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Junk site man stands ground

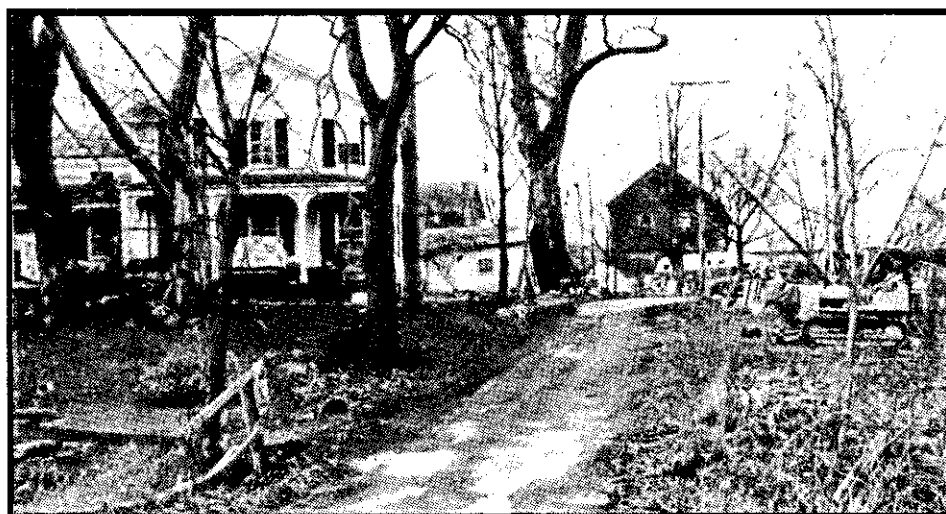
By Dev Tobin

The clock has run out, but Don Terhune is refusing to vacate his home next to New Scotland Town Hall.

"I'm not complying with the order," he said Monday. "As far as I'm concerned, it's blackmail."

If he doesn't leave, he could be arrested and the fines and the jail term would go back on.

Herb Reilly



Farmer Don Terhune and his family may be evicted from this farmhouse in an ongoing dispute with New Scotland over junk.

After more than five years of jawboning and court actions, Terhune was due yesterday (Tuesday) to vacate the 81-acre farm, which straddles Youmans Road just west of town hall on Route 85.

In accordance with the latest court decision, Terhune and four of his children were to be evicted because of long-standing violations of the town's zoning law, junk ordinance and junk car ordinance.

Terhune was given 45 days from Sept.

24 to move his belongings from the property and an additional 30 days to remove hay from his barns. State Supreme Court Judge Edward Conway held in abeyance a 30-day jail term for contempt and more than \$75,000 in fines.

"The town railroaded me into some-

thing I didn't want to agree to," Terhune said. "I was just trying to keep my kids out of foster homes."

"There are hundreds of people doing the same thing," he said of his property's condition. Terhune charged that he was being selectively prosecuted because the town wants to acquire his family's farm.

"The town wanted this property for a park in the 1960s when Willis McIntosh was supervisor, and it still wants it today,"

□ JUNK/page 22

Aiken says Moquin may drink again

By Dev Tobin

A drunken driver who killed a Delmar girl has been paroled from her three to nine year prison sentence for manslaughter, and a national leader in the fight against DWI is less than pleased.

Deborah Moquin, 41, served five years of her sentence. She pleaded guilty to manslaughter for killing 15-year-old Cathleen Quinn in a head-on collision on Route 85 in Slingerlands on Aug. 8, 1987.

Moquin had a long history of alcohol abuse, according to Doris Aiken, founder and president of RID-USA, and programs in prison may have helped her, but "the longer she's kept away from easy access to alcohol, the better her chances of recovery."

Aiken noted that recovery rates for older alcoholics are lower than for young alcoholics. "I wouldn't want to bet on Moquin. I hope they have an ardent parole officer available for her," she said.

□ AIKEN/page 22

Down and dirty



Howard Vicks, a state environmental engineer, examines a bucket of roofing tar during an inspection of possible contaminants at the North Street Landfill on Monday.

Mel Hyman

Bethlehem sets table for 200 holiday guests

By Susan Graves

This year the Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner may be the perfect kick-off for the town's bicentennial celebration. Volunteers are expecting about 200 people to be part of the fifth annual holiday ham and turkey dinner at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

"Most of the food is already donated, and the wonderful folks at the Job Corps are going to cook for us," said Vin Gazzetta, a community volunteer, who remembers the first event when 45 meals were served.

On Christmas Day this year, more than that number — 50 dinners — will probably be delivered to shut-ins in town, he said. People who would like to have a meal delivered should call Gazzetta at 439-2008



Gazzetta



Becker

on weekends or evenings or Joyce Becker at Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services at 439-4955 on weekdays. Residents should arrange for delivery or for transportation to the dinner by Dec. 18.

Becker said that, although most of the food has already been donated, there is still a need for volunteers.

"What we do need is community residents to deliver meals to cut down on the length of time" to reach all parts of town, she said. Volunteers can expect to spend about an hour of their day to help with deliveries. Meals will be delivered between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Greeters are also needed to welcome guests who come to the church. The Christmas celebration begins at 1:30 for a

□ GUESTS/page 22

Coeymans probable target for regional landfill site

By Mel Hyman

A decision is expected within the next week or two on the preferred site for a regional landfill serving the Capital District area, and indications are that it won't be in Bethlehem.

A local official, who asked not to be identified, said that the signs coming from Albany officials pointed to the town of Coeymans as the lucky recipient.

Two sites in Coeymans and one in Bethlehem, near Beaver Dam Road, are the three locations still being considered. Originally, 14 sites in Albany County were under consideration, with nine of them in Bethlehem.

A recommendation from the consulting firm of C.T. Male Associates is expected within days, and a formal decision is likely to be released by mid-December, according to Willard Bruce, director of the City of Albany Planning Department.

Albany is taking the lead in the search for a regional landfill because its current dump on Rapp Road is rapidly filling up. Moreover, the Albany ANSWERS plant is in serious need of upgrading and may be forced to close by 1995 unless it is revamped or sold.

Bethlehem's landfill, along with most of the landfills owned by communities participating in AN-

SWERS, was forced to close in the 1980s because of tougher state environmental standards.

The ANSWERS plant shreds household and commercial waste into two-inch squares that are burned at an incinerator. The boiler ash, along with non-burnable items that cannot be recycled, are sent to the landfill.

While Bruce insisted that none of the three sites had been ruled out, he acknowledged that the willingness of property owners to go along with the plan was an important criteria.

To date, the farmers and residential property owners living in the vicinity of Beaver Dam Road have been adamantly opposed to the idea of a dump, even if it was a state-of-the-art facility with virtually no chance that it could defile the countryside.

Selkirk farmer G. Clifford Lasher, who received a letter from the Albany ANSWERS Waste Planning Unit earlier this year, responded that he had no intention of selling any of his 101-acre vegetable farm. "I feel that the highest and best use of this property is for agricultural purposes and definitely not a landfill," he said.

Albany planning officials have been meeting with solid waste officials from the state Department of Environmental Conservation

regarding the regional landfill issue.

Irv Bonsel, EnCon senior environmental engineer, said state officials had no role in site selection, although it was generally accepted that local officials looked askance at areas where "They're going to fight us every inch of the way."

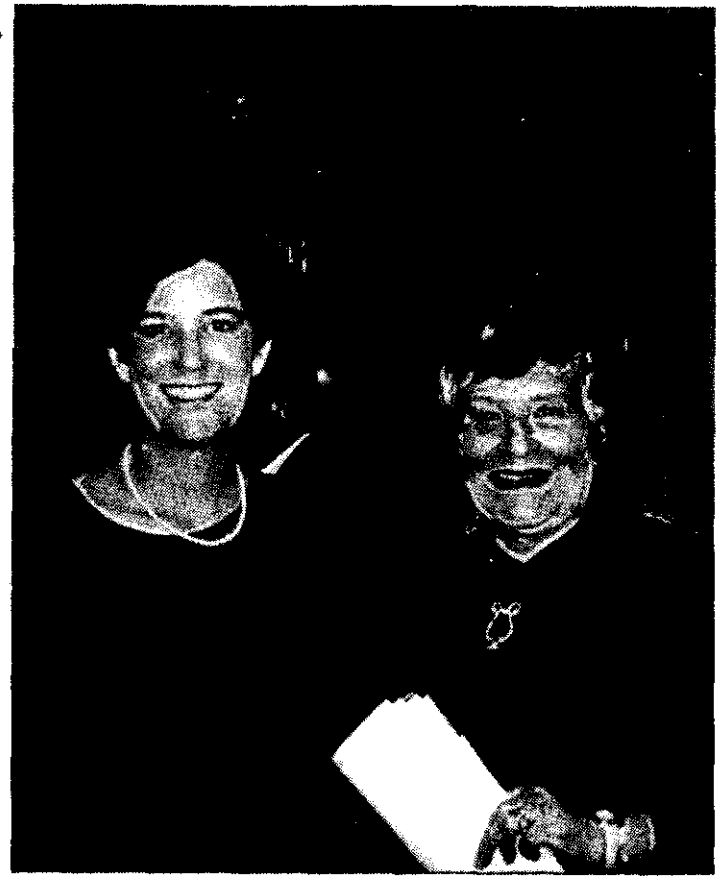
The city has already canvassed the Selkirk and northern Coeymans areas for "willing sellers," said Eldred Rich, EnCon regional engineer. The reception among landholders in Coeymans has reportedly been much more favorable.

Since Albany ANSWERS represents a consortium of communities, it's doubtful that the city could acquire any land by eminent domain, Rich said.

The city is looking to acquire about 300 acres for a new landfill and a "generous" buffer zone around it, he said. Such a facility would be expected to have a useful life of about 20 years.

"I'm sure they're trying to do it as quickly as possible," he said. The Rapp Road landfill is operating under an interim permit from EnCon that has "somewhere around two years to run... They're under a considerable amount of pressure to get a new landfill up and running before they use up the old one."

Christmas concert



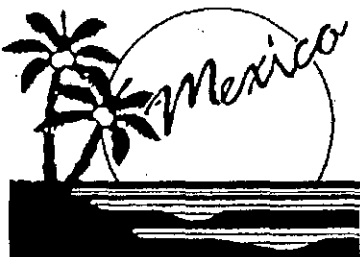
Mildred Stahl, left, director of the Delmar Community Orchestra, and Marie Franke, soprano, plan the orchestra's upcoming Christmas Concert. The event, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, will include selections from "The Nutcracker," as well as such holiday favorites as "Winter Wonderland" and "O Holy Night." Franke will be the soloist, and will lead a sing-a-long of Christmas carols.

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Santa satisfaction



Santa, captured above with Elizabeth and James Corbett of Glenmont during a recent visit to Delaware Plaza on Delaware Avenue, is scheduled to reappear at the shopping center between noon and 3 p.m. each of the next two Saturdays, Dec. 12 and 19. Elaine McLain

BC school board debates engineering course cost

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central will offer a new engineering course next year, and its teacher will be beating the bushes for funding during his sabbatical next semester.

At last Wednesday's meeting, the board discussed changes in next year's high school curriculum. It approved the new Principles of Engineering course, a new Russian I course, a new course on America's Major Conflicts (the Civil War and World War II), the expansion of advanced photography to a full year, and the deletion of Experiencing Spanish, Metal Technology and Building Construction.

Technology teacher Bob Peters said that the new engineering course would provide instruction on practical technological appli-

cations for the math and science high school students are taking.

Peters asked the school board for a commitment of \$25,000 for new machine tools, computers and software for the course, but the

confident he could teach the course if no outside fund sources are found.

Harvith suggested setting up an advisory committee of people from area technological firms to help in the fund-raising process.

"Business people are clamoring for us to do this," he said. "We ought to try to get a couple of hundred thousand for this."

Peters said he would be spending most of his upcoming sabbatical preparing for the engineering course. Besides fund-raising, he will be consulting with college

I can guarantee this will be successful. I'll even write Ross Perot a letter. If he can blow all the money he did on an election, maybe he can help us.

Bob Peters

board reduced that to \$7,500, citing an uncertain budget picture for next year.

"I have a problem balancing this with all the other technology needs we have," said board member Bernard Harvith. "It is hard to commit \$25,000 before we do the budget for next year."

In this year's budget, the district is slated to spend \$30,000 to upgrade instructional technology, Superintendent Leslie Loomis pointed out.

Peters argued that the district is "seriously lacking in computers and technology," and vowed to raise the necessary funds from corporate and government sources during his upcoming sabbatical.

"I can guarantee this will be successful," he assured the members of the board. "I'll even write Ross Perot a letter. If he can blow all the money he did on an election, maybe he can help us."

Even with just the \$7,500 from the district and the donation of a few computers, Peters said he was

professors and area high school teachers who have taught the course.

"I need to learn how to use some of this stuff myself," he said, referring to the CAD/CAM software that runs machine tools for more precise manufacturing.

In the discussion of the new Russian course, Harvith asked whether the district is committing to complete the Regents sequence (through Russian III) even if only a handful of students want to continue their studies.

There will be no specific commitment to additional courses, according to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Judith Wooster.

"If we get enough interest, then a need for Russian II will develop," said Dr. Jon Hunter, BCHS principal. "I think there will be a strong student response."

The Russian course, and a Russian Club that will begin next semester, are supported in part by a three-year grant from the State Education Department.

Bethlehem plumbs for bypass funds

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem officials are persevering in their quest for federal funding for road projects in Slingerlands and Selkirk, but they face a lot of competition.

About \$100 million should be available for local highway projects in the greater Capital District area, said John Poorman, staff director of the Capital District Transportation Committee. Competing for this pot of money are about 50 to 60 projects. A list of recommended sites is expected to be sent to the state Department of Transportation by April 1.

"I'd say we have about four to five times the number of projects that we could actually fund," Poorman said.

Bethlehem has tried for several years to obtain the necessary cash to build a bypass around the congested parts of Slingerlands. Supervisor Kenneth Ringler said the town's recent application for funding was nothing new, although he hoped that the town's chances would be better next year since Congress approved a multi-billion dollar surface transportation act

last November.

The proposed Slingerlands Bypass would extend Route 85 to Cherry Avenue Extension and "around the whole of Slingerlands if we could get the money," Ringler said.

Rush hour traffic congestion has been a longstanding problem in the New Scotland Road/Route 85 area. The CDTC recently placed the area on its high priority list, according to Poorman, after it was dropped from the list in 1981.

In the southern part of town, a

bypass around the hamlet of Selkirk would please a lot of people.

The proposed Selkirk Bypass would divert traffic from Route 396, which dissects the hamlet. Residents and businesses have long suffered from large numbers of trucks barreling down the two-lane road at all hours of the day and night. Besides the noise, residents have complained that they risk life and limb when crossing the roadway.

The expected cost of the Selkirk bypass would be \$15 to \$20 million.

Sherman succeeds Ross as GOP minority leader

By Kathleen Shapiro

Newly-elected Legislative Minority Leader Jay Sherman said Monday he will hold off announcing his goals for the new year in order to concentrate on the ongoing budget battle between the legislature and Albany County Executive Michael Hoblock.



Sherman

"Right now I'm focusing all my attention on the budget," said the Colonie lawmaker, who was chosen by Albany County Republicans as their new minority leader Sunday night. He will succeed current GOP leader James Ross of Delmar, who recently announced his resignation due to time constraints.

Although several fellow lawmakers had expressed a tentative interest in the position, Sherman, who had lobbied heavily for the

post, was the only official nominee at Sunday's meeting of Republican legislators.

"I was able to elicit their support, and I'm very grateful," said the political veteran, who was recently elected to his fourth county legislative term. "I hope to reward their faith in me."

Ross, who will give up the minority leadership seat on Dec. 31, wished his successor well. "He has the stamina, determination and commitment to lead the minority," said the Bethlehem lawmaker, who will continue to serve as a member of the legislature.

Sherman, a former Colonie Town Board member and current head of the Colonie Industrial Development Agency, also received support from county leaders outside the legislature.

"I hope he'll continue to work with the county executive and the minority members of the legislature the way Jim Ross has," said Albany County Republican Chairman George Scaringe. "If he does that, he'll do a good job."

Spotlight winners take home \$2,000

As part of its annual Christmas Cash Giveaway, Spotlight Newspapers earlier this week gave away \$2,000 in holiday gift certificates to local shoppers.

The 11 winners of the first drawing, which was held Monday, walked away with a total of 20 \$100 Spotlight gift certificates. Fay DeTraglia of Greenfield Center was the first prize winner, picking up \$500 worth of certificates. A second prize of \$300 in holiday gift vouchers went to Krista Whiting of Delmar. Three third prize winners — Ethel Gibson of Schenectady, Denise Corsaro of Albany and Terri Picarazzi of Selkirk — were presented with \$200 worth of gift coupons. In fourth place, Jean Gardner of Delmar, Dawn Liberatore of Schenectady, Alessandro Russo of Colonie, Bonnie Turner of Clarksville, Elizabeth Costanza of West Coxsackie and Evelyn Herr of Delmar each took home certificates worth \$100.

There will be a second drawing for another \$2,000 in gift certificates on Friday, Dec. 18.

Prizes are redeemable only at participating stores, listed on the back page of *The Spotlight's* Christmas Shopping Gift Guide included in this week's paper. Entry blanks are also available from participating merchants.

Only one entry per store is allowed. Entrants must be over 18. Spotlight Newspaper employees and their families are not eligible.

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Firs for football



Bethlehem Football Boosters, from left, Joe Capobianco, Jason Greer, Jason Seward, Jim Boyle, Rob Kind and Shawn Martin, sell Christmas trees last weekend at the middle school. The sale continues Dec. 12, 13, 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the BC football program.

Elaine McLain

Town sets up special boxes for kids to send letters to Santa

"Dear Santa" mail boxes are now set up in the elementary schools, the Bethlehem Public Library and the McDonald's on Delaware Avenue.

Det. Jim Corbett of the Betle-

hem Police Department said the last day to deposit mail for Santa is Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Santa's senior citizen volunteers will make sure that each letter writer receives an individual re-

ply.

Parents and relatives can also place a child's name in mail boxes.

The Interim Development Density law requires lots for single family homes in an "AAA" District

BETHLEHEM

Board likely to keep lid on lot size restrictions

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem Town Board later this month is expected to extend the temporary law increasing the minimum lot size area and lot width requirements for new residential projects.

In December 1989, the board enacted a local law superseding the zoning code in order to control the density of housing developments while a special task force completed a master plan for the town.

A majority of the board appears to favor extending the law, which expires on Dec. 31, and has been in effect for the past three years.

"Our lot sizes should be comparable to those of other suburban communities," said Supervisor Kenneth Ringler. "If you look around, in some parts of town you'll see very large homes on relatively small lots. Some communities have gone overboard with their required lot sizes. But, at the same time, we want to preserve the character of our town."

When the town master plan is announced in March, it is expected to have recommendations on revisions to the zoning code that affect lot sizes. "Our lots should remain at least as large as what's contained in the interim law," Ringler said.

to contain a minimum of 35,000 square feet. A minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet is required for single family homes in an "AA" and "AR" District.

Many developers opposed to large lot sizes have complained that it adds to the cost of housing and discourages construction of affordable homes in the town.

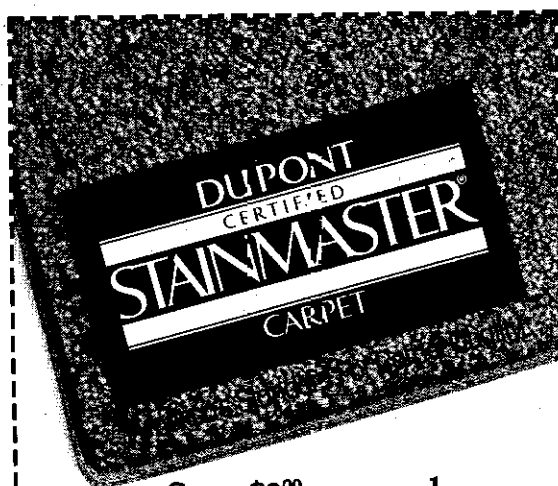
Perhaps something could be added to the zoning code that allows exceptions to be made for low and middle income housing developments, Ringler said.

"People want to see the larger lot sizes," says Councilman Frederick Webster. "They want to see subdivisions that take the environment into consideration and provide for an adequate amount of open space. You drive through some areas and see 3,500 square foot homes on a 9,000 square foot lot. That's just not appropriate."

Councilman Charles Gunner said that while he was not opposed to the idea of an extension, he wanted to know if it would be more advisable to grant it for six months rather than a year. "I guess I'd like to know the status of LUMAC, because I'm surprised that it's taken them so long to get their information."

"I'm opposed to extending any of the interim acts," said Councilwoman Sheila Galvin. "I think there was justification at the beginning but after a year or a year-and-a-half, we're just keeping people in limbo. At this point I feel they've dragged on for too long."

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Glenmont postal workers, from left, Rich Baldwin, Jeanine Carpenter, Clarence Brisee, Dave Kroll, Jeff Gardner and Bev McGaughan, show off some of the more than one ton of food collected by carriers to be donated to local food pantries.

Elaine McLain

Bethlehem police arrest six on DWI charges

Bethlehem police had a busy week, arresting six drivers for driving while intoxicated.

Kevin M. O'Connell, 35, of RD 3, Selkirk, was stopped at 7:37 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, on Maple Avenue near Whitehead Street, police said. He was also charged with a felony count of driving while intoxicated, and was released pending a Dec. 15 appearance in town court.

Charles H. Sims, 52, of Green River, Wyo., was stopped at 1:55 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, on Route 9W near Beacon Road, police said. He was charged with failure to keep right and DWI, and was released pending a Dec. 15 appearance in town court.

Kevin R. Bestler, 27, of 351 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, was stopped at 1:55 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, on Elsmere Avenue, police said. He was charged with failure to keep right and DWI, according to Sgt. Joseph Sleurs.

He was released pending a Dec. 15 appearance in town court.

Sherry A. Lewis, 43, of 9B Tice Lane, Glenmont, was stopped at 4:54 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, on Patterson Road near Tice Lane, police said.

She was charged with failure to keep right and a felony count of DWI. She was released pending a Dec. 15 appearance in town court.

Timothy L. Tychi, 36, of 408 Elkin Court, Delmar, was stopped at 12:39 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, on Cherry Avenue, police said. He was charged with DWI and a felony count of aggravated, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, according to police records.

He was released pending a Dec. 15 appearance in town court.

Audrey L. Jenkins, 24, of 83 Krumkill Road, Albany, was stopped at 1:46 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, on Elm Avenue near Wexford Road, police said. She was charged with failure to signal, DWI and failure to drive within the pavement markings. She was released pending a Dec. 15 appearance in town court.

Board looks to end subdivision limits

By Mel Hyman

It's the consensus of the Bethlehem Town Board that the temporary limitation on subdivision size not be extended when it comes up for renewal in February.

A majority of board members said last week that they would not be in favor of extending the 25-lot limit on the number of housing units that can be approved by the town.

Under the legislation, originally passed by the town board in February 1990, a project developer must wait at least one year before seeking site plan approval for another section once the 25-lot limit has been reached.

"My personal feeling is that it should probably not be extended," said Councilman Frederick Webster. "I don't see the need for it. Why extend it for another year when the problem doesn't exist anymore?"

"There's no building explosion taking place," he noted. "Things have quieted down."

While there has continued to be an increase in the number of building permits issued in Bethlehem, there are only a handful of projects that can be considered large scale.

Town planner Jeff Lipnick said the Terramere subdivision and the Meadowbrook townhouse project

were the only developments now before the Planning Board that could be affected.

Terramere is an upscale housing community planned for a 133-acre parcel between McCormack Road, New Scotland Road and Cherry Avenue. It would consist of 22 estate-style homes and 43 single-family units.

The other project that could benefit from lifting the moratorium is Meadowbrook, a townhouse/condominium project that has been on the table since 1984.

The other board members who have lined up against extending the building moratorium are Supervisor Kenneth Ringler, Sheila Galvin and Sheila Fuller.

"At this point I'm not in favor of extending it," Fuller said. "We've already extended it once and that's probably enough."

Gary Swan, vice chairman of the planning board, said that whatever impact the limited moratorium might have had was blunted by the weak economy. "A number of developers have put off their plans over the past few years" because of the recession.

Councilman Charles Gunner said he wanted to see the facts and figures on new construction before making up his mind. "We haven't talked about this since we renewed it last year."

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Matters of Opinion

'Jobs, jobs, jobs!'

President Bush's justly famed war cry declaring his intent to retain his own job while producing more of the same, is being echoed in the halls of Albany County statecraft this joyous season.

The heavy-handed maneuvering going on in the county's budget showdown between the Republican County Executive and his loyal opposition comes into focus at last. Jobs constitute the fulcrum on which the fiscal lever teeters. Not new jobs, not jobs created for the sake of a healthier economy—but patronage jobs preserved for a healthier Democratic party.

County Executive Hoblock, functioning daily in crisis circumstances, has consistently denounced for the past year a swollen payroll. He has taken aim on hundreds of people whose presence has no particular relationship to ability, competence, or needed services. Their numbers, he insists, must be sharply reduced if the county is to remain solvent. His 1993 budget is aimed at bringing

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about a substantial portion of that reduction. Retrenchment is his watchword.

But now that the bucket of coal and the five-dollar bill are more or less passé, the dependence of families on a political party rests even more on patronage. It is that concept which ignites the fiery antagonism of the Richardsons and the Joyces to the goal of economical and efficient—and effective—government. Seemingly they care little about prudence, conscience—or taxes.

Money makes the mare go, is the oldtime saying. But it's jobs that are the true currency of politics as historically played in Albany County.

The observations in this editorial are given additional pertinence in the following commentary.

The untouchables

"People are tired of paying tax increases," declares Albany County's Executive in a semi-immortal phrase that falls only somewhat short of "We hold these truths to be self-evident..."

Mr. Hoblock's 1993 budget calls for retrenchments that mean reductions in staffing for most departments of county government. He offers cutbacks as the preferred alternative to higher taxes. He is being assailed by a variety of special pleaders, including employees and their unions.

Seemingly, the position governmental personnel (not only in the county but in cities, towns, states, and at the federal level) is that their positions are immune to management decisions based in fiscal prudence and budget solvency. Executive judgments pale in comparison with the proposition that, once installed in a job, the employee is sacrosanct. The idea that some of them might have to join commoners in a search for employment is appalling, even though the private sector drops its workers by the tens of thousands in order to survive, or even for less consequential cause.

The civil service system was adopted to prevent abuses in the political hiring and arbitrary firing of governments' people. It was not intended as a blanket protection of the entire payroll against necessary, defensible decisions on financing, staffing, assigning, or discharging of staffers.

The posture of too many "leaders" of governments' employees, however, is that those employees are today's untouchables: Once in, they are to leave only at their own pleasure.

The shibboleth of "reduction in services" is invoked to frighten the public—and particularly its special clientele—into pressuring governmental executives such as Mr. Hoblock into maintaining accustomed funding and retaining ingrown staffs.

But cutbacks in services, when they may actually occur, are a proper part of the managerial discretion of the executive department (especially by those who hold elective office) for which they are responsible and for which they can expect to be held accountable.

Wintering-over

The hummingbirds have fled to central and South America. En route to the central and southern Atlantic states are the redwing blackbirds, the grackles, house wrens, catbirds, and the tree swallows. This month the ducks and geese and the lonely great blue heron will take flight—along with the Cadillacs and BMWs and the Astro Vans.

These migrants are not looking for work—they are renewing the annual quest for sunshine and balmy breezes, whether in tree-tops or in condos abutting sandy soil.

Soon postcards will begin arriving with "Temperature 87 this morning!" and "Wish you were here!" kinds of messages. And eventually the travellers themselves will come straggling back, reluctantly prepared to let their golden flesh fade into an undistinguished pallor. That's true, of course, of the human element in the migration; the feathered members of the tribe will arrive as discreetly as they departed.

All this is a tradition of centuries' standing

for some of the excursionists—others have adopted it within more recent years.

What they don't know, or have chosen to forget, is the charm of living in a climate where there's a genuine change of seasons, including the relative pleasures of surviving the snowfalls, the freezing-to-zero temperatures, the windchill reports, the "snow days" for schools, the driveways to be plowed, the sidewalks to be shoveled, the fires to be stoked, the chestnuts to be roasted, the streetlights glistening among the descending flakes. The downhill runs, the figure-eights, the "fox and geese."

Yes, we hardy stay-at-homes (including the wintering-over birds) have our little inconveniences—as well as our very real pleasures.

We don't need to send picture postals home—because we're already here. Further, our homeland is rarely visited by earthquakes, typhoons, tornadoes, hurricanes, or tidal waves.

Sportsmart's success funded good causes

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to express appreciation for all the support that Boy Scout Troop 75 received for our 19th annual Sportsmart. Without this support, our organization would not be able to continue to generate the programs which enable out boys to flourish in a variety of outdoor experiences.

This year some of the funds raised will be reserved to sponsor our scouts on an expedition to a Boy Scout High Adventure Camp, Sea Base in the Florida keys for the summer of '94. The remaining funds will be used to support weekend excursions in various outdoor activities.

It takes a great deal of time and effort by all parents and scouts to run this event. We congratulate the committee chairpersons, Marilyn Corrigan and Paula Ryan, for successfully organizing this event for the past several years and for their devotion and enthusiasm during the countless hours and months of preparation needed to make this event a success.

We are especially grateful for support from our Police Department, to Bethlehem Central Schools for use of the high school, and to their great custodial staff, which helped us organize.

We thank the vendors, who provided outstanding equipment; local merchants who helped us advertise; Tougher Industries, who supported the event with transportation; Noreast Real Estate, who stored our equipment; as well as our sponsors, the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. In addition, we are most appreciative of *The Spotlight's* cooperation and outstanding coverage.

But we are especially thankful to the patrons whose admission fees

Vox Pop

raised over \$900 for local food pantries. Half of these funds will be presented to the Bethlehem Food Pantry and the remaining to the United Methodist Pantry.

And finally we thank our scouts for their industry and enthusiasm. We appreciated the many compliments that our troop received because of our quick and efficient operation. It is wonderful to watch our sons develop a sense of purpose and direction as well as a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

In a time when we are all searching for appropriate ways to develop the values of young people, Scouting provides our boys with skills to help make them competent future leaders. We look forward to another productive year and to seeing all of you again for Sportsmart '93 on the Saturday before Thanksgiving!

Lorraine Lang
for Boy Scout Troop 75

Pit welcomes visitors but needs volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

In last week's *Spotlight* there was a letter describing the Pit, a facility for Middle School youth, located in the school's basement. The staff of the Pit have suggested that anyone wanting to see the Pit is welcome to stop in. Our hours are 2:18 to 4 p.m., with the busiest time (the most fun to see), 2:30 to 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to volunteer time can call to join our active Pit Crew (439-6885). Any donations can be sent to the Pit, c/o Billings, 64 Winne Road, Delmar, 12054. Thank you!

Holly Billings

Words for the week

Hardscrabble: Barren (as in a hardscrabble farm, life, etc.) Also, producing or earning only a very small amount.

Horse's mouth: The original or authoritative source of information.

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An old guy on the scene

A big problem was solved for your Uncle Dudley this past week, and I can't wait to tell you about it.

But first, this commercial announcement: Careful readers of this "Op-Ed" page surely will recall the Point of View Column by our editor and publisher, Dick Ahlstrom, in *The Spotlight's* issue of Nov. 11, noting that this newspaper's editorial pages had been consecutively published for the past five years. That included this column, which made its debut in *The Spotlight* in early November of 1987.

Inasmuch as the column averages about 700 words each week (originally it was somewhat longer), a little arithmetic indicates that Uncle Dudley's "wit and wisdom" have required approximately 185,000 words to date. By comparison, many of the books that you have read this year will have been in the 100,000-word range.

To digress just a bit further, I think that perhaps I ought to explain, for some readers, the origin of that expression "Op-Ed." The complete wording is "Opposite Editorial"—but it doesn't mean that the material appearing on this page opposes the editorials on page 6. No, it means "page opposite the editorial page." Many newspapers (those which do have

an "Op-Ed") fill them up with syndicated columns, advertisements, weather data and, in one case that I can think of, with a

Uncle Dudley

comic strip. Like *The New York Times*, *The Spotlight's* columns (this one, Constant Reader, and the Point of View) are all written especially for this one newspaper.

By now you are gasping for more news on the "big problem" that has been solved for Uncle Dudley. (As you can see, I was able, after all, to wait to tell you about it, even though I said I couldn't.)

The problem has been: How should a columnist refer appropriately to himself (herself)? You will have noticed that I have varied between calling myself "I" and "Uncle Dudley" when some such reference was called for. Frankly, it has always seemed to me—that is, if five years is "always"—that one of those expressions is too personal and the other too impersonal.

It was while reading an informal column in *The New York Times* the other day that I was struck by the exactly proper form for a columnist to describe him-

self. The writer, whom I respect greatly, was reporting on a series of conversations he'd had with some young people. He chose to refer to himself as "The Old Guy." I like it, I like it. Unless it is a copyrighted term, I am inclined to adopt it. Certainly, anyone choosing to bill himself as "Uncle" is no kid, and may very well be an old guy—not that I am necessarily certifying that I am one of them; it's just a possibility.

In any event, I am hereby proposing that this column dispense with the formality for which it is noted and adopt "The Old Guy" as a suitable means of third-person reference. I will await the approval that I hope will be registered by you readers.

In that same issue of *The Times*, I saw a news story about controversies at the *Daily News* relating to union quarrels with a prospective purchaser of that newspaper. The editor of the *News* had killed a piece written by one of his columnists, refusing to publish it because he deemed its contents to be a conflict of interest for the writer. I can certainly attest that even at its unwitting and unwise, the Uncle Dudley column never has been censored by *The Spotlight's* editor. And, I hope, it never has expressed a conflict of interest. Interesting, I trust, but not conflicting.

A generous American: Mary Fisher

"I'm sorry, Mary," the doctor said from his Palm Beach office, "but the test is positive."

That was how Mary Fisher learned the news that was to divide her life "into before and after." Her husband had infected her with the HIV virus.

You probably saw the speakers on AIDS at the Democratic and Republican conventions last summer. Mary Fisher was the speaker in Houston before the Republican delegates and before the huge TV audience.

In the December issue of *Town and Country* magazine, Mary Fisher's story is titled "The Messenger." The article, by Daniel Shaw, supports the magazine's seventh annual conferring of its "Generous American Award." In fact, the sophisticated monthly periodical ordinarily given over to items such as the wedding of Maria Shriver's brother in Newport (covered elsewhere in the issue), devotes more than 14 pages to the topic of AIDS. Two of these pages are given over to poignant, luminously impressionistic full-page photographs by Jose Picayo of Ms. Fisher and her children; the cover is devoted to a striking likeness of her which combines with this question: "Can Mary Fisher save your life?"

More than two pages provide a substantive outline of "What women should know" about AIDS; heterosexual transmission is becoming a major source of infection—about 35 percent of all cases, compared with 50 percent involved with drug abuse.

"In 1991, roughly one million Americans received the same bad news as Mary Fisher—though very few were rich white women.

Constant Reader

The face of AIDS at that point remained largely homosexual and male, or poor, urban and black or Hispanic.

"How the petite blonde mother with the large tourmaline-blue eyes came to speak for all these people as well as for herself is a tale as unlikely as it is short. In less than eight months after that fateful phone call she would go public with her story; six months after that she would face the nation from the convention, delivering one of the most apolitical and moving speeches ever made on the harrowing subject."

She says of that period of her life: "I was constantly rewriting my will. But I calmed down because I didn't want my children to have a mentally scattered mom."

"People who have this disease are angry. It's not something we bargained for. But I decided I didn't want to live frustrated and angry. I consider myself a spiritual person, and I have a strong feeling that life goes on, that there's something bigger. I feel I'm meant to be doing this. Everything in my life prepared me for this new role."

The writer notes that "her advantages (hers is an extraordinarily wealthy family) gave her all the more reason to feel a keen

obligation to do more—something she alone was perhaps uniquely qualified to do: fight from the inside."

"Looking back on it now, she remembers the key question—the question to which anyone who hopes to make a difference must find the answer: 'Where should I throw the rock to make the most ripples?'"

Her mother is quoted: "Fortunately she has nothing to lose—and everything to gain—by helping." Ms. Fisher had realized "that there was no place for someone like her—and her friends and family—to go for emotional support." She thereupon established the Family AIDS Network, and she is almost frenetically busy in her cause.

Mr. Shaw reviews in some detail her convention address, which he termed superbly written... in supple, muscular phrases. She "debunked the falsehoods and assailed the cruelties that had virtually become public policy on AIDS."

She disowns the characteristic of courage attributed to her: "I don't think telling my story is heroic or courageous. It's just the right thing to do." The article ends with a quote from her speech: "I want my children to know that their mother was not a victim. She was a messenger."

The article is well worth the reading, as are the supplementary piece on AIDS and women plus detailed listing of 25 volunteer organizations that are "fighting on the front line."

Cabinet 'mentions' ain't necessarily so

By Daniel E. Button

Editor of editorial pages, *Spotlight Newspapers*

In this month of Cabinet appointments—and rumors of surefire appointees—I find myself harking back to the days of Secretary of State J. William Fulbright, Treasury Secretary Eugene Black, and Defense Secretary John McCloy.

Point of View

Surely you remember them, too? Why, they were declared to be certain of appointment to those offices by President-elect John F. Kennedy just 32 years ago this past week. And thereby hangs a tale.

Recently, we've been reading "mentions" about Sam Nunn for State (or Defense), along with mentions for Bill Bradley, Tom Foley, Lee Hamilton, Lloyd Bentsen, Warren Christopher, Robert Reich, et al. (That's not Al Gore—he's already spoken for.) We're in the quadrennial season for mentionables, and even some unmentionables.

As of the time of writing, however, our President-elect is slightly behind JFK's timetable in designating his selections for the key jobs in his administration.

So now to our tale. In late November and early December of 1960, I was receiving a series of calls (in my then-job as executive editor of the *Albany Times-Union*) from the man who had been president of the Hearst Corporation (publishers of the T-U) for nearly 20 years—Richard E. Berlin.

The result of his calls was a short flurry of page-one "exclusives" in the *Times-Union* announcing the forthcoming Cabinet of the incoming President.

Our stories said that the revelations had emerged from "top-level conferences shaping the new administration" by way of "an authoritative source whose information previously has been correct." To underscore the rightness of our scoops, the stories added that the source "in the past has been highly accurate."

Well, but who was this terrific source? And how did Dick Berlin become clued in as to who was going to sit in the seats of the mighty? And why was a rather small newspaper in an upstate New York town able to make these exclusive disclosures? (Neither the source nor Mr. Berlin ever was mentioned in the stories, as you might expect.)

The source, my friends, was the Vice President-elect, Lyndon Baines Johnson. He was taking the trouble to call Dick Berlin, his dear friend (or, at least, one-time acquaintance) to give advance word on the thinking and intentions of his own boss, John F. Kennedy. And part of the package deal was that, among all the Hearst papers, the most unlikely and obscure was to be the one to break the news.

Sounds sort of sneaky, doesn't it? It was. Lyndon Johnson was not yet as famous as he became for his deviousness, trickery, and deceit, but these were traits that he had brought with him from Texas hardscrabble country. And he had chosen well his confidant: "Machiavellian" is one of the kinder words used to describe Mr. Berlin by W.R. Hearst, Jr., in his recent autobiography, *The Hearsts: Father and Son*.

Whether or not Mr. Berlin knew what LBJ was up to was not known to me then, or now. I assuredly assumed the good faith of both of them.

What the Vice President-to-be "disclosed" through the front pages of the *Albany Times-Union* (and thereby to the world when the AP and UPI promptly picked up and distributed our copyrighted stories) went as follows:

- Senator Fulbright, "the man most fitted" for Secretary of State, was merely awaiting the "anticipated formal offer." (LBJ and the T-U hedged on this just slightly, noting that as "The Senator from Little Rock," he might be objectionable to emerging nations of Africa. The Arkansas capital then was infamous as Faubus segregation territory.)

- Eugene R. Black, a Georgian, who had been president of the World Bank for 10 years, would become Secretary of the Treasury.

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Matters of Opinion

□ Cabinet (from page 7)

• John J. McCloy, former U.S. High Commissioner to Germany and the board chairman of the Chase Bank, would be Secretary of Defense.

These men were described as "Kennedy's selections for the three top positions in the Cabinet." The Times-Union duly noted that it was "probably the first newspaper in the country to forecast several of Kennedy's top Cabinet posts."

The only trouble was that they were universally wrong. So were subsequent announcements and "mentions" which revealed, for example, that a Congressman from Chicago, William L. Dawson, would become the first black member of a President's Cabinet, as Postmaster General. His chief rival was said to have been John M. Bailey, the party's chairman in Connecticut; geography and religion were said to be against Mr. Bailey—there were to be too many others from Connecticut and too many other Roman Catholics in the Cabinet. Actually, only one other person from the state (Abraham Ribicoff) and one other Catholic (Robert Kennedy) were appointed.

Governor Ribicoff was said, in our reports, to have been offered Health, Education and Welfare but had rejected it. He was, in fact, appointed and accepted. As for the President's brother, we conceded that he "had not been eliminated" from possible appointment as Attorney General.

We also mentioned Chester Bowles, who wanted to be Secretary of State but was described as

"glum after meeting with Kennedy"; C. Douglas Dillon, also a potential candidate for State (he ended up at the Treasury); also David K.E. Bruce, who ultimately went to the Court of St. James's as ambassador.

"After Lyndon Johnson became President, Berlin met LBJ and spent the time impressing on him that he was the man who made all the decisions at the company. No one else counted."

—W.R. Hearst, Jr., in his autobiography

As is only too obvious, our information on virtually everything was just plain incorrect. More than a week after our stories broke, however, the Times-Union was pleased to be able to point out that the New York Herald Tribune had belatedly predicted some appointees whose names coincided with the ones we had already mentioned.

How could our "authoritative source" have been so wrong?

My own belief, which began to be developed after Mr. Kennedy appointed Messrs. Rusk, McNamara, etc., as his Cabinet officers, is that the names we were furnished by Lyndon Johnson were really very close to appointment (or, at least, had not been eliminated) and he was stealthily sending up trial balloons to be shot down. Mr. Johnson didn't want those people in the government.

There are a few variations on this: Perhaps the prospective appointees were genuine leaks in good faith—but the President became irritated enough by the leaks to withdraw the candidates, possibly largely to frustrate his Vice President and make him look foolish. (To make this credible, you have to assume that JFK recognized the source of the leaks.)

Or maybe the "get even" Kennedy brothers planted false leads in LBJ's path deliberately, again just to make him look bad.

Or perhaps all those "mentionables" really were offered those positions, and all declined. Not very likely.

In any event, Mr. Johnson's devious course of planting the leaks in an out-of-the-way newspaper where they presumably couldn't be traced to him, has to be factored into any potential explanation.

My belief, then, is that he used Dick Berlin and one of the Hearst papers to embarrass the President-elect. No matter how it turned out, confusion was created. And the Kennedys were on notice that they wouldn't be able to control the Vice President.

Very possibly, by time you read this President-elect Clinton will have personally announced his principal Cabinet appointees. But until you are able to hear it from the horse's mouth (so to speak), be wary of those who are "mentioned" for the Cabinet and other power spots.

You'll probably be safe in assuming that they won't be leaks from the Vice President-elect. But, hey, you never know!

Remember the hungry, Gov. Cuomo is urged

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the more than 2,000 emergency food programs in our state, the Hunger Action Network of New York State would like to say "thank you" to the thousands who donated time, food, and money to help make sure that their fellow citizens had a decent meal this Thanksgiving.

Hunger unfortunately is a 365-day-a-year problem; and food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters throughout the state hope you will continue your generous contributions throughout the holiday season and beyond.

One other way that you could help end hunger is by adding Governor Cuomo to your holiday mailing list this year: Send the Governor a greeting card urging him not to forget hungry and homeless New Yorkers when he makes up next year's budget. The State's ongoing financial crisis has prompted the Governor and Legislature to slash spending for the State's safety net the last two years, even though we have been in the longest recession since the Great Depression, with record numbers of New Yorkers seeking help both from government programs and private relief agencies.

The Governor can help fight poverty in many ways. The Governor could raise the minimum wage so that workers make enough to feed and house their families. He could help pass the New York Health Plan, adopted by the Assembly last year, to give all New Yorkers comprehensive, quality health care while also controlling costs. He could reform our tax system so that poor New Yorkers don't pay a higher percentage of their income for state and local taxes than the wealthy do.

The single biggest step the Governor could take to reduce hunger is to increase welfare benefits above the poverty level. Unfortunately, the Governor has headed in the opposite direction in the last few years. Welfare is primarily a children's program. One out of every four children in this state lives in poverty. The U.S. is the only industrial democracy in the world where children are the largest segment of the poverty population.

Welfare reform must also include increase of government efforts to create decent-paying jobs. But it is immoral to deny millions of New Yorkers adequate food, housing, and health care while elected officials and business leaders try to figure out how to rebuild our economy.

Mark A. Dunlea

Albany Executive Director

Carolers enjoy treat

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Saturday, Nov. 28, the Happy Voices children's choir from Delmar Reformed Church sang Christmas carols at Delaware Plaza. When they were done, Pizza Baron treated the carolers with pizza and soda in their dining room. The service was fast and friendly and they even gave Frisbees and magnets to each child.

On behalf of Happy Voices members, I thank Pizza Baron for their overwhelming generosity and kindness. It made the day very special—one the children will all fondly remember. We were all very pleased and impressed.

Alison Kurtessis, Director
Happy Voices Choir

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Financing set for Feura Bush senior housing

By Dev Tobin

A new option for seniors who want to stay in a rural community has acquired financing, is under construction and will be open for occupancy next spring.

The 24-unit apartment building on New Scotland Avenue and Mathias Place in Feura Bush is the first affordable housing project in New Scotland, according to Anne Patnode, acting director of the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance.

"Our market studies showed there was a strong demand for this kind of housing," she said.

The local alliance is a partner with builder Roger Bacon of Syracuse in the project.

"We were looking for someone

with experience, and Bacon has built these projects all over the state," Patnode said.

The project has received \$1.1 million in construction financing from a Florida investment group, and expects to receive permanent financing through the federal Farmers Home Administration.

To be eligible for an apartment, an applicant must be at least 62 years old or medically disabled and have an income below 60 percent of the median income for the area. Under current guidelines, the income limit for one person is \$15,750 and for two people \$18,000.

Medical expenses are taken into consideration in determining whether an applicant meets the income limit, Patnode said. "If you are interested in an apartment in

that income range or slightly above, call us for an application," she said.

The alliance's previous experience with rural senior citizen housing shows that more than 80 percent of the tenants come from the immediate area. "People like what they know. People from the city don't like to move to rural areas and vice versa," she explained.

The building will have 22 one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units. Washers and dryers will be available, and there will be a community room. "The tenants will basically decide what to do with the community room," she said.

A part-time manager from the alliance will be on site about 15

hours a week to help arrange for rides and attend to maintenance problems, Patnode added.

Rents will be \$337 for the one-bedroom and \$367 for the two-bedroom, not including utilities, and can be subsidized by the state so as not to exceed 30 percent of

income, she noted.

The building has an informal waiting list already with about 25 names on it, but the formal application process won't begin until early spring. The apartments should be ready for occupancy by early May.

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Holiday benefit helps Ronald's house

John D'Aleo, left, and Lorraine D'Aleo, right, hosted a recent holiday benefit at their Slingerlands home. The event raised almost \$27,000 for the Albany Ronald McDonald House. Among those attending were event co-chairmen Kathy Striker and Joann Duquette, center, and Stephanie and Rich Bolam, inset.



The Shaker Select entertained guests with a medley of Christmas carols, and a buffet was served.

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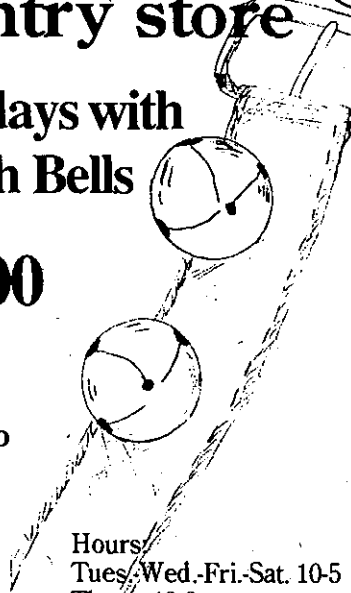
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New Scotland to drill for Orchard Park water

By Dev Tobin

Drilling for a potential water supply for the Orchard Park area of New Scotland will begin next week, according to Supervisor Herb Reilly.

"It's an ideal spot for exploration," said Reilly, referring to the county-owned parcel at 13 Smith Lane. "It's on the south side of the railroad tracks, so we don't have to worry about tunneling under the tracks."

If the drilling is successful, the town has an option to buy the site for \$2,000, and will need to acquire an additional acre or two surrounding the wellhead, Reilly added.

The proposed water district would serve more than 60 houses in the area north of Route 85A, east of Route 155 and west of Hilton Road. Many private wells in that area are contaminated with salt and methane gas.

In other business at last Tuesday's meeting, new subdivision regulations were put on hold while the town consults with the Department of State and the Association of Towns.

Regarding the Clarksville Water District, Reilly reported that the town had responded to three concerns of the state Department of Health (DOH), and Laberge Engineering Group, the town's

consultant on the project, had yet to respond to the seven other concerns.

The water district serving 161 homes has been essentially complete for two years, but additional work was needed to contend with nitrate contamination.

It's an ideal spot for exploration.

Herb Reilly

The system can be turned on as soon as the health department concerns are addressed. Individual residences will then be connected to the system and meters installed according to a priority list.

"People are calling me every day. They want the water on,"

BOU slates meeting at town hall today

The Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, a group that works to encourage drug and alcohol-free activities for youth, will meet today, Dec. 9, at 4 p.m., at Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

For information, call 439-6885.

Reilly said.

Work remaining to be done includes disinfecting and retesting one well, providing temperature data, filling and regrading areas around the wells where subsidence has occurred, and providing a set of "As Built" drawings.

At a meeting with the board Nov. 23, Laberge president Ronald H. Laberge agreed to complete the work in return for settlement of outstanding claims against the town.

At that time, he said the work would be completed "by the end of the week," or Nov. 28. The items that Laberge was supposed to deliver to the health department had not been received there as of

Monday, Dec. 7, according to Jack Dunn, assistant sanitary engineer with DOH. Efforts to reach Laberge were unsuccessful.

In a related matter, Laberge requested through the Freedom of Information Law all communications between the town or its employees and the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, or its employees.

Marcy is disputing more than \$400,000 in claims by Laberge for work on a town park. Marcy offi-

cials allege in their town newsletter that there is insufficient detail in Laberge's invoices and that Laberge deleted some work on the project without approval, thereby endangering the state grant that paid for the park.

New Scotland officials had also questioned Laberge's invoices on the Clarksville project prior to the settlement agreement.

In another matter, the board scheduled its year-end meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m.

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Seniors attend holiday party

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Inc., held its annual Christmas party recently at the Normanside Country Club.

The program opened with greetings from President Alfred Kelsey, Supervisor Kenneth Ringler, Senior Services Director Karen Pellettier to 142 members, guests and friends.

The blessing was given by Harold Mahar. Mavis Thomas and Betty Chesser were in charge of the program. They were assisted by Lillian Kuhn, Dorothy Bender, Betty Johnson, Helen Hoffman, Elizabeth White, Evelyn Fletcher, Mary Dana, Celia Taylor and Dorothy Zdziebloski.

Soloist Robert Stoughton of Jefferson was in charge of the musical program and was accompanied by Edna McDermott of Esperance.

For the 15th year, Santa Claus was played by Sgt. Paul Roberts. The Benediction was sung by Stoughton and Mary McCarthy.

In the spirit of Christmas giving and remembering, the Bethlehem Senior Citizens are making donations to: Delmar Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Bethlehem Food Pantry, Bethlehem Senior Projects Inc., Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service and Bethlehem Festival Fund in Memory of our deceased members.

Local youngsters on their toes

A number of local youngsters have been selected to dance in the Albany Berkshire Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* at the Palace Theater in Albany. Performances are scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Among those scheduled to perform are:

Michelle Andriano, Kelley Banagan, Becky Bierman, Sarah Bigelow, Lauren Brown, Emily Caraco, Jennifer Carlson, Lucy Dunne, Jenna Greenwald, Hally Gutman, Elizabeth Hart, Kim Hasselbarth, Sarah Horn, Beth Lee-Herbert, Lisa Lee-Herbert, Becky Minor, Laura Salhoff, Rachel Schoolman, Gretchen Sodergren, Alicia St. Jacques, Jennifer Tomlin and Jessie Weinstein, all of Delmar.

And, Laura Blumenthal, Moira Jowett, Alix Miller, Meaghan Murphy, Chelsea Skidd and Elke Wagle, all of Glenmont.

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And, Heidi Lapham, Nicole Lapham, Megan Longworth, Catherine Robichaud and Christen Rymanowski, all of Voorheesville.

And, Caroline Edie of Clarksville, Gillian Simms of Feura Bush and Carmen Warner of Ravena.

Deputies arrest Altamont man for DWI

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol arrested an Altamont man for driving while intoxicated over the weekend.

Mark Moore, 39, was stopped on Route 85A in Voorheesville Saturday, Dec. 5, at about 2 a.m. for having a taillight out. After failing several field sobriety tests, he was arrested and charged with DWI, police said.

Moore was released on his own recognizance and is due in Voorheesville village court Dec. 21.

Lecturer to address chamber breakfast

William Powell, a practitioner in neuro-linguistic programming and a principal with Management Resources Development in Delmar, will present a lecture on "The Power of a Higher Vision," Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 a.m. at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Route 9W in Albany.

Hot buffet breakfast will be \$8 at the door. Reservations may be made by calling 439-0512.

The Spotlight remembers 10 years ago

This week in 1982, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Bethlehem's sewer expansion project brought sewers to Elm Avenue, the Brightonwood subdivision, Old Town Road and Route 9W in Selkirk, and Oakwood Road and nearby Kenwood Avenue in Elmsere.

- By a 228-to-47 margin, voters in the Voorheesville Central School District approved a \$685,000 energy conservation bond to fund a new heating system at the elementary school.

- Starring in *Arsenic and Old Lace* at BCHS were Pat Skerrett, Katie Breslin, Marc Futia, Matt Healy, Shari Petronis, Mark Guarino and Barry Squire.

- Janet Stasio of Slingerlands was the soprano soloist in the Capitol Hill Choral Society's 110-voice rendition of Handel's *Messiah*.

- The BC girls volleyball team was off to a 6-1 start, keyed by the play of Ann Howell, Laurie Weinert, Cathy McNamara, Maureen Walsh, Sue Schwarz and Amy Davis.



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by Gene W. Stone, CSW, CAC

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V'ville pupils to present concert

Voorheesville Elementary School's winter concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Lydia Tobler will conduct the sixth-grade band, and Mary Teresa Morgan will direct the fifth and sixth-grade chorus.

American Legion post plans potluck dinner

The Voorheesville American Legion Post will sponsor a potluck dinner on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.

During the evening, a "Wheelbarrow of Cheer" will be raffled off. Tickets can be purchased from group members or at the dinner. For information, call 765-4712.

Kiwanis holiday bash set for Saturday

The New Scotland Kiwanis will have its annual holiday party at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Members and guests are invited to attend this home-style

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roast beef dinner. A grab bag gift exchange is planned, and Santa Claus will be there to pass out presents.

Also at the party, plans will be discussed for the distribution of food baskets on Thursday, Dec. 17. For information, call Chuck Carson, 765-2588.

Cornell Extension talk to focus on composting

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will present a talk on composting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the William F. Rice Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The event is co-hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schenectady. For information, call 765-3500.

New Scotland Kiwanis to sell holiday wreaths

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a wreath sale on two Fridays, Dec. 11 and 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., and two Saturdays, Dec. 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The wreaths will be on sale in Voorheesville at the Stewart's Shop on South Main Street, the Voorheesville Pharmacy on Maple Road and the Mobil Mart on Maple Road, and in Slingerlands at the Davis Stonewell Market on New Scotland Road.

Wreaths will cost \$10, and giant coloring books will be \$4. Proceeds will benefit youth activities in the town of New Scotland. For information, call Glen Pfeleiderer at 765-2006.

McDonald's Care Coupons make great gifts

The New Scotland Kiwanis is selling McDonald's Care Coupons for \$1.

The coupons, which make great stocking stuffers, will be valid until Jan. 30. They can be redeemed at the McDonald's restaurants on Western Avenue, Holland Avenue and State Street in Albany, and Delaware Avenue in Elmsmere.

Coupons will be available from Kiwanis Club members or at the wreath sale. For information, contact Jim Hladun, 765-4241.

All-Pro advice



Bruce Svare (right) presents a plaque to former All-Pro NFL lineman Brian Holloway, keynote speaker during Sunday's opening ceremonies for the Bethlehem Basketball Club.

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The program is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m. The evening shows will be simulcast on WMHT FM 89.1.

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R-C-S music department to present concert

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School music department will present a holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Route 9W.

A senior high school musical performance has also been scheduled for Becker Elementary students earlier in the day.

Becker pupils to shop at PTA secret Santa's shop

The A.W. Becker Elementary School parent teacher association will hold its annual secret Santa's Holiday shop on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school on Route 9W in Selkirk. Children will have an opportunity to shop for family and friends with most gifts ranging in prices up to \$6.

Selkirk Junior Girl Scout Troop 161 will hold a bake sale during holiday shop hours with proceeds going to Iniki hurricane victims on the Hawaiian island of Kauai.

Sunshine Seniors plan Christmas luncheon

Local senior citizens are invited

MS group to meet at Mangia Restaurant

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Albany County will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 1:45 p.m. for a holiday luncheon at Mangia Restaurant in Slingerlands.

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to a Christmas luncheon sponsored by the Sunshine Seniors of Selkirk on Monday, Dec. 14, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Route 9W in Selkirk.

The group plans to gather around the punch bowl for a cup of cheer and conversation before enjoying a noon luncheon with ham, Christmas cake and whatever wonderful, festive casserole or salad covered dishes arrive with guests.

The cost for members is \$1, and a can of fruit for the local food pantry. Entertainment will be provided by the R-C-S Senior High

School Harmonics following the meal.

For information, call June Milburn at 439-7179.

Bethlehem Grange hosting Christmas Party Dec. 19

The Bethlehem Grange is planning a Christmas supper that is open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the grange hall on Route 396.

Families planning to attend are asked to bring their favorite holiday dish to share. An optional participation adult and children's grab bag is planned with gifts marked boy/girl or man/woman provided at value of \$2 and \$3 respectively.

Five turkeys will be "shared off" at \$1 donation per turkey ticket. Proceeds will be used to provide five local families in need, complete Christmas dinners.

Entertainment will be by the Lord of Life Children's group will follow dinner at 8 p.m.

Selkirk firefighters plan 22nd annual party

Firefighters of Selkirk Company 3 on Route 396 in South Bethlehem are planning the 22nd annual children's Christmas party for children up to age 10, living in the South Bethlehem, Selkirk area.

The party will be on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the firehouse. Local musician George Kendall will sing holiday songs. Clown favorites "Sugar and Spice" will be on hand along with the Selkirk 3 elves.

A magic show will be presented by Albany musician Jim Snack at 7 p.m., and old St. Nick will arrive with gifts for all children who attend. The ladies auxiliary will serve refreshments, and cookie dona-

tions are welcome.

Festival of lights to be story hour theme

The Ravena Free Library on 106 Main St. is presenting two pre-school story hours this week. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is set for Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m. and again on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1:30 p.m.

The series for adults on positive parenting continues on Wednesday nights through December. Tonight's program "Managing Work and Family" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. by cooperative extension representative Tanya Wilkins.

The library welcomes the public to come in and review several recently received shipments of new books including; large print, children's selections and new titles. Call 756-2053 for information.

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Local collector to discuss gems & minerals Dec. 15

A number of programs are scheduled at the library this week with something planned for just about everybody.

For rock hounds, a talk and slide show on "Gems and Minerals of New York State" is set for Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. James Campbell will talk about collecting rocks in the state and

present a multi-media program on their recent Elderhostel trip to Northern China. The program, scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., will include slides, photos, a video and a question-and-answer period.

Also on Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., the writers group will meet in the director's office. This will be the group's only meeting this month.

An evening story hour, "Cozy Together on a Winter's Night," is scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 16. The program will include stories with multicultural holiday themes.

This month's art exhibit in the library's hallway features the work of Slingerlands resident Virginia Remington Rich. The works show familiar scenes of the New Scotland area.

Rich's work are included in many collections throughout the country.

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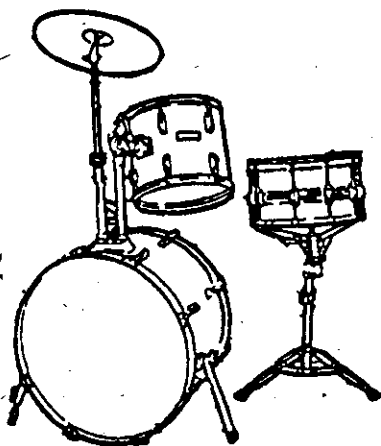
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Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library community room.

Visitors can sample and savor the spirit of each country's holiday traditions at displays created by community residents and library staff members. Some exhibits include samples of holiday foods, music, artifacts and costumes. Children will be able to create simple crafts to take home.

Library staffers and area residents Polly Hartman and Joni Goldberg will explain how Hanukkah, the Jewish feast of lights, is celebrated in Israel. This year Hanukkah begins at sundown on Saturday, Dec. 19, and continues for eight days. Their display will include a Menorah which is lighted during the feast, and a draeydl, a game which is played and music. Visitors can sample latkes, or potato pancakes, and make a draeydl craft.

Japanese native and Delmar resident Yoko Sagerstrom, who lives in Delmar, will present a

display about the Japanese New Year celebration, or Oshogatsu. Celebrated on Jan. 1, it is an important holiday in Japan. Businesses close for three days, and homes are decorated with bamboo and pine branches, rice straw and tiny Japanese oranges.

Families pay tribute to ancestors and departed family members, and children receive toys as gifts.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is observed by Muslims all over the world. Local resident Islah Umar will talk about traditions during the month of fasting and the festival of Id al-fitr that marks the end of Ramadan on Feb. 23.

Learn about different ways Christmas is celebrated in western, southern, and eastern Europe and the Far East. Children's room staff members April Pisciotto and Janis Dominelli's display on Christmas in Italy will feature samples of pizzelle, crisp round wafers, and the presepio, or manger scene.

Children and young adult librarian Lisa Bouchard's exhibit about Christmas in Ireland will focus on traditions such as placing lighted candles in windows on

Christmas Eve as a welcoming sign, and foods such as short-breads and caraway seed and raisin bread cakes.

Delmar resident Anna M. Abaray will talk about how Christmas was celebrated in her native Slovakia, an area of many cross cultural influences. From Hungary, the Slovaks have borrowed the walnut cookies visitors will be able to sample and the hand wrapped candy ornaments kids can make at the Dec. 16 festivities.

Nelun Fernando will talk about how Christmas is celebrated in predominantly Buddhist Sri Lanka. Once a British colony, Christmas in Sri Lanka adopts many English customs, such as making a yule log and plum pudding at Christmas. Her display will feature hand crafted, wooden ornaments, coconut candy and the making of bon-bons.

"Through the festival, we hope people get a feel for the diversity of our community," says head of Children's and Young Adult Services, Beverly Provost. "Children should know that not everyone celebrates their holiday the same way they do, and there is a lot we can learn from one another."

Anna Jane Abaray

High school to host holiday concert

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School Music Department will present its annual holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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Achievement award



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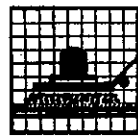
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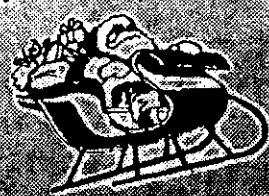


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Swim team starts off on good note

By Emily Church

The Bethlehem boys varsity swim team began their 1992-93 season with an easy victory over Amsterdam on Dec. 3.

Coach Ken Neff used the meet to see where the team's strengths and weaknesses lie. "It was a good first meet," Neff said. "It showed some good signs of work done, but it also shows the amount of work we have to do. There are some definite voids."

Neff's goal was to let as many people as possible swim, and to get the younger swimmers used to the meets.

Amsterdam started off the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay, Bethlehem's teams came in second and third. Senior Andrew Finley finished a strong second in the 200 freestyle, with freshmen

Andrew Cleary and Nick Turner placing second and fifth.

Rory Fay brought in the Eagles' first win in the 200 individual medley, clocking a 2:14.22. Freshman Jonothan Church placed second. Billy Leary, Brian Sack and Ryan Green placed two, three and four in the 50 freestyle, bringing the score to 35-27 before the diving competition.

Because the Amsterdam team had no divers, Bethlehem's Joe Schneider, Tim Bearup and John Mead swept the event, giving BC a 20-point lead.

After the diving, Bethlehem's depth showed through. Amsterdam won all of the individual events, but BC's lead kept widening. Jon Brookins placed second in the 100 butterfly, David Seagle and Adriaan Denkers followed with

third and fourth finishes. Pat Gallagher and Andrew Finley finished second and third in the 100 freestyle, and Tom Leyden, Larry Fisher and Milt Orietas placed second, third, and fourth, respectively, in the 500 freestyle.

The relay team of Church, Andrew Finley, Rory Fay and Billy Leary won the 200 freestyle relay with a strong time of 1:38.52. After strong finishes in both the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke, Bethlehem finished off the meet with a victory in the 400 freestyle relay, as Rory Fay, Billy Leary, Ryan Green and Andrew Cleary won with a time of 2:48.53.

Bethlehem's next meets are against Hudson Falls on Wednesday, Dec. 9, and Guilderville on Friday, Dec. 11. Both meets are at home.

Wrestlers beat Albany, lose to Schalmont

By Jared Beck

The Bethlehem varsity wrestling team came within 12 points of chalking up an undefeated opening week.

As it was, the Eagles scored a 45-12 win Dec. 1 in Albany, then dropped a close meet on Dec. 5 at home against Schenectady by the score of 33-22.

John Wagner (98 pounds), Scott Cunningham (105), Zack Hampton (126) and Nat Beyer (155) all aided the Bethlehem effort versus Albany with pins.

an 11-0 decision, and Brian Davies (138), Matt Carotenuto (145), Jeff Brown (167) and Ken Van Dyke (177) each contributed forfeit triumphs as the Eagles cruised to victory.

The Bethlehem home opener was a different victory. The Eagles jumped out to an early 16-6 lead on the strength of an Aaron Mooney (105) forfeit win, a 12-1 decision in favor of Cunningham (112) and a quick pin by Hampton (126) in 1:42.

After Alan Flynn (132) was pinned in 1:41, Davies (138) and

Carotenuto (145) won decisions to give Bethlehem a 22-12 lead.

It would mark the last time that the Eagles would score points. The next four Eagles suffered defeat, three by pins.

Adam Britton (215), competing in his first varsity match, fought valiantly through two periods to avoid being pinned, but was ultimately vanquished in 4:43.

The Eagles were scheduled for an away match at Averill Park on Dec. 3, but the event was snowed out and will be rescheduled.

Bethlehem hoop club off and running

Brian Holloway, former NFL lineman with the New England Patriots, opened the 92-93 Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC) season by stressing commitment, discipline, and dedication as the keys to success in athletics and life. A full slate of games followed the player and coach introductions in the traditional opening ceremony for the club.

In the All-Star Division, the Bucks just got past the Rockets 32-31 as Geoff Hunter's spinning layup with only 12 seconds remaining proved to be the difference. Dan Burrell ripped the nets for 14 points for the Rockets. Andy Karins posted 14 points for the Heat and Geoff Linstruth tallied 17 for the Magic, but the contest ended in a 36-36 tie.

The Mavericks dumped the Spurs 50-43 as Ryan Murray was unstoppable with 30 points for the winners. John McCormack and Matt Melcher collected 17 and 13 points respectively for the Spurs. Behind a balanced scoring attack paced by Marc Borzykowski's 11 points, the Hawks outscrambled the Sixers 45-33. Seamus Gallagher lead the Sixers with 11 points.

In the Pro Division, Matt Elfeldt's nine point production was not enough as the Knicks fell to a potent Nuggets squad 43-23. The Nuggets were led by the strong point guard play of Andy Gutman and Michael Winneker.

The Bulls topped the Pistons 27-17 as Kris Darlington paced all scorers with 10 points. Chris Messina and Ryan Harrison played stingy defense for the Pistons. The Celtics downed the Lakers 24-16 as Chris Brown paced all scorers with 14 points. The rebounding of Peter Bulger was outstanding for the Lakers.

In College Division action, Seton Hall was victorious over Providence 40-29 as Brendon Bannigan and Travis Ostroff each scored 12 points for the Orange. Nick Conger helped St. Johns stay in the game with 12 points. Miami outlasted Pitt with a 35-30 victory as Brian Lobel and Ryan Sweeney played outstanding defense for the Hurricanes. Calvin Brown and Dan Rosenthal combined for 20 points for Pitt.

Finally, Villanova got past Georgetown 23-10 as Steve Kidera posted eight points for the winners. Katie Dambrowski and Kim Comtois hustled on defense for Georgetown.

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Meade nets 23 in losing effort against state champs

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville boys basketball team began their season last week with a 1-1 split with Lansingburgh and Watervliet respectively.

The Blackbirds saw right away that it was going to be hard to compete size-wise with the big, hefty Lansingburgh players. But the 'Birds pulled together as a team and came out on top 55-45. Kevin Meade led the scoring with 13, while Kevin Relyea had 12 and Greg Sullivan 10.

On Friday, Dec. 4, Voorheesville faced a potential state championship team at home. Watervliet had height, size, and speed, and had only lost one player from last year's dominant team.

The game was well-played by the 'Birds, as they mostly kept within 9 or 10 points of their opponents.

They ended up losing by 17. Meade lit up the scoreboard for Vville hitting 9 of 10 from the field and totaling 23 points. Brad Rockmore contributed 13 points.

"Many of these kids have devoted themselves to becoming excellent soccer players. This, and the fact that the soccer team did so well and went so far, gave our basketball season a rather slow start," said head coach Skip Carrk.

"This team has less pressure on it than some teams of the past," he said. "Most of the coaches are not expecting us to be in the top two or three in the league."



Voorheesville's Greg Sullivan tries to maneuver around an opposing player from Lansingburgh during the Blackbirds' 55-45 win last week.
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Bethlehem drops two, but gains experience

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem boys basketball team opened their season by losing two, non-league tournament games.

On Friday, Dec. 4, Gloversville defeated Bethlehem 56-47 in the closing minutes of the opening game of the Colonie Raider Tip-Off. The Eagles lost a 10-point lead they had opened up early in the fourth quarter. Gloversville ended the game with an 18-2 run.

"We had a lead with six minutes to go," said BC coach Jack Moser. "They scored and we turned the ball over a couple of times. I think that's because we don't have much game experience."

"(Mike) Pellettier and (Chris) Macaluso are our only players who started last year. It wasn't so much what they did, but what we didn't do. We were playing not to lose instead of to win."

Pellettier led the Eagles with 16 points, including two, three point shots during an 8-0 Bethlehem run in the third quarter. Macaluso had 12 points, while Matt Follis added seven points off the bench.

LaSalle beat Bethlehem 78-70 in the consolation game on Saturday, Dec. 5. LaSalle opened the game with a 9-0 run, off four Eagle turnovers. Bethlehem never gained control of the game.

"We were a little bit down from the night before," Moser said. "We would close the gap, then have an unforced turnover or a bad shot selection."

Pellettier was the high scorer for the Eagles with 25 points. Guard Ollie Eslinger and center Dave Bilicki had 10 points each.

"We have a good feel for where we are and what we have to do. We'll work on defense and offensive execution," Moser said. "Our defense was suspect in the second half Friday and throughout Saturday's game. That's why we play non-league games before the regular season."

"It's just a case of getting some confidence," he added. "When we get more experience we won't be making those mistakes."

Moser thinks Bethlehem will be very competitive in their league, especially when first-year starters Eslinger, Bilicki and forward Kory Snyder get more experience.

Colonie won the tournament by defeating Gloversville on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Dolphins do some munching in Glens Falls

It was an exciting day in the North Country Sunday, as the Delmar Dolphins competed in the Glens Falls YMCA Gator Invitational swim meet held at the Glens Falls High School pool.

Head coach Doug Schulz was very pleased with his group, especially with the performances of a number of first year swimmers.

Eight-year-old Thalys Orietas, in his first season of competition, bettered the meet record while placing second in the boys 8-and-under 25 yard backstroke. He was fourth in the breaststroke, seventh in the freestyle and eighth in the butterfly. The boys 8-and-under medley relay team of Orietas, Scott Solomon, 6, Joseph Cardamone, 7, and Ricky Grant, 7, won a third place medal.

Becky Corson, 8, won the Girls 8-and-under Individual Medley (IM) in a National 10-and-under Girls "B" time of 1:27.17, also a personal best. She was second in the breaststroke, third in both the 'fly and free. Courtney Arduini, 7, was seventh in the backstroke. Larissa Suparmanto, 7, had a personal best time in the backstroke.

Brian Dowling, 10, won the boys 10-and-under IM in a National "AA"

time of 1:15.43. He set new meet records in winning the 50 'fly in a "AAA" time of 32.22 and the 50 back in 36.27. He was second in the 50 free.

First-season swimmer Andrew Zox, 9, had a personal best time in both the back and 'fly.

Among the 9 and 10-year-old girls, Elyse McDonough finished second in the IM, 'fly and backstroke and fourth in the 50 free. The team of McDonough, Sara Gold, 10, Katie Coulon, 10 and Andrea Chorbajian, 9, had an outstanding effort in the 200 yard Medley Relay.

Steve Corson, 12, won the 11-12 boys 100 'fly in a personal best time of 1:14.06. He was second in the 100 breaststroke and IM and fourth in the 100 free. Scott Strickler, 12, was second in the 50 free, third in the 100 free, fourth in both

the 100 back and 200 IM. Sean Boyle, 12, was fourth in the 'fly, seventh in the IM and eighth in the breaststroke. Tim Corson, 11, was sixth in the 'fly and ninth in the breaststroke. The Dolphins 11-12 boys Medley Relay team, which won first place in their event, featured a thrilling come-from-behind performance by freestyler Scott Strickler.

Reid Putman, 13, finished third in the 13-14 boys 100 back, and seventh in the 100 free. Brian Strickler had a personal best performance in the 100 breaststroke. Among the 13-14 girls, Erika McDonough was fifth in the back and sixth in the IM. Nadine Maurer, 13, had personal best times in all her events, including an eighth place finish in the breaststroke. Kelly Roberts, 13, had personal bests in the 100 free and breaststroke.



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Partnership powwow



Members of the Bethlehem Community Partnership, including, from left, Police Chief Richard LaChappelle, Dick Chady, Mary MacCulloch, Marilyn Corrigan, Janet Shaye and Maria MacKrell, meet Saturday to brainstorm over breakfast on ways to deal with teen substance abuse.

Elaine McLain

Guests

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fellowship gathering before the 2 p.m. dinner bell rings.

"The most important thing is, people do not have to be alone. The dinner is for everyone. It's a family event as well — intergenerational with infants to 90-year-olds," Becker said. "That's part of what makes it so special."

Both Becker and Gazzetta stress that the Christmas meal is a community event and not tied to income or need.

"It's all about getting together," said Becker, who for the past five years has been in charge of the peas that are served. "The whole freezer is peas," she said.

Many community members have also contributed to the dinner, she said. Supervisor Ken

Ringler donated a ham, as did Dr. Carl and Caroline Wirth. All the squash has been donated by Paul Kleirke, and the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association tossed four turkeys into the pot.

The eight participating churches, including Slingerlands Methodist, Unionville Reformed, Bethlehem Lutheran, Bethlehem Community, Delmar Reformed, St. Stephen's, Delmar Presbyterian and First United Methodist also made food contributions.

Many contributions also come from individuals, said Becker, and all are equally appreciated. "Even contributors who donate a can of pickles are just as important."

Although the dinner is free, contributions are accepted and will be put into the Christmas dinner fund for next year.

Take a break, recreate!

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting mail-in registration forms for winter programs.

Program information and forms are included in the recently mailed *Bethlehem Report*.

Registrations will be randomly drawn on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Phone-in registration will not be accepted until Monday, Dec. 21.

Programs are open to residents in the town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District.

Junk

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he said.

Terhune argued that "Just about every farm has an accumulation of what these people call junk. I have nothing to be ashamed of, and the town is trying to help me lose everything I have, including my family."

Terhune maintained that he had removed a lot of junk from the property. "There are no more than 15 to 20 junk vehicles left. I'm not happy with the way the place looks, but I'm capable of changing it if given a chance," he added.

He noted that most of what the town called junk was old equipment that could either be repaired or used for parts.

Town officials said they have tried unsuccessfully to reach a

compromise with Terhune on the cleanup.

"The town tried to help him by offering to come in and clean the property up on two occasions, but he refused," said Supervisor Herb Reilly. "If he doesn't leave, he could be arrested and the fines and the jail term would go back on."

The Terhune eviction is the only one in Reilly's memory in his 15 years as councilman and supervisor.

Under the agreement, the town may clean the property up and file a lien against it for both the cleanup costs and attorney's fees for Cynthia LaFave. Town officials estimated the lien would be in the range of \$40,000, about \$20,000 each for the cleanup and the fees.

The farm is owned by Terhune's 86-year-old mother, Beatrice, who now lives in California with her daughter.

Aiken

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Moquin's blood alcohol content at the time of the accident was .24 percent, more than two times the .10 percent standard for driving while intoxicated. Accident reconstruction experts estimated she was driving more than 80 mph when she crossed the double yellow line and hit the Quinn car.

Quinn's parents, Dr. Brian and Dalmar Quinn, had no comment on the impending parole.

According to the state Division of Parole, Moquin, who had two previous drinking and driving convictions, will be forbidden to drink while on parole. She will be released after she finds a suitable place to live.

The Moquin case raised public awareness locally about the dangers of drunken driving, according to Aiken.

"We are now seeing stiffer sentences generally, and specifically for alcoholics, than before," she said.

Moquin's alcoholism is so severe she reportedly continued to drink in the months between the accident and her sentencing, Aiken said.

"It's not up to RID to comment on whether someone should come out, but I hope the Quinn family was informed in good time so that they could give their views to the parole board," said Aiken, adding that Dalmar Quinn had become "an eloquent volunteer lobbyist for victims' rights, including the right to be heard at parole hearings."

RCS starts planning for International Day

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School has scheduled an International Day to take place on March 22, 1993.

Community members are invited to assist in the planning of this event.

For information, call 756-2155.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

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Project plans parent education program

Bethlehem Networks Project and the Bethlehem Central School District will offer a six-week parent education program on "Self Esteem: A Family Affair."

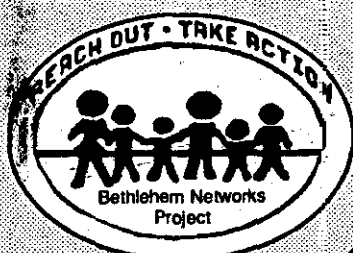
Participants can improve their parenting skills by learning what self-esteem is, how to get it, and how to share this gift with their children. The series of classes is for parents of children of all ages.

Judith Hessing of Albany, a BOCES parent educator, will be the facilitator.

The classes will be on Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ed Center, 90 Adams Place.

The cost is \$15 per person, and there is no course textbook.

Call 439-7740 to register or for more information.



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Janet Hasbrouck and David Rathjens

Hasbrouck, Rathjens plan February wedding

Marilyn and Douglas Hasbrouck have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to David Jon Rathjens, son of Emily and John Rathjens of Delmar and Schroom Lake.

Hasbrouck, a graduate of Troy High School, received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

She is a health and physical education teacher at Scotia-Glenville High School.

Rathjens is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Albany. He is a senior telecommunications specialist at Key Services in Albany.

A February 1993 wedding is planned.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed. The close-up of the couple should be clear and sharp.

Send information to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Composting program slated at extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany and Schenectady counties will sponsor a program entitled, "Landscapers and Compost," on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Road, off Route 85A in Voorheesville.

The program will focus on composting landscape waste and problems with using compost.

Speakers will be Thomas Richard of the Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering at Cornell University, Joe Laubenstein of Resource Conservation Services and Margaret Kelly of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.

The program is free, but registration is required. For information, call 765-3500.

Outdoor walk to find holiday decorations

An outdoor walk is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The walk, led by center naturalists, will focus on simple holiday decorations that can be made using natural materials in an environmentally sensitive manner.

The free program is open to the public. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Holiday concert set at Lutheran church

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., will host a holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the church sanctuary.

The concert will include popular Christmas music, and donations will benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times, which serves cancer-afflicted children and their families.

For information, call 439-4328.

Lecture time changed

Helen Adler's lecture on Fyodor Dostoevsky's *The Idiot* at the Bethlehem Public Library has been changed to today, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The program had been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16.

For information, call 439-9314.



Lucy Wall and Stephen Reilly

Wall, Reilly to marry

James and Estelle Wall of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lucy Anne, to Stephen C. Reilly, son of Wayne and Pamela Reilly of Roanoke, Va.

Wall is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cornell University and New York University School of Law. She is an assistant attorney general for

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Reilly is a graduate of Middlebury College and Harvard Law School. He is employed by the law firm of Hale and Dorr in Boston, Mass.

A September wedding is planned.



Methodist church to host community Christmas festival

The third Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave.

At the festival, a program of traditional and new Christmas music will be performed by the Community Choir.

Singers from area churches are invited to join the choir for this performance. Practice will be on Thursday evenings from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. at the church.

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Obituaries

Genevieve T. Linnan

Genevieve T. Linnan, 80, formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Adult Home of the Eddy Geriatric Center, Troy.

Mrs. Linnan was born in Olean, Cattaraugus County. She was a graduate of Cortland State Teachers College. She moved to the Albany area in 1951 and had lived in Delmar from 1953-1977, when she moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. She returned to the area in 1991.

She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse at Homer Hill and had taught elementary school for many years in the Olean and Bethlehem school districts.

She was a member of the Normanside Country Club and the Albany Country Club. She was also a member of the Ponte Vedra Country Club, and the Sawntrey Club, both in Ponte Vedra Beach.

She was also a member of the former Aurania Club of Albany and the University Club in Albany.

Mrs. Linnan was an avid golfer and had won the St. John's County Grandmothers Golf Tournament for the Over 75 Division.

She was the widow of William M. Linnan Sr.

Survivors include three sons, William M. Linnan Jr. of Menands, David J. Linnan of Guilderland and James D. Linnan of Albany, a daughter Jeanne Flanigan of Winter Spring, Fla.; a sister, Helen Bennett of Buffalo; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were from Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany, with burial in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Historic Church of St. Mary's Memorial Fund, 10 Lodge St., Albany 12207.

David J. Sielewicz

Capt. David J. Sielewicz, 28, of McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Wash., a former Bethlehem Central High School student, died Monday, Nov. 30 as a result of injuries sustained in a midair collision of two military planes over Montana. Twelve others died in the crash.

He lived in the Albany area as a

youngster and attended Bethlehem Central High School. He graduated from Asheville School in Asheville, S.C.

Sielewicz earned a bachelor's in engineering from Lehigh University and was active with the Theta Chi fraternity and a cadet officer in the Air Force ROTC program. After graduation, he was commissioned in the Air Force and was trained as a pilot at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi.

An outdoor sports enthusiast, he ran in the New York City Marathon in 1990.

Survivors include his parents, Edwin and Joyce Wilson Sielewicz of Newport, N.H.; a brother Michael Sielewicz of Tacoma; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Booth of Charlottesville, Va.

Services will be from St. Patrick's Church, Newport, at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Asheville School Building Fund, Asheville, S.C. 28806, or to the Richards Free Library, Newport, N.H. 03773

Lawrence W. Jeram

Lawrence W. Jeram, 79, formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, Nov. 29, at his home in Guilderland.

Born in Newtonville, he had lived in Guilderland for the past three years and in Delmar from 1932 to 1989.

Mr. Jeram sold produce door-to-door in Delmar for many years. He served in the Navy in World War II.

He had operated a barbershop in his home and ran that business until 1971 when he went to work for the state Department of Civil Service. He retired in 1981.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar and the Newtonville United Methodist Church.

He was husband of the late Ruth Rettinger Jeram.

Survivors include two sons, Lawrence J. Jeram of Latham and James T. Jeram of Guilderland; two sisters, Lillian Sproesser and Ina Yauch, both of Albany; three

brothers, William Jeram and Matthew Jeram, both of Loudonville, and Robert Jeram of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Ruth Brin Hammond

Ruth Brin Hammond, 74, of St. Claire Drive, Delmar, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, at her home.

Mrs. Hammond, a lifelong area resident, graduated from Albany High School in 1935. She studied at the Art Students League at Columbia University in New York City and graduated from the Traphagen School of Art.

She was employed as the advertising manager for several local businesses and was also a newspaper fashion illustrator and copywriter.

Mrs. Hammond wrote and co-authored a series of short stories for national periodicals in the 1950s and was co-owner and operator of the former Brin's Department Store on Delaware Avenue for many years.

She was one of the founders of the Albany Artists Group and was a member of Hadassah and the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Hammond; a son, Dr. Dennis Hammond of Bedford, N.H.; a daughter, Marla Robinson of Apopka, Fla.; a brother, Larry Brin of Loudonville; and five grandchildren.

Services were from Levine's Memorial Chapel in Albany. Burial was in Peoples Cemetery, Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Executive Park Plaza, Albany 12203, or St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Area ski touring group to meet in Albany

The Capital Area Ski Touring Association (CASTA) will meet Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the German-American Club on Cherry Street in Albany, at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 489-2275.

Hoop shooter



Nick Spadola, 11, of Ravena puts one up during the Bethlehem Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot Saturday at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School. Elaine McLain

Area churches to sponsor annual Christmas dinner

The fifth annual Community Christmas Day Dinner, sponsored by eight area churches and the town of Bethlehem Senior Services, will be served at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

The turkey and ham dinner is open to all. Hospitality will begin at 1:30 p.m., with dinner served at 2. There is no charge for dinner, but contributions will be accepted.

Bethlehem senior transportation will provide prearranged home pickups for town residents ages 60 and over. Home deliveries of meals will be available to Bethlehem residents who are shut-ins and

unable to come to the church.

Reservations for dinner, home delivery and transportation can be made by Dec. 18 by calling Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4995 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays or evenings. The number to call on weekends is 439-2008.

Gallup, Shaye join area real estate firm

Margaret Gallup of Bethlehem and Janet Shaye of Slingerlands recently joined the Delmar office of Blackman and DeStefano Real Estate as licensed sales associates.

Gallup, a graduate of the State University of New York at Geneseo, is a member of the Albany County Board of Realtors. She has three years of experience in real estate.

Shaye is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and the College of Saint Rose. She is a former administrator of the Montessori School of Albany and was co-president of the Slingerlands School Parent Teacher Association. She is also a member of the Albany Board of Realtors.

Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

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Dancers find magic in holiday ballet

By Elaine Jackson Cape



When the curtain goes up this weekend on the Albany Berkshire Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*, five young area girls will move a little closer to their dreams of becoming professional dancers.

The five, Jennifer Carlson of Delmar, Melissa Green of Colonie, and Maria Comella, Tara Evangelista and Tara Treffiletti of Loudonville, will each dance the lead juvenile role of Clara in one performance of Tchaikovsky's heart-warming Christmas tale.

As they sail gracefully across the stage, there are few signs of the long and arduous path they followed in preparing for the role. All five of the girls worked their way up through the ranks, dancing many lesser parts in the production over the years.

The first step in the process is the audition, which is held every year to select the almost 200 area children who appear in the local and out-of-town performances of the ballet. The youngest children compete for roles as reindeer, clowns and angels, while the older dancers are cast as party children, mice and soldiers.

Madeline Cantarella Culp, founder and artistic director of the 32-year-old ballet company, said not everyone who tries out for a role can be selected. "We're looking for very specific qualities in terms of size, technique and ability, but we work very hard to try and stretch the rules and find a place for everyone."

The most sought-after role in the show, however, is Clara, the innocent young girl who travels with the Nutcracker Prince to a magical kingdom.

Culp said each Clara is selected for her stage presence, her personality and her ability to convey emotions. "It's a simple, beautiful role. We're looking for girls who have that certain lovely quality."



Jennifer Carlson



Tara Evangelista



Tara Treffiletti



Maria Comella



Melissa Green

Three of the girls played Clara last year, so this is a repeat performance. For Comella, however, this is her first solo role in the production. "I'm very excited to actually perform with the company," the sixth-grader at

Loudonville Elementary School said.

Another Loudonville school sixth-grader is playing the coveted role for the first time. Treffiletti said, "I'm very, very excited that I'm good enough to get the best part."

Although the girls range in age from 11 to 14, between them they have more than 25 years of dance lessons. They attend ballet classes at Berkshire at least five times a week.

Green wishes she could take lessons six days a week, "But the studio is closed on Sunday," she said. The eighth-grader at Sand Creek Middle School has been a ballet student since the age of 3. She hopes to be professional dancer when she grows up, "and a vet," she added.

The frequent *Nutcracker* rehearsals are added on to an already busy schedule. But it's all a positive experience for the young dancers, Culp said. "It adds a wonderful dimension to growing up. It's something they remember their whole lives. If you can be Clara at 10 or 12, you have lived."

The adult roles in the ballet are danced by members of the Berkshire Ballet Company. This year, Paula Weber, a faculty member of the dance department of the University of Missouri, will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The role of the Prince will be danced by Rome Saladino.

The girls enjoy being a part of a professional dance company. Evangelista, who just turned 13 last week, said dancing with the company is the best birthday present she could have received. The Shaker Junior High School eighth-grader enjoys being respected as a professional. "They don't treat you like a kid, but like a real dancer."

The Berkshire company has been performing this version of *The Nutcracker* for almost 20 years. According to Culp, who choreographed the entire show, the ballet accurately follows the original Tchaikovsky score. "Except for the white mice," she said. "I added those."

In fact, Culp said, the costumes and scenery are all

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Memories of 'The Nutcracker'

For parents, the hard work is just beginning

By Elaine Jackson Cape

My daughter isn't dancing in *The Nutcracker* this year.

After four years of the stress-filled auditions and the endless weekly rehearsals, all culminating in the breathless 30 seconds on stage, we both felt like taking a year off.

At the Albany Berkshire Ballet, where my daughter takes ballet lessons, the whole experience follows a fairly rigid progression. The first step is the Reindeer role, which traditionally goes to 4 and 5-year-olds. All these kids have to do is look cute — which is easy when you're dressed in a white, furry suit and antlers — and trot across the stage pulling a sled. However, there are still auditions.

On the day of the audition, which usually happens in early September, no parents are allowed inside the studio. The swarms of children are dropped off at the door, while nervous mothers mill around outside, waiting for the fateful decision.

Finally, the suspense is over, and the successful

ballerinas explode out the door. "I got the part," they shout.

The mothers of first-time dancers greet the news with great excitement. Those of us who have been through it before, however, usually manage to restrain our enthusiasm. We know that, for us, the hard work is just beginning.

Once the cast has been selected, rehearsals begin immediately and last with unrelenting regularity through the beginning of December. Even the youngest dancers have one to two-hour rehearsals every week, while 48 mothers wait in a space so small it makes my bathroom look like Shea Stadium.

Finally, the big day arrives. The performers must be delivered to the door of the Palace Theater, at exactly the right time, with their hair neatly cemented into a bun, in full make-up, with their ballet slippers in hand.

The problem with this timetable is that, in our house, there is a fourth dimension into which ballet slippers mysteriously disappear.

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mixture of classical Greek, traditional Yoruba and modern Western theatre, University of Arts Performing Arts Center, State University of Albany. Wed.-Sat., Dec. 9-12, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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staged with costumes, music and stylized movement, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy. Dec. 14-18; 21-22, 10 a.m. Information, 274-3256.

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musical comedy, Goose Crossing Playhouse, Route 32, Gansevoort. Dec. 11-12, 8 p.m. Information, 798-8086.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE SEVENTH DWARF?
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holiday program, "Deck the Halls," St. John's Episcopal Church, Troy. Sun., Dec. 6, 3 p.m.; Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady. Sat., Dec. 12, 8 p.m.; Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany. Sun., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Information, 371-9507.

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including Russian Christmas music and a Latin American program, State University at Albany. Mon., Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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featuring percussion soloists Matthew Gold and Daniel Roberts, University at Albany, Performing Arts Center. Fri., Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

HOGCHECKERS

frio of acoustic musicians, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Fri., Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

OUT OF CONTROL
rhythm and blues band, Charity's, Routes 9 & 146, Clifton Park. Fri., Dec. 18, 10:30 p.m. Information, 797-3939.

MEDELSOHN CLUB MALE CHORUS

holiday concert, Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre at the Egg, Albany. Fri., Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Information, 372-5933 or 474-4223.

EAST WEST QUARTET
concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets. Tues., Dec. 8, noon. Information, 273-0038.

A MEDITATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

Advent service of lessons and carols, Saint Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany. Sun., Dec. 13, 4 p.m. Information, 463-2257.

DANCE

EBA DANCE THEATRE
A Child's Christmas, a holiday tale, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany. Dec. 11-13; Fri., 10 a.m.; Sat. and Sun., 2 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

THE NUTCRACKER
by McGuire Ballet Company, 144 Glen St., Glens Falls. Dec. 22-23, 7 p.m. Information, 792-2090.

POETS

GALLERY POETRY SOCIETY
readings by Dave Clark and Enid Dame, The Albany Art Gallery, 226 Jefferson St., Albany. Fri., Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Information, 463-774.

FILM

SAWDUST AND TINSEL
in Swedish with English subtitles, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Fri., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

LECTURES

GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION SEMINAR
programs offered by Saint Rose's graduate school and Office of Adult and Continuing Education, 420 Western Ave., Albany. Wed., Dec. 9, 6 p.m. Information, 454-5143.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN ART
informal discussion with slide presentation, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Wed., Dec. 16, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

CATSKILL GALLERY
submit slides and proposals for exhibits, Catskill Gallery and Mountain Top Gallery. Reviewing work for exhibit beginning July 1993. Information, 943-3400.

HOOTS NIGHTS

open stage, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Sign-up every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS OF GUILDERLAND

seeks new members, RD 2, Box 2, Altamont. Through mid-June. Information, 861-8000.

FAMILY PLAYERS OF NENY

seeks director and music director, choreographer and other staff positions for July 1993 production of "Music Man." Auditions in April. Resumes to Family Players, Attn: President, PO Box 13322, Albany, NY 12212. Information, 869-0303

VISUAL ARTS

BACK PORCH PAINTERS
tale paintings, Millicent Newton and Betty Cardel, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy. Through Dec. 11. Information, 270-7170.

SILENT CITIES

photographs by Camilo Vergara for the book *Silent Cities: The Evolution of the American Cemetery*, State Museum, Albany. Through March 7. Information, 474-5877.

PARTS BUT LITTLE KNOWN
Adirondack Centennial exhibit, State Museum, Albany. Through Jan. 18. Information, 474-5877.

DOROTHY ENGLANDER
exhibition, The Dietel Gallery, Albany. Through Dec. 18. Information, 274-4440.

THE ADIRONDACKS: AN AMERICAN TREASURE
photos by Nathan Farb, State Museum, Albany. Through Jan. 3. Information, 474-5877.

A MOHAWK IROQUOIS VILLAGE

re-creation of a Mohawk Iroquois longhouse, State Museum, Albany. Information, 474-5877.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

exhibit, New York State Museum, Albany. Through Dec. 31. Information, 474-5842.

TWO-PERSON EXHIBIT & HOLIDAY CRAFTS SALE

paintings and photographs by Gregory Graham and Gail Nadeau, The Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy. Through Dec. 23, Wed. through Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

ART AFTER DARK

exhibitions by members of Women's Caucus for Art, The Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy. Through Dec. 19. Information, 273-0552.

HANDMADE HOLIDAYS

exhibit and handmade gifts, GCCA Mountaintop Gallery, Main Street, Windham. Through Jan. 4. Information, 734-3104.

Christmas chaos



Mark Arnold and Leigh Dillon make up one of the three couples whose Christmas plans go awry in Capital Rep's production of Alan Ayckbourn's "Absurd Person Singular." The show will run through Dec. 13 at the theater on North Pearl Street in Albany. For information, call 462-4534.

DANIEL BARRETT

sculpture, Albany Medical Center, Neil Hellman Medical Research Building. Through Dec. 13. Information, (310) 854-0096.

CONTEMPORARY NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS

gallery exhibit of diverse Native American artistic work, The Sage Colleges, 92 First St., Troy. Through Dec. 18, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.; Wed. and Thurs., 6-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

NETWORKS

paintings, photographs, computer graphics and wood sculptures by Women's Caucus for Art, The Sage Colleges, 92 First St., Troy. Through Dec. 19, Mon.-Fri., 9-4:30 p.m.; Sat., 12-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

MEDUSA'S GAZE

works illustrating the scope of still life paintings from the seventeenth through twentieth centuries, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Through Feb. 14. Information, 463-4478.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

"MR. PICKWICK'S STORIES FOR A CHRISTMAS EVENING"

songs, poems and carols of 1860's, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany. Sun., Dec. 13, 3 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

STUYVESANT PLAZA HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

carolers, horse and carriage rides and Santa, Stuyvesant Plaza, Executive Park, Albany. Dec. 12-13, 1-4 p.m. Information, 482-8986.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

excerpts from the Christmas ballet, The Nutcracker and lighting of Christmas tree in front of museum, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs. Sunday, Dec. 13, 2-5 p.m. Information, 584-9330.

MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS

Empire State Youth Orchestra and Chorus, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. Fri.-Sat., Dec. 11-12, 7 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 13, 3 p.m. Information, 445-3421.

22ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

performance of "Messiah," College of St. Rose, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Empire State Plaza, Madison and Eagle streets, Albany. Sun., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

performance, The Sage Colleges, Little Theatre, 92 First Street, Troy. Dec. 11-12, 2 p.m. Information, 270-2248.

THE HYDE COLLECTION HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

including music and dance, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Sat., Dec. 12, 10 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

ICE CAPEDES

featuring Christopher Bowman, Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Dec. 9-13, Wed.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sun., 1 and 5 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

THE JOY OF MUSIC

family concert, University of Albany, Recital Hall-Uptown Campus. Sun., Dec. 13, 3 p.m. Information, 458-9231.

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**WEDNESDAY
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LAMAZE CHILDBIRTH CLASSES
every Wednesday, Dec. 9 through Jan. 13, Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 445-5162.

LANDSCAPERS AND COMPOST PROGRAM

Cornell Cooperative Extension, William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dec. 9 and 23, St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSION

College of Saint Rose, Campus Center, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 454-5136.

PMS SUPPORT GROUP

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

RESOLVE INFERTILITY

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

BABYSITTING

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

SQUARE DANCE

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

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SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

meeting, First United Methodist Church, State and Lafayette streets, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 10**
ALBANY COUNTY

ESTROGEN/PROGESTERONE LECTURE

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, noon-1 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

LECTURE ON CONTROL

"Am I Controlling?," Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 489-4431.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

BRASS AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES CONCERT

College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-5331.

SENIOR CHORALE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

BABYSITTING

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

SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

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

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 11**
ALBANY COUNTY

LECTURE BY HAITIAN OFFICIAL

Pastoral Center, 41 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 453-6695.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 482-4508.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.

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

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 12**

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Albany Unit of the United Voluntary Services, Tom Sawyer Inn, Western Avenue at Fuller Road, Albany, noon. Information, 458-1786.

DISNEY'S "FANTASIA"

Kid Pix series, New York State Museum, Albany, 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Information, 474-5877.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7-11 p.m. Information, 756-6291.

ENTRANCE/SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

Academy of the Holy Names, 1075 New Scotland Road, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-noon. \$8 registration fee. Information, 438-6553.

PSYCHIC FAIR

Trinity Temple of the Holy Spirit, 279 Whitehall Road, Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 489-7119.

STUDENT RECITAL

from the Music For All Ages Program, College of Saint Rose, music building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5193.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

ENTRANCE/SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

for incoming 7th and 9th grade students, Catholic Central High School, 625 Seventh Ave., Troy, 8:30 a.m. \$5 processing fee. Information, 235-7100.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Heritage Artists make Christmas visit to Cohoes Music Hall

The financially distraught Heritage Artists theater company revisits the Cohoes Music Hall with the production of *Christmas With The Taffetas*, an engaging adaptation of the off-Broadway musical revue, *The Taffetas*.

The clever little musical conceived by Rick Lewis has been revised by Heritage's artistic director David Holdgrive and director Frank Latson.

Latson directed the original concept this past summer at Bennington's Oldcastle Theatre and has brought three of the four members of his original cast to Cohoes.

The time warp of this revue has a charm that avoids the cloying effect of retrospectives and also manages to present humor without being camp. The audience laughs with the young women's unsophisticated attitudes rather than at them.

Singers Jan Leigh Herndon, Paula Betlem and Trudi Posey, all of the original Oldcastle cast, are joined by newcomer Dana Hecht to offer a fast-moving reminder of less troubled times.

The inclusion of Christmas songs fits neatly into the format and are sung with clarity and lyricism by the four attractive singers.

This is a rewarding production that reminds one of the quality of work done by Heritage Artists.

Christmas With The Taffetas continues through Jan. 3. Reservations are at 235-7969.

Theatre Institute's Sleeping Beauty opens Saturday at Russell Sage

The New York State Theatre Institute is another theater making a comeback with its revival of *Sleeping Beauty* Saturday (Dec. 12) with previews. The run continues to Dec. 20.

Sleeping Beauty will be performed at the Schacht Fine Arts Center on the Russell Sage campus in Troy as will three other productions this season. This children's fable is a revival of the Richard Shaw adaptation which is directed by Joseph Balfior and Adrienne Posner.

For information and reservations for the Troy production, call 270-6888.

The Nutcracker proving popular in area during Christmas season

A production of *The Nutcracker* by the Albany Berkshire Ballet at the Palace Theatre Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 12 and 13) is one of four major productions in the region during the Christmas season.

The three public performances at the Palace features the choreography of artistic director Madeline Cantarella Culpo, members of her company and several hundred area children. For reservations and information, call 465-4663.

In Schenectady's Proctor's Theater Dec. 19 and 20, the Northeast Ballet will feature New York City Ballet dancers Darci Kistler and Robert Lyon in its version of *The Nutcracker*. It will also include area children in the popular Christmas scenes. For reservations and information, call 382-1083.

Elvis visits Albany theater for Christmas season dates

James Cawley's Elvis Presley Show, *Elvis On Stage 1970*, will play for three performances, Dec. 18, 19 and 20, at the Steamer 10 Theater in Albany.

Cawley, a young singer-actor from Ticonderoga, has devised a recreation of the original two-hour Elvis Presley show that the famed singer toured with in 1970. It features all the famous songs Elvis had introduced to that time.

The Ticonderoga performer was recently notified that he is rated "No. 5" among the more than 5,000 Elvis impersonators in the country. The rating was made by a committee of Elvis fans. Reservations: 438-5503 or 463-3811.

Around Theaters!

Absurd Person Singular, British comedy at Capital Repertory Company through Dec. 20 (462-4534)... *Lend Me A Tenor*, an American farce by the Schenectady Civic Players. (382-2081)... *The Rothschilds*, musical about famed financial family, at the Schenectady Light Opera House, through Dec. 20. (355-1699).



Martin P. Kelly

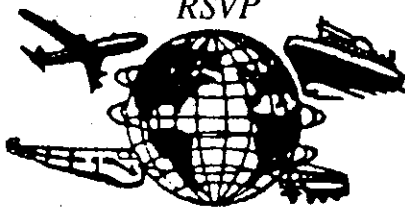
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

BETHLEHEM

BOU MEETING

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Avenue, 4 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

ADVENT SERVICE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

BINGO

American Legion Post 1040, Poplar Drive, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

every Wednesday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

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.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Delmar firehouse, Adams Place, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

every Wednesday, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Road, Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

every Monday and Wednesday morning, excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

RED MEN

St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

SECOND MILLER'S LUNCHEON MEETING

First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

NEW SCOTLAND

LANDSCAPERS AND COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Cornell Cooperative Extension, William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE

22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

MOUNTAINVIEW

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

every Wednesday, evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

every Thursday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER

open house, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

BETHLEHEM WORK ON WASTE

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 449-5568.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

firehouse, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185

404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY

firehouse, Poplar Drive, Elsmere, 8 p.m.

BOWLING

every Thursday, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for parents of handicapped students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4:50-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

NEW SCOTLAND

ELDERHOSTEL GOES TO CHINA

slide show and talk, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

every Thursday, 4-H group for ages 8-19, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE

every Thursday, Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11

BETHLEHEM

Q.U.I.L.T. MEETING

United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m. Information, 283-4848.

GIFTS AND SURPRISES

program for children ages 3 to 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

RECOVERY, INC.

every Friday, self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

CHABAD CENTER

every Friday at sunset, services, discussion and kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

every Friday, United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

BETHLEHEM

HOLIDAY CONCERT

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

GIFTS AND SURPRISES

program for children ages 3 to 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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every Saturday, services and kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

BETHLEHEM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Avenue, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3758.

"A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC"

choirs from 5 area churches, Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

WINTER WALK

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. 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., at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 475-9086.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

worship service, 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, 8 a.m.-noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

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worship and Sunday school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 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.

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., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR

worship, 9:30 a.m. and 11 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.

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worship service, church school, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour, adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

morning worship, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont. 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 Road, Slingerlands. Information, 438-7740.

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship meeting, Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Route 396, Beckers Corners, 11 a.m. Information, 235-1298.

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., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Clarksville. Information, 768-2916.

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worship, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m. 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, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, corner Route 85 and Route 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH

worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Turnpike, Delmar. Information, 439-5001.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

MONDAY DECEMBER 14

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

every Monday, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

AL-ANON GROUP

every Monday, support for relatives of alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 439-7179.

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every Monday, rehearsal,
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7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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every Monday and Wednesday
morning, excavation and
laboratory experience for
volunteers, archaeology lab,
Route 32 South, Information,
439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND QUARTET REHEARSAL
every Monday, United
Pentecostal Church, Route 85,
New Salem, 7:15 p.m.
Information, 765-4410.

VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
library, Clayton A. Bouton
Junior-Senior High School, 7:30
p.m. Information, 765-3313.

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

BETHLEHEM VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING BOARD
village hall, 7:15 p.m.
Information, 765-2698.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
every Tuesday, First United
Methodist Church, 428
Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-6
p.m.

DELMAR ROTARY
every Tuesday, Days Inn, Route
9W, Glenmont, Information, 482-
8824.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
every Tuesday, Parks and
Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30
a.m.-noon. Information, 439-
0503.
Information, 439-9144.

A.W. BECKER PTA
Becker Elementary School,
Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 767-2511.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR
every Tuesday, Voorheesville
Public Library, 51 School Road,
10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

GEMS AND MINERALS OF NEW YORK
slide show and lecture,
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 765-2791.

Nutcracker

(From Page 25)

from the original production. "They were wonderful when we started, but now they're getting a little worn. That's the challenge for the Albany Berkshire Ballet next year, to come up with all-new costumes and scenery."

Carlson, who is a relative newcomer to the world of ballet, having started lessons only three years ago, summed up the feelings of all the girls about the experience. "It's really a thrill," said the Bethlehem Central High School ninth-grader. "I love everything about it."

Culpo said that, in spite of the recession, ticket sales this year have been com-

parable to other years. "I think that people are having to pick and choose what they spend their money on, and they're choosing things that make them happy. People need happiness in their lives."

Area performances of *The Nutcracker* are scheduled at the Palace Theater in Albany on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Adult ticket prices are \$19, \$16 and \$12, with a \$2 discount available for seniors. Tickets for children under 12 will cost \$14, \$11 and \$7.

For ticket information, call the Palace Theater box office, 465-4663, Ticket Master, 476-1000, or the Albany Berkshire Ballet, 426-0660.

Memories

(From Page 25)

Every year, just as the last strand of hair is glued into place, we realize they are missing.

"But Mommy!" my daughter yowls, "if I get there late I can't dance."

Since this would mean that all the efforts of the past three months would be wasted, we launch an exhaustive search, aided by friends, neighbors, casual passers-by and the man who delivers the laundry.

Finally, they are found, under 5,000 pieces of Barbie's wardrobe. By racing at top speed to the Palace where, of course, the closest parking space is in Menands, I manage to deposit her at the stage door at the last possible moment.

At the door, performers are peeled from the sides of their anxious parents, who are not allowed backstage. The children depart calmly, but the parents are often reduced to hysteria, screaming last minute instructions as they fight to hold the door open.

The nervous mothers must now pace

up and down the lobby for over an hour, waiting for the performance to begin. At last, the curtain opens.

Although the show is beautifully staged and performed, everyone in my family waits breathlessly for the entrance of my daughter. Finally, she shows up, gives a flawless 30-second performance, sneaks a wave to her fans, and disappears.

"Is that it?" groans my husband, thinking of the countless miles of driving, hours of waiting, ruined weekends, and expense of the pictures, flowers, tights and tickets.

"Yes. Wasn't she beautiful?" I answer, wiping a tear from my eye.

My oldest son breathes a sigh of relief. "At least she didn't fall on her —," he says.

My youngest son, who is asleep, says nothing.

You know, now that I think about it, it really isn't too much trouble. Next year, my daughter will be 9, and she can audition to be an Angel.

I can hardly wait.

Museum plans New York City trip

The holiday decorations of the Cloisters and stained glass windows of the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be featured in a day-long excursion sponsored by the New York State Museum on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The trip will be led by Dennis Anderson, curator of the Empire State Plaza Art Collection.

The day will begin with a tour of the Cloisters and will continue to the Metropolitan.

The fee is \$63 per person (\$56 for museum members), including transpor-

tation and all admissions and tours. Registration deadline is today, Dec. 2.

For information, call 474-5801.

Victorian museum sets holiday event

"An Olde Fashioned Christmas" will be featured in the Hayes House Victorian Museum on the Altamont Fairgrounds on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call 861-6245.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan

This is a good time of year for young people to show off their resilient bodies on the slopes, while enjoying weather which many adults describe with words that can't be used in a newspaper.

One reason to go out is that, if you stay indoors for three months, your parents start wondering why they spent so much money on winter coats and boots.

Another factor getting teens outdoors in the winter is the declining quality of television during the holiday season. The endless array of holiday specials is an unwelcome disturbance to the electronic status quo we enjoy.

It's possible that the networks air these specials in order to chase Americans out of their houses and into the malls, since what's good for the advertisers is good for the television stations. If this is the case, however, teenagers definitely get the short end of the stick.

It's not that kids don't love to shop.

But with shorter gift lists and thinner wallets than adults, it's hard to devote former couch time entirely to mall-hopping.

That's why this is a great time to make an early New Year's resolution to become more active. Skiing is a popular winter sport and, with artificial snow making, one of the most reliable. School ski clubs often provide good deals on trips.

When the weather permits, cross country skiing and ice skating are even less expensive alternatives. There's also the obvious sledding and snowball fighting with other kids in the neighborhood.

Perhaps the networks have also been paid off by winter sports equipment manufacturers as well, to get teens away from the TV and outside. But, if people find the activities enjoyable, the networks might have to pay in ratings when they run out of specials.

Weekly Crossword

"Bodywork"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Piece of evidence
- 5 Roger Bannister, e.g.
- 10 Swift
- 14 Moola in Roma
- 15 Actor's whisper
- 16 Bone-Combining form
- 17 Above
- 18 Shovel again
- 19 Word with Admiral or guard
- 20 Unerring marksman
- 22 Pitcher's delivery
- 24 D. & L. and B. & O.
- 25 Hebrew prophet
- 26 Albert
- 27 Nobel winner
- 29 Human
- 30 Passion
- 34 Throat clearer
- 35 60 secs.
- 36 Arsenal
- 37 Small child
- 38 Progress
- 40 "Clear Day"
- 41 Dry red wine
- 43 Paddle
- 44 Soon
- 45 of Troy
- 46 Passenger vehicle
- 47 Maverick and Harte
- 48 "Golfers...replace your
- 50 The Piper's son
- 51 Blondie, e.g.
- 54 Rancher, e.g.
- 58 Tulsa native
- 59 Helmsman
- 61 Mr. Sharif
- 62 Ms. Fitzgerald
- 63 Florida city
- 64 Ms. Minnelli
- 65 Students org.
- 66 Malcontent
- 67 Revise for publication

DOWN

- 1 Clumsy person
- 2 Exist
- 3 Carbamide
- 4 Soundwave receiver

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- 5 Actress Pickford & others
- 6 Understanding words
- 7 Cover
- 8 General Electric founder
- 9 TV's Philbin
- 10 Prepare in advance
- 11 On the Ocean
- 12 Leading performer
- 13 Period of time
- 21 Hesitating words
- 23 Sweetie Pie?
- 25 Freebie
- 26 Capture
- 27 "There's _____ in the bucket"
- 28 Gold or silver, eg
- 29 Ms. Farrow
- 31 Loma
- 32 "Believe it _____"
- 33 Mr. O'Neal and White
- 35 New York player
- 36 River in Switzerland
- 38 Olympian Sonja
- 42 Lucille Ball, e.g.
- 44 Shirt part
- 46 Close-fitting top of dress
- 47 Violin need
- 49 Fog, e.g.
- 50 Entire amount
- 51 Foot parts
- 52 Kan. neighbor
- 53 Unruly
- 54 Natalie
- 55 In the middle
- 56 Hitler follower
- 57 Mild expletive
- 60 Place for experiments

"What's in a Name?"

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1992, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$340,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK, TO FINANCE A COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN'S POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Bethlehem shall issue its Serial Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of \$340,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, to finance the specific object or purpose hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific object or purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed by the issuance of such Serial Bonds is a computer-aided dispatch system for the Town's police department and costs incidental thereto.

The proceeds of such Serial Bonds are hereby appropriated to such purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the aggregate maximum cost of such purpose, as determined by the Town Board, is \$340,000 and that no other money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

The Town Board plans to finance such costs entirely from the funds raised by the issuance of the obligations authorized by this resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in Subdivision 35 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law, and the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is 5 years.

Section 5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive of said Law, the power to authorize Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewal of said notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Serial Bonds and said Bond Anticipation Notes, and the power to sell and deliver said Serial Bonds and any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized to sign either manually or in facsimile any Serial Bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to impress, or have reproduced a facsimile of, the corporate seal of the Town on any of said Serial Bonds or on any Bond Anticipation Notes and to attest such Bonds or Notes.

Section 6. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish in an official newspaper of the Town a copy of this resolution in full or in summary with a notice in the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law. The validity of said Serial Bonds or of any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Serial Bonds may be contested only if such obligation are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 7. The Town will comply with the applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act before any contracts are entered into, any expenditures are made or any obligations are issued for the purpose to be fi-

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nanced with the foregoing obligations.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this resolution. Such obligations shall be general obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes on all property taxable by the Town as may be necessary to pay such obligations and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. The Town intends to issue tax-exempt or taxable obligations authorized by this resolution to finance the cost of the purpose or purposes described in Section 2. If the Town incurs any of such cost prior to the issuance of such tax-exempt or taxable obligations, the Town expects to utilize general or special fund revenues to pay such cost and intends to reimburse itself for such expenditures with proceeds of such obligations. This declaration of intent to reimburse is made pursuant to the requirements of United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18 and is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent under such regulations.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Ms. Galvin, was seconded by Mr. Webster and was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Ringler, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gunner, Ms. Galvin, Mrs. Fuller.
Noes: None.
(December 9, 1992)

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1992, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$35,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK, TO FINANCE AN EMERGENCY POWER SUPPLY GENERATOR FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Bethlehem shall issue its Serial Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of \$35,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, to finance the specific object or purpose hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific object or purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed by the issuance of such Serial Bonds is an emergency power supply generator for the highway department and costs incidental thereto.

The proceeds of such Serial Bonds are hereby appropriated to such purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the aggregate maximum cost of such purpose, as determined by the Town Board, is \$35,000 and that no other money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

The Town Board plans to finance such costs entirely from the funds raised by the issuance of the obligations authorized by this resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in Subdivision 35 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law, and the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is 5 years.

Section 5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive of said Law, the power to authorize Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewal of said notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Serial Bonds and said Bond Anticipation Notes, and the power to sell and deliver said Serial Bonds and any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anti-

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pation of the issuance of such bonds is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized to sign either manually or in facsimile any Serial Bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to impress, or have reproduced a facsimile of, the corporate seal of the Town on any of said Serial Bonds or on any Bond Anticipation Notes and to attest such Bonds or Notes.

Section 6. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish in an official newspaper of the Town a copy of this resolution in full or in summary with a notice in the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law. The validity of said Serial Bonds or of any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Serial Bonds may be contested only if such obligation are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 7. The Town will comply with the applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act before any contracts are entered into, any expenditures are made or any obligations are issued for the purpose to be financed with the foregoing obligations.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this resolution. Such obligations shall be general obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes on all property taxable by the Town as may be necessary to pay such obligations and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. The Town intends to issue tax-exempt or taxable obligations authorized by this resolution to finance the cost of the purpose or purposes described in Section 2. If the Town incurs any of such cost prior to the issuance of such tax-exempt or taxable obligations, the Town expects to utilize general or special fund revenues to pay such cost and intends to reimburse itself for such expenditures with proceeds of such obligations. This declaration of intent to reimburse is made pursuant to the requirements of United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18 and is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent under such regulations.

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Noes: None.
(December 9, 1992)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Town of Bethlehem Housing Authority for the period beginning on October 1, 1988 and ending December 31, 1991 have been examined by Casey & Lubbe, PC, Certified Public Accountants, and that the report of the independent public accountant has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to section thirty-five of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of the Town of Bethlehem may in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of external audit by the independent public accountant, and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons, not later than March 10, 1993.

LEGAL NOTICE

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk
Town Clerk
(December 9, 1992)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The bond resolution published herewith has been adopted on Nov. 24, 1992 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such

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bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced

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within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice or such obligations were authorized in violation of provisions of the Constitution of New York.
Dated: November 24, 1992
s/Kathleen A. Newkirk
Town Clerk
(December 9, 1992)

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FOUND

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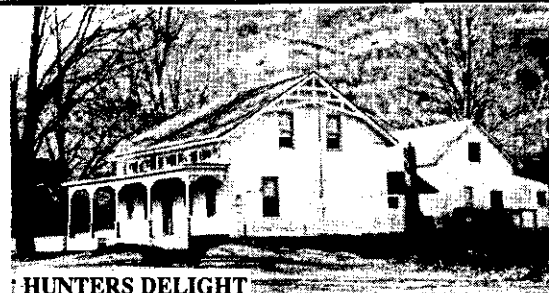
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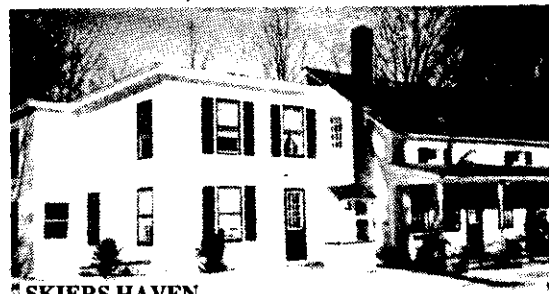
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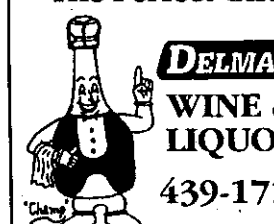
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Marshall was awarded Subaru's Owner Loyalty Recognition Award for the third quarter for achieving the highest grades in Subaru's customer satisfaction surveys, according to Chuck Worrell, Executive Vice President of Subaru of America.

The Subaru Owner Loyalty Index

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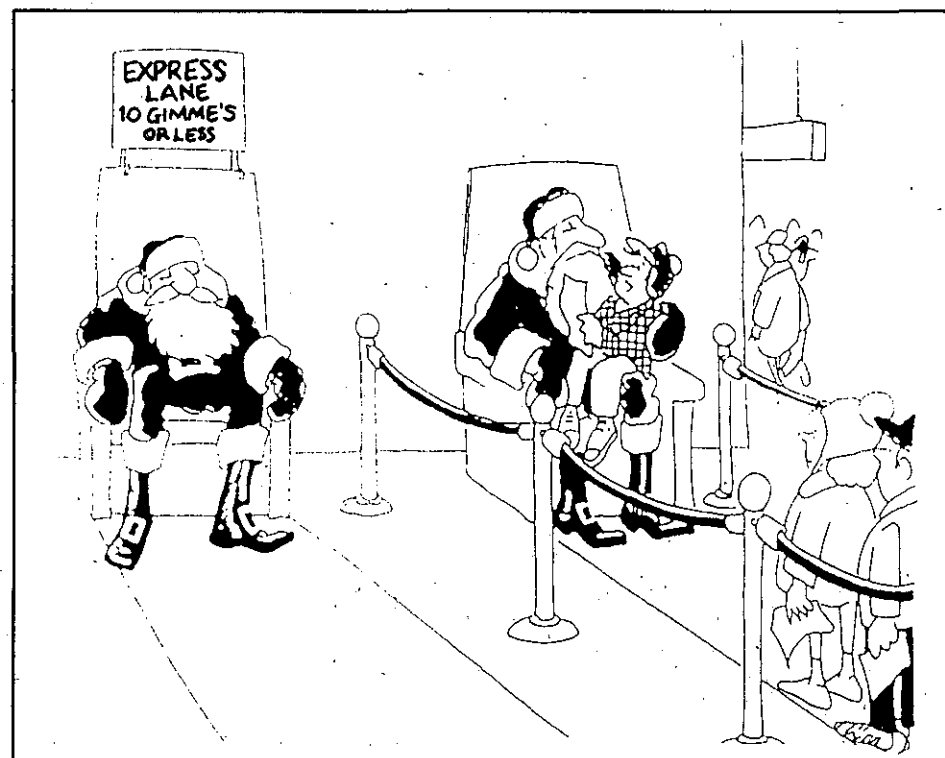
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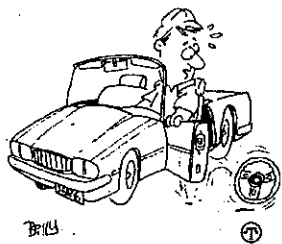
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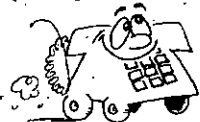
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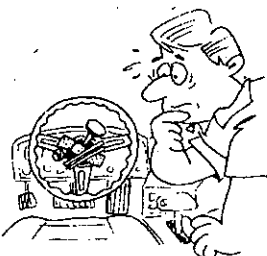
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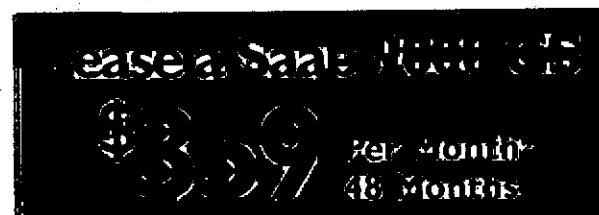
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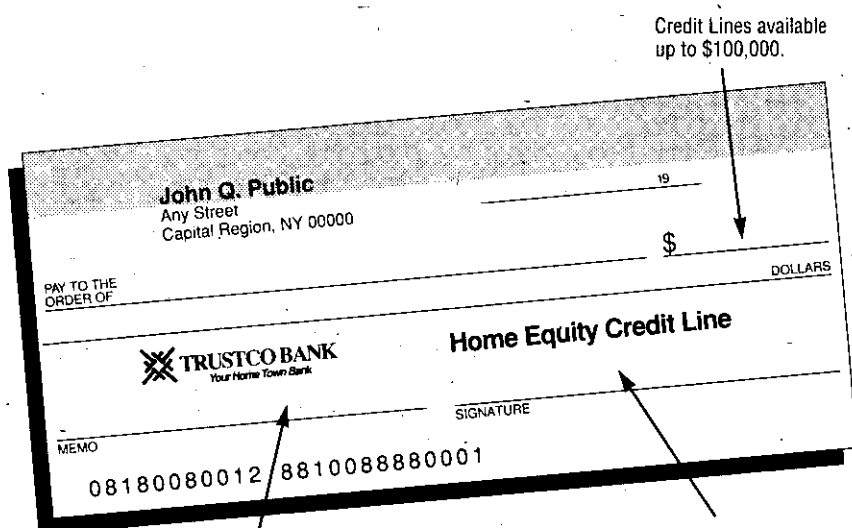


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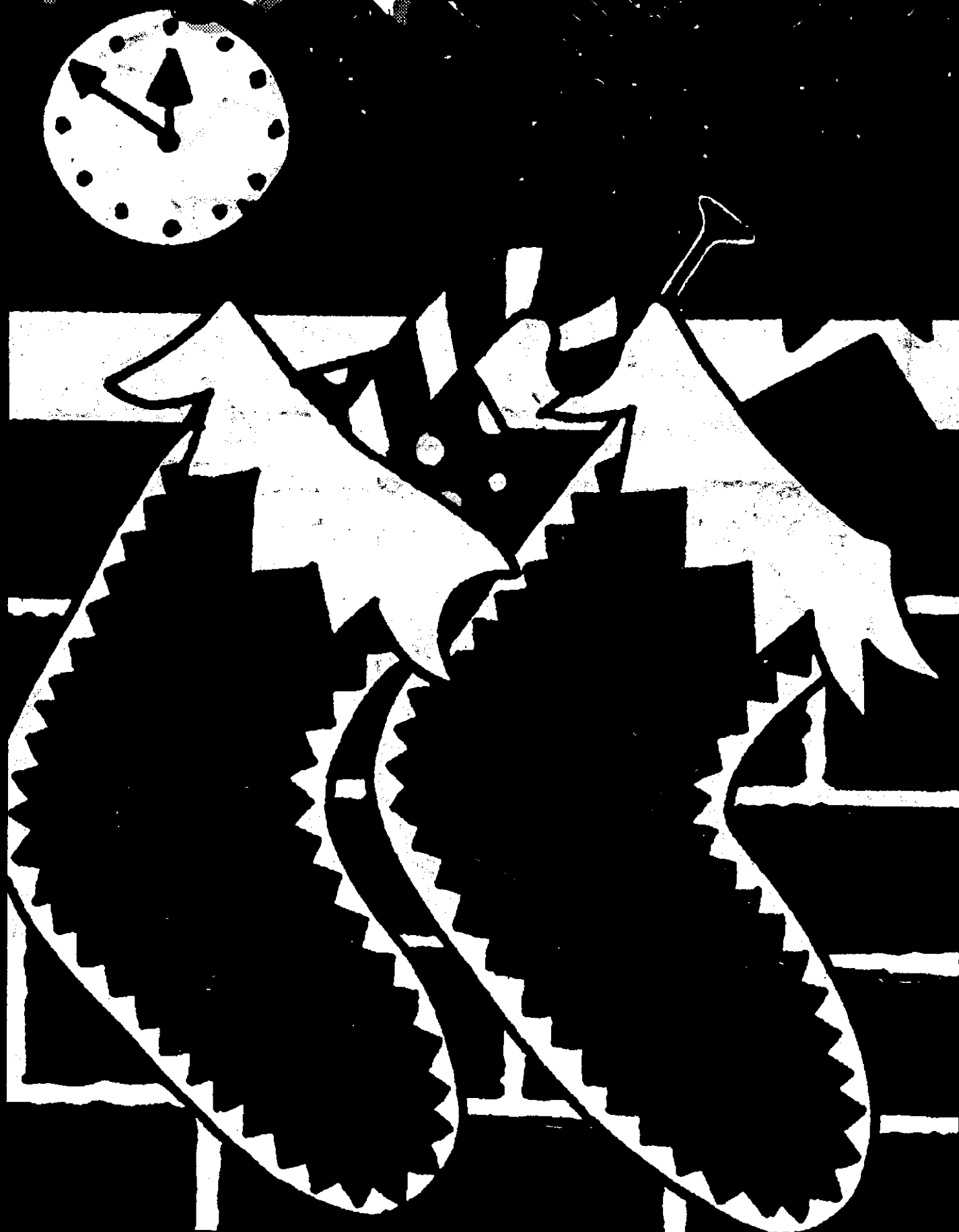
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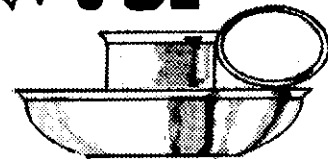
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This year, consider a gift that will give every member of the family years of pleasure and practicality — a computer work/recreation center or home office. Sure, gift wrapping might be a problem, and Santa might have a difficult time getting it down the chimney, but no other present provides the perfect backdrop for family work and fun.

It's no wonder the computer work/rec center has taken over the title of "most popular room in the house." Dad or mom may use the office as a retreat for family budgeting or job-related projects. Students need organized areas for exam cramming and word-processing. And kids and adults alike are lining up for computer game time that's strictly fun.

Because of the computer center's many users and uses, many families prefer to set up shop in an open, centrally located area to accommodate a crowd of work and play users.

Remember, you'll need to make room for computer game teams and study partners, as well as those who just get caught up in the generated excitement. Many times, a corner of an existing room,

hallway or large bay area serves the purpose well.

And the budget-minded Santa needn't despair. Just make sure furniture decisions combine fashion and function with finances. Today's wide array of ready-to-assemble (RTA) furniture and its highly functional design make RTA a popular, economical choice for the computer work/rec center.

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Computer compatible collections offer a variety of work centers with pull-out keyboard shelves and mobile printer/paper stands. In addition, a lift-lid drawer unit with paper ledge provides a handy manuscript prop. One professional looking desk/hutch unit even has a cork memo board.

Some final suggestions for this year's Santas to consider — the

computer work/rec center and its furniture should clean up quickly and easily so that unexpected visits from clients and friends aren't an embarrassment. You should be able to shut a bureau drawer or door to hide projects and games in progress. This also keeps unfinished jobs organized.

Laminated stain-resistant surfaces are a definite plus, especially when you consider how many people work or play and snack at the same time.

Carry through the same contemporary or classic design theme that dominates the rest of the house. Offices needn't appear stark to be serious. Besides, the home office's after-hours role as computerized recreation room often calls for a more light-hearted look. The computer work/rec center's multifaceted personality makes it the perfect holiday present and the most popular and liveliest room in modern homes.

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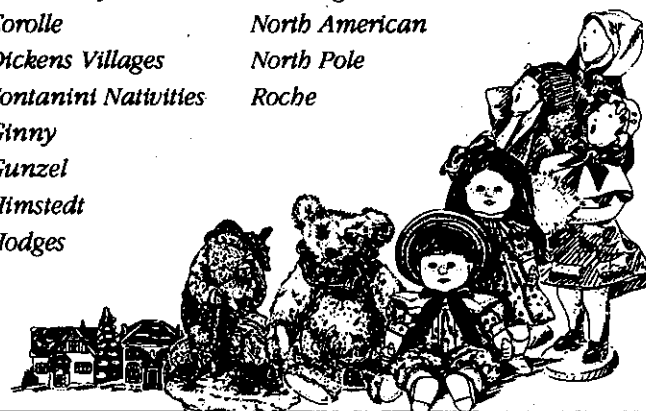
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But don't despair. Such a gift does exist — one that is enjoyable, entertaining and educational, and can be used year round. That perfect gift is a bird feeder.

A backyard bird feeder will attract a wide variety of birds, and backyard bird feeding provides an activity that can be shared by all members of the family. And, best of all, the sight of a cardinal or chickadee perched on your feeder brightens even the dreariest winter day.

For novices or those unsure of what type of feeder to buy, to attract as large variety of birds as possible, rather than just one species, select a well made general feeder.

The feeder should be easy to feed, have a large seed capacity (to reduce the need for filling it in cold or inclement weather), and should keep seed dry. As much as possible, it also should be squirrel-proof.

General feeders are available in wood, metal and plastic, and

come in a variety of types, such as hanging feeders, or those that mount on post fence. While wood is attractive, it has several disadvantages. It is easily chewed up by squirrels, it is difficult to clean, allows large birds to crowd out

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smaller birds, and is virtually impossible to squirrel-proof. Also, depending on location, it is hard to see birds feeding on the opposite side of the feeder. This is also true for metal.

On the other hand, plastic feeders are easy to clean and fill, are usually squirrel-proof, and allow all birds at feeder to be seen. Be sure it has a large seed capacity, is made of an impact grade of plastic, and has more ports of drainage. Otherwise, moisture from

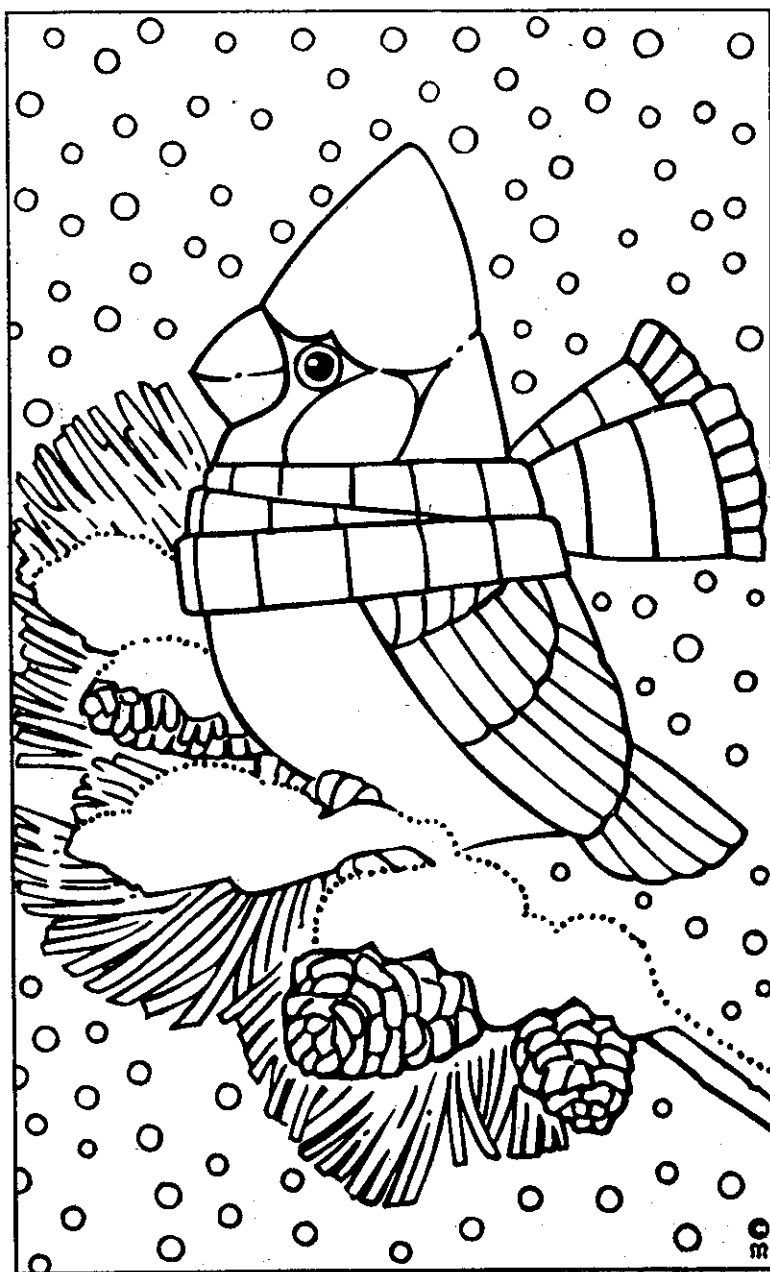
condensation can be trapped inside and cause seed to mold.

Where you mount your feeder, determine the type of birds you will attract. A hanging feeder attracts birds that cling or perch while eating — chickadees, nuthatches, finches and titmice. Post or fence-mounted feeders attract cardinals, chickadees, wrens, sparrows and grosbeaks. And if any seed spills into the ground, don't worry. Ground feeding birds such as blue jays, sparrows, towhees, juncos and mourning doves (not to mention a squirrel or two) will clean it up.

When selecting a feeder, be sure it is attractive to birds. While barns, covered bridges and windmills may be attractive to humans, they may be distracting to birds. And a beautiful feeder that is not used birds is useless. Bird Feeder by Garden Scene comes in five simple geometric shapes, and in grey or barn red.

On Christmas morning, after all the presents are unwrapped, position your new feeder where it can be easily seen, fill it with seed, then sit back and enjoy year-round fun watching the antics of your new backyard guests.

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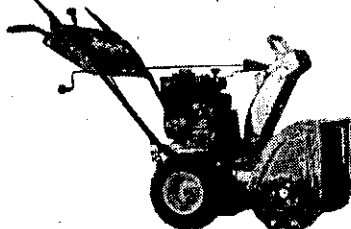
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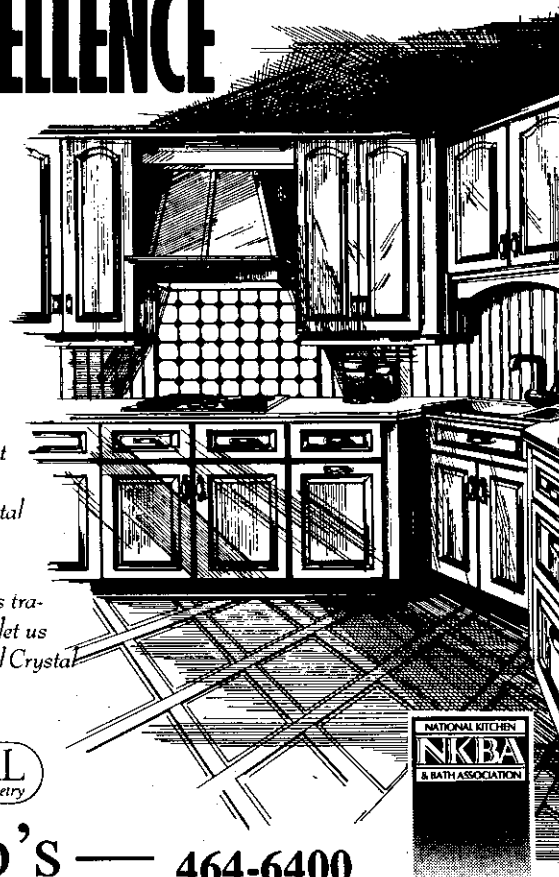
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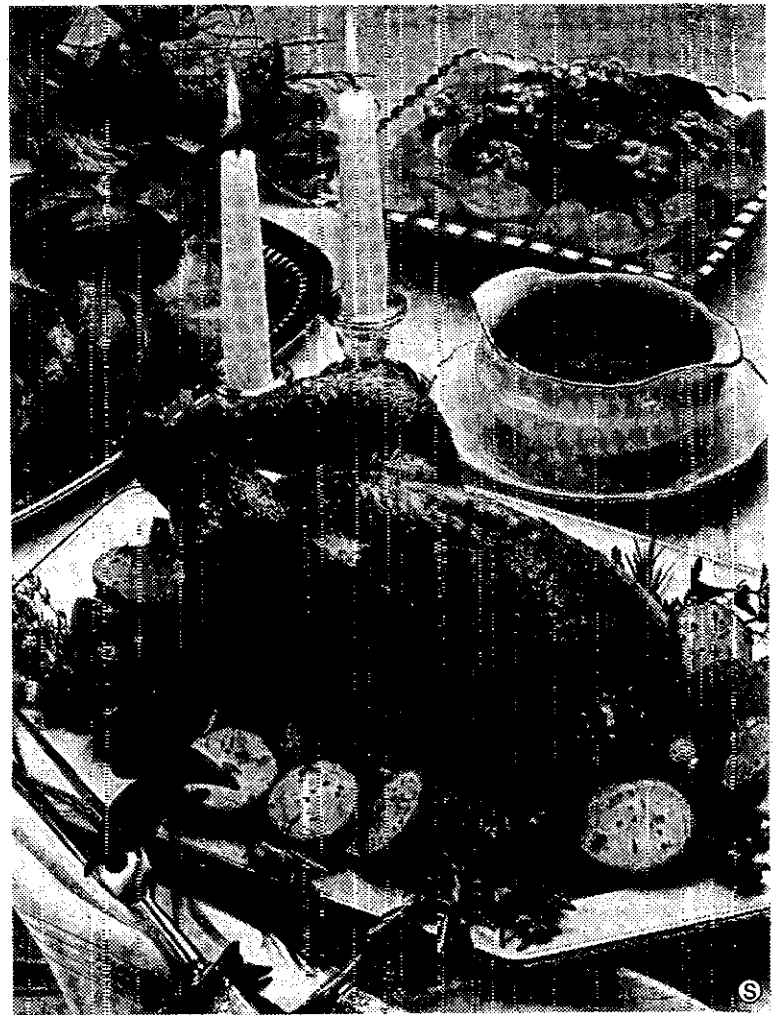
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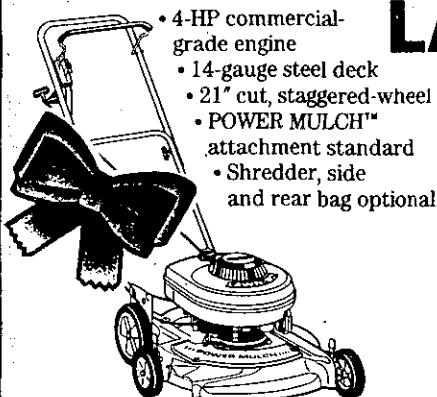
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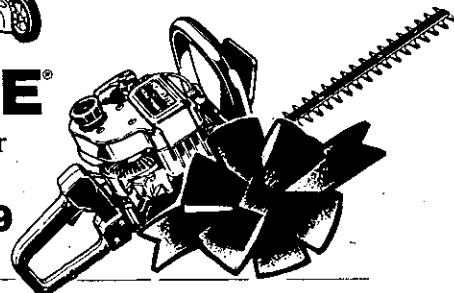
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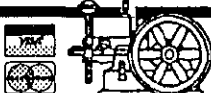


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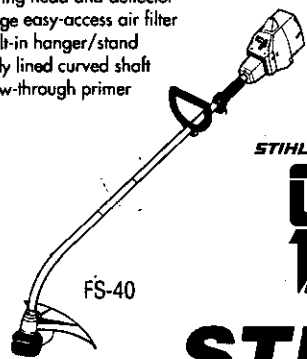
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It's uncomfortable, annoying and definitely an unwelcome holiday guest. So just how do you get rid of it?

Show your guest the door

You can keep heartburn away by keeping some simple guidelines in mind as you enjoy holiday foods.

Quite often, heartburn stems from overindulgence of fatty or spicy foods, caffeinated and alcoholic beverages, chocolates, mints, processed meats, nicotine, tomato-based foods and onions. And these are just some of the catalysts for heartburn.

Then, chew on this fact: many doctors believe that one of the

biggest inducers of heartburn is stress. All the holiday packing, planning, hustling and hassling can lead to a severe case of heartburn.

As you hail the holidays, consider these holiday heartburn hints:

- Wrap the packages — not yourself-tightly ... don't wear clothes too tight around the waist.
- Let the fireplace do the smoking — stop or limit smoking.
- Make the most of a long winter's night sleep — don't lie

down right after eating; and when you go to bed, sleep with the head of the bed raised about six inches.

- Only one Santa will do — avoid being overweight.

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- Get a Santa's helper for those really big gifts ... avoid bending over and lifting heavy objects.

- Hot toddies aren't so hot for your stomach ... alcoholic beverages,

coffee or hot chocolate can give you heartburn.

- Answer the dinner bell's jingle ... just don't overindulge.
- No holiday surprises for your stomach ... an irregular, erratic schedule feeds heartburn.

Good advice—until you ate your way through the buffet line. You just couldn't resist! Now, you can resist noticing that burning sensation creeping up your esophagus. You'd better hope your present is an antacid.

For information on heartburn, call the Heartburn hotline at 1-800-447-3543. You'll receive a complimentary subscription to Gut Reactions, an entertaining, educational newsletter focusing on health and heartburn topics.

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Avoid post-holiday headaches: read refund policies

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Read the policy before you buy an item. If you aren't comfortable with its terms, shop elsewhere. Read the policy before you purchase.

Return policies vary from store to store, and catalog to catalog;

some are liberal, others very strict. Every retailer must have a refund policy. They have the right to determine the specifics of that policy.

- Stores can limit refunds to a shorter period of time as long as the information is posted in a visible area, readily accessible to the customer.

- If it is the retailer's policy to provide cash refunds or to credit a buyer's account for up to 20 days after purchase on items returned unused and undamaged, they are not required to *post* that policy.

- If no policy is posted, the retailer is obligated to provide a

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refund (if the merchandise is returned in a sellable condition) for up to 20 days after the purchase.

In this situation, the consumer has the right to determine if the refund is received as cash or a credit to an account.

In order to assure yourself the ability to return you must:

- Save all receipts *especially* during prime sales times. If you can prove you paid full price, you'll get the full price in your refund. If you can't prove it, you may be refunded the amount the item is selling for on that day.

- Don't take for granted that everything you read is true. There

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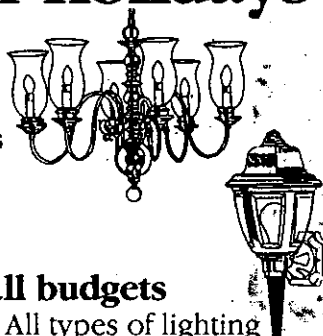
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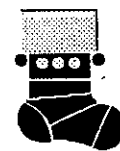
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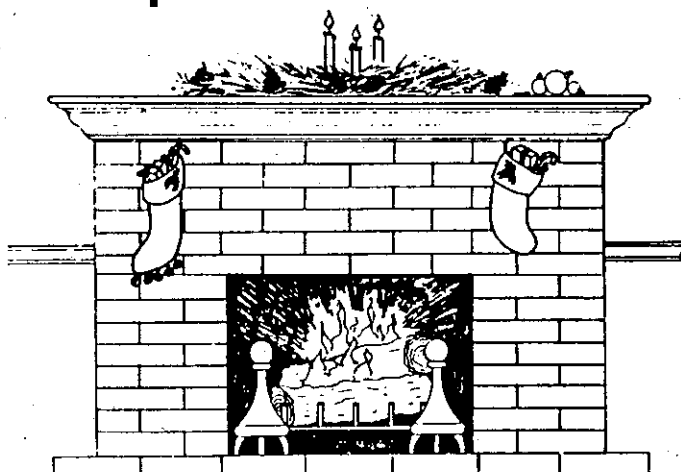
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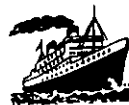
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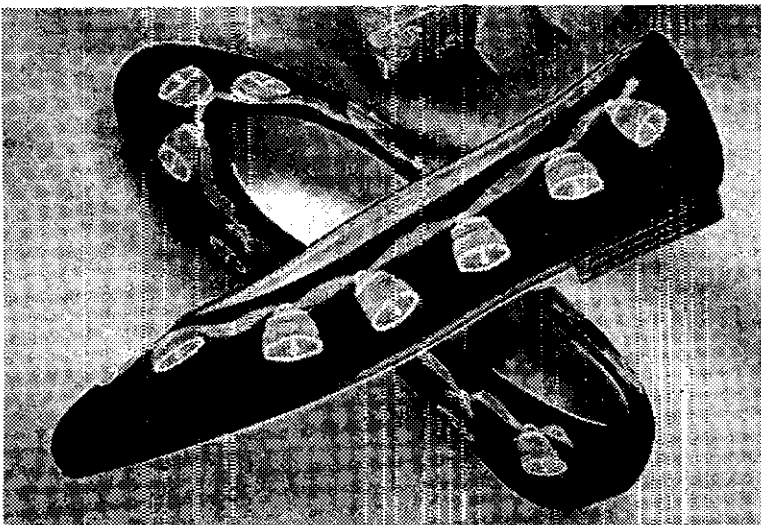


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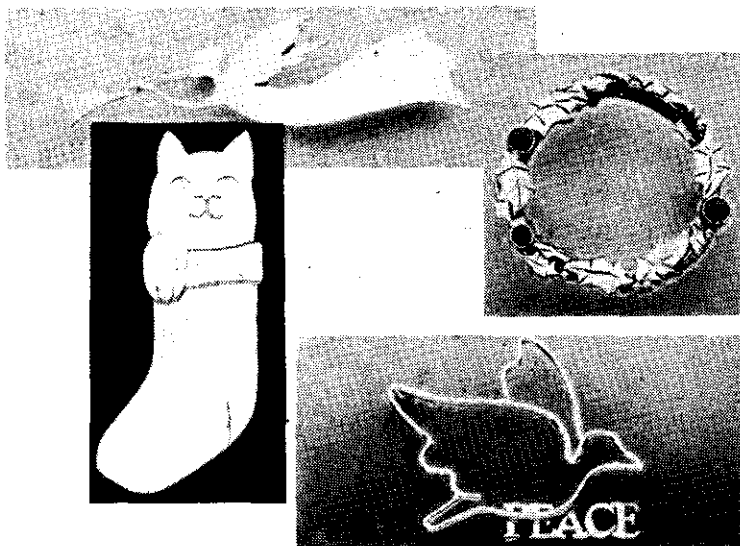
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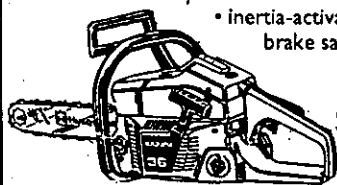
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Start by writing down everything you have to do so you can figure out the most efficient use of your time. To make your first list, make a section for every day from now until Christmas. Working back from the deadline for each chore, write down what must be done each day.

Group similar activities together. For instance, make all your phone calls together, do all your shopping in one trip, etc.

Separate out what must be done that day and what can be put off if necessary. You don't need a fancy calendar — write it down, and when completed, check it off.

Be realistic in compiling your list. If the list seems impossible to accomplish, eliminate something, or better yet, delegate chores to family members. Delegating has the added advantage of bringing the family together (which, after

all, is the reason for the season). Trying to do too much will set yourself up for failure.

Planning and shopping for gifts is most time-consuming. Don't use your strength and time wandering in search of the perfect gift. To save time, think about what kind of a gift is needed or wanted at home, then shop with a purpose.

Rather than seeing your holiday tasks as huge projects, break them down into small parts and only think about what you have to do today. Too many of us become

overwhelmed and don't do anything at all, and then spend the last few days before Christmas in a frantic, stressful and ultimately unsuccessful attempt to get it all done.

Guard against interruptions. A wonderful sense of flow develops when you can do something without being interrupted. When necessary, just say no.

Plan two full hours for yourself every day. Take a walk, get a massage, read a book, do anything that has nothing to do with chores.

This allows you to make the most productive use of the rest of your day. Get someone to take the children away for a few hours to a holiday movie or to see Santa.

Be flexible. Forget about the old saying "never put off till tomorrow what you can do today." Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should. When you begin to feel tired, stop. You'll enjoy the job and look forward to finishing it the next day if you feel good about it. Feel free to swap planned tasks and days, as long as you keep getting things done.

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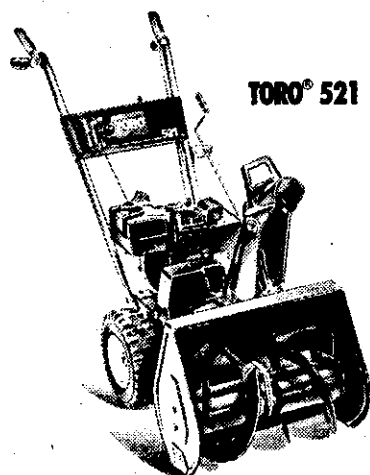
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Tough economic times are forcing many consumers to turn away from high-tech, high-ticket items in favor of more traditional gifts reminiscent of a time when the holidays were less commercial.

According to Bryan, founder of Selective, a company that specializes in corporate and individual gift programs, the ideal gift avoids the commonplace and commercial and should be the most imaginative and memorable gift for any occasion.

"For example, if Dad enjoys a fine spirit, bourbon is an excellent choice," Bryan said. "Popular in the 1950s, bourbon is enjoying a comeback as our 'national spirit.' But try being unique — introduce Dad to one of the new 'boutique' bourbons that come in distinctive decanters."

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The holidays may come during the winter, but that's no reason for family and friends to look frozen in your snapshots. Here's a few tips on ways to get people to smile.

• Avoid heavily posed photos. Your most effective snapshots will be candid shots of family and friends.

• Take group photos in the twinkling of an eye. For pictures where you do want to pose a group, get everyone assembled, tell them, "On the count of three, say Happy Holidays," and take the photo quickly.

• Don't force anyone to be in a photo. An announcement like, "Now I'm going to take photos," may send some people running for cover. Take a photo while they're engaged in an activity, and they'll look more natural. Use the self-timer and get in the photo yourself.

• When snapping pictures of small children, get down to their level. If you take photos of kids from your viewpoint, you'll end up with "bird's eye view" shots or pictures of the tops of their heads.

Don't force anyone to be in a photo.

• Use the zoom to enlarge someone who's across the room. If your child is enthralled with a new gift, don't move in close to

take the picture. Stay across the room and use the telephoto position. Or use the wide-angle setting for shots that encompass a group.

• Keep your camera handy. It's hard to take holiday snapshots when your camera is out of reach. Keep it close, and that way, you'll have the best happy holiday photo memories.

• Get the right type of film, and keep plenty of it on hand. Remember most stores aren't open on Christmas and New Years.

Kwanzaa show set

The second annual Capital District Kwanzaa and Christmas Gift and Craft Show is Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sage Junior College of Albany gymnasium off New Scotland Avenue in Albany.

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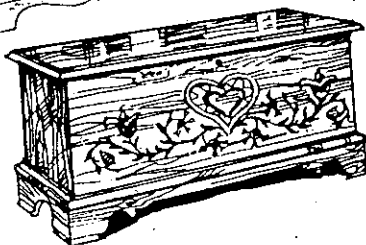
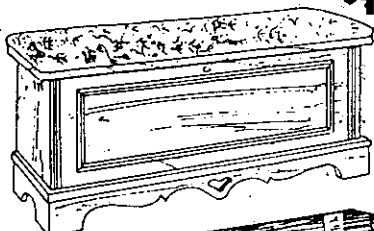
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