hoop. Thirty-three of BC's points were from beyond the three point arc.

Not surprisingly, Fish, the Eagle's most dangerous outside shooter, led the team with 26 points, including six three pointers. Forward Matt Quatraro followed with 23 points and five three pointers. McCaughin and forward Mike Alyward were shut down inside, each scoring four points, while Eric Liberatore came off the bench to score one point.

Bethlehem played its first league game yesterday (Tuesday) on the road against Mohonasen, and will face Guilderland at home on Friday.

Bethlehem's junior varsity team had some better luck against Johnstown, winning 66-57.

# Blackbird girls take Sabres

By Matt Hladun

Voorheesville's girl's basketball team notched its first mark in the victory column with a win over Schalmont in the league opener. Led by sophomore Courtney Langford's 16 points, the Ladybirds defeated the Sabres 47-37, and improved to 2-1 overall.

The Blackbirds never trailed throughout the game, but coach Nadine Bassler felt that the game was still a tough one. "Even when we were up by 15 points in the third quarter, I knew that we couldn't stop playing," commented Bassler, "There are no easy games in the league."

Bassler sees offensive production as one problem. She feels that her team will have to consistently score between 50 and 60 points a night to stay in games. Against Schalmont, the girls ran their offensive plays well, but just couldn't find the basket. Bassler also feels that they must convert on their fastbreak opportunities. "Because we are not a big team, we have to try to convert our fastbreaks into layups, and get our points that way," she said.

But she was glad to see three of her starters reach double figures. In addition to Langford's 16 points, Donna Zautner and Kelly Donahue each shot 12.

# BC swimmers score easy 138-47 win

Bethlehem Central swimmers opened defense of their boys' Aqua League championship with an easy 139-47 win over Amsterdam-Fonda last Friday.

Ken Neff's perennial powerhouse restricted the visitors to one first place and three seconds in the six-lane BC pool. The Eagles took first in all but the backstroke, and yielded seconds only in the medley relay, 100 free and breaststroke. BC scored 1-2-3 sweeps in the 200 free, 200 IM and fly, and went 1-2-4 in the 50 free, diving and 500 free.

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# Birds surprise Cats, 50-16

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville Wrestling team thought they were in for a tough match against Catskill. After the first few matches it was evident that the Blackbirds were up for the challenge and soon the match turned into a rout. The Blackbirds closed out the match by scoring 22 straight points to put away the already listless Cats.

One of the best matches all night was at 167, where Chris Dommermuth was wrestling against John Hilliard from Catskill. Hilliard was a Class C runner-up a year ago at 145.

In third period Dommermuth led 8-6. With 40 seconds left, Dommermuth once again rolled Hilliard onto his back, and had enough energy left to register the pin. Dommermuth posted this great effort,

while wrestling with hyper-extended ligaments in his right wrist.

Dommermuth said: "He was tired, I was tired. I'm still hurting, I can barely breath."

At 98, Darren Ascone took care of business in quick fashion disposing of Jayme Gibson in just 17 seconds. For the Birds, it was more of the same at 105, where freshman Lucas Weston recorded the pin only 55 seconds into the match, giving the Birds a 12-0 lead. Eric Dommermuth accepted a forfeit at 112, making it 18-0.

At 119, freshman Greg Reeth turned in a brilliant performance against a two-time Class C champion, Steve Leggerio. Reeth was unable to wrestle up enough strength to fight the final pin and was falled 24 seconds into the second period.

Josh Vink didn't need anything special to beat Marco Perrone, in fact when Vink took Perrone down for the first time Perrone was injured and couldn't continue. Vink won by default.

The lone vacancy in the Blackbird line-up was at 132, where Dennis Oakley accepted a forfeit. At 138, Christian Clark made a successful return as he dominated his match en route to an 11-3 decision. At 145, Mike Gaudio lost a grueling 9-0 decision to Damian Parinello.

For Tim Reeth, the third time was the gem. In the first period Reeth had a near pin that was ruled out of bounds, and then had the pin, but the referee was slow to react. After amassing a 10-0 lead in the first period, Reeth recorded the pin just 23 seconds into the second period.

At 177, Andy Symula, who weighs 158 pounds, won a 9-1 decision. At 215, Chad Hotaling finished off the match by totally dominating Ed Rogers. Hotaling got the pin 1:20 into the match. The final score was 50-16.

"We wrestled real well, except for a few sloppy spots technique wise," said Coach Dick Leach. "But we'll iron those out in practice."

Before the Catskill match, the Blackbirds had three individual

matches against Duaneburg. Vink and Gaudio posted pins, while Tim Reeth won a decision. On the night, Vink and Reeth, coincidentally the two captains, both ended up at 2-0. Coming up this week, the Birds

play host to Mechanicville today (Wednesday), travel to Schalmont on Thursday for a big match with the Sabres and go to Hudson Falls on Saturday for a tournament.

## Indians extend council streak

By Kevin Van DerZee

The RCS Indians started another wrestling season after key losses of section 2 champion Bobby Pellitier, section two runner-up Henry Mormile and 20-match winner Joe Dillberg.

RCS traveled to Schenectady to wrestle Galway and Schenectady last Tuesday, coming away with a 1-1 record.

The Indians got off to a rather shaky start, with six first-year varsity wrestlers as they lost to Galway 42 to 14. They lost the first four matches by pin, putting them in a 24 to 0 deficit.

Four-year varsity wrestler and co-captain Shannon Cowles broke the streak when he tied with a tough wrestler from Galway.

Freddy Pechette won RCS's first win of the 1990-91 season as he won 6 to 3. Jim Gardell followed with an 8 to 6 win.

Second-year varsity wrestler and co-captain Chris King wrestled a tough match and lost 7 to 4. Chad Rooney wrestled a tough match but lost 9 to 5. Sophomore Jason Demerest lost 4 to 0. Second-year varsity wrestler Dave Baranska, a sophomore received RCS's first pin

of the season. Jason Knox ended the match by getting pinned.

RCS then went on to wrestle Schenectady where they came out on top, this time by a score of 42 to 27. Smith and McGrail were pinned. But Pecora and Cowles both received forfeits to regain some easy ground. Pechette then tied it up and landed his second win of the day. Gardell lost a very close one 5 to 4. King and Rooney both pinned opponents (Rooney's pin was in 35 seconds). Demerest was pinned. Baranska and Knox scored pins, it was Baranska's second pin and win of the day.

The Indians then entertained the Cohoes Tigers in their first Colonial Council match of the year. RCS came in with a 31 match winning streak in the Colonial Council. Things were looking very impressive coming off the win over Schenectady.

But Tigers roared as they took a 24 to 6 lead over RCS. But The Indians won 39 to 30 to extend their streak to 32 wins - the equivalent of four years.

The Indians will face Watervliet on Thursday and will wrestle in the Colonie tournament on Saturday.

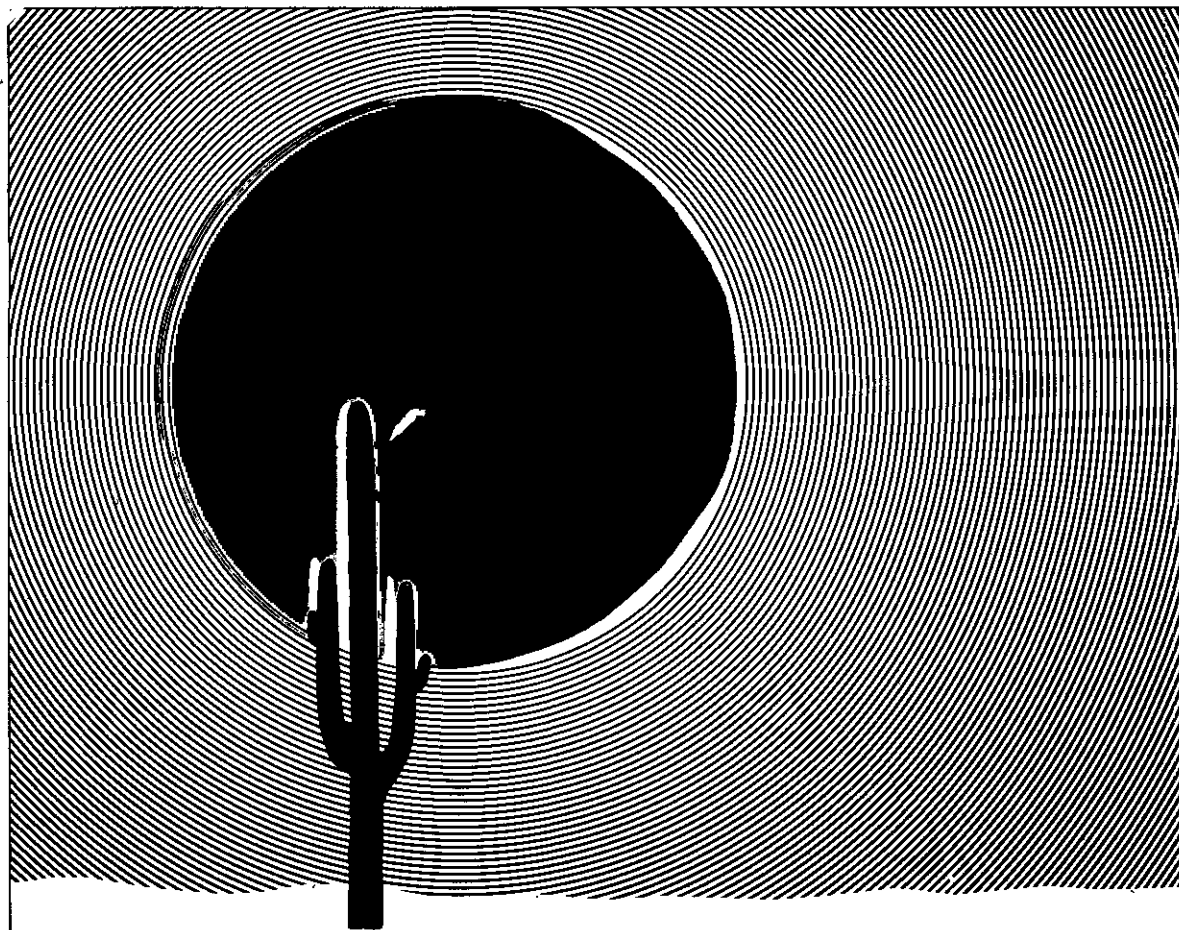
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## Albany Academy tops Indians 71-53

By Michael Nock

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians fought hard last week against Albany Academy only to lose 71 to 53.

In this game Julio Colon was the top scorer with 18 points. He was followed by Carlton Winslow who had 11.

Coach James Gorham explained the loss by saying that Academy was a very good team and that they had more height than RCS. He said he felt the team played well in the first quarter and that they hung tough through the rest of the game.

He said Chris Gagen had a good game as well as Eddie Nieves, scoring five points each. Reggie Skipper had eight, Jason Romano had five, Steve Bullock with four and Tom Holsapple with two.

The team was scheduled to play Cohoes on Tuesday and Voorheesville on Friday. Both games will be at Ravena.

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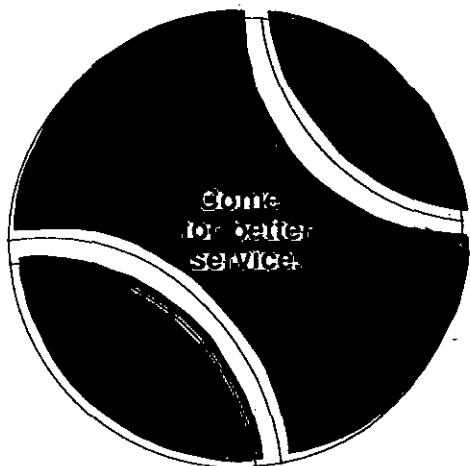
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## Burdick — Gilson

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Clinton Burdick of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Burdick, to Timothy Norton Gilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Paul Gilson of Governors Square, East Greenbush.

The bride to be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Syracuse University, and is a

candidate for her Master of Education degree at Columbia University. She is a first grade teacher at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York City.

Her fiance is a graduate of Syracuse University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He is president of TNG Legal Temps in New York.

A January wedding is planned.

## Lenhardt — Mackey

Dr. Charles C. Jr. and Nancy C. Mackey, of Delmar, have announced the engagement of their son, Charles C. Mackey III, to Karen A. Lenhardt, daughter of Warren H. and Barbara J. Lenhardt of Pittsford.

Mackey is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and Boston College.

Lenhardt is a graduate of Niagara University.

A May wedding is planned.

## Glenmont woman named to PR firm

Cathi Anne Cameron of Glenmont, former public relations director for the Albany Symphony Orchestra and Family section editor for *Spotlight Newspapers*, has been hired as an account executive by Sawchuk, Brown Associates, an Albany public relations firm. She will be responsible for writing and public relations.

## Library shows film

The Voorheesville Public Library will show the first in a series of afternoon films on Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. "Jack-a-Boy," based on a short story by Willa Cather, tells the tale of a young boy in 1920 New Orleans who brings warmth and love into the lives of his lonely, elderly neighbors. The film will total an hour in length and will be followed by refreshments. For more information, call 765-2791.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center Hospital

Boy, Matthew Darragh, to Maureen and Victor Bernstein, Selkirk, Oct. 12.

Boy, Timothy Andrew, and girl, Laura Elizabeth, to Jill B. and David J. Koonz, Selkirk, Oct. 15.

Girl, Danielle Marie, to Barbara and Gary Osterhout, Glenmont, Oct. 16.

Girl, Elise Michelle, Mary Beth and Ken Ziggrosser, Glenmont, Oct. 21.

Girl, Faith Wood, to Linda and Warren Breisblatt, Selkirk, Oct. 23.

Girl, Mary Kate, to Ann and Ken Posman, Glenmont, Oct. 25.

Boy, Elliott Gilman, to Katherine and Ralph Ambrosio, Delmar, Oct. 26.

Boy, Thomas Michael, to Linda and Michael Pasquali, Voorheesville, Oct. 26.

Girl, Katie Lyn, to Patt and Dennie Boyagian, Slingerlands, Oct. 27.

Boy, Thomas Harrison, to Margaret and Tom Prince, Delmar, Oct. 30.

Boy, John Michael, to Barbara and John Malfetano, Voorheesville, Oct. 31.



Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Greenman

## Greenman, Pascarella wed

Russell Mason Greenman, son of Robert and Marilyn Greenman of Delmar, and Maria Victoria Pascarella, daughter of Antonio and Maria Pascarella of Waterford, were married Oct. 6.

The Revs. John J. Byrnes and Warren Winterhoff conducted the ceremony in St. Mary's Church, Waterford.

Nancy Lollino was matron of honor. Cindy Chrysogelos, Angela Warren, Felicia Pascarella and Sue Flint were bridesmaids.

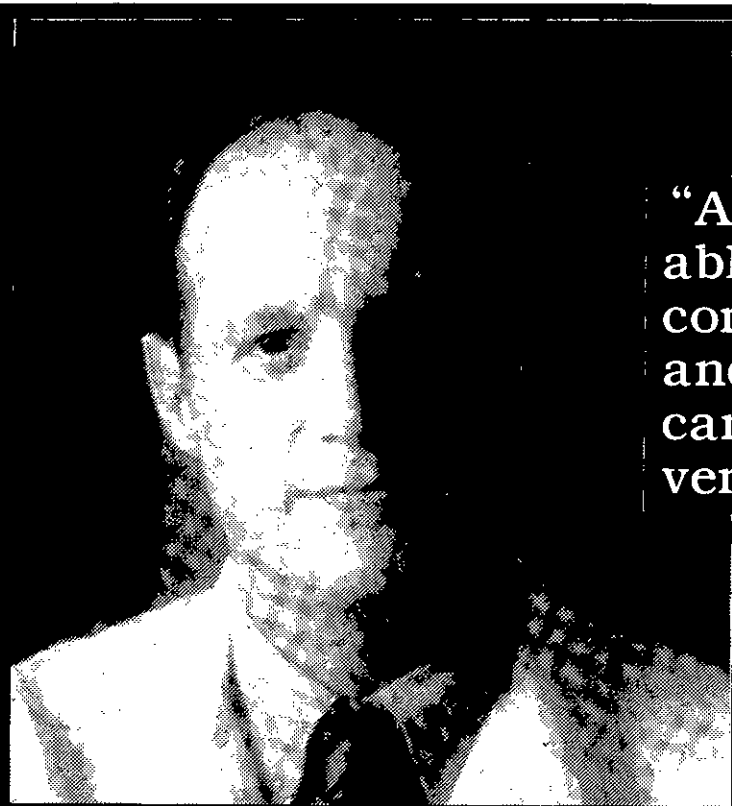
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man. Edward Fox, Weston Greenman, Kenton Greenman and John Zuspahn were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Waterford-Halfmoon High School.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended Hudson Valley Community College. They are both employed by the state Budget Division.

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



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## Reagan, Lang wed

Mary Cornelia Reagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Reagan of Delmar, and Steven Frank Lang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lang of New Milford, N.J., were married Oct. 20.

Rev. James D. Daley and Rev. John Andrew Connell conducted the ceremony in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Cynthia Corveleyn was matron of honor. Elizabeth Reagan, Bette Reagan and Susan Van Ort were bridesmaids.

Michael Nappi was best man. John Reagan, John Malespina and William Gismondi were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Dayton. She is a professional civil engineer with Langan Engineering Associates.

The groom is a graduate of Rutgers University. He is a professional civil engineer with Jablonski and Mean Associates.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple resides in Southfields.





Heather E. Mathusa and Michael A. Tangora

### Mathusa — Tangora

Parker and Polly Mathusa of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather E. Mathusa, to Michael A. Tangora, son of Angelo and Lucy Tangora of Delmar.

Mathusa is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University at Plattsburgh. She is continuing with her MBA at

the College of St. Rose, and is employed by Matthew Bender and Co. in Albany.

Tangora is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed by Bourque Mechanical Systems in Voorheesville.

A June wedding is planned.

### Library hosts events

The Albany Public Library has announced its schedule of events for the week of Dec. 17 through 23: Dec. 18, needlecraft workshop at 10 a.m., films for tots, 10:30 a.m., The Christmas Story presentation at 12:15 p.m.; Dec. 19, toddler story time 10 a.m., preschool story time 10:30 a.m., afternoon story time 1:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, films for tots, 10:30 a.m., writers workshop 9 a.m. to noon; Dec. 21, toddler story time 10:30 a.m., reading rainbow 3:30 p.m.

The library will be closed Sunday, Dec. 23 through Dec. 25. For more information, call 449-3380.

### Student honored

Juli Schaller of Delmar has been selected for inclusion in the 1990-91 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Students are selected on the basis of academic achievement and leadership in campus and community activities. Schaller, a 1987 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is the daughter of Thomas and Angelina Schaller of Hudson Avenue, Delmar.

### Legion hosts breakfast

The Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 is sponsoring a ham and egg breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon at the post offices on Voorheesville Avenue.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children.

For information, call 765-4306.

### Quilters to meet

Quilters United in Learning Together are meeting Friday, Dec. 14 at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

New members and those interested in joining are also welcome.

For information, call 283-4848.



Michelle Rosenblatt and Joseph Heroux

### Rosenblatt — Heroux

Dr. Robert and Carol Rosenblatt of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Rosenblatt, to Joseph Heroux, son of Henry and Jean Heroux of Cohoes.

Rosenblatt is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany Memorial School of Nurs-

ing. She is a registered nurse at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Heroux is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and Siena College. He is an accountant at Wilson, Wilson & Stark in Cohoes.

A July wedding is planned.

### Contest under way for youth groups

The clubs and troops of 13 million young Americans are now planning community service projects to enter in Colgate's 18th annual Youth for America campaign, the award-winning program that presents cash grants for the best such programs by local units of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, Boys Clubs and Girls, Inc. (formerly Girls Clubs).

Alex Trebek of "Jeopardy," Grammy Award-winner Dionne Warwick and teen star Chris Young head this year's judging panel, which will choose the nation's top programs. More than 200 winners will receive checks from Colgate-Palmolive Co. for up to \$2,000.

### British trip planned

A trip to London and the countryside has been planned for April 8 through 18, sponsored by the Albany Symphony Orchestra and the New York State Museum Associates. This trip is designed to give the traveller a complete sense of cultural Great Britain. The deadline to make reservations is Dec. 15. For information, call 474-5801.

Youngsters have until March 15, 1991, to devise and execute ideas that will help their communities and send reports to the Youth for America campaign. The youth program was launched by Colgate-Palmolive Co. in 1972 to promote community responsibility among America's youth. Participants range from four and five-year-olds to high school teenagers.

Entry forms for the current campaign are now available through the regional offices of the national organizations, and additional forms may be obtained by sending a stamped-self addressed envelope to Colgate's Youth for America, PO Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, N.Y. 10150-1058.

### French unit meets

La Federation Franco-American Du New York invites members and guests to participate in French speaking conversation at a dinner to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at L' Ecole Encore Restaurant, Fuller Road near Stuyvesant Plaza. Reservations must be made by Dec. 15 to Ginette Maslanka at 371-7132.

### Hibernians sponsor essay contest

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians has announced its National Annual Irish History Essay Contest, being held through Feb. 1, 1991.

The contest is open to all chil-

dren attending public, private and parochial schools, in grades 6 through 12. Contest subjects include Grace O'Mally, pirate queen; and birth of the Irish Republic.

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## Community Corner

### Village library presents Christmas program

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# Obituaries

## William C. Stoffels

William C. Stoffels, 87, formerly of Cardinal Avenue, Albany, died Monday, Dec. 3, in the University Heights Nursing Home.

A former Delmar resident, he owned and operated Stoffels Floor Covering on Central Avenue in Albany, retiring in 1970.

He was a longtime member of the Central Avenue Merchants Association and a member of the Delmar Senior Citizens and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mr. Stoffels was a Eucharist minister for the past four years at University Heights and did volunteer work at the home.

The widower of Effie Mizner Stoffels, he is survived by a step daughter, Cora E. Bardon of Albany and three grandchildren.

Services were from Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Delaware Ave., Delmar and St. James Church. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

## Arvis V. Janums

Arvis V. Janums, 37, of Poplar Drive, Delmar, died Sunday, Dec. 2 in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

Born in Brussels, Belgium, he came to the U.S. in 1955. He lived in New York City most of his life and worked as a carpenter as a member of Carpenters Local 1837 on Long Island.

After moving to Albany in 1983, he worked as a carpenter for Par-

entence Construction Co. in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Craver Janums of Delmar; two daughters Shannyn Janums and Shelbie Janums, both of Delmar; his father Rudolf Janums of Port Washington, Nassau County; and two brothers, Rudy Janums of Queens and Girts Janums of New York City.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

## Elmer J. Brownell

Elmer J. Brownell, 82, formerly of Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville, died Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

He was a Clarksville resident until he moved to Menands in 1989.

Mr. Brownell worked for Main Bros. Home Heating Service for more than 25 years. Later he was employed as a driver for the state Department of Transportation for several years, retiring in 1973.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Clarksville Community Reformed Church.

The widower of Norma Weeks Brownell, he is survived by three nieces and a nephew.

Services were from Zwack and Sons Funeral Home, Albany. Contributions may be made to the Clarksville Community Reformed Church.

# Delmar collector displays ice skates

By Debi Boucher

To get an idea of how long people have enjoyed gliding across frozen ponds on thin metal blades, stop by the Bethlehem Public Library this month for a look at Paul Galanka's "American Skating Mania" display, which includes some of the antique skates the Delmar resident has collected over the years, as well as two colorful Currier & Ives skating prints and an assortment of memorabilia.

Most modern aficionados of skating would be at a loss on the ice if asked to take a turn on any of these models, the forerunners of skates as we know them. But Galanka actually uses a strap-on wooden-top model from his collection, which date back to the mid 1800s. In order to use the skates, he explained, he adapted the shoes from a pair of yard-sale skates to simulate the high-topped shoes the skates are designed for.

The oldest pair of skates on display date to 1833, according to Galanka, who found them listed in a booklet published by the Smithsonian Institute. The German-made "English Gentlemen's Skates," like all models dated before the 1850s, have iron blades. "Skating didn't really become popular until steel came along," Galanka explained, because iron blades don't hold a sharp edge for long — and a dull blade, as every skater knows, is a hazard on the ice.

With the invention of the Bessemer converter, carbon steel became widely available, and tool-makers began filling the increased demand for skates. So popular did the sport become by 1865, there were close to 150 individual pat-



Paul Galanka and his display of antique ice skates.

Elaine McLain

ents for skate designs.

tory accompanying a print of Haines in action notes that the athlete "half-scandalized staid skaters on the Schuylkill 100 years ago." The leaps and spins that made him famous would have been next to impossible on iron blades.

The 1860s was a transitional period for skates, leading to the all-metal models popular from the 1870s to 1890s. Wood tops gave way to metal, but leather straps were still used until lever-adjusted heel clamps completely replaced the screws and straps used on the wood-top skates.

Galanka's connection with antique skates dates back to his boyhood in Lorain, Ohio, when he was given a pair of "Donohue racers" in lieu of payment on an overdue paper route account. The wood-top skates attracted some attention even in the late 1920s, since by then all skates were metal. After a few years of skating on frozen ponds, streams and flooded tennis courts, Galanka relinquished the Donohue racers in favor of a pair of "shoe skates — a trade he recalls with a sigh today.

He didn't begin collecting skates until the early 1960s, when he spotted a pair of antique all-metal

It was steel blades, in fact, which allowed figure skating to develop as a sport, pioneered by Jackson Haines, who is included in Galanka's display. The brief his-

curved-front ladies skates at a church bazaar in Albany. With renewed memories of his old wood-top skates, he began searching for additions to his collection. The wood-top skates Galanka uses now — on display in the center of the second shelf in the larger display case at the library — are similar to his old Donohue racers, but about two inches shorter in the blade, and he is still searching for a true replacement.

Galanka has fond memories of skating at an indoor rink on the fourth floor of the old Madison Square Garden during his years in New York City, after he relocated from Ohio in the early 1930s. Skating to music was a novelty then, and Galanka, then teaching in the city school district, found the rink an ideal place to bring a date. He and his wife, Beatrice, enjoyed a smooth courtship on the ice, and in later years, taught their daughter, Alice, how to skate.

All told, Galanka said, his collection includes some 30 pairs of skates, some of which are in better shape than others. He is always on the lookout for more old skates, and keeps some duplicate pairs on hand for trading.

Galanka's skate collection will be at the library through December. After that, however, one pair will be on his feet at the Elm Avenue Park — "as soon as we get some ice," he promised.

## Bank supports children's hospital

The Delmar branch of Home & City Savings Bank has kicked off its 1990 "Light Up A Child's Life" campaign to benefit the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center. Everyone is encouraged to come to the branch located at 167 Delaware Avenue to light a bulb on the holiday tree with a \$5 donation for each light.

Donations to the campaign help enhance the Children's Hospital's

specialized services and facilities for the most seriously ill and injured children of northeastern New York, western Massachusetts and southern Vermont. The facility maintains the region's child cancer unit and pediatric and neonatal intensive care units, and provides treatment for youngsters with pulmonary diseases.

For information, call 447-5937.

## Groups plan Christmas dinner


The Third Annual Community Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the First Methodist Church, the Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association and Bethlehem Senior Services, will be held on Christmas Day from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. There is no fee for the turkey dinner, which is open to anyone who wishes to participate. Transportation will be provided by Beth-

lehem Senior Services for anyone over 60 years of age. For more information, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

## Bridge luncheon set

The Women's Organization of the Normanside Country Club is holding its Christmas bridge luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m.

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## Hanukkah celebration takes in old and new

By Mike Larabee

What would Hanukkah be without lighting the menorah, potato latkes, family songs and, of course, mutant ninja dreidels?

It would be Hanukkah celebrated somewhere other than the Albany Jewish Community Center on Whitehall Road this year, that's what.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., the center will hold a Hanukkah celebration and concert where the emphasis will be on family, community and, in the case of the warrior dreidels, fun.

"Everybody in the community is invited," said Rabbi Nachman Simon of the Delmar Chabad Center on Elsmere Avenue. Simon said the event, which is one of a number being held at the center to mark Hanukkah, is designed to promote "holiday awareness" within the area's diverse Jewish community.

"That's really it, it's just making people aware," Simon said. "There's so much going on within our lives in America people just don't really understand" the value of the holiday.

"It just slips by people," he said.

According to Simon, Jews with different affiliations or levels of religious participation, who might otherwise observe Hanukkah in groups with more similar beliefs and backgrounds, can come together around the "common ground" of the community center's family gathering.

"So we feel thankful as a people instead of everybody just going into their own niches," he said.

As for the ninja dreidels, Joyce Pagoda, director of adult and family programming at JCC, admits she's "not exactly sure what that's all about," but ventured, "I think that's a surprise for the kids." Simon said the ninjas will be the theme of a performance by children from the Maimonides Hebrew Day School on Whitehall Road — a sort of Jewish take on the popular and ubiquitous Mutant Ninja Turtles.



A Hanukkah celebration and concert to be held at the Albany Jewish Community Center will emphasize family, according to Rabbi Nachman Simon, an event organizer. Above are (from top left) AJCC patrons

and staff Florence Saidel, Janice Thompson and daughter Sara, Molle Epner, Lou Klein, and Janet Kronenberg. The children are participants in the center's early childhood programs. Mike Larabee

The event is being co-sponsored by the community center and the Albany area's Chabad Communal Service Centers. Admission is \$2, but both children and recent Russian immigrants will be let in free.

The center is hoping many of the 31 Russian families who immigrated to the Capital Region over the last year will be able to use this and other JCC functions to become acclimated to their new community.

"There have been many new Russian families in the community," said Pagoda, director of adult and family programming at JCC. "Our goal... is to bring them into

the community and help them feel connected to the community."

Pagoda said that Jewish community centers were originally established primarily as facilities to help settle new immigrants. The Albany Jewish Community Center is in its 75th year.

And Simon added that he feels participation in holiday commemoration is especially important for many Russian families because most have never been able to celebrate openly.

"Something as simple as this (event), they just never had," said Simon, "For most of their adult lives it would have been illegal to do this in Russia."

In addition, there will be traditional Klezmer and Israeli music during the Saturday function. The music will be performed by Skidmore College's Klezmer Orchestra.

For information, 438-6651 or 453-9041

Also during Hanukkah, today (Wednesday, Dec. 12), at 6 p.m., there will be a Hanukkah dinner and celebration. The catered dinner will be followed by Hanukkah workshops.

Anyone interested in attending the Wednesday dinner is asked to call ahead at 438-6651 to see if seats are still available.

## Holiday tree trimming for the birds

By Debi Boucher

While you're decking the hall this year, don't forget to decorate your yard — but instead of twinkling lights, string your trees with wildlife treats.

The uninitiated can learn to make edible outdoor ornaments for birds and other creatures at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, where the Audubon Society of the Capital Region will host its "Trim a Tree For Wildlife" meeting tomorrow (Thursday), at 7 p.m.

Dianne Scoville, chairman of the Audubon chapter's education committee and owner of Backyard Birds Specialty Shoppe in Clifton Park, will instruct participants on how to make pine cone feeders, suet cups and strings of popcorn and peanuts. Materials will be supplied by the Audubon Society. Refresh-

ments for humans, including hot chocolate and home-baked Christmas cookies, also will be served.

Christmas carols will add to the holiday atmosphere, including some original bird-compositions interspersed with traditional carols, from one of the tapes Scoville sells in her shop. The store, located on Route 9, sells bird seed, bird feeders, books and tapes — "anything that's associated with the birds in your backyard," as Scoville put it.

The trim-a-tree session will be open to both adults and children, Scoville said. She added wryly, "We're all going to get our hands dirty." It would be hard to avoid sticky fingers with some of these recipes, but the effect will be well worth it as birds love these natural goodies, she said.

The custom originated in northern Europe, where people trimmed evergreen trees with food scraps to honor the birds and beasts of the Nativity. The Audubon chapter's workshop will focus on food treats that will appeal primarily to birds, but also to small furry creatures, such as chipmunks.

Pine cone feeders, Scoville explained, are simply pine cones stuffed with peanut butter and rolled in bird seed. Contrary to what many people believe, Scoville said, peanut butter is not at all harmful to birds,

and is actually very good for them. "It's a good protein source for birds," she said, particularly in winter, when they may have a hard time getting enough to eat. Nutrition notwithstanding, birds love the peanut butter treats, she said.

Another way to get birds flocking to the tree outside your picture window is to hang a suet cup or two. To make them, Scoville said, melted-down suet is mixed with bird seed and poured into Dixie cups. When the suet cools and solidifies, a dowel is inserted horizontally to provide a place for birds to perch while snacking.

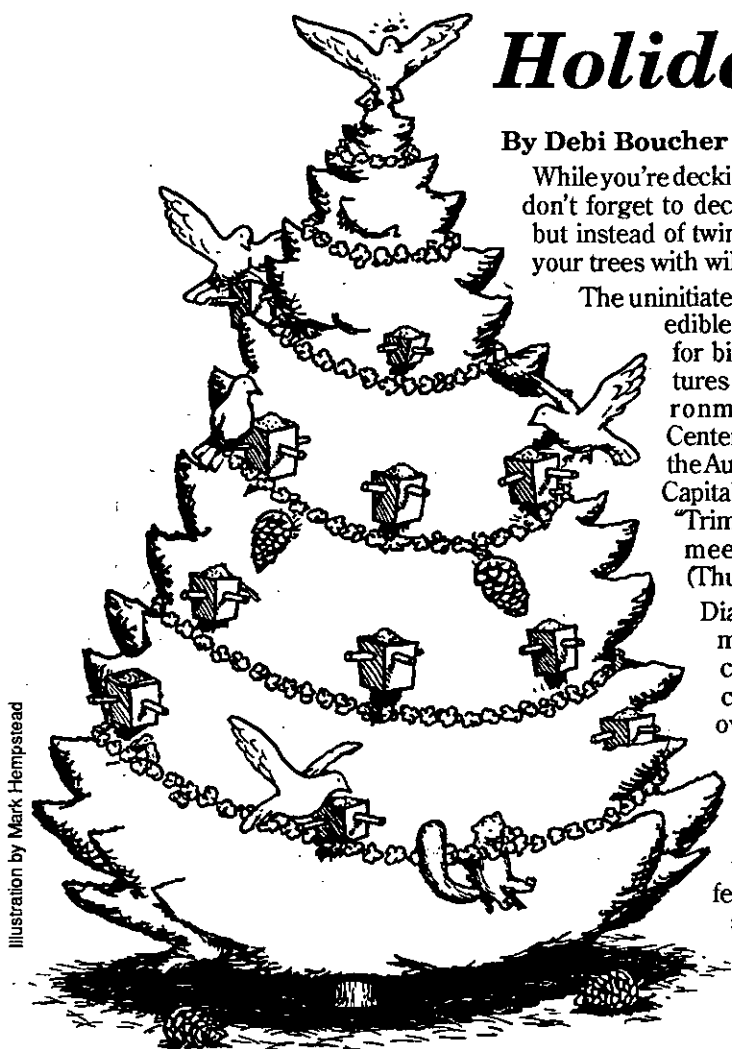
Strung popcorn, a traditional Christmas garland, is also popular with our feathered friends, said Scoville. She suggests adding peanuts in their shells to the strings.

Participants in Thursday's workshop can take their creations home, or leave some of them at Five Rivers.

Scoville said the workshop is a first for the Audubon chapter, which concerns itself not just with birds, but "a little bit of everything concerning the environment." The idea came to her as a way of getting more people, particularly children, involved in the group's activities.

The chapter, which normally meets the second Thursday of every month at the William K. Sanford Town Library in

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### THE RED SHOES

Fairy tale, Home Made Theater, Saratoga. Dec. 16, 1 p.m. Information, 584-9330.

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Proctor's, Schenectady, Dec. 19, 7 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

### NUNSENSE

Cohoes Music Hall, now through Dec. 31. Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

### NARNIA

Musical based on "The Lion, the Witch, and the Warframe," Empire Center, Albany. Now through Dec. 18, Fri. 8 p.m. Sat. 2 and 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 442-5373.

### THE NECKLACE BRISINGAMEN

Tale from Norse mythology, Masque Theater, Inc., Chapel & Cultural Center, Troy. Now through Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Information, 459-4961.

### THE CHERRY ORCHARD

Haunting, humorous classic, Capital Repertory Company, Albany. Now through Dec. 16, Sat. 4:30 and 8:30 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.; Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

## MUSIC

### OUT OF CONTROL

Rhythm and Blues Band, The Metro, Saratoga. Dec. 15, 10:30 p.m. Information, 372-5607.

### EMPIRE STATE YOUTH PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Holiday concert, College of St. Rose, Albany. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Information, 382-7581.

### SCCC JAZZ AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES

Concert, Schenectady County Community College. Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-6211.

### CHILDRENS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Local recording artists Ruth Pelham, Paul Straussman and Cathy Winter, benefit for Albany's Social Justice Center, Unitarian Church, Albany. Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Information, 434-4037.

## THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Chamber Singers and Campaniles Concert, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

### THE YOUNG MAN:

Hard Work and Friendship with Haydn. Beethoven Is Born! program, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Presented by Capitol Hill Choral Society, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

### NOWELL SING WE CLEAR

Holiday music, stories, and general hilarity, Spencertown Academy, Spencertown. Dec. 15, 3 and 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

### ENSEMBLE CONCERT

University Percussion Ensemble and University-Community Symphonic Band, University Performing Arts Center, Albany. Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

### OLD SONGS

"Nowell Sing We Clear," a pageant of midwinter carols and customs, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland. Dec. 22, 3 and 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

## DANCE

### CONTRAS, SQUARES, CIRCLES

Old Songs Country Dance, Guilderland Elementary School. Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

### ADVENTURES OF RUDOLPH

A Syracuse Center of Ballet and Dance Arts production, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

### THE NUTCRACKER

Presented by The Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Albany. Dec. 15-16, Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Information, 426-0660.

## FESTIVAL

### VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sleigh and bob sled rides, musical entertainment, Santa visit, craft tables, tree lighting, Home Made Theater, Saratoga. Dec. 16. Information, 584-9330.

### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Schuyler Mansion, Albany. Dec. 16, 1-5 p.m. Information, 434-0834.

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Winter Wonderland Art Activity, Queensbury Madrigal Singers, Adirondack Community College Ensembles, story hour, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT PRUYN HOUSE

The "Magic Holidays," Pruy House, Newtonville. Dec. 12, 2-4 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

### HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Hannukah, discover the fun of the Jewish Festival of Lights, Junior Museum, Troy. Dec. 15-16, 2-4 p.m. Information, 235-2120.

## READINGS

### INDIAN SUMMER

By William Dean Howells, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

## SHOW

### LIVE REPTILE SHOWS

Naturalist Dean Davis, State Museum, Albany. Dec. 15-16, Jan. 5-6, at 1, 2, 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

### THE NUTCRACKER

Bennington Puppets, holiday classic, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy. Dec. 15, 2 and 4 p.m. Information, 235-2120.

### THE CHRISTMAS SHOW

An exciting cast of over 150, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. Dec. 15-16, Sat. 2 and 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

### TOM CHAPIN

Children's songwriter and performer, The Empire Center's Swyer Theatre, Albany. Dec. 18, 7 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

## LECTURE

### ARMCHAIR ADVENTURES:

19th Century Parlor Amusements, Albany Institute of History and Art. Dec. 13, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## FILM

### THE SECRET OF NIMH

Animated story of Mrs. Brisby, State Museum, Albany. Dec. 15-16, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

### X, Y & ZEE

Based on Edna O'Brien's novel, Siena College, Loudonville. Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

## CLASSES

### DANCE AND MOVEMENT

Variety of fitness, dance and technique classes, EBA Center, Albany. Jan. 14-March 30. Information, 465-9916.

## VISUAL ARTS

### FINE ARTS THESIS EXHIBITIONS

Candidates for the Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art, University Art Gallery, Now through Dec. 21. Information, 442-4035.

### JENNESS CORTEZ

Also on exhibit Elizabeth Mowry, Thom O'Connor, Bob Moylan, and Frank Vurraro, Greenhut Galleries, Albany. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

### FOCUS: SCRIPTURE PAINTINGS

Express gallery tours, Albany Institute of History and Art. Dec. 14, 16, Fri. 12:15 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

### CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS

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### HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

Henry Musser: Greeting Cards, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Dec. 12-31. Information, 792-1761.

### ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS:

Edward Larrabee Barnes, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now through Jan. 20. Information, 792-1761.

## Symphony and museum plan April British trip

A trip to London and the countryside has been planned for April 8 through 18, sponsored by the Albany Symphony Orchestra and the New York State Museum Associates. This trip is designed to

give the traveller a complete sense of cultural Great Britain. The deadline to make reservations is Dec. 15. For information, call 474-5801.

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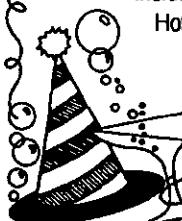
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**Wednesday  
December 12**

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOLIDAY SHOP**  
South Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**  
**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**Thursday  
December 13**

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**HOCKEY**  
Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

**SENIORS LUNCHESES**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

**Friday  
December 14**

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**HOCKEY**  
Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

**SENIORS LUNCHESES**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**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 15**

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**CAMP GOOD DAYS PARTY**  
for young cancer patients and their parents, Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Rd., Colonie, noon-3 p.m. Information, 438-6515.

**DAR MEETING**  
Gansevoort Chapter, Ten Broeck mansion, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 436-1885.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**  
**DRIVING COURSE**  
Leonard Hospital, New Turnpike Rd., Troy, 8:45 a.m. Information, 233-0797.

**Sunday  
December 16**

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS**  
sponsored by the Altamont Fair, Hayes House Victorian Museum, Fairview Ave., Altamont, 1-4 p.m. Information, 861-6671.

**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

**Monday  
December 17**

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**  
**EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE INFORMATION**  
Columbia Greene Community

College, Rt. 23, Hudson, 6 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**SENIORS LUNCHESES**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**  
**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
Salvation Army, Smith St., Schenectady, 8-10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendell Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

**Tuesday  
December 18**

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS GROUP**  
meeting, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Chestnut St. Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 283-1774.

**TOM CHAPIN PERFORMANCE**  
Swyer Theater, Empire Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

**NEEDLECRAFT WORKSHOP**  
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

**FILMS FOR TOTS**  
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

**CHRISTMAS ART PRESENTATION**  
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

**SENIORS LUNCHESES**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Gaspary's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., 5:45 p.m. Information, 851-9859.

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

**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 19**

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**TODDLER STORY TIME**  
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME**  
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

**AFTERNOON STORY TIME**  
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

**BASKETBALL**  
Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7:35 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**  
**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

## Ornament class scheduled

On Sunday, Dec. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. the Albany Institute of History and Art will offer a special family holiday ornament making class. Children ages 4 to 10 and accompanying adults will have the opportunity to work together in making ornaments by hand as was the tradition long ago. Admission is free for AIHA members and a charge of \$3 for non-member families. For information, call 463-4478.

## French unit sets dinner

La Federation Franco-American Du New York invites members and guests to participate in French speaking conversation at a dinner to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at L' Ecole Encore Restaurant, Fuller Road near Stuyvesant Plaza. Reservations must be made by Dec. 15 to Ginette Maslanka at 371-7132.

## YWCA seeks nominees

Nominations are being accepted for the Albany YWCA's 1991 Tribute to Women. This annual event, now in its 12th year, recognizes women from throughout the Capital District who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment to the community through their professional work or volunteer activities and women who have contributed to the empowerment of women and "Third World Persons." The deadline for nominations is Friday, Jan. 25. Nomination forms are available by calling 438-6608.

## Lupus unit meets

The Capital District Lupus Foundation Support Group will be hosting a meeting for patients and their families at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16. The meeting will be held at the McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Albany.

## DINE OUT

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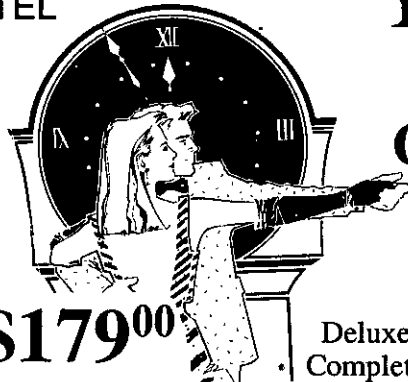
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Wednesday December 12

BETHLEHEM

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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

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

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

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

**SECOND MILER'S LUNCHEON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

Thursday December 13

BETHLEHEM

**DEER POPULATION MEETING**  
the Department of Environmental Conservation will be at Bethlehem Town Hall to discuss problems with deer, at 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**  
open house, second Thursday of every month, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

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

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

**KABBALAH CLASS**  
class in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**  
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.

**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.

**DELMAR FIRE DEPT. LADIES AUXILIARY**  
regular meeting, second Thursdays of every month except August, at firehouse, 8 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185**  
meets second Thursdays, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY  
second Thursdays, firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

**CLARKSVILLE TABERNACLE**  
890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2733.

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

**FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS**  
4-H group for youths ages eight to 19, meets every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

Friday December 14

Bethlehem

**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, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

Saturday December 15

Bethlehem

**TRI-VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DANCE**  
The Tri-village Squares, at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 462-3257.

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

Sunday December 16

Bethlehem

**CELEBRATION ALL AROUND**  
Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 2 p.m., families pre-register and bring cookies to share. 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**  
family worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available during worship services. Information, 439-4328.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**  
church school and worship, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
worship, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays. Information, 439-9252.

**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**  
ELICA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 10:15 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Information, 465-2188.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**  
service and Sunday school, 10 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, 436-7710.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR**  
worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.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.

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

**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 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., 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.

NEW SCOTLAND

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday worship service, 10:15 a.m., Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m. Meetings held at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 475-9086.

**EVENING SERVICE**  
Clarksville Tabernacle, 7 p.m., Route 443. Information, 768-2733.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Bible hour for children and adults, 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**  
adult Bible study class and Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

**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 REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, 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.

Monday December 17

Bethlehem

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

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Days Inn, 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. Information, 439-4258.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

**4-H CLUB**  
meets first and third Mondays, home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

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

Tuesday December 18

Bethlehem

**DELMAR ROTARY**  
meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

**BETHLEHEM LODGE 1096 F&AM**  
first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

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

Wednesday December 19

Bethlehem

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Louis and Myra Brickman, 7:30 p.m., town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**BETHLEHEM GARDEN CLUB**  
annual Christmas luncheon, noon, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, Information, 439-4048.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**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.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Try non-alcoholic holiday cocktails

The following is taken from the 1989 Department of Motor Vehicles publication, "Toast to Life: A Recipe Book for No & Low-Alcohol Cocktails."

Hosting a holiday party can be enjoyable, but hectic. We want so much for our guests to have a good time, we work on every detail for a joyful get-together. And that includes doing everything we can to make sure our guests arrive home safely after the celebrations.

More and more people are choosing low or no-alcohol drinks when they celebrate. They know that the important thing about a party is who you're with, and what you're celebrating. They're also aware of the tough DWI laws and the very real dangers of driving after drinking or using drugs.

Here is an example of a no-alcohol party drink.

Ho Ho Cocomoka

Ingredients: 7 cups coffee, 2 cups heavy cream, 2 quarts chocolate ice cream, 1 tsp. salt, nutmeg, grated sweet chocolate.

Prepare 7 cups coffee. Pour chilled coffee into a large chilled bowl. Whip the cream until stiff and mix into coffee. Add 1 quart ice cream. Beat until the ice cream is partly melted. Add almond extract and salt. Fold in remainder of ice cream. Pour into tall glasses. Makes 16 servings.

For more non-alcohol party beverage ideas, call 439-7740.

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The First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue will hold a SELFHELP world crafts sale on Sunday, Dec. 16. SELFHELP is a non-profit program that helps distribute the handcrafts of low-income people in developing parts of the world. Helen Denny, a sale organizer, is pictured above.  
*Elaine McLain*

## Pair of Bethlehem seniors earn writing tribute

By Susan Wheeler

Two Bethlehem Central High School seniors have received a "tribute to their outstanding writing abilities," according to Eugene Duffy, Bethlehem School District's supervisor for English/language arts.

Seniors Teige Sheehan, of Slingerlands, and Robert Arber, of Elsmere, were winners in the 40th annual National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing contest. Duffy and Jon Hunter, principal of the high school, presented certificates to the winners at a recent board of education meeting.

More than 4500 high-school juniors nationwide were nominated last January by their teachers for the award, Duffy said. BC is allowed only two entrants for the contest per year. Sheehan and Arber, BC's allotted two nominees for the award, were among the 700 students selected as winners.

Duffy said the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), a not-for-profit organization, is "the number one" professional organization for high school and college English teachers. This is the "most prestigious contest in the United States for high school students," he said. "These two boys did win in a very select group of winners."

Students are judged on a piece of their best writing, which can be polished and edited, and on a 75-minute impromptu essay on a previously unseen topic chosen by the NCTE. Sheehan, the fourth of five children, said the topic for their impromptu essay was "parent-child relationships."

"I didn't have a lot of trouble writing it," he said. "it was only a few pages long."



Robert Arber and Teige Sheehan

Sheehan, who recently attended the New York State School Music Association All-State Conference at Kiamesha Lake, said he's looking forward to studying music at Boston College, Notre Dame or Holy Cross next year. He said he hopes to "keep writing, but it's hard to do without a definite goal."

Arber, whose best writing is poetry, is an editor of "Think and Read," the school's literary magazine. He said he's been writing since fourth-grade, and has had his poetry published in "Poetic Voices of America," a book of various poets' works. His future plans include studying in Canada next year, and writing when he has time.

While Duffy said he is pleased to have Arber, a "talented writer," in his advanced placement English class, he said he was "disappointed" he doesn't have Teige in his class. "I'm looking for talented writers, and he obviously is one," he said.

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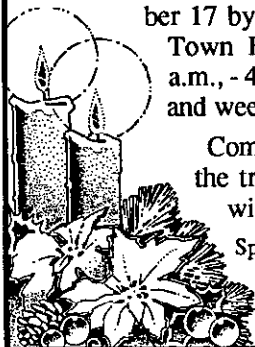
For People of All Ages

Christmas afternoon (Tuesday, December 25) at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. A dinner provided by the Community to ensure fellowship at a time of joy, peace and love for all.

Reservations may be made before December 17 by calling 439-4955 (Bethlehem Town Hall) Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or 439-2008 evenings and weekends.

Come and enjoy turkey, ham and all the trimmings. A free-will offering will be accepted.

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Debbie Besse, Esther Davis and Barbara Logan of the United Methodist Women were among the hostesses of the Interfaith Tea and SELFHELP Crafts Fair at Delmar's First United Methodist Church. Elaine McLain

### Camp Good Days and Special Times plans party

More than 40 Capital Region families who have children with cancer will attend the 6th annual holiday party sponsored for them by Camp Good Days and Special Times — Capital Region on Dec. 15 at the Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road in Colonie between noon and 3 in the Inn's courtyard.

The children with cancer and their families will be treated to a visit and a gift from Santa, Camp Good Days clowns, and a sing along with the Albany Jewish Community Center Service Adult Chorus, musical entertainment supplied by the Second Wind Productions, and lunch.

For more information, call 438-6515.

## Children's publication premieres

The premier issue of "Kids' Time Out," a guide to children's activities in the Capital District area, was recently released by Time Out Publishing, of Chatham. The Winter 1991 issue includes nearly 200 specific listings of things to do with children during December, January and February. There are over 65 free activities included in this listing.

Other sections in the premiere issue include "Going Out," places to ski, skate and sled; "Inside Out," ongoing programs in area museums; "Sports Calendar," a listing of home games for area pro teams.

Also featured are six timely articles,

including "Cure Your Kids' Cabin Fever," on winter vacation programs and activities; "The Last Word on First Night," a preview of Albany's First Night festivities; and "Capital Carnivals," highlights of the area's winter carnivals and festivals.

The next issue will be available in February, and will provide specific listings for March and April.

"Kids' Time Out" is available at Gingersnips, Main Square, Delmar, and several local bookstores. Call 766-9553 for specific locations.



Checking over the merchandise at the recent flea market at Bethlehem Central Middle School are Mike Smith, Dan McSweeney and Chris and Greg Teresi. The flea market, sponsored by the town parks and recreation department, benefited the Equinox Youth Center. Elaine McLain

### Free Tom Chapin concert scheduled for Tuesday

Tom Chapin, a well-known children's songwriter and performer, will present a free performance on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Empire State Plaza's Swyer Theatre. The 7 p.m. performance is free, but tick-

ets are necessary. Tickets can be obtained at the Empire Center Box Office and will be limited to four per person.

For information, call 473-1845.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 19, 1990, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Louis and Myra Brickman, 107 Berwick Road, Delmar, New York for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to complete an already started screened in porch addition at premises 107 Berwick Road, Delmar, New York 12054.

Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals

December 12, 1990

#### CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent

GORDON HOFFMAN  
(Street Address Unknown)  
Auburn, New York 13021,  
or if deceased, the heirs, next-of-kin and distributees of Gordon Hoffman, all of whom are unknown by the petitioner:

A petition having been duly filed by Margie Joralemon, who is domiciled at 89 Woodlawn Drive, Ravena, New York, 12143, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the City and County of Albany, at the County Court House in the City of Albany, on 15th January, 1991, at 10 a.m., why a decree should not be made in the estate of Arlene W. Swarthout, a/k/a Arlene E. Swarthout, lately domiciled at 53 Pulver Avenue, Ravena, New York, in the County of Albany, State of New York, admitting to probate a certain writing relating to real and personal property, and dated April 4th, 1989, as the last Will and Testament of Arlene W. Swarthout, a/k/a Arlene E. Swarthout, Deceased. Dated, Attested and Sealed 5 December 1990  
Hon. Raymond E. Marinelli, Surrogate  
/s/Cathryn M. Doyle Chief Clerk

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Name of attorney BISCONE AND NERI (John T. Biscione, Esq.)  
Tel. No. (518) 465-2239  
Address of attorney 311 State Street, Albany, New York 12210

This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Proof of service to be filed 72 hours in advance with the Chief Clerk (Rule 6).

#### STATE OF NEW YORK SURROGATE'S COURT: COUNTY OF ALBANY

In the Matter of Proving the last Will and Testament of  
ARLENE W. SWARTHOUT, a/k/a  
ARLENE E. SWARTHOUT,  
Deceased.

TO: GORDON HOFFMAN, or if deceased, his Heirs, Next-of-kin and Distributees:  
The foregoing citation is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Raymond E. Marinelli, Surrogate of the Albany County Surrogate's Court, dated the 5th day of December, 1990, and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of said Surrogate's Court, at the Courthouse in the City of Albany, New York.

The object of the proceeding is to probate the Last Will and Testament of Arlene W. Swarthout, a/k/a Arlene E. Swarthout, deceased, lately domiciled at 53 Pulver Avenue, in the Village of Ravena, Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York.  
Dated: December 5th, 1990.  
Yours, etc.,

BISCONE AND NERI  
(John T. Biscione, Esq., of Counsel)  
Office & Post Office Address  
311 State Street  
Albany, New York 12210  
Telephone - (518) 465-2239  
December 12, 1990

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

#### LEGAL NOTICE

that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on December 12, 1990 at 7:45 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider Local Law No. 2 of 1991 Revision to Chapter 119 Vehicle and Traffic of the Bethlehem Town Code Section 119.14. Parking Prohibited at all times regarding Handicapped Parking, Section 119.36.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

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

Dated: November 28, 1990  
December 12, 1990

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on December 12, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider Local Law No. 1 of 1991 Revisions to Chapter 128 of the Bethlehem Town Code, Section 128-22 Offstreet parking, Numbers 1 and 2 width and handicapped parking space, and Section 128-8 under Zoning. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN  
BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
CAROLYN M. LYONS  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: November 14, 1990  
December 12, 1990

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 8, 1991, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30

#### LEGAL NOTICE

p.m., to take action on the application of Karl A. Paulsen and Swift Development Corp., 37 Ormond St., Albany, NY 12203, for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed 25 lot Subdivision, to be located south of the D&H Railroad and Elsworth Ave., east of Rose Court, west of Schuyler Meadows and north of Greenleaf Dr., Elsmere, NY, as shown on map entitled, "Preliminary Map, Section No. 1, 'COLONIAL WOODLANDS', Property of Karl A. Paulsen and Swift Development Corporation, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York" dated October 5, 1990, and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, Delmar, NY, on file with the Planning Board.

Martin L. Barr  
Chairman, Planning Board  
December 12, 1990

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for ALL TREE WORK (Removal, pruning and preservation) as needed by the various departments within the Town.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of December, 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 addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN  
BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
CAROLYN M. LYONS  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: November 28, 1990  
December 12, 1990

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# Birds

(From Page 27)

Colonie, has members from Rensselaer, Albany and Saratoga counties. It formerly met at Five Rivers, Scoville said, but moved the location of its meetings to accommodate its expanding membership base.

Scoville hopes people will also use the edible ornaments after Christmas, when they may be especially appreciated by birds which have an increasingly difficult time foraging for food as the winter progresses and snow covers the ground.

The nicest thing you can do for neighborhood wildlife, she said, is discard your Christmas tree after the holidays in a place where it can be used for shelter — and leave a few pine cone feeders and popcorn garlands on it.

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

## Cards for sale

Holiday greeting cards to benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York are being sold at all 23 Marine Midland Bank branches in the Capital Region. Those who purchase the cards will not only make a contribution to the Food Bank, but they will have a holiday card to send. Cards are \$10 each.

## Symphony offers gifts

This holiday season the Albany Symphony Orchestra is offering a special gift-giving idea, concert coupons which are redeemable at any time for any Palace Theater subscription concert. They are \$48 for a minimum of four. For more information call, 465-4755.

## State has new exhibit

Explore the mysterious underwater world where magnificent creatures will slither and surge around. You'll come face to fin with eight life-like denizens of the deep in this new exhibit at the New York State Museum from the creators of Dinosaurs Alive!



The Christmas classic, "Miracle on 34th Street," will be shown at the New York State Museum in Albany on Dec. 22 and 23 at 1 and 3 p.m.

## Norstar Bank hosts Red Cross bloodmobile on Saturday

The Red Cross urges Capital District residents to give blood. It has set up a Gift-of-Life bloodmobile, which will stay

through the holiday season, at the Norstar Bank, Norstar Plaza, on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Juliette Braun

So much to do and so little time. The following are just a few of the many opportunities provided by the holiday season to become involved in the community, get closer to your family and neighbors and perhaps help yourself.

Feel like a film? The Voorheesville Public Library, on School Road in Voorheesville, may have just the flick for you. On Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. the library will be showing the uplifting film "Jack a Boy," the story of a youth in 1920 New Orleans who brings warmth into the lives of his lonely elderly neighbors.

Many of you probably haven't been spending as much time with your families as you would like due to school obligations and commitments to friends. Get back to basics and celebrate Christmas with the Menands Youth Committee, which is sponsoring a Family Christmas Caroling Party at the Menands Firehouse on Dec. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

Eating disorders are diseases to which teens are particularly susceptible due to the changing self-image which often accompanies adolescence. If you fear you or someone you know may be suffering from an eating disorder, there is help. The Capital Region Association For Eating Disorders sponsors support groups throughout the Capital District. For specific locations and times, call the association at 465-9550.

For an evening of great music and a good cause, attend the Musicians Against Hunger '90. The event is a benefit concert for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York to be held Dec. 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. at SUNY Albany's Page Hall. Featured performers include Slipknot, Strange Arrangement, The Matt Smith Band and Skyleer. Tickets are just \$3 with student ID.

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## Ski area hosts New Year's Eve party

Moet Chandon and Ski Windham will present an exclusive New Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31.

Beginning at 7 p.m., an elegant menu will be prepared and served in the Renaissance Restaurant under Ski Windham's new food and beverage director, Kurt Messerschmidt and chef, Ray Clinton.

Tickets are \$50 per adult and \$25 for children ages 12 and under. The festivities continue until 1 a.m. with dancing, live music and a champagne midnight toast.

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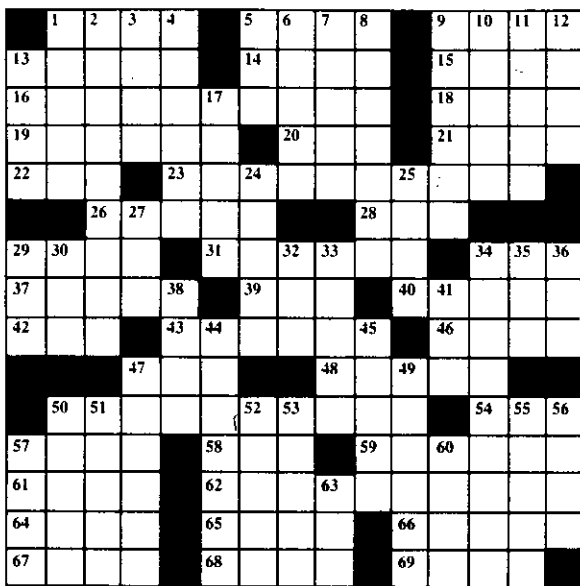
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"A DICKENS GREETING"

By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- 1 So be it!
- 5 Tent maker
- 9 Christmas tradition
- 13 Ms. Astair
- 14 "...and shall call his Immanuel"
- 15 Dream times
- 16 BEGINNING OF DICKENS GREETING: 3 WDS
- 18 The reindeer on the roof
- 19 Tribulations companion
- 20 Chemical suffix meaning sugar
- 21 Noun suffix: Plural
- 22 Part of a min.
- 23 The Three Magi, eg
- 26 Ideas in Paris
- 28 -a-vis
- 29 Candy Christmas ornament
- 31 Noisy sleeper
- 34 Baden-Baden, eg
- 37 A DICKENS GREETING CONTINUED
- 39 A DICKENS GREETING CONTINUED
- 40 Having finished the Christmas dinner
- 42 Latin country org.
- 43 Real follower
- 46 A DICKENS GREETING CONTINUED
- 47 Ms. West
- 48 "Bombs bursting"
- 50 Central land areas
- 54 Three prefix
- 57 A DICKENS GREETING CONTINUED
- 58 A DICKENS GREETING CONCLUDED
- 59 Mr. Zola and others
- 61 Division word
- 62 One who believes that all knowledge is derived from sense experiences
- 64 German river
- 65 Irritate
- 66 Slow in music
- 67 Derivations: Abbreviation
- 68 Dance move
- 69 Rim



### DOWN

- 1 "O" come let us Him
- 2 Prescriptions
- 3 Napoleon's Isle
- 4 Sunshine girl of song
- 5 Switch positions

- 6 Dixon's partner
- 7 Entertain
- 8 Save a table
- 9 Christmas toys
- 10 Rent the apartment again
- 11 Arabian bigwigs
- 12 Superlative suffixes
- 13 Ten percenters: Abbreviation
- 17 Senator Kefauver
- 24 "Christmas for Scrooges"
- 25 Legion and million follower
- 27 German article
- 29 Corporate bigwig
- 30 Ms. Gardener
- 32 "clear day..."
- 33 Coat the soldering iron again
- 34 Frightening
- 35 I.M. Architect
- 36 Conjunction
- 38 1990, eg
- 41 " was going to St. Ives"
- 44 Hunting dogs
- 45 Finisher
- 47 Messrs. Dinkins and Bradley, eg
- 49 "Let be your umbrella"
- 50 Door holder
- 51 Come on stage
- 52 Boundary
- 53 Plenty
- 55 Stay in Paris
- 56 Ratio words
- 57 Secured the Christmas gifts
- 60 tea
- 63 Individualized Educ. Program

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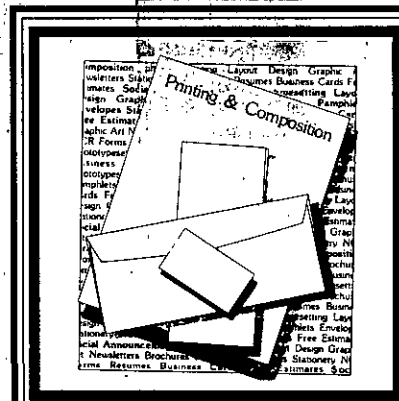
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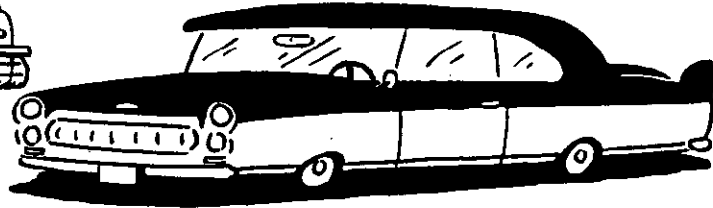
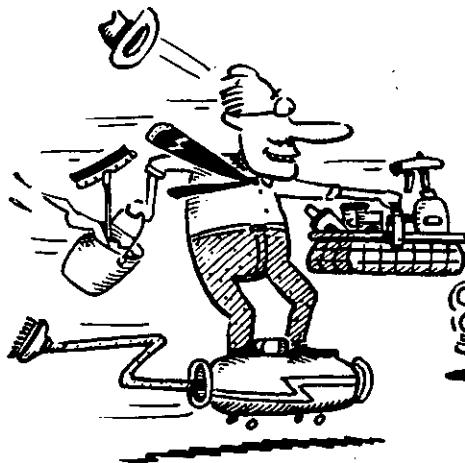
There was a time when turning the hose on the trusty family beater was all it took to get your car ready for a night on the town. But paint and tire care for cars has gone high-tech. And today's braking systems, using new materials and computer-controlled electronics, are so sophisticated that most of us can barely comprehend how they operate, much less how to maintain them correctly.

So the three basic systems that keep your car or truck in tiptop shape — paint, tires and brakes — deserve a bit more of your attention than you may have paid them in the past.

## FINISH FIRST

You might be surprised to learn that car and truck paints have been completely reformulated over the last decade, and these new chemical processes have made paint care something that might be more suited for a chemical engineer than a typical car owner. But lacking your own personal chemist, here is a look at how and why paints have changed — and how to care for them.

The enamel paints that were used widely in the auto industry until the start of the 1980s had a lot going for them. Mostly they had a lot of paint going for them. Cars and trucks were painted by being sprayed with layer after layer after layer of colored paint. This made for a great finish on the



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vehicle if cared for properly, but it also created lots of problems.

The process added considerably to air pollution problems, and automakers spent time and money developing a new method for painting cars that would cut down on pollution.

That method is called clear-coating. Instead of painting with many layers of colored paint, only a few layers of color are sprayed on. Then they are covered with several layers of clear-coat paint, which serves to seal the paint and protect the surface.

Clear-coating's main problem is that if scratched or damaged in any way, the clear coat tends to show off that damage much more vividly than the old enamel paints.

This is because the clear coat, when abraded or scratched, reflects that surface problem in a much more pronounced way than the old and polluting enamel paint methods. Clear coat, simply put, is delicate.

How to care for clear-coat paints?

First, determine the condition of the paint. Has your vehicle been waxed in the past year? Do you live in a bad environment for the clear coat (heavy pollution, high heat, salt from snow-covered roads, acid rain and factories in your area)?

If the paint is generally in bad condition, it is probably best to start the cleaning process with a moderately abrasive cleanser. Now do not rush to the kitchen and

get out the scouring powder. You need to use products specifically formulated for cleaning the clear coat without scratching the delicate finish.

## TIRE TIME

When it comes to tire care, basic rules apply. Tire rotation is still a good idea, especially if it is recommended in your owner's handbook. Proper balancing of your tires is essential, of course. Have this work done at the appropriate shop or at the dealer if still under warranty.

Most new cars come with a manual from the tire manufacturer (which also contains your new car tire warranty), and following the instructions there should give your tires a nice, long life.

Remember, the sportier a tire is, the less comfortable a ride it will give, and it will probably have a shorter life than you might expect. Luxury car tires last a long time and give a smooth ride, but they do not provide the same handling that a sport tire will. Some new high-performance tires are unidirectional (made to roll in one direction), so make sure these tires are installed properly for the best performance.

Tire life can also be extended by applying protectant to the tire, usually in the form of a water-based silicone spray.

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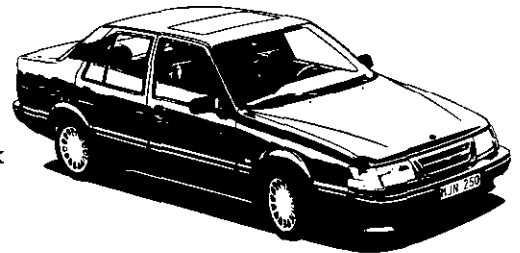
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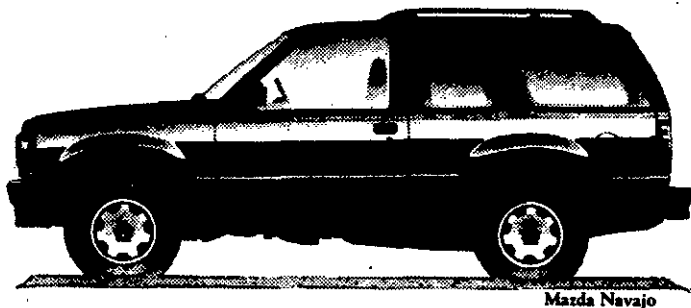
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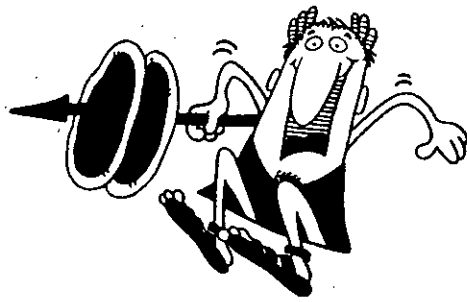
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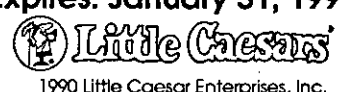
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