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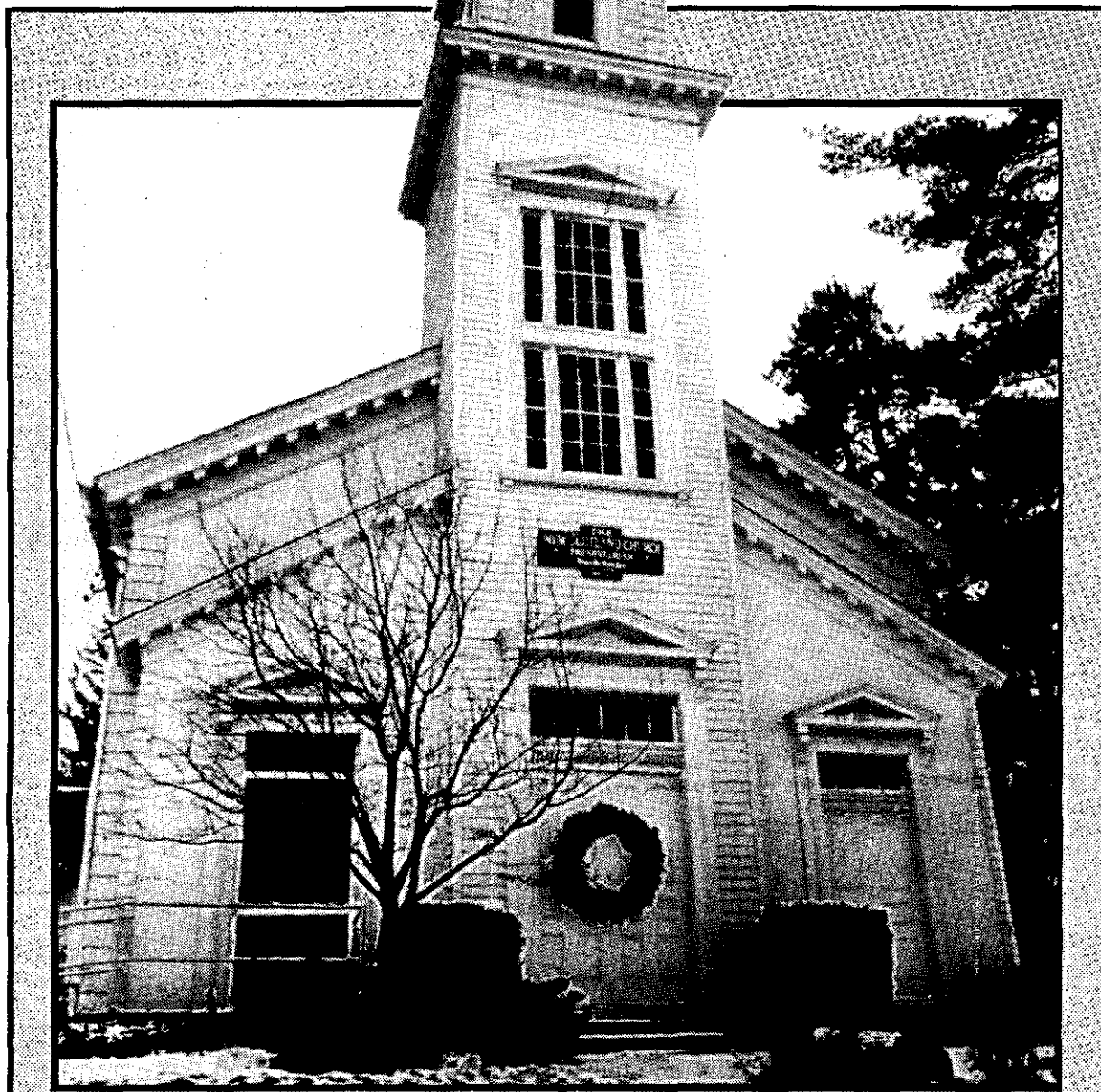
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The New Scotland Presbyterian Church sports a Christmas wreath in honor of the holiday season. Churches throughout the area have had their holiday finery on display for the past several weeks.

Elaine McLain

Santa's wish lists checked with care by Delmar elves

By Eric Bryant

Shawna wants the Little Mermaid game and as much Barbie stuff as possible. Rick wants a flute, a violin and some powerwheels ... "please, thank you, Ho, Ho, Santa."

Kids from across the area have been feverishly making their lists for the jolly old elf to peruse and Friday a few of his elves stopped by the Bethlehem town hall to answer letters addressed to a busy Santa. The letters were taken from drop boxes around the area and collected by the Bethlehem Police for the elves to look over.

"Dear Santa,

There will be a little dog named Doger on the Christmas tree. When you press Doger's stomach, if you listen near your ear, he plays Frosty the Snowman. Have a Mary Christmas!

P.S. How do you get into my house if I don't have a chimney?"

Kids will be kids and this year the toy requests for Saint Nick are filled with "Lites and Lace Barbie," remote control cars, Batplanes, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle sewer sets and of course, Nintendo and Gameboy. Other popular toys were, Lego sets, puzzles, remote control cars and the Babysitters Club game. In this age of electronic fun, the elves were happy to see several boys and girls who wanted just to get a good book.

"Dear Santa,

How are your eight reindeer? I have been just fine. I wonder how you are. I want to have these things if possible. Video painter, Waldo book, Connect 4 game, spirograph. Thank you for your kindness.

Stephanie"

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Colleagues bid farewell to Osterhout

By Mike Larabee

With a round of applause that grew to a standing ovation, the town board and its town hall audience earlier this month noted the end of an extraordinary chapter of New Scotland public service.

With the conclusion of his final regular town board meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4, 87-year-old Wyman Osterhout retired from a career of active town service that began in the mid-1930s with a trusteeship to the former New Salem School.

In 1989, the building that then housed the school was dedicated the "Wyman Osterhout Community Center" following completion of an expansion and renovation project largely conducted under Osterhout's supervision.

"I can't say enough about him," said former New Scotland Town Supervisor Steve Wallace. "He probably spent more time in community service than anybody I ever met in town."

"I guess he spent his whole lifetime in it," Wallace said.



Wyman Osterhout, at left, with town council members Peter VanZetten, Herbert Reilly and Craig Shufelt.

Mike Larabee

Osterhout was born in Slingerlands in 1904 and became involved at the then-New Salem School shortly after moving to the hamlet during the Depression. He

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RCS community copes after incident; teacher arraigned

By Eric Bryant

Many students were in a naturally festive mood Friday as they faced the lengthy holiday vacation, according to RCS high school principal Andy DeFeo. For some however, disbelief and shock may last for several weeks as the school's faculty, staff and students come to grips with the bizarre events of the past two weeks.

A longtime Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk science teacher was arrested Thursday and charged with distributing candies laced with a deadly chemical to several colleagues.

State Police charged Gary D. Kosowsky, 44, of New Baltimore, with three counts of first degree reckless endangerment and three counts of second degree assault, all class D felony charges. According to State Police Capt. Lloyd Wilson, further arrests may be made in the case and other charges against Kosowsky are pending.

Kosowsky had been a biology teacher at the school for 23 years but following his arrest on Thursday, his classes have

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Epilepsy group names 'Winning Kid' for year

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District recently announced Christopher E. Bain as the "Winning Kid" for 1991-92. Bain, 10, of Schenectady, will represent all children with epilepsy in the Capital District at various public education and fundraising events during the year. In July, he will represent the Capital District in the National "Winning Kid" contest sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

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North Bethlehem gets new truck

Firefighters in the North Bethlehem Fire Department got an early Christmas present last Friday as the company received its new Spartan Gladiator pumper truck.

Residents in the fire district voted last year to allow the district to purchase the \$180,000 vehicle and after a year of bidding and working up specifications, the truck finally arrived.

"It came in Friday and it's great," said first assistant chief Bill Cleveland. Cleveland said the volunteer firefighters were able to begin training on the truck Friday night.

The truck is the largest in the North Bethlehem fleet, with a 1500

gallon tank and pump on board as well as a 25 gallon foam tank. The truck will replace a 34-year-old LaFrance model which was sold recently to a collector who will restore it.

"It's totally different to drive" because of its size and the additional amount of water it carries, Cleveland said. The next largest pumper truck the company owns has only a 750 gallon capacity.

In other news, the Elmwood Fire District, which encompasses the North Bethlehem Company, recently elected George Miller to a second five-year term as fire commissioner. Miller defeated George Mears by a vote of 40-34, Cleveland said.

Alternative assessment discussed for BC pupils

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem Central School District administrators are looking into alternative methods of assessing high school students, according to J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum and instruction.

Although district officials see standardized exams as a basic measure of assessment and are pleased with students' performances on the state Regents exams, McAndrews said they don't reflect the entire picture. He said the district would like to see "better alternatives" to the exams. Such al-

ternatives might include not having the Regents exams and Regents diploma.

"Our own exams are more difficult and our own diploma is more high quality," he said. "Our experience is that colleges are not concerned with the Regents exams. Out of state colleges see so many kids without them."

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the district is interested in accomplishing two goals by introducing standardized exam alternatives. "We'd like to continue to increase the standards and improve the quality of our students' education," he said.

Loomis said noteworthy alternatives include assessing oral proficiency in foreign languages and evaluating students' ability to perform and explain the significance of science experiments.

"We can explore ways to assess our students' abilities to truly apply their learning in real-life situations," he said. "In other words, we're interested in alternatives to paper and pencil testing."

Another alternative the district is looking at is asking the state to allow district exams to be substituted for the Regents exams toward earning a Regents diploma, McAndrews said. The state Education Department's "A New Compact for Learning" opens up such alternatives for districts, he said.

"We're beginning to talk about (the alternatives) internally," McAndrews said.

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Bruegger's opens Delaware Plaza bagel shop

By Susan Wheeler

After close to a six-year wait, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery finally found a home in Delaware Plaza.

The store, located in the plaza at the former Golden Krust Bakery site, opened last week. According to general partner George Neal, the company waited nearly six years for a spot in the plaza, the "focal point" of Delmar. He said the company often looks at various locations for a store, but will wait for the spot it wants.

"We are very fortunate," Neal said of the deal struck with the center for the company's 11th Capital District bagel bakery. The store's corner location provides customers with an "easy in, easy out," and the 65 feet of frontage is ideal. "For visibility and access, we couldn't have picked a better location in the plaza," he said.

Signs on the Delmar store window said it was due to open in mid-December. According to Neal, the bagel shop opened on its target date, Dec. 18. "We worked really hard," he said. "We had a great contractor. They worked weekends, nights. We just couldn't

be any happier."

Stacia Nautel, store manager, said there was "such a great turn out" from open to close during the store's first day. "All the customers said they were so happy we're here," she said.

According to Neal, "This is our own little Christmas present for Delmar."

Opening day sales were greater than expected, Nautel said. Of the 10 varieties of bagels available, the most popular bagels purchased were plain and cinnamon raisin.

In addition to bagels, Bruegger's offers two soups daily ("soon to be four," according to Nautel), as well as several cream cheese flavors, sandwiches, desserts and beverages.

The Delmar store is also participating in company-wide promotions. "Hand in a Can" offers customers the opportunity to exchange a non-perishable food item for a bagel. The exchange is good for up to a half-dozen bagels. Nautel said the store has already collected 12 food items, which will be dis-



Stacia Nautel, center, manager of Bruegger's Bagel Bakery in Delaware Plaza, joins employees Sean Quinlan and Melinda Timph behind the shop's counter to serve customers.

Susan Wheeler

tributed to local food pantries.

Bruegger's is also offering Norwegian smoked salmon by the side for \$9.99 a pound with the purchase of two dozen bagels. "It's

a phenomenal price break. We're selling quite a lot of the 2-pound sides," Nautel said. "It's selling pretty well with the holidays."

Nautel managed Albany's

Madison Avenue Bruegger's for one and a half years, the Saratoga Springs store for three months and the Latham shop for one and a half years.

Spotlight staff member appointed Colonie editor

By Susan Graves

Michael R. Larabee, *Spotlight* writer and copy editor, has been named managing editor of the *Colonie Spotlight* by Editor and Publisher Richard Ahlstrom.

Larabee, 24, started writing baseball and soccer stories for the *Spotlight* when he was a junior at Voorheesville high school.

During his college career, he added to his experience working fulltime as a staff writer and photographer for his father John Larabee's former paper, the *Berkshire Courier*. John Larabee was one-time general manager of Capital Newspapers Inc., publishers of the *Times Union* and the now-defunct *Knickerbocker News*.

"My father was always willing to support my interest, but he didn't push me into a career in journalism," Larabee said. "Now I draw on his experience constantly."



Michael Larabee

After graduating with high honors from the University at Albany in 1989, Larabee joined the *Spotlight* staff as a full-time reporter covering Voorheesville and New Scotland.

"It was the only job I could get at the time," he quipped. "But after working six months or so, I decided this is what I really wanted to do."

In the fall, Larabee was promoted to a copy editing position at *The Spotlight* and will assume the *Colonie Spotlight* managing editor's job with the paper's New Year's Day edition. He replaces Salvatore I. Prividera Jr., who had managed the paper's editorial staff since June 1990. "I want to build on the solid foundation that Sal's established," he said. "I feel fortunate to be at a newspaper so well on its way."

Larabee said one of his primary goals is to continue to improve the profile of the paper in the Colonie

community. "I want the people of the town to view this paper as their paper," he said. He believes community residents should be able to expect to see reports and notices on local events in the two-and-one-half-year-old paper. "When people are involved in something in the community, they should feel they have a right to read about it in the paper" he said.

He also plans to increase the business coverage in Colonie, and encourages new and existing firm's that make major changes to contact the paper for possible coverage.

Larabee said he also wants to include more items on youth sports and league events, and expand high school coverage beyond the few sports traditionally given media attention. "We can do a better job with that than the daily papers can," he said.

In addition to news writing, Larabee has self-published two collections of poetry. He has also hosted local poetry readings and frequently attends open microphone readings events. "It provides a nice creative balance to newswriting," he said.

Larabee, who plays mandolin and guitar, was a member of the former band, "Cows on the Porch," who "didn't exactly ride like a rocket to the top of the charts," he said. He is a 1985 graduate of Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, and graduated from SUNY Albany with a degree in political science.

He currently resides in Altamont.

Spotlight names certificate winners

Spotlight Newspapers helped nine more area residents ring in the holidays last week with gift certificates totaling \$1,500.

The final round of winners in the newspaper's Second Annual Gift Certificate Giveaway were chosen Friday. Nine previous award winners were selected in a drawing which took place two weeks ago.

First prize for the top winner of each drawings was a \$500 gift certificate redeemable at a number of participating stores located throughout the Capital District. Four second place winners received \$200 gift certificates, while a dozen third place winners were each awarded \$100 certificates.

Friday's top prize went to Margaret Huffmirs of Latham. Second place winners were M.J. Maercklein of Delmar and Maria DeLorenzo of Voorheesville. Third place gift certificates were awarded to Justine Hinkell of Clifton Park, Elizabeth O'Connor of Delmar, Liz Hollner of Albany, Phyllis Harwood of Delmar, Joan Haydon of Latham and Sheila Giordano of Selkirk.

Slingerlands man in line for planning board post

Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler announced last week he will recommend the appointment of George H. Lenhardt to the town planning board at the Jan. 2 town board organizational meeting.

Lenhardt, if approved, will replace planning board member John T. LaForte, whose term expires Dec. 31. He recently notified the board he did not wish to be reappointed, Ringler said Friday.

Lenhardt, a magna cum laude graduate of Union College, is an associate director for the New York

Telephone Company. He is active in the Slingerlands Fire District and is chairman of the board of fire commissioners. He and his wife, Lynne Lenhardt, a Bethlehem Central School District board member, live in Slingerlands with their children.

"George Lenhardt is a gentleman of high character and ability," Ringler said. "I know that his appointment will benefit the planning board and the Town of Bethlehem on a whole."

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Dining room mural portrays family history

By Susan Graves

Helen Murphy of Glenmont has taken the idea of the handwriting on the wall a step beyond the norm. Murphy's dining room wall, in fact, tells her family's history dating back to the 1600s and moving all the way up to the present.

She said she had seen wall paper with scenes on it in colonial homes, but that when she checked into something she liked, she found it would have cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to cover her dining room walls.

"Then I started thinking that maybe I could get somebody to paint a mural" on the dining room walls, she said.

A carpenter who was working on her home at the time ultimately connected her with Kate Charbonneau of Stottsville, who completed the Murphy-VanKleek family history this fall.

Charbonneau and Murphy began planning the details to be included in the mural using family photos and Murphy's memories of her childhood last spring.

"It's an incredible family history," Charbonneau said. She said she helped structure the details of the family story beginning in the

1600s when Helen Murphy's Dutch ancestors settled in America.

Murphy said she chose to do the history geographically rather than chronologically. "I started at the Cohoes Falls," where her husband Brian's grandparents lived, she said. The next scene moves down the Hudson River to the Albany area, Cherry Hill, because one of her ancestors married into the Van Rensselaer family who built Cherry Hill.

In the scenes with the Hudson River in the background, Charbonneau painted ships to represent the Murphy family ancestors coming over from Ireland.

More recent portrayals include the Murphy's Glenmont home and their summer home in Taborton.

Helen Murphy said she photographed many family residences, schools she and her husband attended and work places to help Charbonneau create a more realistic work.

From those photos and Murphy's recollection, Charbonneau has pictured Helen Murphy's grandfather's Albany home, Albany Law School, and the couple's



The recently completed wall mural in Helen Murphy's Glenmont home traces her family's history as far back as the 1600s when her Irish ancestors first arrived in the Capital District.

Elaine McLain

first home on Adams Place in Delmar.

"It was a lot of fun, I went through lots of photos," Murphy said.

Other scenes show places the couple have visited, including "a little bit of Ireland" in the form of St. Kyran's Tomb.

Though Charbonneau has done other murals, she said she never worked on one where "the people were as willing to get involved."

Charbonneau said painting murals in homes was a popular art form in the 18th Century when itinerant painters would come to the homes and paint family mem-

bers' portraits. The Murphy mural is painted in acrylic directly on the wall. It is covered with a matte finish so that it can be washed and even scrubbed, Charbonneau said.

Murphy said she gave the mural a lot of thought beforehand. "We're not going to move," she said.



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Tune in to uptempo beat in Delmar

By Eric Bryant

One of Delmar's newest businesses is turning a few heads. Actually, turning a few ears may be a more appropriate phrase.

WRAV-FM (94.5) is the latest addition to the Capital District airwaves and according to general manager Bob Costello, the station is eager to mine an untapped market of young adult listeners who enjoy uptempo contemporary music.

Billing itself as "Mix 94," the station has been broadcasting from studios at 333 Delaware Ave. for just under a month and according to program director John Daniels, the station's blend of upbeat contemporary music is just the thing area listeners are looking for.

"We're positioning ourselves somewhere between FLY-92 and K-LITE," Daniels said. The station hopes to target adults in the 18-44 age group and will draw its music from the 70s, 80s and 90s with artists such as Rod Stewart, Steely Dan, Mariah Carey and Amy Grant. Daniels said the "mix" will appeal to listeners who aren't into softer "background music" and another crop of folks, "just sick of all the oldies." There's a real gap there, Daniels said, and the station's position on the dial (94.5) is positioned to catch listeners moving up from FLY-92 or down from the oldies stations and K-LITE.

Nearly two years in the planning according to Costello, the station owners fully researched the Capital District market looking for a music mix that would attract some attention. Radio consultant Matt Farber, who works with MTV, was also brought in.

"We saw a need here, a programming hole, and we knew we had the format for it," he said.

In fact, the "mix" format employed by the station is fast be-



John Daniels is program director and morning disc jockey at Delmar's new radio station, WRAV-FM (94.5).

Susan Wheeler

coming one of the hottest in the country. "Mix 94's" sales manager Sara Duncan said the "mix" is currently used at the number one station in New York City and several other large markets. Targeting baby boom generation listeners who still have an ear for contemporary music, "Mix-94" also hopes to cash in on the boom generation's pocketbook.

"Advertising sales are doing surprisingly well so far, even in this soft economy. We're very optimistic but we realize we have to earn the right to do business in this market," Duncan said.

Currently, Daniels runs the morning show from 6 to 10 a.m. with a nice blend of soft humor and low-key personality. A classic "screaming DJ" he is not. With the exception of Kevin Smith doing morning news and longtime local radio entertainment critic Bruce Hallenbeck filling in with a movie review each week, the rest of the on-air talent is broadcasting from 2000 miles away via satellite from Denver. As the station matures, more local on-air staff will most likely be recruited, Daniels

said, but for now they seem quite happy with the setup.

"We wanted to retain a local flavor and also start out with a top quality announcing staff. With this set up we get the best of both," Costello said.

Daniels does indeed have experience in the wilds of local radio. Thirteen years in Capital District radio has allowed him to work with some of the top names in the business including Bob Mason and Don Weeks. His travels have taken him to stations in Hudson, Schenectady, Saratoga and Albany but this is his first position as a program director.

With 3000 watts of power, the station's coverage area stretches north to Saratoga; south to Hudson, west to Delanson and east to the Massachusetts border. With such a coverage area, why choose Delmar for a home base?

"It's convenient and very accessible, just outside a major city. It's also a very friendly place, it seems. We like Delmar and hope to give something back to the community," Costello said.

'Eco-puppets' offer lesson for youngsters

Environmental Ed, Oblivious Ostrich and Futurus the Vulture are only some of the "Eco-puppets," who will teach youngsters in kindergarten through grade six about saving the Earth during special classes for kids at the state Museum on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Environmental Ed's class teaches kids about the importance of not littering from 1 to 2 p.m.

"A Most Beautiful Place" features Oblivious Ostrich and Futurus the Vulture, who will teach youngsters more about how they and their family can make a difference in the future of the planet.

Fees are \$12 per child. Museum members pay \$10.

Registration is required by Dec. 31 and participation in each class is limited to 20.

For information, call 474-5801.

Junior Achievement seeking volunteers

The Capital District Junior Achievement program is looking for alumni or other volunteers to share their business knowledge with area youngsters.

The group offers six different programs instructed by local business volunteers who provide "hands-on" experiences through various activities, both in school and outside the classroom.

For information, contact Carol Dyer at 372-6465.



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*Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
Sing forth the honor of His name:
Make His praise glorious. Psalm 66*

'I'll be home for Christmas'

The final line of that wistfully bittersweet little song that Bing Crosby sent on its way to fame in wartime 1943 was:

"If only in my dreams."

And indeed it does seem that a certain share of the season's sentiment must encompass recollections of the way that Christmases used to be... the way that they "ought to be."

The feeling of peace and goodwill so generally associated with Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day is embellished by memory. Times that may actually have been less than splendid as we experienced them understandably seem better and happier the further we get from them.

Undeniably, there's a dream-like quality to our visions of Christmas. Perhaps, in fact, it's the promise of the recurring dream that helps us to endure the intervening months, year after year.

The role of the dream is underscored in another song of the war years: "White Christmas."

"I'm dreaming..." are of course its opening words, and the idea is buttressed with "...just like the ones I used to know." This harking back to the times when (as we recall them) we had no worries or cares, it seems, is of greater significance than glistening treetops and sleighbells in the snow. More relevant to both the anticipation and realization of Christmas is the proposition that our days will be merry and bright, rather than whether or not they're "white."

Bishop Hubbard's eloquent Christmas Message published today on the Page Opposite likewise emphasizes this all-too-human response, with his mention of "warm memories of previous Christmases and of loved ones no longer present" and of family mem-

Editorials

bers' "attempt to return to a family center in order to celebrate this unique feast together."

The Christmases that Irving Berlin would have us remember in "White Christmas" are those that would have been recalled almost exactly a half-century ago. The Christmases of prior years (as of that time) might have gone back to the turn of the 20th century — late Victorian times — and certainly would have included a previous wartime and an engulfing depression about which few people could have been expected to retain happy recollections.

Those earlier Christmas mornings quite often might bring little more than an orange in the stocking. A rag doll, a dime novel, a game of jacks were gifts to rejoice over. Times — and expectations — were simpler in those far-off days. But in essence they are the ones that older Americans (and songwriters) "used to know." The consumerism and materialism of which Bishop Hubbard writes did not exist in the years that many people can still remember. In reality, despite their simplicity, they were indeed occasions to remember... times worth dreaming about.

As to what the young people of today will remember about the Christmases of the later 20th century, it is not possible to hazard a useful guess. But at least we can hope that from somewhere among the electronic gadgets and designer garments and elaborate gimcracks they will be able to sort out valid memories of mistletoe and sleighbells and, yes, impressions of "journeys of compassion, generosity, and solidarity."

Yes, and back again?

Unhappily, the success of many families — children, mothers, fathers — in arriving safely at their destinations for the week-long holidays must depend on the law-abiding sobriety of other people otherwise unknown to them.

Treacherous weather, miserable road conditions, and the certain unusually heavy flow of traffic — all these can conspire to make travel this week and next more than ordinarily difficult and potentially dangerous.

But such minimal driving conditions can be only the starting point for hazard and

tragedy when thoughtless individuals who have been unwise in their "celebrations" take the controls of an automobile.

It is perhaps hopeless to expect that they will read such editorials as this, but perhaps one of their well-wishers will have done so and put a restraining hand out in this particularly timely way.

With merely enough caring attention to other people's rights — and their lives — such potentially lethal drivers can save lives. The alternative all too often becomes horror for all concerned.

Words of the Week

Mistral: A dry, cold northerly wind that blows in squalls through the Rhine Valley and nearby areas toward the Mediterranean coast of Southern France.

Sequestered: Withdrawn into seclusion; removed or set apart; segregated.

Shaggy dog story: A long, drawn-out anecdote depending for humor upon an absurd or anticlimactic punch line.

Buzzword: A word or phrase used by members of some in-group, having little or imprecise meaning but sounding impressive to outsiders.

Our Bill of Rights at 200

The Spotlight Newspapers are devoting this editorial page space for several weeks to a review of the first 10 amendments to the United State Constitution—the "Bill of Rights." These important amendments were ratified 200 years ago this month. The series of articles was prepared by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

6th: Assurance of fair trial

The Sixth Amendment provides a person who is accused of a crime with a number of basic protections.

These include:

- "The right to a speedy and public trial."
- "The right to be tried by 'an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed.'"
- The right "to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation."
- The right "to be confronted with the witnesses against him [and] to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor."
- The right "to have the assistance of counsel for his defense."

As is true of the criminal guarantees in the Fifth and Eighth Amendments, many of the guarantees in the Sixth Amendment were drafted in reaction to the tyrannical practices employed in infamous Old World tribunals, such as England's Court of the Star Chamber, and in colonial courts controlled by the British Crown.

The right to "a speedy and public trial" was included to prohibit the government both from imprisoning criminal defendants indefinitely while awaiting trial, and from subjecting criminal defendants to improper judicial procedures behind closed doors.

The right to trial by "an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed" grants the defendant the right to have the issue of guilt or innocence determined by fellow-citizens drawn from the community rather by a judge.

Interestingly, although the right to trial by jury in criminal cases was also guaranteed by Article III, section 2 of the original Constitution, it did not explicitly refer to trial by an "impartial" jury. The inclusion of an express guarantee of an "impartial" jury may well have reflected the Framers' awareness that, when the concept of trial by jury was introduced in England, jurors were not necessarily chosen because they were impartial, but because they were already personally familiar with the defendant and facts of the crime. In addition, jurors in English criminal courts had historically been subject to strict controls, and were not always free to exercise independent judgment. Early English courts occasionally used their powers to punish jurors who did not reach a verdict to the Crown's liking.

The requirement that the jury be drawn from the "state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed" reflected the Framers' concern that the government would "import" a group of unsympathetic or hostile jurors from a distant place in order to win a conviction.

At the Virginia ratifying convention, William Grayson had objected to the guarantee of the right to jury trial in the original Constitution precisely because it did not guard against such jury-rigging. Grayson argued that when "the jury may come from any part of the state... the conclusion... is, that the government can hang anyone they please, by having a jury to suit their purpose."

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Your Opinion Matters

A surprise visitor for Uncle Dudley

In some respects, my Christmas story ought to make you cozy warm all over, just the way that Christmas stories are supposed to.

The center of the story, after all, is a cute little dog and her adventures one afternoon during the joyous pre-Christmas season. I wish I could endow her with a name but I never quite caught it when we met.

As for how we met, it's a rather involved little tale that requires some explaining, as follows:

First, you need to remember that Uncle Dudley's household boasts a dog of its own, a very masculine Cairn terrier who goes by the name of Gordie. Gordie likes to travel about with a member of the family and if he's left behind he sulks and naps under a bed or chaise upstairs. Which is where he had sequestered himself on the day in question.

Next, I should explain that was a weekday when the household-cleaning crew was to come in during the morning (as they did). Otherwise, the house would be vacant except for Gordie until my return (often in late afternoon).

Accordingly, I unlocked and opened the front door and made my way to the livingroom. "To" is the governing word there, not "into"—for at the doorway I

stopped short with a double take.

Seated pertly in my own favorite chair was a very attractive dog—one that I never had seen

Uncle Dudley

before. My quick impression was of a refugee from a Disney film.

Our eyes locked; both of us momentarily were taken by surprise. My visitor was the first to recover, and she quickly took the initiative. This was in the form of a throaty growl.

"Keep your distance!" was the message, repeated a half-dozen times in the next several seconds.

As of that moment, her instinct was to guard her newly found territory. From her commanding position, her alert posture, I could gather that she was more than ready to challenge any unfriendly move.

Nonetheless, I moved ahead a couple of steps—cautiously, because it was only too evident that, despite being the aggressor now, she had been badly frightened (several times) in the five hours of

A Walt Disney 'little tramp' was enthroned comfortably and challengingly in my own favorite chair!

Travel 'with a real sense of purpose'

Pertinent to the spirit of the season is the theme of the December issue of "Travel and Leisure" magazine. Taking seriously the proposition that "doing good has never felt so great," the magazine offers the idea of "a new way to travel — volunteer vacations."

In five different but related feature articles, "Travel and Leisure" promotes the idea of "getting involved usefully" in spots where a helping hand will do good while at the same time the vacationer (or other traveler) is seeing things and doing things — plus going places — that ordinarily would not be accessible.

The idea was spawned by the editors as they contemplated "how we should celebrate the holidays in this era of non-conspicuous consumption." Out of that thought grew the concept of volunteer vacations, "the embodiment of the more-blessed-to-give-than-to-receive school."

A selected group of authors and editors signed on as paying volunteers for the trips covered in this issue, and they are said to have "discovered it was they who had received the gifts: the reward of traveling with a real sense of purpose; moving rocks and sawing wood instead of just pushing papers (or even signing checks); tracking endangered species, or helping unearth and understand ancient civilizations; becoming part of the soul of a place, rather than just a passerby. . . . They

discovered that on a volunteer vacation you work hard, give a little something back, do some good — and above all, have the time of your life."

Constant Reader

In addition to the five vivid firsthand reports on these volunteer vacations, the issue includes a hard-hitting article on how to assess an organization's operating methods and ethics.

The featured travel pieces are these:

"Gone Fishing" in Curacao (Bringing them back alive to the New York Aquarium): "Cats" (Tracking mountain lions on Idaho's great big outdoor stage); "Side by Side in Jamaica" (Building friendships turns out to be the best part of the job); "Digging Colorado" (Help solve the mysteries of an ancient Indian culture); and the one I liked most: "Good and Medieval in Provence" which is described as "mixing mortar and clearing rubble to restore a French village."

One of the impressions of this traveler/writer was that she was "paying \$250 a week to crawl around in the semidarkness of a pigeon coop." (The project is one that has been going on under such auspices since the 1960s.)

"The work was hard," she

being shut up, alone, in a strange house.

For the next few minutes, the visitor was alternately appalled and annoyed. The carpet revealed the extent of the first of these responses; the second was conveyed by growl and bark. Now Gordie was roused and he came hurrying downstairs to check the action. I ushered him into another room and slammed the door.

The goal was to coax the terrified activist outside. I opened every available exit and slunk out of sight. Before long she found her way out. In my last view of her she was hustling down the driveway, with one glance backward and an expression that seemed to say, "Why did you do this to me?"

As Paul Harvey would say, here's "the rest of the story." After I finished cleaning up, I called one of the housecleaners. Turns out that they had seen the dog lurking near the house and concluded that Gordie had escaped. (The two dogs look nothing alike.) With a neighbor's assurance that this was, indeed, Gordie; they shepherded the little tramp into the house and then shortly departed. Five hours later I showed up. You know the rest.

Not exactly that Christmas story, perhaps, but not really just a shaggy dog story, either.

writes. "Stones, inevitably, are heavy and must be moved from here to there to build paths and walls. Summers in Provence are hot. The mistral sometimes whirled dust into our eyes and mouths as we worked.

"But it was worth every callus. . . . (For the first time I fully understood the addiction of an archaeologist's search, the exhilaration of uncovering something that no one now alive on earth had ever seen.

"None of us would ever again look at stonework casually. I knew that whenever I could I would return to this spot. Because in some indelible way, this wall — which would now give pleasure to people for ages to come — belonged to me."

As for preparatory reading, particularly worthwhile is "What to Know Before You Go," which quite exhaustively contains a variety of caveats about signing up with a group that has interests and standards that coincide well with yours. For example:

"Ministry of Money, a non-denominational Christian group in Gaithersburg, Maryland, runs trips to Third World countries not to change those in the host country so much as to give affluent North Americans new perspectives on money and global citizenship. On a typical trip you spend 10 days in the slums of Port-au-Prince working at a home for the destitute and dying."

A feast of journeys — a Bethlehem of faith

The Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, has written this Christmas Message for readers of The Spotlight Newspapers.

Christmas is a feast of journeys: journeys of faith, journeys of memory, journeys of returning home, journeys in hope for peace.

Christmas is a feast of journeys of faith in the Word of God. Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The angels journeyed to announce to the shepherds the birth of the Savior and to proclaim God's glory and gift of peace. In turn, the shepherds journeyed over to Bethlehem to behold the Child in the manger. The Wise Men journeyed a great distance in their response of faith and joy to the sign of the star in the East. The most mysterious and longest journey of all, however, is the journey of Jesus the Lord who became one of us.



As the year 1991 draws toward a close, multitudes of homeless people and of refugees become statistics in the headlines. Mary gave birth in a borrowed stable, because there was no room in the inn. In Bethlehem, Jesus shared the plight of the homeless and the inability of any infant to speak; yet his grace and presence transformed the people around him into a community of faith.

Each year many people turn to a Bethlehem of faith, bringing with them warm memories of previous Christmases and of loved ones no longer present. Family members attempt to return to a family center in order to celebrate this unique feast together.

Pilgrimage to a spiritual Bethlehem seeks anew the mysterious peace that is a special grace of Christmas. Such a peace, almost impossible to describe, breathes freely despite the overwhelming stranglehold of consumerism and materialism upon our lives and upon the very season of Christmas. The Child in the manger experienced no special privileges in Bethlehem or elsewhere as time went on.

It is significant, indeed, that the very name of our Savior's birthplace, Bethlehem, means house of bread. Bread is the universal symbol of that which nourishes and sustains human life. In 1991, the word goes out that the food pantries desperately need replenishment for the large numbers who hunger and thirst in our midst.

Near the end of this severely troubled, wounded, yet hopeful, year of 1991, we journey again in faith to the manger to seek anew the grace and the courage to work and struggle together as individuals and as communities for peacemaking, solidarity, mutuality, and support for the human dignity and needs of others, for which humankind hungers.

The plight, anguish, and hardships of our sisters and brothers in many places in our world call us, therefore, to journeys of compassion, generosity, and solidarity. The real meaning of Christmas shines through the awakened realization in many hearts and places that we are all kinspeople, members of one human family.

The Savior whose birth in Bethlehem we celebrate again has shown us most profoundly how to be a member of the human family by his redemptive journey of ultimate love in action.

Matters of Opinion

Children's varied needs require flexible rules

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once again, *The Spotlight* provides a forum for dialogue in the community, currently about our library and other town youth services. And I am moved to add my 5 cents worth (inflation, you know).

The Bethlehem Public Library is clearly an outstanding and highly valued resource and, along with our excellent schools and parks and recreation department, is surely a reason that so many families settle here. It does not seem that complaints about programs indicate a lack of support, but rather are evidence of the high regard in which they are held, and of the hope that they can be even more responsive to a variety of individual and family needs.

I share other letter writers' concern about the rigidity of "rules and regulations" in the children and youth services, a problem we have also faced in the parks program and the school district, with the notable exception of the elementary school our children have attended.

It is not true that all three and four-year olds "should be able to sit quietly . . . without parent support," nor that their inability to do so reflects "overprotective parents." (And I am concerned that women for whom I have great respect espouse such ideas.) Children are born not only with different physical characteristics, but also with different temperamental makeups and learning styles. Their socialization, deal-

ings with others and new experiences, and ability to separate are further shaped by their families' ways of living together. For the good of our children and parents it is important to realize that there simply is not one best way of doing things.

I have one child who would happily run off with other people by the time he was two, and another child who had difficulty separating right through first grade. Was one of them "better adjusted" than the other? Was I a better parent with one than with the other? I don't think so. They were and are different people with different needs.

It may be that the needs of most of the children who attend story hour could not be met if some parents were present. If so, perhaps some creative thinking could come up with a workable solution for those families whose children are not yet ready to enjoy time without a parent.

My father used to say "rules are made to be broken." He was not promoting anarchy, but recognizing that rules and regulations, while often necessary, are "good" only insofar as they are implemented by people who are also able to take individual situations into account and, when necessary, bend, change or break them.

Delmar

Christine Deyss

Wintering robins enhance 'Christmas Count' of birds

Editor, The Spotlight:

Readers of The Spotlight who noted my Point of View column in the Dec. 11 issue may be interested in the outcome of the "Christmas Count" of birds on Dec. 15, which that column previewed.

That Sunday was windy and cold in Albany County, but nonetheless we ended up with a really good total count — more than 17,600 birds seen or heard. These are combined reports of 16 observers who, in small groups, counted birds in six separate sectors within a circle radiating from a fixed location in Coeymans. This was the sixth year of our count in Albany County.

We counted 65 species. As always, the European Starling was most numerous; approximately 10,000 were seen. But in second place, surprisingly, was the American Robin. In past years its frequency has ranged from about 30 to slightly more than 300. This year the total exceeded 2,000. These were birds that had come in from the north and remained in our area because of a great supply of fruits and berries. The third most numerous species was the Canada Goose; we counted 800 but this was down substantially from 1,500 in a typical past year.

We added six new species to our cumulative list of those recorded in previous years. That total reached 100 with the addition of a Peregrine Falcon (seen near the Selkirk railroad bridge over the Hudson); an American Pipit; and four duck species—Gadwall, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, and Redhead. Another interesting find was a Great Blue Heron at the Five Rivers pond.

Additionally, I can report that on Dec. 17, in the Greene County Count, 78 species were seen, including one new bird: the Common Snipe, which increased the composite total to 129, accumulated over a period of several years. We were handicapped by snow in the afternoon, but the morning was still and calm. The moderating temperatures near the Hudson were helpful in attracting a good variety of birds.

On Jan. 1, a two-hour New Year's Day Bird Walk will be held at Five Rivers center, beginning at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited; dress warmly, bring binoculars.

Alan Mapes
Director, Five Rivers
Environmental Education Center,
Department of Environmental
Conservation.

Fair trial

(From Page 6)

The right "to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation" requires the government to specify the charges against a defendant so that the defendant has notice of what charges must be defended against. The origins of this guarantee can be found in 17th century English practice, which did not entitle the accused to review the indictment.

The right to "be confronted with the witnesses against him and to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor" guarantees the defendant the right to question accusers and to call witnesses on one's own behalf. By the time the Bill of Rights was adopted, the accused right to confront witnesses had long been

A friend in need receives a tribute

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take time to thank a very special person, Fred Giovannetti of PFG Home Services. Fred is truly a good friend. He loaned me his lawn mower complete with gas and hedge cutters every week so I could keep my lawn and yard up to par.

Vox Pop

He replaced my kitchen faucet after I managed to totally destroy it, disconnected my water heater when it flooded the whole first floor, and has plowed my driveway for the past two years.

There are no words to describe the gratitude I have for him. When others turned their backs, Fred stuck his neck out and helped me in my time of need. For this I will always be grateful. Thanks, Fred!

Selkirk

Mary Keeley

recognized at common law and expressly recognized in several state constitutions. the right of a criminal defendant to present defense witnesses was more recent, but was equally well-established and recognized by Congress in the Federal Crimes Act of 1790.

Finally, by guaranteeing every defendant the right "to have the assistance of counsel for his defense," the Sixth Amendment prohibits the government from stripping accused persons of ability to defend themselves with the assistance of an attorney trained in criminal law and procedure.

In the courts of England, defendants charged with serious felony crimes were forbidden from having counsel represent them in court. This rule was partly explainable by the fact that criminal defendants in English courts were generally not required to stand trial against professional government prosecutors. The English practice was widely rejected however, in the colonies, where professional prosecutors were the norm.

In the Framers' time, the Sixth Amendment right to counsel was generally understood as guaranteeing criminal defendants the right to hire their own counsel if they could afford to do so.

The Supreme Court has since ruled, however, that the Sixth Amendment right to counsel further requires that, in both federal cases (*Johnson v. Zerbst*, 1938) and state cases (*Gideon v. Wainwright*, 1963), the government must provide counsel to represent criminal defendants who cannot afford to hire counsel on their own. The court also ruled that the right to counsel is guaranteed regardless of how short the defendant's term of imprisonment may be if convicted (*Argersinger v. Hamlin*, 1972).

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Your Opinion Matters

Advisory policy proper, BCHS teachers assert

Student editors cite police misapprehension

Editor, The Spotlight:

Several important points were left out of *The Spotlight's* coverage of a controversial student commentary that appeared in a recent issue of Bethlehem High School's student newspaper, *The Eagle's Eye*.

1. We share the Police Department's indignation over the commentary, and we said as much in an advisory note that ran alongside the piece when it first appeared. Indeed, we encouraged the police to write a letter to the editor, and we're glad they did.

2. Prior to publication, we spoke at length with both the newspaper's editors and the author of the commentary about the potential consequences of the piece should it be published.

3. It would have been much easier for us as advisors to not allow the piece to run. We certainly have not enjoyed the adverse publicity that the piece generated. But our business is not publicity, it's education, and we feel strongly that learning is best served when students are given the freedom to make mistakes. Better they make them here under the protective umbrella of a caring school than later in life. The outcome of this whole affair has been very positive. All the students involved have a deepened respect for language and a very clear understanding that the printed word is consequential, that what they write matters. Numerous class discussions around school in recent days have broadened the positive impact of the incident. As for the police, the insult they have patiently endured reflects more on the author of the commentary than the Police Department.

4. We object in the strongest terms to *The Spotlight's* decision to run the Police Chief's letter to the editor. That letter was addressed to the editors of *The Eagle's Eye*. As a matter of journalistic ethics, *The Spotlight* should respect the right of another publication to publish its own correspondence. In appropriating the letter, *The Spotlight* got the scoop on a student newspaper (macho journalism?), but robbed the students of an opportunity to vindicate themselves. The letter appeared yesterday (Dec. 12) on page one of *The Eagle's Eye*.

5. *The Spotlight's* claim that the author of the commentary was "unavailable for comment" is false. We are aware of no effort to reach him. Furthermore, the author has in no way shrunk from his responsibility to face his critics. He has done so admirably and is a better person for it.

6. Learning, if it is meaningful, is a messy affair. As advisors to the newspaper, we appreciate the most of the adult community recognizes that and has exercised restraint in dealing with the issue.

7. As teachers, we stand by our policy.

Marsha Buanno Faculty Advisors
James Nehring *The Eagle's Eye*

Editor's note: In the interest of accuracy, it is desirable to respond to this letter's paragraphs 4 and 5:

(4) Chief Currie's letter was submitted directly to *The Spotlight*; it was not "appropriated" in any sense.

(5) The writer of *The Spotlight's* news account verifies that she did make reasonable effort to reach Mr. Olson, *The Eagle's Eye* columnist.

FOR ANOTHER VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT, SEE PAGE 10.

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the editors of *The Eagle's Eye*, the Bethlehem Central High School student newspaper, we would like to correct some errors in Bethlehem Police Chief Paul E. Currie's letter to the editors (*The Spotlight* Dec. 11 issue).

Chief Currie's letter criticizes a commentary by Ben Olson, which was published in *The Eagle's Eye's* November issue. The letter calls Olson's commentary a "subsequent article" to a visit to the police station by *Eagle's Eye* senior editor Adam Maurer earlier in the school year. Maurer met with police while researching a story about an incident of vandalism at the high school. While Olson's commentary did refer to the vandalism, it was neither intended to be, nor presented as, a biased account of the vandalism incident. The subsequent article to Maurer's visit to the police department was published in our October issue and is a purely factual story. The police have acknowledged these mistakes.

Chief Currie's letter has been published in the December issue of *The Eagle's Eye*. We feel, as a simple gesture of professional courtesy, it would have been more appropriate for *The Spotlight* to have allowed this letter to the

editors of *The Eagle's Eye* to be published first in the paper it was addressed to. If *The Spotlight* had published the letter in its Dec. 18 issue rather than in the issue of Dec. 11, basic respect would have been demonstrated.

Additionally, we are very disturbed by *The Spotlight's* coverage of the story on page 3 of the Dec. 11 issue. A news article entitled "Student Commentary Draws Fire From Police" states, "Attempts to reach Olson for comment were unsuccessful." Olson received no phone messages from the paper, although his phone number is listed in the Tri-Village Area Directory. Also, the article neglected to mention that Olson had submitted a written apology for sections of his commentary to *The Eagle's Eye* before Chief Currie's letter was released to *The Spotlight* on Dec. 6. When Olson submitted his apology, he had not received or read the police response to his commentary. *The Eagle's Eye* policy regarding the free publication of all commentaries, regardless of what opinions they express, was also left unmentioned.

We would like to thank Chief Currie and the police department for the letter voicing their opinion. Likewise, we would like to

thank Olson for expressing his opinion, both in his commentary and in his letter of apology.

The overriding purpose of *The Eagle's Eye* is to provide students with the opportunity to express their opinions to other students and the community, and to allow students and the community to respond. This is precisely the type of dialogue which has taken place concerning Olson's commentary, and is the sort of openness we would like to continue to encourage.

Eliza Gregory, Michael Kagan,
Adam Maurer

Senior Editors of *The Eagle's Eye*

Editor's note: This letter has been edited to remove two inaccuracies about *The Spotlight's* publication of Chief Currie's letter. His letter, as published here, Dec. 11, did not contain certain references to which the student editors took exception.

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Matters of Opinion

Gasoline in drains creates new hazard

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the Building and Fire Inspector for the town, I wish to bring to the attention of town residents a potentially very dangerous situation that has arisen since mid-December.

In two separate incidents, homeowners poured old gasoline into sanitary and storm drainage systems. Although the gasoline was a small amount (one gallon) the explosive potential from the fumes created a hazard not normally found in the neighborhood.

The fumes from the gasoline are able to make their way into basements through cellar water drains and sewer lines. Due to the cold weather, the fumes are forced through the systems. Remember, these lines are usually four to five feet below grade and the temperatures are much warmer there than at ground level.

Please: do *not* dispose of unwanted fuels, oil, or hazardous waste into these systems. It takes many hours for the town crews and fire departments to rid these systems of problems, usually

during very adverse weather.

Additionally, if you have a wood stove or fireplace, have the flue cleaned and take precautions on what you are burning in them. Around the holiday period we find that Christmas wrappings are burned in stoves and fireplaces. This paper trash burns very hot and fast and can be sucked up the chimney where it may get lodged and cause chimney fires.

If we are more conscious of safety at this time of year we can all have a safe and happy holiday. I am sure that the town crews and the fire departments who respond to emergencies will appreciate your cooperation so that they too can enjoy the holidays at home with their families.

John H. Flanagan, C.P.C.A.
Building and Fire Inspector
Fire Marshal

New Chief pledges future efficiency

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my appreciation for the editorial comment expressed in the Dec. 18 issue of The Spotlight. Your support of the town's decision to appoint from within the ranks of the department is gratifying. Every applicant was an experienced professional, each with the ability to lead the Bethlehem Police Department into the future.

We will continue to meet our law enforcement responsibilities in an efficient, cost-effective manner, and continue to provide those services necessitated by a growing suburban community.

Richard J. LaChappelle
Delmar

Coyne rescue proposal blasted by Scaringe

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am extremely concerned and saddened by the continuing frantic attempts of Albany County Democrats to disrupt the normal flow of transition by protecting their patronage employees. Some of this is being done through budgetary shifts and gimmicks, despite a possible 25 percent property tax hike while changes apparently are being made here and there to find a niche for protection of their party loyalists.

Now we have ominous new reports that outgoing County Executive Jim Coyne may be the beneficiary of loopholes which could allow him to retain his apparent chairmanship of the Al Tech Trust Fund and receive a fat paycheck as a result. While there may be some questions about Al Tech's culpability to the county,

Albany County assets should not be used in any way, shape, or form to fund Jim Coyne after Dec. 31, 1991. It is unconscionable that anyone could even conceive such an idea under the circumstances.

Now what are we creating with this Al Tech programs? — another loosely constructed organization; so much so that we apparently don't know how much of it is private and how much public. Under Mr. Coyne's guidance, would Al Tech become a "Sports IDA" for the county? Would we see all kinds of Coyne schemes to help save the faltering Knick Arena? How much of an umbrella would an Al Tech be for how many fallen county employees? The possibilities, especially when Jim Coyne is involved, are endless.

George P. Scaringe

BC students criticize paper's editors and adviser

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Central High School should be commended for many things, but one of its lesser

accomplishments is its school newspaper. One improvement made in the past three years is that it now does exist. In view of the controversy regarding an article by Ben Olson, we feel compelled to tell *our* story.

When we entered ninth grade, we were enthusiastic about working on the student paper, which was just being put into action. Forty or more students were involved, and it was progressing quickly. At present, eleven people are on the staff — a very small number for a school of twelve hundred. The reason is not a lack of interest on the part of students.

The paper is failing, basically due to a lack of leadership. One student has taken control, and has single-handedly driven away many staff members, one by one. He runs a dictatorial office, and his manner is abrasive and intimidating. It is quite frustrating to work on an article, only to have it refused by an editor, simply because it isn't exactly what he wants. The most recent issue contains an editorial based on the contention

that students would rather complain than make suggestions or contributions. That is an untrue analysis. Many of us have made suggestions, but they were ignored by the editors and adviser. Double standard? Absolutely.

In reaction to Ben Olson's article and Police Chief Paul E. Currie's reply, we sense a real lack of leadership, both by the editors and the adviser. The Police Department's reaction was understandable, but we don't think Olson is solely responsible. This country was based on education by apprenticeship, and it seems to have worked well so far. There is a lot to be said for freedom of speech and learning from one's mistakes — but guidance is often necessary, too. How can we learn if no one gives us advice? Advisers should attempt to correct our mistakes before feathers are ruffled... that's what they're there for. In this case, the editors and adviser failed to do that, which is not enhancing the learning process.

In addition, the quality of the

paper is extremely lacking. Compared to papers put out by other area schools, ours is weak and sloppy. Is that how we want to represent Bethlehem? There are always numerous typographical errors, and the layout is deficient. Twice in the past few issues, articles have been cut off mid-sentence, because the other halves were "forgotten."

Finally, we know that newspapers are dedicated to free speech. Without that, *The Spotlight*, the *Eagle's Eye*, the *Times Union*, and other papers would not be able to exist. Since one of us is still a staff member of the BCHS *Eagle's Eye*, she hopes that she is not penalized for writing this letter.

We feel that as eleventh grade students, working on a student newspaper should be an enriching part of our high school experience. It disheartens us to see what we once thought of as *our* newspaper being driven into the ground. We don't mean to be overly critical — we're just telling it like it is.

Melissa Freeman & Sari Gold

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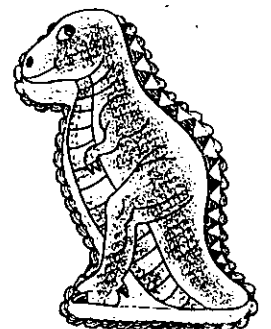
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RCS releases state CAR

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Superintendent William Schwartz recently released the Comprehensive Assessment Report required by state education law to the board of education.

The CAR report is based on a variety of testing in grades 3-12 in reading, writing, math, science and the state Regents exams. The evaluation shows how RCS students performed based on a state-wide reference point determining minimum competence. The report also shows RCS results compared to other mid-sized public schools and other schools in Albany County. The assessment, which are broken down into three levels — elementary, middle and high school — are available to the public and any parent or resident can have access to them.

Library schedules vacation film fest

The Ravena Library's Films for Fun, vacation movie festival continues this week with "Able's Island," for preschoolers on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 10:30 a.m.; "Star Wars" on Friday Dec. 27, at 1:30 p.m. and "A Bear Called Paddington" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

The movies are free and open to the public.

Residents support library, more donations requested

Friends of the Ravena Library recently reported more than 50 community residents contributed to the first ever membership drive. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of new books, scheduling events and lectures and materials used for children's programs.

Membership levels are: Basic membership \$5; Sustaining membership \$10; Family membership \$25; Business membership \$50;

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Individual Lifetime membership \$100, and Family Lifetime membership \$150. Checks should be made payable to: Friends of Ravena Free Library and mailed to: 106 Main Street, Ravena 12143.

Friends of the Library have also started the new service of covering residents' personal books which have paper dust covers. For \$1-\$1.50 depending on the size of the book, you can have your paper cover overlaid with mylar plastic to prevent wear and tear.

BETHLEHEM

Hearing set on density act

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem residents will have the chance to speak out on the proposed one-year extension of the Interim Development Density Act at Thursday night's public hearing.

The hearing, scheduled for Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, will kick off the Bethlehem Town Board's regular meeting.

According to Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky, the minimum lot area requirements are increased, as well as lot width requirements, under the act, Local Law No. 5 of 1989. For example, under the current zoning code, each Residential A single-family lot is required to be at least 8,500 square

feet. Under the interim act, that minimum is increased to 12,000 square feet per lot, he said.

The interim act regulations vary by zoning district and type of dwelling, Lipnicky said. The changes affect the entire zoning ordinance schedule for residential structures.

In addition, the act contains an exemption for any existing lots that meet the current zoning ordinance requirements. "We've got to respect what exists out there," Lipnicky said.

The Interim Development Density Act was first adopted in January 1989 after the town planning department looked at Bethlehem's minimum lot area requirements in relation to several other Capital District and state communities. "Ours allowed a much smaller lot size than other areas," Lipnicky said. "In my personal view, the densities in the existing code are more reflective toward an urban community while those in the interim act are more reflective of a suburban community."

Anything new built in the town must meet the Interim Develop-

ment Density Act requirements, he said. The Land Use Management Advisory Committee is looking into the possibility of zoning code changes for lot size and lot width while developing districts that respect existing lot sizes in currently developed areas of town, said Lipnicky, LUMAC chairman. LUMAC would likely recommend larger lot sizes in undeveloped areas of town, he said.

LUMAC has a spring 1993 deadline to present its report to the town board, he said.

The town board agenda also includes:

- A 7:45 p.m. public hearing to consider a four-month extension of the Solid Waste Facilities Moratorium Law, Local Law No. 8 of 1991.

- A discussion of a proposed extension of the Interim Development Limitations Act. The law, which expires in February, restricts the number of residential lots or units up for Bethlehem Planning Board preliminary or final plat approval to 25 at a time.

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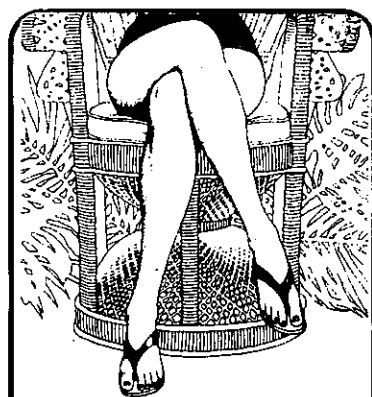
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Focus on Faith

Consider what Christmas is really about

By the Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator

It is open to question, I fear, how many of us take time to consider what the Christmas holiday is all about.

Not that we don't have enough reminders—television Christmas specials, carol singing by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, sing-along sessions with Handel's Messiah, Christmas lights on house after house in suburb after suburb, lineups in supermarkets and liquor stores.

Is Christmas only about wine, food, and song? A visitor from another planet might think so.

All this activity is very typically American—and wouldn't it be awful if it weren't this way, especially this Christmas with 10 to 15 percent unemployment, bankruptcies at an all-time high, stores closing up, crime on the increase in cities, and AIDS claiming more victims every day?

Is it strange that in such a scenario a considerable segment of Americans with Christian roots spend two days feasting and exchanging gifts—and that's ok—but take time to remember the birthday of the Founder of Christianity on Christmas day and the eleven days following it?

The origins of Jesus Christ were modest, but remarkable natural phenomena accompanied his birth two thousand years ago—the story is told in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke. The entire drama from his birth to his death and resurrection is one of the great sagas of western civilization.

Ancient and medieval Christendom was zealous in preaching and teaching Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of humankind while recognizing his humanity as the means by which God became incarnate as a human being.

The emphasis most acceptable to the temper of our times appears to be the human quality of the Man western civilization and liberal Christianity remembers and celebrates especially at Christmas—his humble beginnings; his selfless life style; his rebuke of religious and moral hypocrisy; his love and care of the oppressed,

exploited, and poor; his ethical and moral insights; his revelation of God.

It isn't difficult to play up the humanity of Jesus at Christmas; everybody can relate to the story of a young mother, giving birth to her baby son who grew up to be so caring and loving in an age that didn't know how to love.

The temptation is to sentimentalize the story into a lovely tale that bears retelling every Christmas and then is forgotten until next December; to trivialize what the Babe of Bethlehem in his manhood stood for and was willing to die for; to ignore the spiritual, ethical, and moral values the leaders of his day could not tolerate (and, too often, Christians in ancient and modern times have violated).

It is easy to fall prey to the temptation when we are willing to settle for the least demanding compromise when we are struggling with such issues as "safe sex," homosexuality, abortion, human and environmental rights, the "right to die" of the terminally ill.

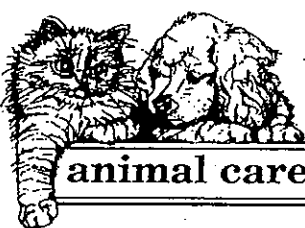
Granted that Bethlehem's most noted son never had to grapple with the gamut of issues which today's society has had to decide. That has been the task his followers have undertaken, guided by his compassion and insights into human nature.

The task has not been easy and will require attention after Christmas 1991 has become history.

Meanwhile, Christmas draws near and life's hurry and stress will move into a slower pace. A mystic spell will touch those who hold close the meaning of this one day and relive its meaning in the carols and liturgies of the season and re-commit themselves to its demands.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
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□ Osterhout

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served on the Voorheesville School Board from 1948 to 1954 as trustee and 1954 to 1963 as president and on the Voorheesville Library Board from 1943 to 1985. In 1963, he left the school board to run for New Scotland town councilman, won, and has served in that position ever since.

In addition, he was a founder of the New Salem volunteer fire department, serving as its first fire chief, and a founding member of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club.

"I've known him for 100 years," said Dominick Tork, a school board member through the 60s and 70s. "Wyman always got involved."

Osterhout has been a key figure in nearly every town project conducted over the past 40 years. While he served on the school board, the district built the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and the school's pool. While a town councilman, Osterhout was instrumental in, among other things, work to expand town hall, establish and expand the community center, start townwide garbage collection, build a new highway garage and establish town parks in Feura Bush and on Swift Road.

In addition, he was one of the movers behind the drive to bring a school district library to the Village of Voorheesville and continued afterward to act as general caretaker for the original facility, which was housed in the former Presbyterian Church on Voorheesville Avenue, according to longtime librarian Jane Salvatore.

"He was tremendous," said Salvatore. "I could call him any time of day or night and say we've got this problem or that problem and down he would fly." Salvatore said that as the building aged, one problem was roof leaks resulting from the winter build-up of snow and ice.

"My God, I came down one day and there was Wyman up on the roof chopping ice," she said. "The man was well into his 70s!"

Osterhout worked as a site supervisor for the Albany-based McKinney Steel Corp. for 35 years, a background current town supervisor Herbert Reilly said made him the obvious choice for formal and informal clerk of the works on many town building projects. "He has a three-dimensional mind," said Reilly. "He has a great ability to look at drawings and envision the end product."

In addition, he was well known for Osterhout's, a popular Helderberg escarpment restaurant and bar he and brothers Everett and DeForest opened in the 1930s following the repeal of Prohibition. "He knew everybody in town and probably in Albany County because back in those days everybody in the county seemed to wander up to Osterhout's in the Helderbergs," said Wallace. "I never ran into anybody that really disliked Wyman."

"If we didn't have 300 there at night it was slow night," Osterhout said.

For his part, Osterhout has ideas about where the town needs to go in the future — he feels a townwide water system is crucial for orderly growth in New Scotland, for example — and said he has no plans to quit keeping an informal eye on operations at town hall. "I'll be stopping in there as long as I'm alive," he said. He said he's always enjoyed working on behalf of the town, and that it never really occurred to him to devote

his energy somewhere else.

"It's just my way of life," he said. "I would have stayed on if not for my age."

"They were all good years, a little rough at times," Osterhout said. "I didn't get in too much trouble."

Osterhout's work for the town was recognized with the 1989 dedication of the town's senior citizens/community center in his name. Reilly said plans for the event, which followed a facility expansion project, were kept from Osterhout until the last minute.

"We kept it top-secret," Reilly said. He got board approval for the dedication behind Osterhout's back and the sign was installed and covered by a piece of plywood while Osterhout was off-site. Osterhout said he never gave the concealed sign a second thought until its unveiling at dedication ceremonies marking completion of the project.

"He was all muddy and everything, it was a bad day," Reilly said. "He stood there and I handed him down the piece of plywood. When he reached up, he looked and he saw the sign."

"He saw the sign and I was on the ladder and, my God, the tears were in his eyes," Reilly said. "It was one of the nicest things that's happened here."

"I nearly fell off the ladder," Osterhout said.

But Osterhout said he's since grown tired of all the attention given his retirement, which has involved newspaper articles, and a party and town board resolution in his honor. A Republican, he said he felt he could have won reelection again had he chosen to challenge this fall, when Democrat's Reilly, Richard Decker, John Sgarlata swept to victory, giving their party its first-ever town council majority.

□ Elves

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As the elves busily looked over the letters and made notes to pass on to Santa, they sat and laughed at some of the children's comments.

"This one wants a pony," one said. "This one says her mom wants a kitten and her dad wants a dog. That could be a problem. This one said their mom and dad don't want anything, but she will leave food out for the reindeer."

"Dear Santa,

This is what I want and I really want them! gameboy and game, Linka and G.I. Joe, color changing Captain Planet.

thanks, William."

The elves also mentioned that many of the children are not only asking for toys for themselves but also things for their mom, dad, brothers, sisters and friends. Many of the letters came from grandparents, reminding Santa not to forget their grandchildren. It seems the spirit of Christmas giving is not lost on either generation.

"Santa!

I'd like Mario Brothers, Fix-it Toys, Ninja Turtle Dolls and whatever else you can think of.

Nicky"

"Dear Santa,

I am 10 years old. I want Barbie motor home, slipper socks,

clothes, walkman. Please don't forget to fill my stocking. My mom and I will be waiting, my dad and sister don't care. It would make my dream come true if you wrote one to my sister too. Her name is Jessica.

Katie, of Delmar, had a long list of presents she hoped to see under the tree. She ended the list with "phone" written six times in a row and a "P.S. Please, I really want a nice new phone bad."

Christopher, of Selkirk, gave Santa a complete price breakdown for the three remote control cars he was interested in and then ended his letter, "so if you really want to make me a very, very, very happy, get me one of those remote control cars."

Christine, also from Delmar, wanted some toys the elves had never heard of. They'll have to ask Santa about Backup Buzzard, Crocodile Dentist, Oopsy Daisy and Baby Waddle Walk.

When all of the letters had been read, the elves mailed their replies and headed back for some last minute toy making.

Elves have names too. The ones who helped out on Friday before heading back to the North Pole were: Claire Henry, Dot Cook, Dorothy Hernandez, Doris Aueperle, Mildred Hammes, Isabel Heilman and Ellen Roberts.

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Saratoga Arts Council to publish directory

The Saratoga County Arts Council is in the process of updating their directory of area arts-in-education artists and museum resources.

Artists who integrate their discipline into a school curriculum and wish to be included in the directory should contact the SCAC office at 584-4132.

Once the directory is updated, it will be available to all SCAC members, as well as Saratoga County libraries and schools.

Bouton to host basketball tourney

The second annual Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School Basketball Tournament will be hosted by the school on Thursday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Dec. 27. The non-Colonial Council teams from Hoosick Valley, Greenville and Rensselaer will take part.

Playoffs begin Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for junior varsity and 7:30 p.m. for varsity. On Friday, Dec. 27, the junior varsity consolation game will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the championship game at 2:30 p.m. The varsity consolation game will be held at 6 p.m. followed by

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the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

For information contact Nadine Bassler, district physical education coordinator at 765-3314.

Schools collecting grocery store tapes

Yellow and pink grocery store cash register tapes are being col-

lected and accepted by the Voorheesville schools to obtain school equipment. The collection campaigns will end on Jan. 5 for the pink cash register tapes from Price Chopper stores and on Jan. 18 for the yellow cash register tapes from Grand Union stores.

The schools have set goals of obtaining computer equipment, band instruments, a VCR and a TV. Collection boxes are available at the Voorheesville Public Library, the post office and at the school offices.

Student or parent volunteers are needed immediately in order to process the register tapes. Those interested should contact the high school at 765-3314.

Winter programs announced by school

The Clayton A. Bouton School continuing education program has announced two winter events.

Adult lap swimming will take place on Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the high school pool. Registration will be conducted at the first class. Class fee will be \$10 for the session.

An exercise and fitness program will be taught by Kathy Massaroni at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 6, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Enrollment fee of \$18 will be charged at the time of registration on the first night of class.

For information contact Jim Hladun, continuing education coordinator at 765-3314.

Pupil dances in ballet at Proctor's Theater

Jamie Boyle, a third grade Voorheesville pupil, took part in Darlene Myers' Northeast Ballet of Schenectady at their production of the "Nutcracker" performed at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady on Dec. 21 and 22.

Boyle danced in the role of a Victorian child along with two principal dancers from the New York Ballet, Heather Watts and Jack Soto.

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THE Spotlight Sports

Eagles drown Burnt Hills in 40-point romp

Expectations of a competitive meet on Dec. 18 were dashed as the Bethlehem Central High School boys varsity swim team crushed Burnt Hills at home by a 40-point margin.

Two BC relays and a Spartan relay first went neck to neck. Paul Engel's butterfly leg pulled the Eagles ahead. Anchorman Ryan

Bethlehem girls fall to Saratoga

The Bethlehem Central High School girls varsity basketball team lost to Saratoga 48-29 on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The Lady Eagles were held to making a mere 19 percent of its shots.

Lynn Doody was BC's only double-digit scorer, adding 12 points to the effort. At halftime, Saratoga was ahead was 19-13. By the game's end, Saratoga had tacked on a lead of 19 points.

Coach Bill Warner said, "We played quite well defensively, but we just couldn't make any shots. We were missing several lay-ups."

Saratoga's record last year was 18-5, while BC's was a notch above at 19-4.

Bethlehem is scheduled to play in the Catholic Central Tournament Dec. 27 and 28, against Catholic Central High School on Friday, Dec. 27.

Josh Norek

Beck finished strongly, holding first place. The second Bethlehem relay finished third.

Swimming

Mark Kanuk, Engel and Pat Gallagher swept the 200 Individual Medley. Kanuk had a winning time of 2:17:85. This placing gave the Eagles an advantage.

Bethlehem dominated the diving with a 40-22 lead. Joe Schneider, Tim Bearup and Brad Fitzgerald took another 1-2-3, putting the Eagles well ahead.

After a brief break, the compe-

tion began again. Engel quickened his pace in the 100 butterfly, breaking his previous best time with a 58:44. Dan Cohen finished a strong third. Colin Izzard placed fourth. Mike Leyden continued the streak with another personal best of 52:64 in the 100 free. He placed first, followed closely by Ty Yacono.

Rory Fay took second in the 500 freestyle, despite an ankle injury. The 100 breaststroke was a strong race, with four of the section's top breaststrokers swimming. Ian Salsburg won a close race, followed by Beck and Burnt Hill's Steve Lambey. Izzard, a

transfer student from Albany Academy, came a solid fourth.

With another win in hand, the

boys have a break from meets until Jan. 8 when they swim against Albany Academy at home.

Emily Church

Tree pruning book offered homeowners

Winter dormancy is a popular time to prune trees. A free booklet is available from the National Arbor Day Foundation to show how to prune.

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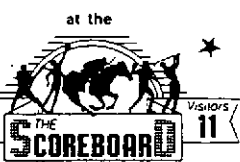
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Maj. Girls — Heather Selig 190, 710 (4 game series).

Maj. Boys — Lou Devoe 276, 914 (4 game series), Don Robbins 226, 903 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Carrie Magrum 181, 457 triple, Angie Amsler 169, 446 triple.

Jr. Boys — Jeff Doran 212, 474 triple, Chris Leonardo 160, 468 triple.

Jr. Girls — Krystal Burns 183, 479 triple, Andrea Kachidurian 158, 443 triple.

Prep Boys — Chris Gerber 179, 456 triple.

Prep Girls — Simone Treffiletti 162, 418 triple.

Ravena basketball tourney scheduled

The 21st annual Ravena Gold Medal Basketball Tournament will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28, at the high school. This is the only combination boys and girls tournament in the Capital District and is also the oldest continuously held tournament in the area.

The game schedule is as follows:

• Friday, Dec. 27, games

Girls, Ichabod Crane vs Cairo-Durham- 3:30 p.m.

Girls, Chatham vs Ravena- 5 p.m.

Boys, Ichabod Crane vs Cairo-Durham- 7 p.m.

Boys, Chatham vs Ravena- 8:30 p.m.

• Saturday, Nov. 26, games

Girls' consolation- 4 p.m.

Girls' championship- 5:30 p.m.

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In addition to the food donations to Bethlehem Central School

District's annual drive, the students pooled their change for a gift to Save the Children and saved their yellow Grand Union receipts for the school drive for computers.

VC athletic events set

Voorheesville boys basketball, snowed out on Dec. 17, is set for Saturday, Jan. 4, at Voorheesville. Times are as follows:

- Frosh vs Ravena at noon; jayvee vs Ravena at 1:30 p.m.; varsity vs. Ravena at 3 p.m.

Voorheesville boys wrestling, snowed out on Dec. 17, has been rescheduled.

- The modified, jayvee and varsity wrestling squad match is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Cobleskill.

RCS girls volleyball team prepares for season, looks to match last year's undefeated standing

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School girls volleyball team is about to start yet another season. The team will be looking to match last year's feats of going undefeated in the Colonial Council and winning the league tournament.

"We need to create a team chemistry like we had last year and in the past" said head Coach Ron Racy.

Members of this year's team that are returning are seniors Heather Ackert and Theresa Osterhout, junior Deanne Marathakis and sophomore Amanda Nulton.

New to the team this year are seniors Randi Heintzman and Jena Rudolph, juniors Sarah Miller, Shannon Moore and Kim Deitz. The four sophomores who are making the step up from junior varsity are Ginger Nestlen, Virginia Fink, Gina Deitz and Kate Clouse. Khandi Burgess is the sole freshman.

Racy said this year's athletes would like to defend their Colonial Council championship. He noted the toughest challenge for Ravena looks like it will be against the Schalmont's Sabres.

the Fayetteville-Manlius tournament in Syracuse on Dec. 30. Their

first league match will be against Averill Park on Jan. 6.

Kevin Van Derzee

Correction

In the Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 issues of *The Spotlight*, an explanation of the Town of Bethlehem's Interim Development Density Act, Local Law No. 5 of 1989, contained incorrect information. Under the law, minimum lot area and width size requirements are increased. In addition, existing lots that meet current zoning ordinance lot area and width requirements are exempt.

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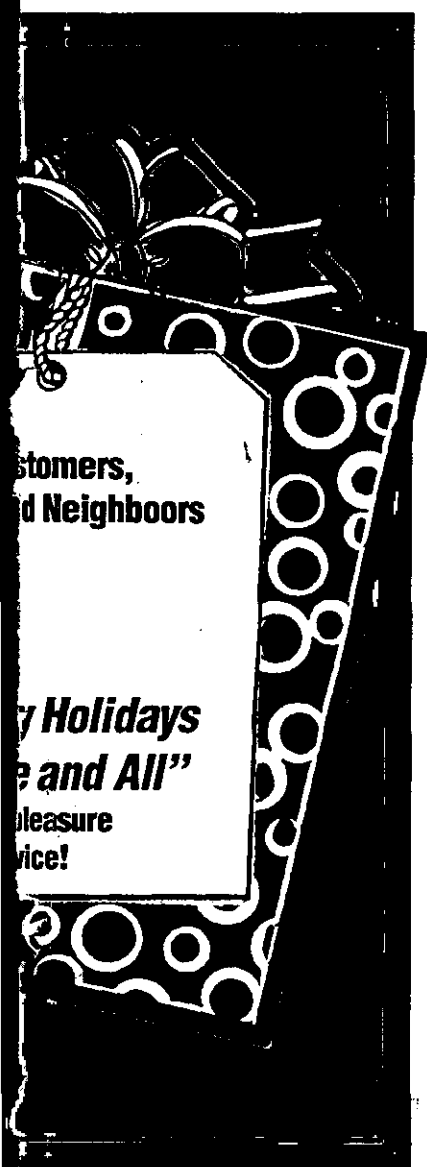
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Sage's evening division sets information night

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There will be an information session at 8 p.m. on Sage's Experimental Learning Program, which offers undergraduate credit for prior college-level learning achieved through on-the-job experience.

For information, call 445-1717.

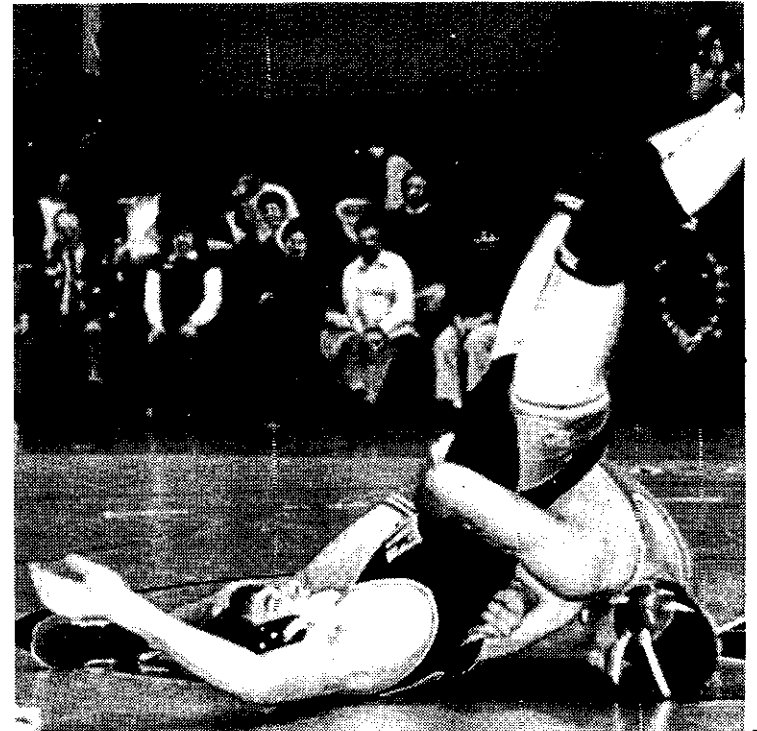
Eagle wrestlers take thrashing

The BCHS varsity wrestling team received what amounted to a lump of coal in its stocking Wednesday, Dec. 18, as Niskayuna came to town, and dealt the Eagles a 49-6 thrashing.

Bethlehem suffered four pins, two losses by decision, and one technical fall at the hands of the perennial powerhouse Warriors. The Eagles were also forced to forfeit five matches. Anthony Genovese provided Bethlehem with its lone bright spot, as he pinned his opponent at 1:38 in the 105-pound category.

The BC junior varsity squad suffered a similar fate prior to the varsity meet. Three of its four wrestlers were pinned, though Eagles' Pete Loux chalked up his first jayvee victory of the year, an 8-5 decision.

During the weekend of Dec. 14-15, the varsity squad traveled to Oxford, N.Y. for a tournament. Zack Hampton finished third in the 112-pound category to help the Eagles take ninth place out of the 12 team field. Finishing fourth in their weight classes were Scott Cunningham, Genovese and Jim



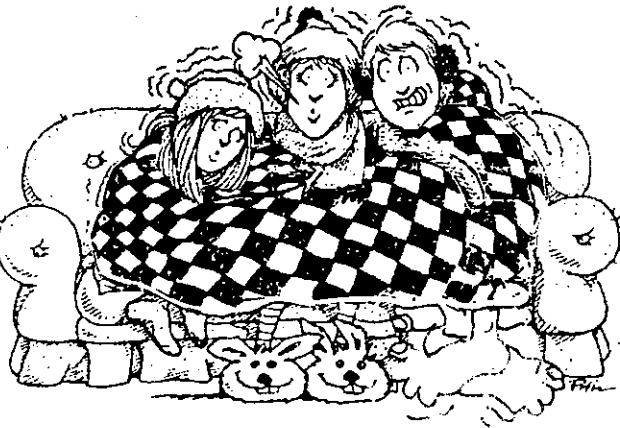
Niskayuna's Shawn Nautel pins Bethlehem Central High School wrestler Ralph Carotenuto during the 155-pound match at last week's meet. Niskayuna won 49-6.

Mike McNessor

Moutray, at 98, 105, and 250 pounds, respectively. Also taking part in the event for Bethlehem were Shane Cunningham, Alan

Flynn, Seth Blumerman, Ralph Carotenuto, Eric Horowitz, Ken Van Dyke and Bill Smith.

Jared Beck

**A no-heat call in Who-ville**
(With apologies to Dr. Seuss)

'Twas Christmas in Who-ville,
The day was not old;
But the Who's shivered awfully —
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"We're frozen like popsicles down to our feet!"
Someone had stolen the Who's Christmas heat.

Mr. Who went, with Who-toolbox in hand,
Down to the basement, that dark no-Who's land,
To relight the Who-pilot but with no luck —
A vent at the Who-furnace flue was sealed shut.

So back to his family he went with a sigh,
And said to them, "Let's call the Who-furnace guy;
"The one who cleaned all the damned duckwork last year."
(Mr. Who it seems, ran out of Who-Christmas cheer.)

The Who-furnace guy left his family and friends,
Gave his kiddies quick kisses, to his wife made amends.
"Duty calls," he said, donning his Who-coat and hat,
"Can't leave those poor Who's in a cold house like that."

To the Who-house he sped, in his Who-service van,
To fix the Who-furnace — that is if he can.
He opened the vent, his Who-flashlight shown bright,
And brought to his eyes a most wonderful sight:

The Christmas Who-kitten crawled out of its box,
Went down to the basement, played with some socks,
Dragged them up to the furnace vent, then made a nest;
Curled up, went to sleep, and well — you know the rest.

The Who-furnace guy pulled the kitten out gently,
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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

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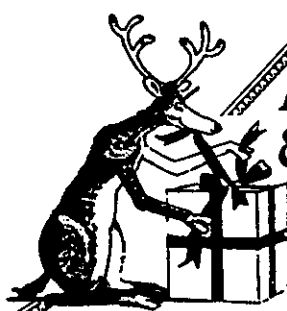
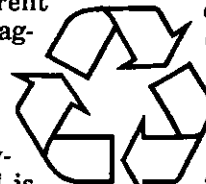
Brown corrugated cardboard, which has ridges between two layers of smooth cardboard, is recyclable for several generations. The cardboard must be clean and dry, with all staples and as much tape as possible removed. Larger staples can be removed with pliers or by carefully prying with a screwdriver.

The cardboard can be dropped off in a receptacle at the town's Rupert Road Transfer Station in South Bethlehem.

Unrecyclable cardboard includes liquor and toy boxes that have high gloss colored exteriors and "Chinese" cardboard, which is usually flimsy and yellowish in color (it has already been recycled many times).

Also, cardboard technically called "paperboard" or "boxboard" should not go in the Rupert Road bin. It consists of one layer of cardboard, often grey on the inside and white or colored on the outside. Gift, pizza and cereal boxes are made from this category of cardboard and are not recyclable in the town's voluntary program. In some cases, the boxes are reusable, but if contaminated with food they belong in the regular trash.

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In the tradition of years gone by, the museum will host daily afternoon teas beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 29 and 31. Special cakes, hot cocoa and coffee will be served, and hand-printed recipes will be distributed.

Visitors can also set and print their own New Year's calling cards at the printing office, or join in holiday services at the village church each day at 1 p.m.

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By Ann Jane Abaray

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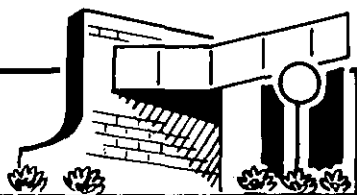
Writers of all levels of expertise can attend the group's first meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the library's board room. The meeting is intended to offer writers a chance to talk about writing, share advice and encouragement and determine a direction for the group.

If there is sufficient interest, meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of every month.

According to Michael Farley, a reference librarian helping to organize the meeting, the library at one time had a writers' group. Recent interest inspired the library to try reviving the organization.

"We know that there are lots of authors in the library's service area, writing both fiction and non-fiction," Farley said. "Writing is a sort of lone endeavor, and it is helpful for these people to be able to come together and to share their experiences and ideas for projects."

People who can't attend the first meeting but are still interested in joining the group should call the library reference desk, Farley said.



New members will be welcome at any time.

For more information, contact Farley at 439-9314.

The directory grew out of a library card file which was printed because of the constant demand for information on local groups and organizations. The free booklet has been published for more than ten years. The file is now computerized for easy annual updating.

Organizations listed reflect the broad range of interests in the community, including art, craft and hobby, children's sports, environmental, seniors and service organizations. Each listing provides a mailing address, phone number, meeting schedule and one or two contact persons, providing a convenient resource for sometimes hard-to-find information.

Stewart's donates to Clarksville program

Stewart's Shops recently marked the opening of a new shop in Clarksville by donating \$2,710 to the town of New Scotland's summer recreation program for Clarksville. The donation matched the total purchases of store items specially priced \$1.82 for the opening day.

The store is the company's 182nd.

Present at a ribbon cutting ceremony were: William P. Dake, president of Stewart's Shops, Craig Shufelt, Peter VanZetten, John Sgarlata and Craig Shufelt, town councilmen, Ray Mackay, town planning board member, Tim Wilder, Stewart's Shops district manager, Herbert Reilly, New Scotland town supervisor, John Fredette, recreation committee member, and Peter Gray, Stewart's Shops manager.

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To enter, contestants should submit one poem of 20 lines or less on any subject and in any style. The deadline for entries is Jan. 31.

Winners will be notified by March 31.

Poems entered in the contest will be considered for publication in the fall 1992 edition of "Treasured Poems of America," a hardcover anthology.

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VanDemark, Trimmer wed

Beth E. VanDemark, daughter of Paul and Phyllis VanDemark of Delmar, and James R. Trimmer Jr. son of Donna Trimmer of Hammond, Ind. and James R. Trimmer Sr. of Griffith, Ind., were married Sept. 14.

Rev. Richard Neal performed the ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

June VanDemark was maid of honor. Mary Brooks, Michelle Brooks and Karen Tucker were bridesmaids.

Chris VanVorse was best man. Bruce Haack, Jeff Hasen and Tom VanDemark were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University of New York at Alfred. She is a teacher at Carol A. Dunigan Day Care Center.

The groom attended the University at Albany. He is manager of The Griffin.

After a wedding trip to Gloucester, Mass. the couple resides in Albany.

On The Senior Side

The First Methodist Church, the Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association and Bethlehem Senior Services' fourth annual community Christmas dinner will be served Christmas Day from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

The turkey dinner is open to anyone. There is no fee and transportation will be provided by Bethlehem Senior Services to individuals over age 60. For information, reservations and transportation, call 439-4955, extension 170.

Senior Services will be accepting reservations for a "55 Alive Safe Driving Course" beginning Thursday, Jan. 2. The course is sponsored by Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Participants must be age 50 or older. There is a course fee of \$10. Those completing the course could be entitled to 10 percent automobile liability and collision insurance discount. Early registration is encouraged due to a limited class size. To register, call 439-4955, extension 170 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Library to display artist's paintings

Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar will host an exhibition of contemporary oil paintings by William B. Strong during January.

For information, call 439-9314.



Tracey Fisher and Brian Rubino

Fisher, Rubino to wed

Bernard and Carol Fisher of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracey A. Fisher, to Brian R. Rubino, son of Robert and Ruth Rubino of North Greenbush.

Fisher is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and is currently attending Empire State College. She is a

secretary for the state Racing and Wagering Board.

Rubino is a graduate of Columbia High School and Siena College. He is an accountant with the state Office of the Aging and a financial consultant for Advantage Capital.

A September wedding is planned.

Samaritans seek crisis volunteers

The Samaritans of the Capital District, the only comprehensive suicide prevention program in the area, is accepting applications for volunteers to staff the group's suicide prevention hotline. Training is scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 27. For information, call 463-2323.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

Happy parenting to all!

Now is the perfect time to begin thinking about New Year's resolutions. Bethlehem Networks Project suggests parents resolve to improve their parenting skills in 1992.

To help, Bethlehem Networks Project is offering a variety of opportunities to improve parenting skills and have fun too.

A new series of Networks STEP/TEEN classes begins Thursday, Jan. 16, and will run for nine weeks. The fall series has ended but was so successful the group decided to meet again for a follow-up class.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m., Bethlehem Networks Project and the Bethlehem Public Library will co-sponsor a free workshop at the library called "Self Esteem — A Family Affair." Learn valuable parenting techniques and enjoy hands-on activities. Judith Hessing, a parent-educator from Albany, Schoharie, Schenectady Boces will discuss how to help children feel loved and capable.

The Bethlehem PTA Presidents' Council and Bethlehem Networks Project will co-sponsor a dynamic speaker, Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., at Bethlehem Central High School. Smollin is a well-known area consultant often heard on local radio shows. Her topic will be "Cornucopia Kids," or "Just Say No." "No" is a small word, but it can be hard to say to your children. It means setting limits, and it means sometimes being unpopular.

For more information, call 439-7740. Happy 1992 and happy parenting to all!



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Mr. and Mrs. John Budzyna

Duggan, Budzyna wed

Deirdre Sweet Duggan, daughter of Susan Duggan, of Newburyport, Mass., and Dennis Duggan of Beverly, Mass., and John Franklin Budzyna, son of Peggy and Fred Budzyna of Glenmont, were married Aug. 10.

Rev. Richard Peace conducted the ceremony at the Hamilton Congregational Church in Hamilton, Mass.

Jennifer Peace was maid of honor. Anne Sullivan, Jennifer Willett, Amy Martin, Nancy Hazelton, Susan Budzyna and Tina Baird were bridesmaids.

Capt. Thomas E. Budzyna was best man. Thomas Thacher, George Delaney, John Willett, Michael Flynn, Mark Kotzin and Cary Fields were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College. She is a teacher at the Jewish Community Center, Stamford, Conn.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Albany. He is pursuing an acting career in New York City.

After a wedding trip to Pennsylvania, the couple resides in Bridgeport, Conn.

Births

Albany Medical Center Hospital

Girl, Stephanie Christine, to Maureen and Stephen Bub, Delmar, Oct. 27.

Girl, Samantha Lynn, to Patricia and Franklin Zabel, Feura Bush, Oct. 29.

Boy, Nicholas Philip, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Bernardo, Delmar, Oct. 30.

Girl, Caroline Anne, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Rogers, Delmar, Oct. 31.

Girl, Claire Aliza, to Margo and Ed Rosen of Delmar, Aug. 22.

Library to show four holiday films

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will show four holiday films for children tomorrow (Thursday), Dec. 26, and Friday, Dec. 27.

Tomorrow, "The Snowman," "Morris's Disappearing Bag," and "The Bears' Christmas" will be shown for preschoolers, beginning at 2 p.m.

On Friday, for children in grades three and up, "A Cry in the Wild" will be presented at 2 p.m.

For information, call 439-9314.



Deborah Linn Scharff

Scharff, Ganley to wed

The bride-to-be is employed at Page Avjet in the accounting department. Her future husband is a project engineer at Robert Ganley Consulting Engineers.

A spring wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scharff of South Bethlehem have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Linn, to Michael Joseph Ganley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ganley of Delmar.

Voorheesville Public Library



By Gail Sacco

Is the hand really quicker than the eye? Pre-schoolers and their families will have a unique opportunity to find out when M.J.'s Magic Theater visits the Voorheesville Public Library. Join us on Monday, Dec. 30, at 10:30 a.m. for "What Is Magic?" and prepare to be enchanted!

The "Food for Fines" program at the library continues through Jan. 15. Take advantage of this great way to pay for overdue books while doing something for your community. During the program, any fines under one dollar can be paid for with a donation of a canned good or other nonperishable food. Fines over a dollar may be paid

with food plus the difference in cash. And of course we'll accept food even if your library fines are all paid up. All groceries will be donated to the Voorheesville area food pantry. Stop by with your contribution soon.

Be sure to stop by before the end of the month to see Marilyn Stacuzzi's collection of antique beverage items. Beer trays, foam scrapers, coasters and jugs are just a few of these relics from bygone days on display.

The library will close on New Year's Eve at 1 p.m. and will be closed all day on Jan. 1. Our best in the New Year to all of our patrons!

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Community Corner

Happy Holidays from the Spotlight Newspapers

The staff at the *The Spotlight* and the *Colonie Spotlight* want to wish you and your family the very best for this season and the year to come.

Have a joyous, happy and safe New Year, and may it bring all the expectations that you have placed upon it.

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Obituaries

Marjorie Crosier

Marjorie Crosier, 72, of Slingerlands died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Crosier was employed as an account clerk for the Civil Service Employees Association in Albany. She retired in 1982.

She was an avid bowler in the American Bowling Association and was a member of the 600 Bowling Club.

The widow of Franklin Crosier, she is survived by two sons, Leroy F. Crosier of Mount Upton, Chenango County, and Glen A. Crosier of Colonie; three sisters, Dorothy Muegge of Schenectady, Evelyn James of Delanson and Ruth Easterly of Altamont; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Services were from Dreis Funeral Home, 89 Second Ave., Albany. Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Paul Lovelace

Paul M. Lovelace, 73, of Route 144 in Bethlehem, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Lovelace was born in Lanesboro, Pa., and lived in the Capital District for many years.

For 26 years, he worked out of Teamsters Local 294.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include five sisters, Tressa Bertrand of Daytona, Fla., Lailah Hadden of Binghamton, Mildred Bound of Liberty, Sullivan County, Margaret Tally of Delmar, and Aiola Denny of Thomson, Pa.

A service was held in the W.J.

Lyons Funeral Home, 1700 Washington Ave., Rensselaer.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

MaryLou Livingston

MaryLou Gifford Livingston, 55, of Pine Street in Voorheesville, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at her home.

Born in Voorheesville, she was a graduate of Voorheesville High School. She was employed by the state Health Department Griffin Laboratories in Guilderland for the last 14 years. She retired in 1991.

Mrs. Livingston was a member of the Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church.

She was the widow of the late Roger Livingston.

Survivors include three sons, Roger Livingston, Robert Livingston, and Jeffrey Livingston; two daughters, Holly Swift and Susan Livingston; and several grandchildren.

Services were from Fredendall Funeral Home, Altamont. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Guilderland.

Contributions can be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service, Inc., Voorheesville 12186 or St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Richard H. Root

Richard H. Root, 58, of Woodridge Road, Delmar, died Thursday, Dec. 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Root was born in Philadelphia, and was a graduate of the

Philadelphia College of Textiles. In 1958 he went to work for Albany International as a special projects engineer in the technical department, and later held various positions in the corporation. After 32 years of service, he retired in 1990 as manager of Technical Support Services.

He was an active member of TAPPI, publishing several articles, as well as being an instructor at the Pressing & Drying Seminar. He was a former member of the Navy Seabees.

He is survived by his wife, Violet Groves Root; two daughters, Mrs. Nancy E. Panza and Barbara A. Root, both of Delmar; three sons, Richard H. Root, Jr. and Douglas A. Root, both of Delmar and Paul H. Root of Marietta, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Kelly of Norristown, Pa., and several grandchildren.

Arrangements were with the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

A service was held in the Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, Adams Street, Delmar, 12054.

Center needs families for foster care

St. Catherine's Center for Children is currently seeking families for their specialized Foster Care Program to serve children in crisis situations.

The program has parents working in a partnership with social workers to receive training and support.

For information, call 453-6700.

RCS

(From Page 1)

been taken over by a fellow faculty member, according to district Superintendent William Schwartz. Schwartz said he will discuss the teacher's future at the school with the district's attorneys.

"We will proceed forward with the actions that we know must be taken in this matter, but at present he has been relieved of his teaching duties," the superintendent said. Schwartz would not comment on whether Kosowsky was still under salary by the district and only repeated that "he had been relieved of his teaching duties."

Wilson said the arrest was made following an interview with Kosowsky at Troop G headquarters on Thursday. The teacher was taken into custody and as of Friday awaited a pretrial hearing in Albany County Jail. Kosowsky was arraigned before Justice Harry Sturges in Coeymans Town Court on Thursday. No bail was set.

Wilson would not release a motive for the attempted poisoning but did say Kosowsky made "certain specific admissions" while being questioned by State Police on Thursday.

For the past two weeks, students and faculty members at RCS had been puzzled by the alleged attempted poisoning. Chocolate "kisses" and jelly candies had been delivered to several faculty members along with an unsigned note during the first week of December. State police launched an investigation on Dec. 4 when one teacher fell ill after eating a piece of the tainted candy.

Last week, investigators released the name of the chemical used to taint the candy - mercuric chloride. The compound is used in laboratory experiments and according to Wilson, a one gram

amount could be deadly to an average size adult. Wilson said the compound was available at science laboratories within the school but would not say if it was found in the teacher's classroom. None of the more than 50 candies tested by the State Police laboratories would individually have had enough poison to be fatal, Wilson said. Several ingested simultaneously would however.

Following the announcement of Kosowsky's arrest, the school's crisis response team met to map out a plan. The team, made up of teachers and administrators trained to deal with emergency or highly emotional situations, will be available to talk with students and faculty members.

"The crisis response team met this morning (Friday) and they will be helping the students and faculty members work through this in any way they can. We have to recognize the need to open the channels of communication and we hope that anyone in the student body, the faculty or the community who would like to talk about this, can," Schwartz said.

"It's difficult to comment on why someone would do something like this, whether that person be in the teaching profession or any other profession," DeFeo said. "As a teacher I think he (Kosowsky) was perceived by the students as being successful in the classroom."

"Our crisis response team will be available as long as it is needed."

Job Corps group adopts Albany class

Students from the Glenmont Job Corps Women in Community Service organization have adopted a second grade class from the Arbor Hill Elementary School.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL
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(2) Sewing Machine Cabinets (woodgrain-formica finish)
(8) Typing desks-fair condition
(29) Student desks-poor condition
(32) Student chairs-poor/very poor condition

Sealed bids for each item will be received no later than Thursday, January 9, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. by the Assistant Superintendent for Business at the above address and then publicly opened and read. Bids must be in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside stating the bid proposal as shown above.

Inspection of items for sale will occur on Tuesday, January 7 1992 between the hours of 12-3 P.M., at the High School.

Voorheesville Central School District
by Mary Van Ryn

LEGAL NOTICE

Clerk
(December 25, 1991)

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 202-b
OF THE TOWN LAW OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ADOPTED AT A REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TOWN
BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,
HELD AT THE TOWN
HALL,
445 DELAWARE AVENUE,
DELMAR, NEW YORK,
ON THE 8TH DAY OF
JANUARY, 1992.**

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has heretofore established Water District No. 1, which includes the Vly Creek Reservoir, Water Purification Plant and storage tanks in New Salem along with an extensive system of water transmission mains and distribution facilities.

A map, plan and report dated November 1991 has been prepared in a manner and detail as determined by the Town Board regarding the proposed expansion of water supply facilities and transmission mains including: new infiltration wells, raw water pumping station and transmission main; a new Water Purification Plant, and finished water transmission main.

The map, plan and report titled "Proposed Expansion of Water Supply Facilities; November 1991" has been filed in the Town Clerk's office in the Town of Bethlehem.

The map, plan and report were prepared by J. Kenneth Fraser and

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Associates, P.C., competent Engineers, Licensed by the State of New York, describing the proposed new facilities, a general plan of construction, estimated cost of the project, and method of financing.

The proposed method of financing the cost of the improvements consists of the issuance of general obligation serial bond of the Town with amortization of principal over a period of twenty (20) years.

The maximum amount proposed to be expended for the proposed expanded Water Supply Facilities is the sum of Ten Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,700,000.00).

The map, plan and report describing the proposed facilities are on file in the Town Clerk's office for public inspection.

The Town Board is desirous of conducting a public hearing regarding the proposed Modifications of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and wishes to give notice thereof by publication and posting as prescribed.

On motion of Councilman Gunner and seconded by Councilwoman Fuller, it is hereby RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem shall meet and hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York at 7:30 p.m. on the 8th day of January, 1992, to consider the aforesaid plan and report and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by Law.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution and Order was put to a vote, the result of which is set forth

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opposite the name of each Board member voting thereon.
(December 25, 1991)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for a new 1500 GPM Class 'A' Pumper/Tank, will be opened at Selkirk Firehouse No. 3, Route 396, South Bethlehem, New York, on January 13, 1991 at 7:45 p.m.

Specifications may be obtained from District Chief Richard Hummel, Glenmont Court, Glenmont, New York 12077, (518)462-6852.

The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire Districts, Selkirk, New York 12158
By/s/
Frank A. With, Secretary
Dated: December 10, 1991
(December 25, 1991)

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
ALBANY COUNTY - NEW
YORK
BOARD OF APPEALS
445 DELAWARE AVENUE
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054
(518)439-4955
OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRMAN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Victorino and Angelis Lopez 128 Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article X, Highway Frontage and Access, Section 128-39, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for an access to develop a parcel of land on the easterly side of the City of Albany's property at premises 128 Elsmere

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7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Stephen and Phyllis Hillinger, 74 Devon Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition to the front of the residence encroaching into the front yard setback at premises 74 Devon Road, Delmar, New York.
Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(December 25, 1991)

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Martin L. Barr
Chairman, Planning Board
(December 25, 1991)

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Avenue, Delmar, New York.
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Family

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY
December 25, 1991

Good Skates!

It's time to hit the ice at area rinks

By Eric Bryant

As the frigid days of winter begin, area town parks and recreation departments are gearing up their facilities to accommodate skaters and cross country skiers.

Officials say a solid two weeks of sub-freezing weather is needed to create safe skating. Residents should contact their local parks and recreation office to confirm whether the rinks are open.

Skating rinks in the towns of Colonie and Bethlehem will be open when weather permits, but early birds can stop by the newly constructed Albany County Hockey Training Facility on Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie.

Due to youth league play and training by the U.S. Olympic team, the facility is
□ ICE SKATING/ page 28



Hitting the ice continues to be a timeless winter tradition, as shown by these photos taken at the Albany County Hockey Training Facility. At left: David McLeon, left, Dolly Kemprowski, Helmut Hirsh and Helen Ghiradella take a spin around the rink. Above: Jennifer Colledge and David McLeon, 4, of Loudonville, take a break.
Elaine McLain

First Night offers entertainment for all ages

Not sure how to ring in the new year? Perhaps a party would do the trick. If so, the biggest party on Dec. 31 will be the sixth annual "First Night" in Albany.

The New Year's Eve event will feature special activities and entertainment for revelers of all ages beginning with the First Night Parade at 6 p.m. on Lark Street.

The slate of entertainment includes "The Cast of Beatlemania," a performance of Ted Tally's "Terra Nova," the Bennington Puppets and fireworks by Alonzo at midnight.

Admission to all the events requires a First Night button, which can be purchased for \$8 before Dec. 28 at several locations in the Capital District including Price Chopper Supermarkets, Albany City Hall, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream stores and Albany Savings banks. Buttons will cost \$10 after Dec. 28. For information, call 426-0759.

The performance by "The Cast of Beatlemania" at the Palace Theatre at 9 p.m. is one of the showcase events of the night. A second \$5 ticket must be purchased to attend the show, said Maureen Duda, city festivals coordinator.

She said the cast performed "Beatlemania" on Broadway. They imitate the

Beatles "completely — both sight and sound," she said. The multimedia show chronicles the band's music from its beginnings through "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

"They put on a great show," Duda said. Seating for the performance is limited to 2,000 and tickets will be sold for \$10 to those without First Night buttons.

For those who like to go "off the beaten path," Duda recommends the Albany Civic Theatre's production of "Terra Nova" at 7 p.m. The theater is located at 235 Second Ave. The play, directed by Christopher Foster, is about Robert Falcon Scott's attempt to reach the South Pole and his search for his destiny. For information, call 462-1297.

Other performances include "The Mardi Gras Mystery" staged by the Path Productions repertory troupe at the Masonic Temple on Lodge Street. The play is an audience participation mystery with the audience deciding the ending.

"Slightly Fractured Fairy Tales" will be produced at the eba Dance Theatre and will include "Teeney Tiny Woman" and "The Moth and the Star." Performances will be at 8, 9 and 10 p.m. at the

□ FIRST NIGHT/ page 24

Comedian Ramsey Meyer, left, and harpist Lucy McCaffrey are just two of the numerous entertainers who are part of the First Night schedule of events.



AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 25**
ALBANY COUNTY
BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

SQUARE DANCE

St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 26**
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIOR CHORALE

Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SARATOGA COUNTY
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27**
ALBANY COUNTY
BABYSITTING COURSE OFFERED

by the American Red Cross, Albany Chapter, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 fee per person, open to students in grades 5-12. Registration, 462-7461, ext. 320.

MOTHER'S DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION CENTERS

offer new hours, Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION CENTERS

offer new hours, Crosstown Plaza Blood Donation Center, Route 7 and Watt Street, Schenectady, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29**
ALBANY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 30**
ALBANY COUNTY
BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SENIORS LUNCHES

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION CENTERS

offer new hours, Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level, Albany, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31**
ALBANY COUNTY
BINGO

Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 1**
ALBANY COUNTY
BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY
SQUARE DANCE

St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION CENTERS

offer new hours, Crosstown Plaza Blood Donation Center, Route 7 and Watt Street, Schenectady, 12:30-6:30 p.m.

First Night

(From page 23)

theater at the corner of Lark Street and Hudson Avenue.

The Albany Berkshire Ballet will perform "Allegro con Moto" and "Pas de Deux" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Albany Arts Studio, 23 Monroe St., at 8 and 9 p.m.

For children, the Bennington Puppets will perform at the Broadway Arcade at 7, 9 and 10:30 p.m., and Cathy Winter will perform at city hall at 7 and 8 p.m.

There will be music for all ages and tastes throughout the night. Among those

scheduled to appear at various locations downtown are: Aged in the Hills, pianist Patrick Pisanello, Opera Excelsior, Out of Control Rhythm and Blues Band, Supa Kumba, The Uptown Cats Dixieland Band and harpist Lucy McCaffrey.

Traveling from event to event will be eased by special shuttle buses, which can be ridden for free by button holders. The First Night Trolley will also provide transportation to several locations. The municipal parking lots will be open throughout the evening for those driving into the city.

State accepting scholarship applications

The state Education Department is currently accepting applications for its 1992-93 Regents Health Care Scholarships in medicine and dentistry.

Legal residents, who will be enrolled in approved programs during the 1992-93 school year, are eligible to apply for these awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year for up to four years of study.

The application deadline is March 1.

For information, call 474-6394.

DINE OUT

A directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining



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story from Grimm's Fairy Tales, Spencertown Academy, Dec. 28, 2 and 4 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

musical, Cohoes Music Hall, through Jan. 5, Thurs.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 9 p.m., Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

TERRA NOVA

drama, Albany Civic Theater, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.; Jan. 3-19, Fri., Sat., Sun. Information, 462-1297.

PEACETIME

world premiere production, Capital Rep., Albany, Jan. 3-Feb. 2 Information, 462-4534.

THE NECKLACE BRISINGAMEN

a tale from Norse mythology, Masque Theater, Troy, through Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Information, 459-4961.

FILMS

MOVIES AT THE MUSEUM

Albany Institute of History & Art, "The Little Prince," Dec. 26, 10 a.m.; "Rainbow War," Dec. 27, 10 a.m. Information, 463-4478.

VISUAL ARTS

LAIGHTON GALLERIES

juried exhibition, Schenectady, Through Jan. 2, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

DREAMSCAPES

series of color photographs, Museum of the Hudson Highlands, Cornwall-on-Hudson, Information, 534-7781.

THE JANES WHO MADE THE PLANES

new exhibit commemorates the 50th anniversary of WW II women aircraft builders, State Museum, Albany, Through June 30, Information, 474-5877.

MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD

features 63 winning entries from the Museum of American Folk Art's International crib quilt contest, State Museum, Albany, Through Jan. 5, Information, 474-5877.

FIBERS OF FAITH-OLD AND NEW

antique and contemporary liturgical fiber art, Visions Gallery, Albany, Through Jan. 30, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

DOROTHY ENGLANDER

exhibition of paintings, drawings and mixed media works, The Albany Center Galleries, through Jan. 3, Information, 462-4775.

THE CLOUDS TO NEW YORK CITY

A Hudson River Journey by Don Nice, Albany Institute of History & Art, through March 8, Information, 463-4478.

PICTURING AMERICA

lithographs by Jacques-Gerard Milbert, Albany Institute of History & Art, through March 8, Information, 463-4478.

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

life and works of 19th century Albany artists, Albany Institute of History and Art, Through May 17, Information, 463-4478.

CHARLES SCHADE

watercolors, Voorheesville Public Library, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

THEY ALSO SERVED

New Yorkers on the Home Front during World War II, illustrates the state's response to the challenges and impact of war, State Museum, Through Dec. 31, Information, 473-8037.

THE DISCOVERY PLACE

hands-on learning center, State Museum, Albany, Daily 2-4:30 p.m., Sat., Sun. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

TYPE PICTURES

original abstractions by Albert Schiller, Waterfall Gallery, Rensselaerville, Information, 797-3671.

TRUMBULL PORTRAIT

temporary loan, Schuyler Mansion, through Jan. 24, Information, 434-0834.

TOURS

HART-CLUETT MANSION

of the Rensselaer County Historical Society, adult tours, Tues.-Fri., with an occasional Sat. tour. Reservations, 272-7232.

WORKSHOPS

DIGGIN' INTO OUR PAST

A Family Archeology Workshop, State Museum, Albany, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Information, 474-5801.

MUSIC

KEYBOARD MUSIC, 1840's-1870's

family songs from the mid-1800's, Keyboard Music, 1970's-1910, State Museum, Albany, Jan. 12, 2-2:45 p.m., 3:30-4:15 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

ONE HEART

Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuxe, every Thursday, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at Monaco's Village Inn, Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

SKIP PARSONS' RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND

second weekend, every month, The Fountain, Albany, Information, 439-2310.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

HOLIDAY MAGIC SPECTACULAR

illusion with music, pantomime and comedy, Proctor's Schenectady, Dec. 27, 7 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

FESTIVALS

WINTER'S TALES

family holiday festival, State Museum, Albany, Dec. 26-29, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

AUDITIONS

PERFORMANCE AND TECHNICAL INTERNS

send resumes to: Heritage Artist, Cohoes Music Hall, PO Box 586, Cohoes, N.Y. 12047.

Jungle Fever



Disney's "The Jungle Book" will be the featured Kid Pix film at the New York State Museum on Saturday, Jan. 4, and Sunday, Jan. 5, at 1 and 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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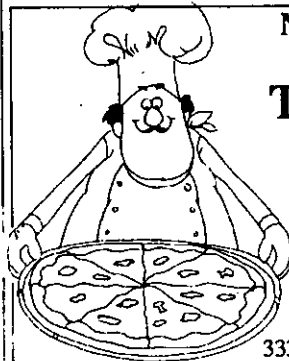
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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 25

BETHLEHEM

TOWN OFFICES, PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AND LANDFILL CLOSED
Information, 439-4955.THURSDAY
DECEMBER 26

BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICESParks and Recreation Office,
Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information,
439-0503.BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
meet every Thursday at
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30
p.m. Information, 439-4955.OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
meeting every Thursday, First
United Methodist Church,
Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.
Information, 439-9976.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
CHURCH85 Elm Ave., Thursdays, Bible
study, 10 a.m., Creator's
Crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior
choir, 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4328.BOWLING
sponsored by Bethlehem
Support Group, for parents of
handicapped students, Del
Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday,
4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-
7880.WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women
and new mothers, call for a
Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Information, 785-9640.KABBALAH CLASS
In Jewish mysticism, every
Thursday, Delmar Chabad
Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-8280.FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27

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. Information,
439-9976.WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women
and new mothers, call for a
Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Information, 785-9640.CHABAD CENTER
services and discussion followed
by kiddush, Fridays at sunset,
109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-8280.SATURDAY
DECEMBER 28

BETHLEHEM

WINTER WILDLIFE PROGRAMS
led by naturalists. Five Rivers
Environmental Education
Center, Game Farm Road,
Delmar, 2 p.m. Participants
should dress for outdoors.
Information, 475-0291.WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women
and new mothers, call for a
Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Information, 785-9640.CHABAD CENTER
services followed by kiddush,
109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30
a.m. Information, 439-8280.SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29

BETHLEHEM

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
sponsored by Albany County
Women's Republican Club and
Bethlehem Women's
Republican Club, to celebrate
election victories. Normanside
Country Club, Delmar. Cocktails
1 p.m., meal, 2 p.m.
Information, 455-2458 or 439-
0632.WINTER WILDLIFE PROGRAMS
led by naturalists. Five Rivers
Environmental Education
Center, Game Farm Road,
Delmar, 2 p.m. Participants
should dress for outdoors.
Information, 475-0291.BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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.BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY
CHURCH
morning worship service, nursery
provided 10:30 a.m. Sunday
school 9 a.m. Evening
fellowship, 6 p.m., 201 Elm Ave.,
Delmar. Information 439-3135.BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30
a.m., Sunday school 9:15 a.m.
Nursery care available 8 a.m.-
noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-4328.DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
worship and Sunday school,
nursery provided, 9 and 11 a.m.,
adult education and children's
program, 10-10:50 a.m. Nursery
care available, 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, 585
Delaware Ave., Delmar.
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.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,
767-2243.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, 428
Kenwood Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-9976.GLENMONT REFORMED
CHURCH
worship, 11 a.m., nursery care
provided, Sunday school, 10
a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont
Information, 436-7710.NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.,
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, church school,
10 a.m.; fellowship hour and
adult education programs,
nursery care provided, 1499
New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.
Information, 439-1766.SOLID ROCK CHURCH
1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont,
worship 11 a.m. Information,
439-4314.SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship, 11 a.m., followed by
coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave.,
South Bethlehem. Information,
767-9953.UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship, 10
a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar.
Information, 438-7740.LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
worship meeting, Bethlehem
Grange Hall 137, Rt. 396.
Beckers Corners. 11 a.m.
Information, 235-1298.BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL
SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM
Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Local
artists exhibits. Information, 436-
8289.

NEW SCOTLAND

JERUSALEM REFORMED
CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
Worship 10:30 a.m., followed by
coffee hour, Route 32, Feura
Bush. Information, 732-7047.CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour
following service, nursery care
provided, Clarksville.
Information, 768-2916.FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
church school. Information, 765-
2895.MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Bible hour for children and
adults, 9:15 a.m., worship
service, 10:30 a.m., evening
service, 6:30 p.m. nursery care
provided for Sunday services,
Rt. 155, Voorheesville.
Information, 765-3390.NEW SALEM REFORMED
CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., nursery
care provided, Routes 85 and
85A, New Salem. Information,
439-6179.ONESQUETHAW CHURCH
worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45
a.m., Sunday school, Tarrytown
Rd., Feura Bush. Information,
768-2133.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, 10:30 a.m., followed by
fellowship time, Delaware
Tnpk., Delmar. Information, 439-
5001.

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**MONDAY
DECEMBER 30**

BETHLEHEM

MOTHER'S TIME OUT

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

DELMAR KIWANIS

meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

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.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

provides volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South, information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31**

BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

DELMAR ROTARY

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 1**

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

meets first and third Wednesdays, Normansville Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Information, 767-2886.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

WELCOME WAGON

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, evening prayer and Bible study, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, information, 765-2109.

MOUNTAINVIEW

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

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 2**

BETHLEHEM

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.

KABBALAH CLASS

In Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 Elm Ave., Delmar, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Winter takes warmer glow with summer theater news

While most of us are celebrating the Christmas holidays and feeling the rigors of the first days of winter, the folks at the Mac-Haydn Theater in Chatham are thinking warmer thoughts with their announcement of the 1992 summer season.

Subscribers and groups have received mail from the theater's Dee Lashway which announces six of the seven shows scheduled next summer. New to the theater's schedule will be the opening production on May 20 of *Nunsense* and a midsummer three-week presentation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Evita*.

The theater will reprise *The King and I* (June 3), *La Cage aux Folles* (July 22), *Camelot* (Aug. 12) and *Oliver* (Sept. 2). There's still an unfilled slot of two weeks, beginning June 17, that hasn't been filled. It'll probably be a musical that has proved popular in the previous 21 years at the Columbia County arena theater.

During its history, the Mac-Haydn Theater (named for co-producers Linda MacNish and Lynn Haydn) has concentrated on bringing Broadway musicals to the area. During its more than two decades of operation as one of the few theaters in the country devoted to doing musical comedy exclusively, Mac-Haydn has repeated some shows up to four times but has found an audience which enjoys seeing popular musicals a second or third time.



Martin P. Kelly

At the end of each summer, the audience is polled and the results help the producers select the next season. One such example is the scheduling of *La Cage aux Folles* for three weeks this summer. It proved to be the most popular request at the end of last summer even though it was done less than four years ago at the theater.

In early March, co-producers MacNish and Haydn will be travelling to Boston, New York and Nashville where auditions are held for actors wishing to work in summer theater. A number of theaters throughout the country conduct these auditions on a collective basis.

But, right now, efforts at Mac-Haydn are concentrated at acquainting patrons with the new schedule. Efforts are directed towards groups which, during the summer, come from throughout New England and New York State to attend performances. They form a strong audience base for the theater. For more info, call 392-9292.

Capital Rep solves financial problem with co-production

When *Peacetime* opens Friday in the first of three "Pay What You Will" performances scheduled by the Capital Repertory Company prior to the official opening January 3, it will mark the first alliance by the Albany-based Equity theater with a New York City troupe in producing a world premiere.

Because of the large cast and the expense of doing a new show, it would be prohibitive in cost for either Capital Rep or the WPA Theater in New York to do this show on their own. With the two theaters collaborating in casting and in scenery, costumes and props, the play by Elaine Berman will be done here and in New York.

Peacetime is a play about a World War 1 veteran trying to rehabilitate himself in his Jewish neighborhood in New York. His slow recovery from poison gas suffered in trench warfare impedes his dreams and passion for life. Berman's play shows Morris Singer, the veteran, finding love and fulfillment amid his boisterous family's loving protection. Berman has had plays produced around the country and more recently, a children's play, *Go Jump In The Lake*, at the Long Wharf Theater in New Haven.

Pamela Berfin, the director of three previous productions at Capital Rep, will stage this new play. She has directed extensively in regional theaters and did the original production of *Steel Magnolias* in New York and more recently did the Broadway comedy, *The Cemetery Club*.

When the production finishes in Albany Feb. 2, cast, set, costumes and props from Capital Rep will be brought to New York for the presentation there.

The "Pay What You Will" performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 27-29) will be followed by three preview performances Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2. For more info, call 462-4534.

AROUND THEATERS!

Holiday Magic Spectacular, a variety show with music and magic for the family, Friday at 7 p.m. (Dec. 27) at Proctor's Theater, Schenectady (346-6204)... *Little Shop of Horrors*, through Jan. 5, at Cohoes Music Hall. (235-7969).

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(From page 23)

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The Town of Bethlehem will once again operate two rinks at the Elm Avenue Park, said Noreen Deleskiewicz of the Parks and Recreation Department. A rink for general skating will be located near the tennis courts. A second rink for hockey will be on the basketball courts.

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During the winter months, the town will also run a recorded message (439-4131) telling residents the condition of the rinks. Cross country skiing is also permitted throughout the park.

The Town of Colonie operates 11 skating rinks for town residents, according to James Zambardino, superintendent of Parks and Recreation. They are:

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All rinks are supervised and warming sheds will be provided. Colonie also has a recorded message (785-4301) notifying residents of rink conditions.

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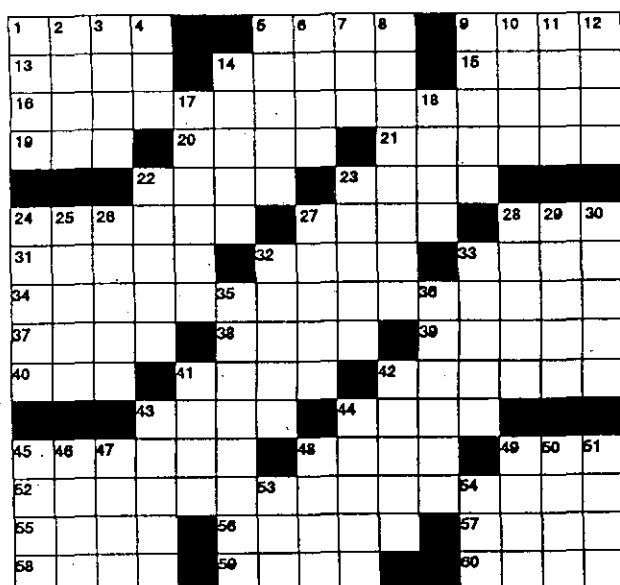
Weekly Crossword

"SEASON'S GREETINGS"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Cover
- 5 Selves
- 9 Dining room fare
- 13 Comfort
- 14 Foe
- 15 Grease job
- 16 Dickens' gift
- 19 Obit word
- 20 Fr. Saints
- 21 Slipped
- 22 Boozer?
- 23 Actor Parker
- 24 Female given name: Plural
- 27 Alike
- 28 Saratoga, eg.
- 31 Leaning
- 32 Opposed
- 33 Red & Black
- 34 Annual bloomer
- 37 Motored
- 38 Puerto
- 39 Gosling's Mom
- 40 CIA preceeder
- 41 Deer horns
- 42 Poem with 14 lines
- 43 Bee house
- 44 Jacque's father
- 45 Erode
- 48 State of unconsciousness
- 49 Stuart's nickname
- 52 Pere Noel
- 55 Region
- 56 Chairs
- 57 Lily white
- 58 Flag maker
- 59 Sins
- 60 Play the lead

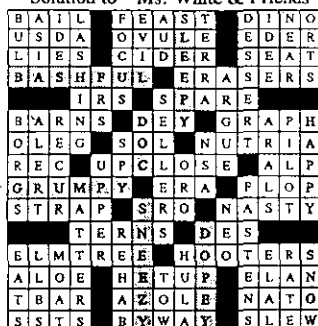


- DOWN**
- 1 Free from dependence
 - 2 Indy event
 - 3 Tennis ace
 - 4 Each
 - 5 Pop in
 - 6 Jewels
 - 7 Orderly Mktg. Agreement

- 8 Relating to the whole body
- 9 English 101, eg
- 10 Injure
- 11 Woodwind instrument
- 12 Tuesday
- 14 Mr. Kefauver
- 17 Small islands
- 18 Lawsuit
- 22 Kate's housemate
- 23 Beerbelly
- 24 Very large
- 25 One of the Musketeers
- 26 Pelicans, eg
- 27 Pretzel, eg
- 28 Hall
- 29 Rest
- 30 Nest egg
- 32 Priestly vestment
- 33 Rich biscuit
- 35 Ski term
- 36 Greek meeting places
- 41 Tease
- 42 Trucks

- 43 Laugh track words
- 44 Sweet wines
- 45 Distant
- 46 Comes before graph or meter
- 47 Hwys.
- 48 Burn
- 49 Indecent language
- 50 Scarlett's house
- 51 friendly
- 53 Comes before "TAIN": For sure
- 54 Wigwags for short

Solution to "Ms. White & Friends"



SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan

If your New Year's resolution was to get a job, there are new state regulations you will want to become familiar with.

According to a new child labor law, no minor between the ages of 15 and 18 may work later than 10 p.m. on school nights without the consent of their parents and school.

Students ages 16 and 17 may work only four hours on school nights and eight hours on other days. Those students under 16 may work only three hours on school nights and eight hours on other days.

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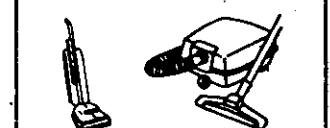
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