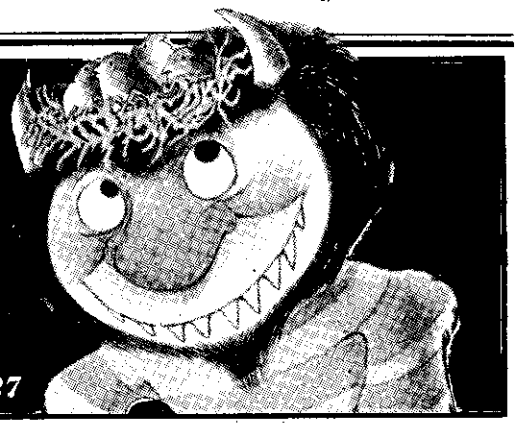


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Ringler, North St. group clash over dump

By Mel Hyman

It might look good on TV, but are the claims about a public health hazard at the North Street landfill well-founded?

Supervisor Kenneth Ringler issued a statement last week in response to claims made at a news conference organized by leaders

candidate for the state Assembly in November, maintained that the group's call for a moratorium on the dumping of yard



Joseph Glazer and Joseph Duclos meet the press on the steps of town hall.

Everything back there should stop until this matter is resolved.

Joseph Glazer

of the Hudson Avenue Neighborhood Association.

"This particular site has been in existence, I believe, for over 20 years," he said. "There is nothing to indicate that a public health hazard exists at this point in time. This is truly a case of an attempt to frighten residents and intimidate the public," he said.

But the leaders of the association are sticking to their guns. Hudson Avenue resident Joseph Glazer, an unsuccessful

waste on the North Street Extension was justified, and that Ringler was venting his anger at the wrong parties.

The town board's decision to hire an engineering firm to survey old portions of

the landfill and inventory any possible contaminants was a positive step, Glazer said, but more needs to be done.

"If they're just going to move a few barrels around for \$2,000 then that's not enough. ... We're not trying to manipulate the government, but the people in this

neighborhood want the truth—the whole truth."

Councilwoman Sheila Galvin believes the association is not overstating the possible dangers from the North Street landfill. She chastised her colleagues on the

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Normanskill bridge's days are numbered

By Susan Graves

Bids for work on a new bridge to replace the Normanskill span on Route 443 are expected to be let out in a little more than a year, according to the project engineer.

Steve Wilcox of the state Department of Transportation Region I said the new structure should be up and running in about two years.

Although the existing bridge is safe, he said, it has been a major problem because of its substructure involving splits in the piers. "It is held together with channels and threaded rods," said Wilcox, "You can't keep spending money to keep it in

working condition."

The new structure is expected to cost between \$10 and \$15 million, and should be completed in about two years. Another construction season will then be dedicated to removing the existing span. Traffic will continue on the old bridge until the new one is completed, he said. About 18,000 vehicles cross the bridge on a daily basis.

The new bridge will be built north of the old, and the design was made with the existing surroundings in mind, Wilcox said. The new bridge will have only four or five spans, as opposed to 16 on the old span. "We're reducing them because of concerns of having a large structure in a small community. ...It should be an improvement."

The entire project will begin approximately 850 feet west of the existing bridge in Bethlehem and end at the bridge that

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Powder puff dragon



Saturday's snow becomes a dinosaur on North Main Street in Voorheesville, thanks to seven hours of work by Mark Longo and Bob Bernhard.

Elaine McLain

V'ville teenager sentenced; may finish senior year

By Dev Tobin

Larry Salvagni will receive the same sentence as Chris Arnold for killing a schoolmate in a drunken driving crash last March, but he may be allowed to finish high school before going to state prison.

Salvagni, 18, of 233 Newport Court in Voorheesville, pleaded guilty to one count of criminally negligent homicide and one count of driving while intoxicated last week before Albany County Court Judge John Turner.

According to the plea bargain, Salvagni, still on crutches from a severe injury to his left leg suffered in the crash, will serve one-and-a-third to four years in state prison when sentenced Dec. 30, Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Coleman said. He remains free on \$5,000 bail.

On March 21, Salvagni was driving in excess of 100 mph around a 35 mph curve on Route 404 in Westerlo when he lost

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Mother honors daughter with anti-DWI awards

By Dev Tobin

One local teacher was glad Friday's phantom snowstorm closed area schools.

Betty Martin of Glenmont, school nurse teacher and health educator at the Menands School, would have had to come in late anyway, as she had an important commitment to keep.

Martin presented the Michelle Martin Memorial Trust Distinguished Service Awards for Victims and for Justice at the county Stop-DWI breakfast awards meeting at the New Course at Albany.

The trust was set up following the death of Martin's daughter, Michelle, at the hands of a drunken driver in 1982.

"Michelle was going to enter her junior year studying nursing at Plattsburgh State, and we had already sent in an initial tuition payment. It was very traumatic when the money was returned," Martin recalled.

With the tuition refund, the proceeds from a civil lawsuit and Michelle's estate, Bill and Betty Martin established the trust, that provides scholarships at Plattsburgh and the University at Albany for health and human services students, grants for local police departments, victims' impact panels and Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) chapters, and the distinguished service awards.

President of the New York State Chapter of Remove Intoxicated Drivers, Betty Martin also organizes victims' impact panels locally for high schools, colleges and those convicted of drunken driving.

Friday, Martin presented awards to State Trooper James Halvorsen of Troop G in Loudonville and Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Coleman.

"Trooper Halvorsen's work in accident reconstruction is meticulous and absolutely vital in securing convictions," said Martin. "Ten



Trooper James Halvorsen is honored for his accident reconstruction work by Bill and Betty Martin of Glenmont at Friday's breakfast.

Dev Tobin

years ago, there were only two accident reconstruction experts in the state, and Albany County had to hire a private firm to investigate

the crash that killed Michelle."

As the assistant district attorney primarily responsible for prosecuting DWI-related felonies,

Coleman "goes well beyond what a prosecutor is expected to do, serving on victims' impact panels and attending victims' memorial services," Martin said. "She takes people into her heart. They know they can trust her and depend on her."

The county Stop-DWI program also presented its Community Service Awards at the breakfast.

Coleman presented an award to Marjorie Huth, the victims' court liaison who helps survivors deal with the criminal justice process.

"She takes an incredible amount of grief, but it's her job," Coleman said.

Also honored with Community Service Awards were Bethlehem Police Officer Chris Pauley, Deputy Richard Brown from the sheriff's patrol in Voorheesville, and the SADD chapters at Bethlehem Central High School and the Academy of the Holy Names.

NEW SCOTLAND

Planners OK driving range

By Dev Tobin

A PGA golf pro who apprenticed at Colonie County Club in Voorheesville in the early 1980s won approval to build a driving range and miniature golf course on the site of the old Mayfair Drive-in on New Scotland Road (Route 85).

Jeffrey Glass of Albany told the New Scotland Planning Board at last week's meeting that his proposed Tee Time Golf will have a minimal impact on adjacent residences.

"Anything I do will be an improvement over what's there now," Glass said. "I will make every effort to ensure there is no undue stress on the neighbors."

Jean Carnell, whose house is immediately to the east of the proposed driving range, expressed concerns about litter and whether lights would shine on her property.

Glass responded that he would plant additional trees along the eastern border of his property to preclude light trespassing.

"The driving range lights are directed toward the rear of the property, where there would only be a one candlepower spillover in an area of heavy vegetation," he said, adding that there would be sufficient trash receptacles in the parking area. "If there's litter along the road, I'll probably pick it up myself."

Tee Time Golf will have 23 covered stalls and a grass hitting area at the driving range, an 18-hole miniature golf course, a pro shop and a snack bar on the eight-acre site. As a PGA pro, Glass will be available to give lessons. In the future, he intends to add batting cages.

The project will cost about \$400,000, and Glass expects to be open by April 1. The hours of operation would be 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

"I'm looking forward to getting involved with the schools and offering clinics for senior citizens," said Glass. "I want to provide a place where families can come and have a good time. This area needs something like that."

The board approved Glass' plan unanimously with the following qualifications: no outside public address system, enhanced land-

scaping along the eastern border, no light trespassing, sufficient trash containers and hours of operation no later than 11 p.m.

"This use leaves a lot of open land and is not as heavy an impact as what was there before," commented Ray MacKay, board chairman.

Board members tabled consideration of Glass' request for a special use permit for a lighted sign because they did not want to vote on a rough sketch.

"Come back when you have a specific design," MacKay told Glass.

In other business, the board approved a special use permit for a lighted sign for the new New Salem Garage, under construction across New Scotland Road from the proposed driving range.

The board also approved a new retail tire store at 1958 New Scotland Road where Meyers Bicycle and Lawnmower Center is now located.

Sean O'Connor, proprietor of the new tire store, assured the board his business would not include automotive repairs.

The approval is conditional on adjusting the handicapped parking to conform to code, adding a stockade-fenced area for storage of used tires and providing for pickup of used tires biweekly at least.



Icy roads caused this car driven by Mark Shelofsky of Voorheesville to slide off Route 85 in the town of New Scotland Saturday. He was not injured. Elaine McLain

Fire district voters approve pumper

Voters in the Delmar Fire District last week apparently had few qualms about floating a \$175,000 bond to purchase a new, 1,500-gallon-per-minute pumper.

A total of 118 people voted in favor of the bond issue on Tuesday, Dec. 8, while only 16 were opposed. The new Class A pumper, along with associated apparatus, is expected to cost \$275,000. The fire district has \$50,000 already set aside from accrued savings and another \$50,000 will be appropriated from the 1993 budget.

"We're pleased," said Gerald Day, chairman of the Delmar fire commissioners board. Hopefully, the truck will be delivered by the end of 1993. "It takes a long time to build these things," he noted.

Morale among the district's 68

volunteers is excellent, Day said. "Our volunteers put in hundreds of hours in all types of weather. The other night they were out for two hours when it was five or six above (zero) fighting a chimney fire in Elm Estates."

In the race for a five-year seat on the board of fire commissioners, James Shanley outpolled John Smith 92 to 53.

In the Elsmere Fire District, Wayne Johnson won over Scott Anson in the race for a seat on the board of fire commissioners. Fire commissioner John Flanigan was returned for a new, five-year term in the Slingerlands Fire District.

Clifford Apple was elected to the fire commissioners' board in Selkirk. Both George Mears and Norman Kellerman were elected to the fire commissioners board in North Bethlehem.



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Holiday schedule adjusts deadlines

Because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, advertising and editorial deadlines for *The Spotlight* are as follows:

- For the issue of Wednesday, Dec. 30 — display advertising deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23; classified advertising deadline is noon Thursday, Dec. 24; and the editorial submissions deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.
- For the issue of Wednesday, Jan. 6 — display and classified advertising deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, and the editorial submissions deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Ringler thinks regionalization may reduce county EMS costs

By Susan Graves

Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler has sent out feelers to county and municipal leaders to test the waters on the possibility of reorganizing EMS services in the county.

In a letter to Albany County Executive Michael Hoblock, Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III, Colonie Town Supervisor Fred Field and Guilderland Supervisor Anne Rose, Ringler asked to arrange an initial meeting to discuss the concept of regionalizing emergency medical services.

"I'd like to look at this and see if it's feasible," said Ringler, who said the meeting would be exploratory in nature. "You hear everything about regionalization, but this one (EMS for the region) is in its infancy. Rather than come back when everything is in place, why not look at it now and see if it makes sense?"

Ringler thinks that it may be possible to reduce the cost for everyone through a regional EMS program.

In Bethlehem, an EMS Council report in September 1991 recommended implementation of a town-wide partially paid paramedic service, partly because only portions of the town have coverage.

The Delmar Fire Department, which provides paramedic coverage, does not support the town-wide proposal. In a letter to the chairman of the Bethlehem EMS task force, Delmar Rescue Squad Capt. Charles Preska clarified the district's position, stating "Delmar has no intention of giving up their present paramedic program."

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Giving just the ticket for police union

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem Police Officers Union, or the local PBA if you're more used to that notation, could not be called apathetic.

If there's a community organization or effort in need of a little boost, the union can usually be counted on to dip into the kitty to make a donation. And, in these days of tight budgets and scarce cash, the extra money can often make or break a project.

Several weeks ago, the Community Partnership agreed to back the production of a videotape informing parents about the risks of alcohol abuse. Once completed, it would be available to any group in the town that might be interested in the subject.

The POU didn't hesitate. The organization's 29 members offered to donate \$500 toward the cost of production.

Projects come up all the time, said POU president Tony Arduini. "We're planning for some



Bethlehem POU president Tony Arduini says the union contributes a lot to the community. *Mel Hyman*

things for after the first of the year."

Providing food for the annual Community Christmas Dinner does cost money, and the POU contributed to that cause as well.

About 200 people are expected to partake in the affair scheduled at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue on Christmas Day.

Community sports also benefit from the union's largesse. The Bethlehem Tomboys, Pop Warner football teams and the Bethlehem Little League all get a financial boost of some kind.

"We try to contribute something to the majority of youth programs" in town, Arduini said, such as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and the PIT afterschool program, which is held in the basement of the Bethlehem Middle School.

The POU takes its civic responsibility seriously, said Supervisor Kenneth Ringler. "They give something back to the community whenever they can."

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Church to present Christmas pageant

The Delmar Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Delaware and Cherry avenues in Delmar, will present its Christmas Nativity Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

The pageant will feature traditional Christmas music and a nativity play performed by the youth of the church.

Admission is free.

For information, call 439-9917.

Bethlehem Elks to host Sunday breakfast

The Bethlehem Elks will host a breakfast buffet on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the lodge on Route 144 in Selkirk.

The menu includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, waffles, French toast, elk gravy, juice and coffee.

The meal will cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and \$4 for senior citizens.

For information, call 767-9959.

Squares to swing at Methodist church

The Tri-Village Squares are sponsoring a class-level Christmas dance on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Tom Vititow will cue rounds and class level. Plus level will be called from 10:30 to 11 p.m.

For information, call Connie or George Tilroe at 439-7571.

V'ville pupils to dance with Northeast Ballet

Three elementary school pupils from the Voorheesville Central School District will dance in the Northeast Ballet's production of the Nutcracker on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20, at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

Jessica Hover and Jamie Boyle, both fourth-graders, and second-grader Tracie Boyle will perform.

Restaurateur hopes planning pays off

By Mel Hyman

John Hodgkinson has seen it done the wrong way. Now he's determined to do it right.

If everything goes according to plan, and Hodgkinson has been planning this venture for several months, Delmar will soon have one of the most attractive and popular restaurants in the entire Capital District.

Hodgkinson said he's spared no expense in making changes to the former Sweetwaters Bistro on Delaware Avenue. He's converting the 200-seat establishment into an upscale, self-serve restaurant and bakery, which will be called the Back Home Buffet and Bakery. The grand opening is scheduled for mid-January.

In a nutshell, there will be six food bars to choose from. Three of them will feature fresh and steamed vegetables plus a variety of potatoes. The others will be packed with fish, chicken and ham. A roast beef entree will be available for dinner.

Every new undertaking needs a hook, so to speak, and Hodgkinson believes he has the winning formula. For a flat fee of \$7.29 for dinner and \$5.49 for lunch, customers can help themselves to unlimited servings from all the food bars. Children 10 and under will be able to fill their tummies for less than \$3, and seniors will also receive a discount.

For dessert, there will be a bakery right on the premises, which will feature six kinds of cookies, puffed rolls, two types of fresh-baked bread and an assortment of pastry.

A soft ice cream station will be on hand as well with all the desserts included in the lunch and dinner prices.

"We'll be offering 50 percent more value than any other restaurant in the area," he said.

Recent history has not been kind for the sprawling restaurant complex, which for most of the 1980s was the home of Alteri's Restaurant. When Hodgkinson acquired the property in 1988, he leased it out to a nephew for use as a Ponderosa Steak House.

Ponderosa proved quite successful until a family problem forced its closing in 1990, Hodgkinson said. The next venture, Sweetwaters Bistro, was undertaken by a pair of young restaurateurs from New York City who had a similar operation in Vermont.

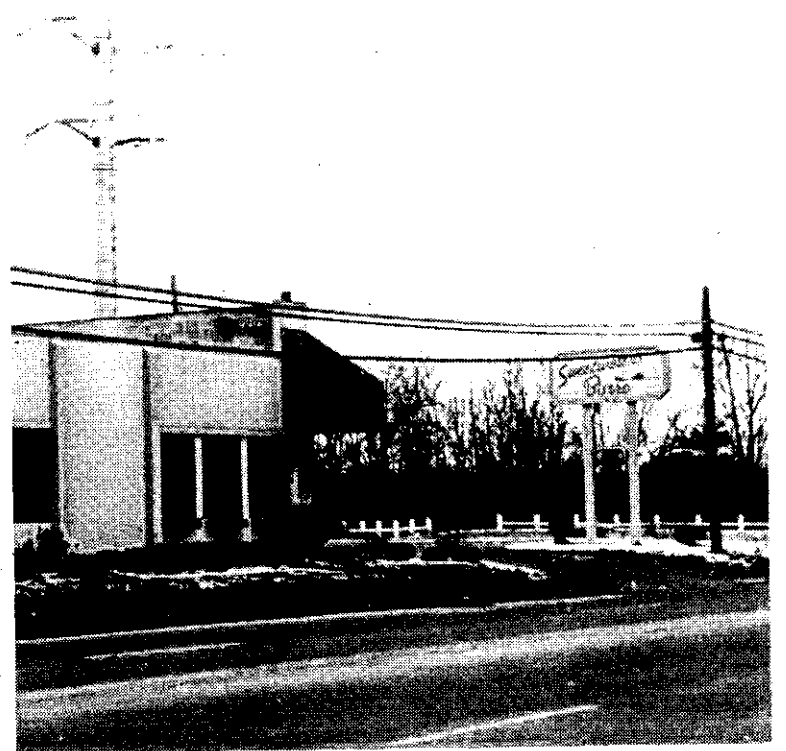
Prompt service at Sweetwaters was hard to come by, unfortunately, Hodgkinson recalled, and eventually the business went under.

Hodgkinson, who owns the American Chemical Co. based in Latham, thought long and hard about what to do in the aftermath of Sweetwaters. He finally decided to take things into his own hands and launch a bold, new venture that he's confident will catch on.

"I expect we'll have a long line for the first few weeks we're open," he said. But, he promised, it still won't take longer than a minute or two to get your food and find seating space.

There have been successful restaurants at this location in the past, he said, so there is nothing preventing a new one from taking hold. "It's a great place. There is a community of upscale people with relatively high per capita incomes. More than 20,000 cars a day pass by here."

Minor renovations are planned for the dining area, which is still in excellent shape. The natural oak trim, brass lamps, ceiling fans and plush-looking carpet give it a comfortable, down home feeling. Alcohol will not be served, which should further the family-type atmosphere that Hodgkinson is looking for.



John Hodgkinson plans an all-you-can-eat alternative at his new Back Home Buffet and Bakery at the site of the old Sweetwaters Bistro on Delaware Avenue. Elaine McLain

A total of 70 people will staff the facility, which will be open seven days a week. Most of those jobs will be part-time and Hodgkinson said he looks forward to hiring many teenagers from the area.

People should not judge the Back Home Buffet by what's occurred in the past, he said. "I'm a businessman. My original intention was to lease the property out

to people I thought would be successful. I thought I had screened the applicants and picked the best ones.

"Now they're gone, and I'm going take it on myself for the first time. If you give people good value for their money and it's high quality food, there should be no problem at all."



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Matters of Opinion

Hostages and harassment

Speaking of gender discrimination, as lots of people seem to be doing, let's look for a couple of minutes at Albany County's fiscal controversies.

In response to County Executive Mike Hoblock's scorched-earth tactics in reducing the budget-busting overgrown payroll, his not-so-loyal opposition has sought to make him back down by taking five hostages. Your money or their jobs, the Democrats' fearless leader has been telling Mr. Hoblock, who in turn declares he won't back down—and the hostages themselves are putting their necks on the block as willing sacrificial lambs.

But consider who the hostages are: First of all, they include Mr. Hoblock's director of operations, a woman, and three key female members of the policy staff who have done the research and projections that were required in formulation of the Executive budget. Interestingly, and perhaps significantly, a fourth member of the policy group—a man—was not taken hostage. In addition to the four women, the fifth marked for Beirut-type elimination is a male part-time counsel.

Subsequent to the taking of hostages

The million-dollar miscue

Corrupt: Changed from a sound condition to an unsound one; spoiled, contaminated, rotten.

That is the dictionary's first, and original, definition of the word.

In this sense, we find corruption around us in the most unlikely places. One that came to light within the past week involves a school board and one of its administrators who was on the verge of receiving nearly a million dollars in severance pay when he retires at 62 as well as a pension of at least \$150,000 and perhaps \$300,000 a year. His income on the job has been about \$220,000.

State Education Commissioner Sobol branded the \$960,000 severance "grossly excessive" and possibly illegal. He is trying to stop it from going into effect. Governor Cuomo reiterated that school boards "finally" have to face realities.

The facts, briefly, are these: A Suffolk County board of cooperative educational services gave its superintendent, Edward J. Murphy, a contract with outlandish terms such as 90 paid vacation days annually at \$1,040 a day. Ultimately, the deal hit the fan at the State Education Department (where inflated payrolls and salaries hardly are unknown). Protests and belated efforts there to

The Scaringe successor

On a graph, the 16-year tenure of George Scaringe as Albany County Republican chairman would be depicted by one long plane interrupted by a single tall upward squiggle representing the election of a County Executive.

Word from Mr. Scaringe that he's ready to step down may—or may not—herald another upturn in his party's fortunes. The result ultimately will hinge on his successor's credibility, determination, organizational ability, fund-raising prowess—and success in recruiting plausible and forceful candidates for office.

The prospect of a talent hunt to find and

Editorials

(termed by Mr. Hoblock even more inelegantly as "blackmail"), he stood firm on his predestined vetoes of the Democrats' effort to restore the jobs that his budget had eliminated. Next, the County Legislature with its 64.10 percent Democratic majority will meet shortly and try to override the vetoes (which require a 66.67 percent vote).

Mr. Hoblock, functioning under a "weak executive/strong legislature" charter, doesn't hold many cards, but the veto—even by the slimmest of margins—is one. The apparent result (in the absence of negotiations toward a decent compromise) is that the patronage jobs the Democrats have sought to protect will be sacrificed after all. (After Jan. 1, their majority will diminish to 61.5 percent.)

As for the hostage-taking strategy—it's hard indeed to make it effective if the hostages declare they don't care all that much. Tough cookies, those ladies.

halt this particular nonsense brought the corrupt deal to the light of public attention.

Such an arrangement must truly qualify as unique—but unfortunately it is but the tip of an unsound, contaminated monster that floats beneath the surface.

Too many school boards fail to recognize the true depth of their responsibility for keeping commitments for expenditures at a plausible minimum. Too many officials and employees of governmental agencies at all levels adopt the corrupt idea that they are princes (and princesses) of privilege—if not actually above the law, then at least beyond accountability.

If this abuse of privilege in Suffolk County may seem remote from the concerns of citizens and taxpayers here in Albany County, it should be pointed out that at least one of its aspects is of direct interest. Mr. Murphy's inflated pension would be financed through a state pension plan into which all school districts contribute. Another instance of Murphy's Law at work?

That Suffolk County school board has touched new depths of classic corruption. And the spirit of such errant behavior goes marching on.

lasso such a paragon is a hopeful indicator that the party may genuinely mean business. If the man or woman finally selected represents and unites its diverse segments rather than being the captive of a parochial unit, the chances for Republicans' emergence as a truly competitive party would be greatly enhanced.

Unfortunately for the party's credibility and outlook, the 1992 election in the county turned out to be one more missed chance to bolster its position—and to rescue Mike Hoblock, its one big winner in all these years, from his lonely and exposed situation. "Help Hoblock" turned out to be just a handy slogan without adequate leadership or support.

'Junk advertisements' protested by resident

Editor: The Spotlight:

During the late summer and early fall, copies of advertising materials in yellow bags were thrown onto my lawn. The company supplying these identifies itself as "Extra" or "CR-ADS" at an address in Guilderland. I wrote to object to receiving this junk advertising and told them to stop delivering it to me. Since then, I have not received any more. Maybe that resolved this problem, but I doubt it—I still see them hanging from mailboxes in Delmar. Anyway, I am writing to say that I consider it a potential problem and also to report what I have done about it on my own behalf.

I have written to New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly accordingly. I noted that several years ago a similar case affected several local suburban communities. People objected on the grounds that 1) this was unwanted material, 2) the householder had to bear the experience of having it disposed of, and 3) it telegraphed, by its lingering presence, when people were away from home.

Shadows remind us of winter's coming

Editor: The Spotlight:

Coming events cast their shadows before, as we are assured by the poet. What better foreshadow of the official advent of winter than the shadow cast on the Moon just the other night by our Earth—followed by the wintriest of autumn's final days?

True: in only about 100 hours winter arrives once more. And although many will sigh, as they retrieve their chestnuts from the open fire, about the months ahead, there's the always-present brighter side.

Beginning Monday, each morning and afternoon will start lengthening ever so imperceptibly but actually. Before we know it, we'll be watching Mr. Groundhog cast his shadow.

Contributed Albany (Name submitted)

Vox Pop

More letters on page 8

After a lengthy uproar, I believe, the perpetrators had to find a different means of dissemination. I think this could become the same problem all over again. I ask that the town take whatever steps to prevent this company from becoming a nuisance to residents.

Voorheesville Name submitted

How history would alter with Fulbright

Editor: The Spotlight:

I found your Point of View column (Dec. 9), about the false leads given by Lyndon Johnson as to the Kennedy Cabinet appointments, very thought-provoking.

This was especially true in relation to how history might have been changed if the reported appointments had actually been made. For instance, suppose that (as reported) Senator J. W. Fulbright had become Secretary of State instead of Dean Rusk.

As Secretary of State, Mr. Fulbright would have been in a position to guide Presidents Kennedy and Johnson on intervention and ever-enlarging operations in Vietnam. (He was, after all, an outspoken and early opponent of the war.)

The country might have been spared the agony of that war; President Johnson would have been free to continue his Great Society programs beyond 1968; and there would have been no Nixon presidency and no Watergate. Presumably no Presidents Ford and Carter, and very possibly no Presidents Reagan, Bush—and Clinton. Our nation's leadership—and priorities and history would have been vastly different.

Intrigued

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Our town—sixty years since

The President-elect of the United States lived just across the crick and up the hill, but expectations of almost all the folks out here in the Tri-Villages were reasonably modest. It was the absolute bottom of the Great Depression, but in Delmar the modiste hopefully carried on her trade, the night watchman trudged his rounds, the milkmen and Bond Bread routemen carried their baskets, the cigar salesman faithfully did his route. Mr. Hogan-camp was true to his motto, "Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Your Door." Dr. Holmes's chauffeur carried him to his house calls.

The year was 1932, and the good people of the Tri-Village Area Directory Association had just published their first book listing all the 2,000 residents (over 17 years of age) in Delmar, Elsmere, and Slingerlands. Sixty years later a review of that directory—made particularly timely because the association has just called it quits after these six decades of publishing—provides numerous interesting sidelights on what Our Town was in yesteryear.

Some of the entries of residents and businesses strike a happily familiar note: Dan A. Bennett ("Bennett the Plumber" in his small advertisement) lived and did business at 341 Delaware Avenue, the same address D.A. Bennett, Inc. has today. The Applebee Funeral Home at 401 Kenwood Avenue was next door to the present one at 403.

Edward W. Boutelle, professional engineer and surveyor (he was also the Town Clerk), was located on Delaware not far from the offices of Edward W. Boutelle & Son today.

Clayton B. LeGallez's electrical contracting business, then almost 20 years old, was on New Scotland Road, having since moved to Hudson Avenue in Delmar, where it is edging toward its eightieth year.

Some other familiar names

Columbus's egg and creativity

Those readers who may already have found speculative wonder in the Point of View column on this page probably would also be interested in an article, "Columbus Cracks an Egg," by Stephen Jay Gould in the December issue of *Natural History* magazine.

Dr. Gould notes that in his autobiography Charles Darwin chides himself for having ignored a crucial problem that any evolutionary theory must resolve. Darwin wrote:

"But at that time I overlooked one problem of great importance; and it is astonishing to me, except on the principle of Columbus and his egg, how I could have overlooked it and its solution."

Dr. Gould reports that he had encountered this "famous quotation" throughout his professional life—but he didn't understand the reference.

appear: Elihu Propp's Letter Shop on Lodge Street in Albany (a directory advertiser) is still operated by Mrs. Propp and son Larry.

Uncle Dudley

Harmon Lockrow of Delmar was employed at Skinner's Book Store in Albany, and in the memory of many contemporary book-lovers he later operated his own store until fairly recent days.

Members of the Rowe family lived on Roweland Avenue. Caroline Rowe was secretary of the directory association, and stated that she was ready to receive word of any errors or omissions. But no Winne lived on Winne Road, though there were several in town, including John, who had a dairy farm on Delaware Avenue not far beyond where Verstandig's is today. And none of the numerous Benders resided on Bender Lane.

By far the most obvious change in the Tri-Village's profile—well beyond the growth in population and the addition of many streets and residential areas—appears in the occupation of both men and women.

There were few lawyers in town, and even employees of the State and local governments were relatively much scarcer. Basically, the villages were not yet white-collar, "affluent" communities. The inhabitants worked at old-time agricultural and blue-collar jobs: There was a blacksmith, a railroad fireman, a tailor's helper, a shirt-cutter, longshoremen, a sawmill laborer. Numerous men described themselves as laborers, farmhands, milkmen, chauffeurs. Farmers were plentiful, many of them being in dairying; some sold milk, through only three local dairies advertised in the directory. Reminiscent of times past were such occupations as Western Union wire chief, inspector of

police for the D & H, a dealer in Real Silk hosiery, the manager of a vinegar plant in Voorheesville. At least one man was frank about his calling: "traveling salesman" (line not specified).

Large numbers of residents were listed as "retired," a category that might well have had a connection with the closing of the third year of the Depression.

Even in those hard times, not very many women reported employment. Among those who did, "housework" and "housekeeper" were among the more frequently listed. Inez Wells said that she was a companion for Marion Burkhart. A few had undertaken to open a tea room. And then, of course, there was the modiste.

Of the young people 18 or over who obtained individual lines in the directory, only a few were attending college. Surprisingly, the Albany state college did not seem to be very popular.

Prominent among businesses were feed dealers, coal companies, ice and fuel suppliers. Meyers Grocery promised to deliver purchases. There was no trace of a chain grocery, even the A & P.

More than 70 businesses advertised in the directory, but a very large percentage of these were for the minimum space of a half-inch or for one inch. Only four were full-page advertisers: The Bank of Bethlehem (now the site of one of the Key Bank's locations); two funeral homes in Albany, Brasure's and Tebbutt's—both still alive; and, not unexpectedly, the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

It was an impressive beginning for the fledgling enterprise. Few businesses were launched in that year, and fewer yet survived into the 1990s. During its lifetime, its growth paralleled that of its community, but the basic change in the community far exceeded those of the book that recorded our lives.

by a surprisingly simple knack or expedient."

Dr. Gould continues: "I actively like the story of Columbus's egg and found it wonderfully illustrative of an important principle of science and intellectual life in general. Columbus's egg is an emblem for a different kind of ambiguity that we all must face.

"Did Columbus achieve a fair solution of the puzzle that he himself had set? He asks his dinner companions to balance an egg. They assume that they may not destroy the object as they attempt to stand it on an end—and they fail... Columbus cracks the shell at its bottom, and the egg stands. I'm sure he fractured the shell ever so gently—just enough to achieve a sufficiently flat bottom. But he still destroyed the egg. Does the destruction of an object count as a fair solution to a puzzle posed about it?"

Constant Reader

ate a flat bottom, in order to prove a point. The apocryphal incident was said to have occurred in 1493 "at a banquet given in honor of Columbus by Cardinal Mendoza.

"When the difficulty of his voyage of discovery was put into question, Columbus challenged his interlocutors to balance an egg. When they failed, he did it by cracking the shell."

And here is the coincidental support for Dr. Herman's theme in the adjoining column. As specified in the letter in *The Times*: "The egg of Columbus' has become proverbial for solving a difficult problem

Solving complex problems with simple answers

The contributor of this Point of View, who states that he has more problems with solutions than with problems, wrote on "Recreating the universe to suit our lifestyle" for this column recently.

By Robert S. Herman

Solved problems are useless. What can we do with them? Yet we seem destined to search for solutions.

It is said that we suffer from a shortage of simple problems and a surplus of simple solutions. With this in mind, here are a few simple solutions to some of our present-day complex problems. These are presented in no intelligent order. Readers of *The Spotlight* may wish to supplement this list.

Point of View

1. **Problems:** The high cost and monotony of election campaigns, legislative mal-apportionment, term limitations for elected officials, and minority representation.

Solution: Select public officials by lottery rather than by election.

2. **Problems:** Unemployment, traffic injuries and deaths, air pollution, urban congestion, and the declining sales of American-made cars.

Solution: Require everyone to buy a new American car, but prohibit its use.

3. **Problems:** Excessive spending on military salaries and the high cost of social security payments.

Solution: Draft senior citizens.

4. **Problem:** The lack of sufficient clean-energy sources.

Solution: Require all joggers to jog in place on treadmills to generate additional energy. Same for stationary bike riders.

5. **Problem:** Overcrowding at our prisons.

Solution: Arrest smaller people.

6. **Problem:** The United States trade deficit caused by import of foreign cars, especially those from Japan.

Solution: Make Japan our 51st state.

7. **Problem:** High rate of school dropouts.

Solution: Require a high school diploma of all automobile drivers.



As Dr. Herman suggests, this column may generate ideas among Spotlight readers for additional "complex problems with simple answers." Send your list to "Point of View," *The Spotlight*, 125 Adams Street, Delmar 12054.

8. **Problem:** Long lines at post offices and motor vehicle offices.

Solution: Require everyone in line to stand closer together.

9. **Problem:** Increasing number of shootings by children playing with guns.

Solution: Require childproof caps on guns as well as on medicines.

10. **Problem:** Information explosion.

Solution: Pay authors money only for publication of first article or book.

Charge authors money for every subsequent article or book published.

11. **Problem:** Shortage of parking places.

Solution: Buy a parked car.

12. **Problem:** The drop in the value of the dollar.

Solution: Make counterfeiting a misdemeanor instead of a major felony.

Matters of Opinion

'School Store' lacks items for children

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank my many friends and neighbors in Delmar who have so generously contributed toys, books, jewelry, and many white elephant-type items to my "School Store" at School 20 in Albany.

No item sells for more than a quarter, so the children can buy nice gifts for friends and family at a mere fraction of the "market price."

This has also been a wonderful motivation for learning the value of money, as my Special Ed class is Grade 1/2. We use all the money we make to go on field trips. We have gone to the Catskill Game Farm, the Junior Museum, and to many plays. These enriching experiences would be impossible without the School Store.

But my stock is running low. Won't you please check your closets,

drawers, and toy boxes so our selection of Christmas merchandise will be a little better? Call me at 439-3403 any evening to arrange for pick-up or delivery. Happy Holidays!

Marion Harwick

Delmar

A salute to 46 of Partnership

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to thank the 46 committed Community Partnership members who attended the recent breakfast workshop. We congratulate their dedication and interest. In this world of negative news and dysfunctional systems it is inspiring to see 46 eager faces at 8:30 on a cold and snowy Saturday morning. We salute you.

Mona Prenoveau

Holly Billings

Caution urged in using pets as presents

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Companion Animal Resource & Education Society, Inc., (CARES) strongly cautions people against the practice of giving "animals as gifts" this holiday season.

Inferior-quality animals are in abundant supply at Christmas and Easter; promoted, marketed, and advertised as gifts with innocent images of a festive hearth and home, and a young child's delight at finding a puppy or kitten beneath the tree.

It is the aftermath of holiday impulse-buying of animals, however, which belie the reality of this practice. It is after these stressful and even hazardous holidays, particularly Christmas, that the novelty of young animal quickly wanes, replaced by the harsh reality of hard work and long-term major adjustments necessary to home, family ways, and finances to meet and provide for the rigorous needs and everyday demands of a young and dependent animal that is growing or perhaps unhealthy and genetically maladaptive.

However well intentioned, "animals as gifts" in the weeks, months, or years ahead commonly become the statistics associated with the tragic and unacceptable overpopulation of companion animals.

A responsible, lasting, and joyous adoption of an animal is a personal and very subjective decision and choice that cannot and must not be imposed by someone else. Consider a gift certificate from an animal shelter instead.

Susan M. Gibson, Co-Chair
Resource Committee, CARES
Schenectady

Is yard waste unsuited for North St. dump?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have sent the following letter to Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler:

"The illegal 32-acre dump on North Street would have already been dealt with if the town had adopted the second waste management plan of the Solid Waste Task Force, which included the problem of yard waste.

The second plan, which addressed all components of the waste stream, recommended construction of a town-owned sanitary landfill and the composting of yard waste.

According to Mr. Secor, only 10 percent of our yard waste is composted. Yet the yard waste is already separated, is easy to compost, and can be used for agricultural purposes. Why, then, is it still being dumped on North Street?

After the town's first plan (the incinerator) was defeated, the town should have moved vigorously to implement the second plan.

Composting yard waste is not expensive (in fact most people should compost yard waste in their own back yard and save the town the expense while gaining valuable soil).

Composting is a program that makes sense economically and solves the dumping problem on North Street. Why isn't the town pursuing this obvious solution? It is a matter of our care and commitment to the environment."

Delmar Wilhelmina Downs

Supervisor Ringler states in response that "the town is not operating a 'illegal' dump on North Street. This facility is totally legal

as we understand it and we are attempting to file the new permits that DEC now requires to continue to compost and landfill yard waste only.

In the meantime, our staff has been laying the ground work for reviewing the other alternative as suggested by our Solid Waste Task force. We have not attempted to begin the process of siting a landfill or determining where one might be located in Bethlehem. It was felt that it would not be prudent to point to potential sites in our town while the regional group was still looking to find a site for their landfill. I have, however, contacted other municipalities and met with them and discussed the possibility of joint efforts and we have also contacted vendors to review the other option suggested by the Task Force.

At some point, we hope to expand the amount of leaves that we compost. This facility will require a major capital investment; however, until we know exactly which direction we are going, it would not seem prudent at this point. In the meantime, we are composting as much as we can and will continue to expand. Even if we do have a facility for composting in another location, the town will have to have some place to deposit residual yard waste, including stumps that can't be composted. The North Street facility will be part of any overall plan for addressing solid waste in the town. It is not going to be used as construction demolition dump as some have suggested, but strictly for yard waste and composting."

Words for the week

Off the cuff: Extemporaneously, in an offhand manner. (On the cuff: on credit). Both are regarded as slang.

PROBLEMS (from page 7)

13. Problem: We take economists seriously.

Solution: Pay more attention to Gypsy fortune tellers (or buy your own crystal ball.

14. Problem: People read your lips.

Solution: Grow a mustache (for men only).

15. Problem: Spouse abuse.

Solution: Abolish marriage.

16. Problem: You're getting older.

Solution: Buy younger mirrors.

17. Problem: Worldwide poverty and starvation.

Solution: Cannibalism: The rich eat the poor: no more poverty.

The poor eat the rich: no more starvation.

18. Problem: Long-winded political campaigns.

Solution: Put a tax on talk.

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Armadillo Cafe	439-4995	The Shoppe	475-1808	Walden Asset Group	475-0500
Richard Green, PE, PC	439-6474	Norcast Real Estate	439-1900		

Courts hear DWI cases Church group gives comfort

In dispositions recorded in Albany County Court:

James J. Foley, 44, of Pawling Avenue, Troy, pleaded guilty in Albany County Court to a felony count of driving while intoxicated and first degree aggravated unlicensed operation stemming from a Nov. 25 arrest in Bethlehem. He is in the Albany County Jail pending sentencing.

Brian A. Burris Sr., 31, of 333 Delaware Ave., Delmar, pleaded guilty in Albany County Court to driving while intoxicated. He is free pending sentencing on Jan. 12.

Peter Smith, 43, of New Salem Road, Voorheesville, pleaded guilty in Albany County Court to a felony driving while intoxicated charge and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

In dispositions recorded in Bethlehem Town Court:

Gerald F. Connolly, 52, of Albany, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated and was sentenced to three years' probation, a \$500 fine and temporary revocation of his license.

Darrel A. Drevojan, 17, of Elm Avenue, Selkirk, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired and was fined \$250 along with a 90-day license suspension.

Donna L. Hammond, 31, of Ravena, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired and was fined \$250 along with a 90-day license revocation.

Rockwell S. Fransen, 24, of Lake Ronkonkoma, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired and was fined \$250 along with a 90-day license revoca-

tion. Richard A. Gudz Jr., of Maple Avenue, Selkirk, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated and was fined \$500 along with a temporary suspension of his license.

Mary Ellen May, 49, of Saratoga Springs, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired and was fined \$250 along with temporary revocation of her license.

Brian Phillip Tice, 35, of Box 363, Voorheesville, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired and was fined \$250 along with a temporary revocation of his license.

Spencer F. Pohl, 50, of Slingerlands, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired and was fined \$250 along with a temporary revocation of his license.

No parking ordinance in effect through April

The Town of Bethlehem has a no-parking ordinance which prohibits parking on streets and highways in the town between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. through April 15.

By Susan Graves

Several parishioners of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville will attempt to reach out to individuals and families who have lost a loved one.

Dorothy Buckley said she started thinking about offering support to others when Chuck Farley died this year. Buckley's husband, like Farley, was also a coach at the high school.

"I just thought some people don't have that kind of support," when a family member dies, Buckley said. "I thought there was a need here."

Mary Vance, youth minister and co-coordinator for religious education at St. Matthew's, said the thrust of a "bereavement ministry" is healing. "We got together and decided the best approach would be during the holidays to celebrate someone who is no longer here."

"Our purpose is to be present and offer support — spiritually, physically and emotionally," to anyone who needs it, regardless of religious affiliation, she added. That support could involve help-

ing to plan a service, taking care of food for the family, helping with driving needs or arranging for baby sitters.

"We just want them to know we're there," she said.

Follow-up activities, including periodic calls and visits, are also being considered.

Buckley said she's not sure where the effort will end up, but that she and another parishioner, Ann Kelly, see a number of possibilities. "We're going to start it small," with a remembrance service on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at

St. Matthew's. She thinks it's feasible to eventually consider a basic support group that will meet locally. "I can even see the possibility of a group gathering here in our own community."

Buckley said she expects the group to conduct an organizational meeting sometime in January.

"Nobody has to be alone — for some it's a relief to know they can turn to someone else," Vance said.

"I'm just passing on the good news that these people are out there" to turn to.

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NEW SCOTLAND

Planning chief steps down

By Dev Tobin

For the second time in two years, the chairman of the New Scotland Planning Board is stepping down because he "can no longer dedicate the time the position requires."

Ray MacKay said he was very busy at his job as superintendent of maintenance for the Thruway Authority, and was also active in several professional organizations.

"I do the planning board stuff on my free time, and it was taking more personal time than I care to donate," he said.

MacKay replaced Bob Hampston two years ago after Hampston resigned, also citing time constraints.

MacKay will remain on the board for the remaining three years of his term and "will help out the new chairman."

Recalling a friendly comment by Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler that if he remained as board chairman for too long, he would be nominated for supervisor, as Ringler was, MacKay emphasized that he had no political ambitions.

The chairman's position took up portions of several days a week, MacKay said, in part because there is no permanent planning staff.

"Right now, I have to do all the correspondence and the Xeroxing for board members," MacKay noted. "I have requested, without any luck, a part-time planning coordinator to help do some of that work."

MacKay said he would have liked to complete the town's new

master plan, under development for five years, while chairman, but financial constraints put that project on the back burner.

"We're close to finishing the revised draft, and the plan should be adopted sometime next year," he said, "The master plan is just a blueprint. It's up to the town board to change the zoning law."

Development in New Scotland "will continue to be piecemeal" because of the lack of public water and sewer infrastructure, MacKay said.

"Ray's a very fine gentleman who's done a nice job as planning board chairman," said Supervisor Herb Reilly. "We have to talk to the planning board members to see who to replace him with."

The town board will announce MacKay's successor at its organizational meeting in January, Reilly said.

The Spotlight remembers 10 years ago

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

- Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Martin Cross announced that the town will switch from twice weekly food waste pickup to once a week in January 1983.

- Bethlehem police officers Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt and Det. John Cox appeared on the CBS Morning News in connection with the death of Michelle Martin of Glenmont at the hands of a drunken driver who was convicted of manslaughter.

- Winners in the New Scotland Elks Hoop Shoot were Derek Moak (who had advanced to the national semifinals the previous year), Paige Hotaling, Cortney Langford, Danny Carmody, Kelly Donohue and Jonathan Bissell.

- John Buhac, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ivor Buhac of Elsmere, represented the Nathaniel Blanchard Adams post in the Albany County American Legion oratorical contest.

- New homes in Elm Estates, off Elm Avenue in Bethlehem, were going for \$50,900 for a three-bedroom ranch and \$64,900 for a four-bedroom colonial.

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The program, an offshoot of Kenwood's infant, toddler, pre-school and kindergarten programs, will feature sports instruction, arts and crafts, movies and special events. The sessions will be staffed by a coordinator and

assistants, with a ratio of no more than 10 children to one adult.

A limit of 30 participants has been established for these programs and only full-week registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information, call 465-0404.

Five Rivers to conduct evening nature walk

An evening walk is scheduled on Friday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar.

For information, call 475-0291.

History book ready to order

Bethlehem's bicentennial history, entitled *Bethlehem Revisited*, can be ordered through the Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The price is \$20 if ordered by Thursday, Dec. 31. After that date, the book will cost \$25. Gift certificates are also available.

For information, call 439-4955.

Hanukkah to begin Saturday

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, or the Festival of Lights, will begin Saturday, Dec. 19, at sundown and last for eight days.

The holiday celebrates the victory in 165 B.C. of a small band of fighters for religious freedom in Israel.

According to Brenda Sugarman, principal of the Hebrew School at Congregation Ohav Sholom in Albany, the Syrian Greeks, led by King Antiochus, had tried to force the Jews to adopt their own religion.

"They tried to make them bow

down and worship idols. They desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem by offering sacrifices to heathen deities. They even kept pigs there," she said.

Judah Maccabee and his brothers formed an army and fought for three years for control of the Temple. When they finally regained the most holy of Jewish places, they cleansed and rededicated the building. "Hanukkah actually means 'dedication,'" Sugarman said.

However, when it was time to light the sacred lamp, which is supposed to burn constantly, there was only enough oil to burn for one day. According to legend, it burned for eight, leading to the current practice of lighting one additional candle for each of the eight nights of the holiday. A special, eight-branched candle holder, called a menorah, is used.

Other traditional customs include eating foods fried in oil, such as potato pancakes or doughnuts, and playing gambling games with a small top called a dreidel.

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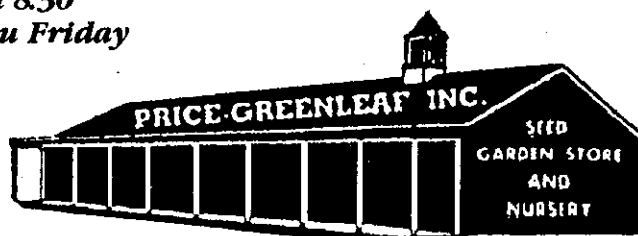
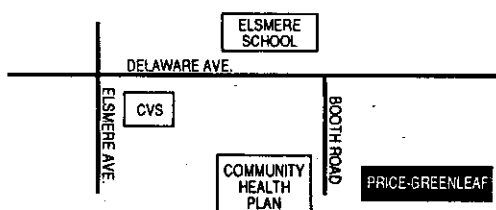
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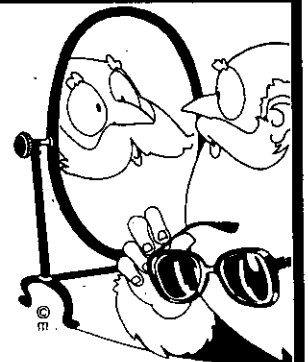
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Donations will be accepted during regular business hours through Jan. 10. The food pantries serve more than 15,000 local residents each month.

For information, call 439-4943.

Bethlehem seniors slate driving course

Bethlehem Senior Services and the Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons are sponsoring a 55 Alive Safe Driving Course on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 29 and 30.

There is a \$10 course fee, and early registration is recommended.

For information, call 439-4955, extension 170, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve service set at V'ville church

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church on Route 155 in Voorheesville has scheduled its Christmas Eve Service for 7 p.m.

Nursery care will be available for children age 3 and younger.

For information, call 765-3390.

Delmar man gets in jam at Big Apple

By Susan Graves

A Delmar resident and clinical oncology pharmacist with the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany tooted his horn recently at none other than the prestigious Carnegie Hall.

Jeff Fudin and about 100 other musicians, representing veterans hospitals from 47 states, gave a holiday performance to raise money for homeless veterans, particularly those with post traumatic stress syndrome.

"It was unbelievable," said Fudin, who spent a weekend practicing in New York City before last Monday's performance that also included a 250-member chorus of VA health care practitioners.

At the dress rehearsal, Shirley Jones, singer and TV personality of *Partridge Family* fame, told the group she had never sung with an orchestra "any better than this," Fudin said.

After last week's performance, the orchestra and chorus left for Russia to perform. Fudin, who plays the saxophone, clarinet and flute, said he was unable to make that trip because of professional commitments. However, he's looking forward to traveling to Washington, Israel and Egypt.



Jeff Fudin looks forward to playing abroad in '93.

"I'm hoping Bill Clinton will play with us next year," he said. Part of the excitement, for Fudin, was the camaraderie among the musicians, who only meet and rehearse on the weekend before

the performance. Music is sent to participants in advance so they have a chance to practice on their own before the rehearsals.

"A lot of times, people get touchy. Here, it didn't matter. ... Whatever made it sound better, we did."

Fudin, who joined the orchestra this year for the first time, was the only representative of the Albany veterans hospital in the group. The orchestra was founded and is conducted by Dr. Victor S. Wahby, who studied conducting while he was a medical student in his native Egypt. He formed the orchestra when he was on the faculty of the VA Medical Center in West Haven, Conn. The VA National Medical Musical Group has been performing for 10 years.

Fudin said he has been performing professionally since he was 13. "Basically, it's how I paid my way through college." He gave up a music scholarship to study pharmacy, and still wonders what things might have been like had he pursued a career in music. Today, he plays with the Delmar Community Orchestra.

He and his wife, Robin, have four children.

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Voorheesville educators hear hard and soft sell

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville school board heard an ambitious plan to increase computer capability and an update on New Scotland's impending move to full value assessment at Monday's meeting.

Superintendent Alan McCartney unveiled a long-range technology plan that calls for more than \$1 million in new hardware and software over the next five

years.

"In the last five years, we've come a long way in technology, but we still have a long way to go," McCartney said. "The main purpose of this technology is instruction. That's where the power is."

Part of the presentation included a one-hour live satellite transmission from the Educational Management Group in Phoenix, Ariz., promoting their combina-

tion hardware-software-satellite package.

"I'm not saying let's grab all of this," McCartney said following the satellite sales pitch. "We already do 90 percent, but we're looking for a way to connect to a satellite network."

He said that district might be able to hook into a satellite through BOCES and be eligible for state aid.

The main hardware recommendation of the long-range plan is to

add in the high school 120 micro-computers for students, 30 for teachers and five for administrators, along with five servers to link the system together.

The plan also recommends hiring a full-time technology coordinator and updating the district's instructional software.

Given the difficult fiscal environment, the plan advises seeking partnerships with area businesses and funding technology through a bond issue.

Following the presentation, board members said they wanted to devote a special meeting to discussion of the technology plan.

"I have some fundamental questions of philosophy and purpose that I'd like answered so I have an idea of where we're intending to go," said board member Mary Van Ryn.

"The plan still needs some way of defining priorities," commented board member Steven Schreiber. "We need some kind of independent assessment of our options."

The board will meet with McCartney prior to its next meeting Jan. 11.

In other business, New Scotland Assessor Richard Law briefed the board on the soon-to-be-completed change to full value assessment in the town.

Law said the data collection process and the setting of values for vacant land and improvements have been completed.

"We are now applying the models to develop the full value assessments for each property," he said. "We'll be mailing notices of the new assessments by the end of January."

Law emphasized that the reassessment is revenue-neutral. "It is not our intention to change the tax levy."

The inevitable adjustment of underassessed properties will have a political impact on the school board as it develops its budget for the 1993-94 school year, so board president John Cole requested that the impact mailing sent to property owners include a section on school taxes.

Law added that New Scotland will not be adopting a two-tiered homestead system, that taxes business properties at a high rate than residential properties, because "We haven't got enough business in town to consider the homestead option."

Cole asked Law to brief the board after the final values have been set during one of its budget workshops next year.

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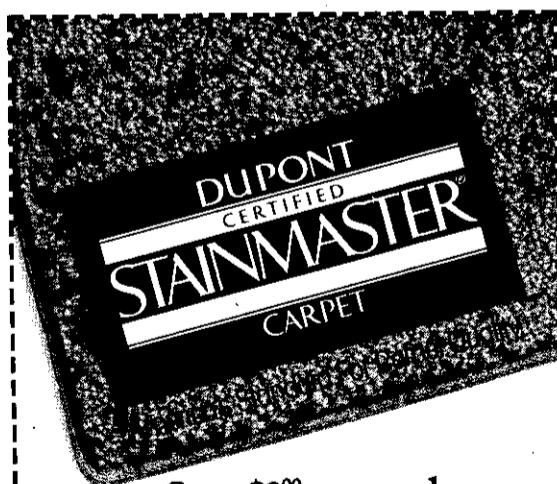
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Bethlehem police arrest six for DWI

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 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, and 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.

Delmar drivers win annual competition

Two Delmar residents recently took first and second place in the Center for the Disabled's Third Annual Drivers' Olympics.

Dave Rogers won the gold medal for the third year in a row. He has won the superior driving award four years in a row as well.

Jeff Brown won the silver medal. He has won the the superior driving award for two consecutive years.

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The Elm Avenue resident has nine years experience with the Val-Pak direct mail company, and also has worked for many years in real estate. She has six children, who are all grown and living on their own.

"We are very fortunate to have Ruth join our sales staff," said Bob Evans, advertising director and special projects manager of *Spotlight* Newspapers. "She's a local

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Fish will be calling on accounts in the Delmar and Guilderland areas.

Clarification

Due to incorrect information supplied to *The Spotlight*, Lindey Adewunmi of Delmar was not included in the list of local children dancing in the Albany Berkshire Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*.

Santa schedules visit to V'ville Firehouse

The Voorheesville Village Board, Voorheesville Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary and the American Legion are sponsoring a meeting with Santa Claus for Voorheesville children on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Voorheesville Firehouse on Altamont Road.

Entertainment and snacks will be provided. For information, call 765-3184.

Schools to close early

The Voorheesville School District will dismiss students early on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The junior-senior high school will close at 1:30 p.m., and the elementary school will release pupils at 2 p.m.

For information, call 765-2382.

Pay off fines with food

"Food for fines" is back again this year to give patrons a chance to clear up overdue book charges and help the local food pantry.

For each dollar owed up to a maximum of \$3, the library will accept one non-perishable food item in lieu of fines. Start off the New Year with a clean slate and do some good too. The program runs through Jan. 15.



days at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Children of all ages and their parents or guardians are welcome. No sign-up is required.

Be sure to stop in tonight, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. with the family to get *Cozy together on a winter's night*. The special evening story hour will feature multi-cultural holiday tales.

The library was recently the lucky recipient of a decentralization grant for up to \$400 from the New York State Council on the Arts.

The grant will provide funding for a series of "Hands On!" workshops at the library during February and March, typically a time when the "winter doldrums" hit the hardest. Designed to introduce simple skills and practical "how to's" to children in grade-three and up, the program will feature sessions on origami, cartooning and creative writing, magic and construction, and sculpture taught by area educators with extensive experience.

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Income ceilings raised for seniors

Changes in state law now permit local governments to raise the income ceilings for property owners 65 and over who desire a tax break.

The Bethlehem Town Board has scheduled a public hearing on the new income limits for seniors on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The following changes, subject to town board approval, would go into effect after March 1, 1993:

- 0 to \$16,500 income — 50 percent exemption.
- \$16,500 to \$17,100 — 45 percent exemption.
- \$17,100 to \$17,700 — 40 percent exemption.
- \$17,700 to \$18,300 — 35 percent exemption.
- \$18,300 to \$18,900 — 30 percent exemption.
- \$18,900 to \$19,500 — 25 percent exemption.
- \$19,500 to \$20,100 — 20 percent exemption.
- \$20,100 to \$20,700 — 15 percent exemption.
- \$20,700 to \$21,300 — 10 percent exemption.

4-H program honors outstanding teens

The 4-H Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County recently recognized outstanding local youth. Teens were honored for personal achievement through 4-H project work, leadership and contributions to the overall program.

The students are: Ariana Breisch, Rebecca Terhune,

Amanda Terhune, Kim Relyea, Dawn Appleby and Dan Rissacher of Voorheesville.

Also, Melissa Dunkerley, Katie Chase, Jamie Lyman, Dustin Leonard, Laurel Ingraham, Kimberly Hart, Lora Gurley and Meline Shannon DiPietro, all of Bethlehem.

Bouton winter concert tonight

Enjoy the holiday spirit at the last winter concert of the year at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School tonight, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The junior high band will play "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Rustic Overture" and "Yellow Bird."

The chorus will sing "Christmas Day," "Hold On" and "Corner of the Skye." Both groups will perform under the direction of Lydia Tobler and Margaret Dorgan. The public is invited to the free concert.

Students to present living nativity scene

A live creche scene will be enacted at the First United Methodist Church on 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Students and live animals will participate in the nativity scene.

The third annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will also be on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Groups from area churches will join together to sing traditional and modern Christmas music. To join the Community Singers, come to rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. at the

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church.

For information, contact Ken George at 765-4442.

Legion plans breakfast

The last breakfast of 1992 will be held at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 8 a.m. to noon. Scrambled eggs, toast, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Local merchants offer wreaths and coupons

Holiday wreaths and McDonald's Care Coupons will be on sale at the Stewart's Shop on South Main Street, Voorheesville Pharmacy on Maple Road, Davis Stonewell Store on New Scotland

Road in Slingerlands, and Mobil Mart on Maple Avenue.

The sale will be on Friday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Soccer club to meet to elect officers

The New Scotland Soccer Club will meet at the Voorheesville Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. Election of officers, reorganization of the club and other new business will be discussed.

For information, contact Lois Parmelee at 765-3027.

Santa to visit rod and gun club

Santa will be opening his bag of presents at the Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. Dinner will follow and families are asked to bring a special covered dish to share at the lodge on Foundry Road at 7 p.m.

For information, contact Pauline at 872-0757.



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Holiday services slated *Lifelike huggables on display*

The First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar will offer two identical Christmas services on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

A special selection of Christmas music will be presented by the choir, under the direction of Joe Farrell.

The traditional candlelight services on Christmas Eve will be at 5 and 11 p.m. The family service will

be at 7:30 p.m.

The church youth will present a living nativity scene on the lawn at 6:30 and 7 p.m.

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This month, the library is featuring exhibits of collectible dolls by Rosemary Baumann and seasonal decorations by the Delmar Progress Club.

This is the second December exhibit of Baumann's dolls at the library. Although she began her collection only eight years ago, she now has more than 170 dolls that occupy an entire room in her Delmar home.

"People 'ooh' and 'ahh' when they walk into it," she said. "I've got some in bassinets and others sitting around a table. They look so real."

Among Baumann's favorites are the baby dolls that have expressive, lifelike features and are exquisitely dressed. Eight of these "babies" are included in the exhibit.

Baumann said the dolls are so lifelike that some people have mistaken them for real babies. One day, she said, she was putting a new acquisition in the trunk of her car, when she was stopped by a horrified bystander. "She tried to take it away from me. I had to tell her, 'Lady, it's a doll.'"

Every year, members of the Delmar Progress Club help decorate the library for the winter holiday season. It's an annual tradition for the organization, going back at least to the mid 1950s.

Decorating committee chairwoman Dorothy Geyer says, "I've been helping to decorate the library since I joined the Progress Club in 1965. That was the 'old library' then. We've been doing the new building since it opened."

Volunteers from the membership are recruited, and club contributions help to purchase materials for the project. Each year, the committee develops a differ-

ent theme. "In keeping with the library's guidelines, we try to make it something universal," said Geyer. "Last year it was peace. This year it's fruit."

This is one of several library projects the Delmar Progress Club organizes. Since the club was instrumental in founding the library in 1913, the organization has had a close association with the library and continues to hold many of its meetings here. They helped furnish the library after an expansion in the 1950s.



In recent years, the group has planted bulbs on the library grounds in the fall.

Beginning in the mid-70s, volunteers from the club have played a major role in the library's annual spring book sale. Some 50 members participate each year in the three-day event. Their contributions are appreciated by the library staff and by the community that benefits from their many hours of volunteer service.

The library will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, and will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31 and remained closed for New Year's Day.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

There are many ways to save money and reduce waste during the holidays.

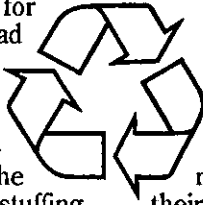
Let's start in the kitchen. Stale bread can be toasted and cut into croutons or used for french toast. Dried out bread can be crumbled in the food processor or crushed between pieces of waxed paper with a rolling pin and stored in the freezer until needed for stuffing, toppings or coatings.

Grease and fat can be saved in the refrigerator. During the winter, remelt, mix with bird seed and dip pine cones into the mixture or pour the mixture into orange rinds and harden in the refrigerator. When hard, hang from a tree or an outside plant. If there is no fat, substitute peanut butter.

Squeeze bottles which formerly held food, not cleaning products, can become basters, frosting dispensers or lemon juice squirters.

Before cleaning a bottle, let it stand upside down to get the entire contents emptied out. Ketchup remnants, mixed with a little warm water, can be added to stews. Left-over mustard can be added to beans or egg salad. Chocolate syrup bottles can be cleaned out with milk.

Holiday gift wrappings made from leftover fabrics tied with ribbon or lace can be creative, economical and less wasteful. After use, the material can be folded neatly for reuse next year.



Food items can be packaged in reusable tins or recyclable aluminum foil, decorated with a ribbon and a sprig of holly or mistletoe. Kids can create their own gift-wrap by coloring kraft paper bags.

Remember, gift boxes are not recyclable because they are paper-board and not corrugated cardboard (3 layers thick). If possible, don't use a box or, if you do, save them for reuse next year. The plastic bags which bows come in may be recycled with the plastic bags at the grocery store.

Holiday cards and envelopes are recyclable. If you separate the office paper from the junk mail, place non-glossy cards with office paper and shiny cards with junk mail. However, if any glitter or metallic substance is on the card, it belongs in the trash. Photo cards are also not recyclable.

Don't forget that children enjoy using cards for craft projects. Also, last year's cards can be cut into gift tags or decorations for gift wraps.

Feura Bush mail-carriers route holiday food to pantries

Connie Favreau, postmaster of the Feura Bush post office, said local residents contributed over 500 pounds of non-perishable food during a recent National Rural Letter Carriers Association food drive.

The food was collected by carriers who service a 50-mile route of about 400 residences. Food donations will be given to local church food pantries, for distribution to area families this holiday season.

Becker pupils plan holiday concert

First and second-graders from the Becker Elementary School in Selkirk will present a holiday concert Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W, Ravena.

The children will sing songs of the holiday season, directed by music teacher Ben Rau. The concert is free and open to the public.

RCS schools to close for holiday vacation

Schools will be closed in the RCS school district from Thursday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Jan. 4, for winter break.

Hearing clinic set in South Bethlehem

There will be a hearing clinic on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17 and

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18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue.

Tests will be available on a walk-in basis, or in-home tests can be scheduled by calling the church office at 767-9953. Tests will be conducted by a qualified hearing specialist.

Board of ed to meet

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education will have its next meeting Monday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the board office on 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

South Bethlehem church to present Christmas play

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church School will present the play *The Best Christmas Ever* on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Directed by the Rev. Richard Reynolds, the production features a large cast of children and adults.

The play is about the trials and tribulations a church group en-

counters while producing a Christmas pageant. When the director breaks his leg, the new, inexperienced director inherits a variety of problems.

Performances are open to the public. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Bethlehem Elks to host all-you-can-eat breakfast

The Bethlehem BPOE Elks on Route 144, Selkirk, will sponsor an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.

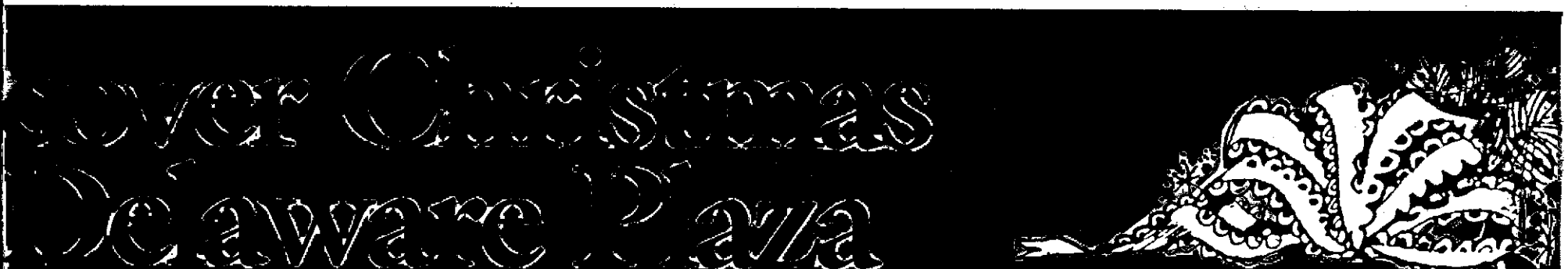
The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, waffles, toast, french toast, juice, coffee and milk. Cost will be: adults, \$5, senior citizens, \$4, and children under 12, \$3.

The breakfast is open to the public. For information call 767-2886.

Parenting workshops continue at library

The Ravena Free Library on 106 Main St. will continue its series of Wednesday parenting workshops tonight, Dec. 16, with a presentation by Cooperative Extension representative Jane Silestein.

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Delmar teen's DWI death noted on NBC news

By Dev Tobin

Most of the country learned about an August drunken driving death involving Delmar teenagers on Saturday's NBC Nightly News, but viewers in this area had to wait until 11 p.m. to see the report.

As part of an "Eye on America" story on drunken driving laws nationwide, the network inter-

viewed Corinne Cox and Christopher Arnold of Delmar, whose lives were both affected by a car crash involving DWI last summer.

Cox's 16-year-old daughter Erin was killed Aug. 26 when a pickup truck Arnold was driving while intoxicated at high speed left Route 155 in Guilderland, ejecting her from the rear. Three other Bethle-

hem teens were injured in the crash.

Arnold's senior year at Bethlehem Central High School was interrupted in November by a one-and-a-third to four-year prison term for vehicular manslaughter.

Corinne Cox caught the segment Saturday at 11 p.m. "I got phone calls from friends in New Jersey and downstate, and my brother is sending me a tape of the national segment," Cox said

Monday. "A lot more was said, but they just chose those few lines."

Cox said she supported lowering the .10 percent blood alcohol content standard for DWI to .08 percent, which was the focus of the segment.

"They had a doctor on who said that at .02 percent, driving ability is affected," Cox noted. "I think the laws should be a lot stronger. You should lose your license for a year on the first offense, and for life if you kill someone."

Cox was unimpressed with Arnold's appearance.

"He said he was sorry the state didn't catch him the first time he drove drunk because then he wouldn't be in prison," she recalled. "What he didn't say was that if he had been caught earlier, Erin would still be alive. He's still in denial."

The local NBC affiliate, WNYT Channel 13, runs Broadcast New York, a syndicated news show produced by Our Town Television of Saratoga, in the 6:30 p.m. slot Saturdays.

Channel 13 could not alter its program schedule because of the local connection on the network news, according to a spokesman,

but the station did get a "feed" of the segment from the network to air on its late news.

"We make those programming decisions well in advance," explained Noelle Wall, director of marketing at WNYT. "Broadcast New York is a locally-produced, quality show that covers issues of local and state interest. We get a positive response to the show and the ratings are fairly strong."

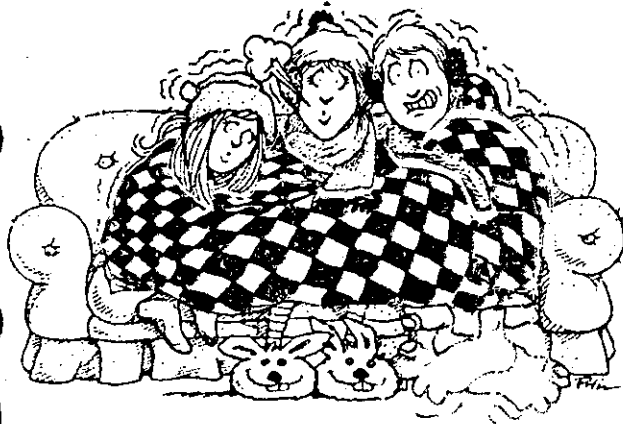
Ironically, the featured segment on Saturday's Broadcast New York was a story questioning the spiritual basis of Alcoholics Anonymous, the volunteer self-help group whose meetings convicted drunken drivers are often required to attend.

In the show, State Supreme Court Judge Thomas Keegan, who lectured Arnold on his drinking problem before passing sentence Nov. 17, commended AA as a program that works for many recovering alcoholics.

Stewart's Shops grant to fund art programs

Stewart's Shops recently awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Institute for Arts in Education, which provides educational programs for children in the Capital Region.

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A no-heat call in Who-ville

(With apologies to Dr. Seuss)

'Twas Christmas in Who-ville,
The day was not old;
But the Who's shivered awfully—
The Who-house was cold!

Their noses and fingers and toes had turned blue.
Poor little Sally Who cried, "What to do?"
"We're frozen like popsicles down to our feet!"
Someone had stolen the Who's Christmas heat.

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

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

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

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

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

The Who-furnace guy pulled the kitten out gently,
Gave it to Sally and said, "Incidentally,
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SPORTS

Lady Blackbirds off to a 3-0 start

By Greg Sullivan

The Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team is off to a rousing start.

The lady Blackbirds were tested early in the season as they faced two of the Colonial Council's top teams during the first week of December and won.

The girls showed that they're not to be trifled with as they defeated both Lansingburgh and Watervliet on the road and followed it up with a 70-35 win over Emma Willard on Tuesday, Dec. 8, to run their season's record to 3-0.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, Voorheesville traveled to Lansingburgh where they took an early

lead and never looked back. Paced by senior guard Courtney Langford's 17 points, the Ladybirds took a five-point lead at the half.

The second half was much of the same, as Voorheesville's senior forward Becky Baily continued her consistent play, piling up 10 points and 12 rebounds to help her team pull away and cruise to a 49-39 victory. Voorheesville head coach Nadine Bassler was happy with the win. "It was a good way of opening the season. For us to win away was a good sign for our season."

On Friday, Dec. 4, the Ladybirds headed to Watervliet where they would face a team that many

people, including coach Bassler, felt would be the team to beat this year in the Colonial Council. After getting into foul trouble, Voorheesville fell behind by seven points at halftime.

The team came out on fire in the third quarter, outscoring Watervliet 16-7 to take the lead. Baily scored 10 of her team high 20 points in the third quarter to pace her team's comeback.

The girls then battled through the fourth quarter to eke out a 41-40 win. "We played with a lot of heart and determination," said

Bassler "We never gave up, while they got somewhat lazy."

Knicks game trip raffled at LaSalle

Raffle tickets are on sale at Troy's LaSalle Institute for a chance to win four tickets to a New York Knicks-Phoenix Suns match-up at Madison Square Garden, Jan. 18. The raffle winner will also receive four free round trip train tickets on Amtrak to New York City.

Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$5 each. The drawing will take place between the second and third periods of the LaSalle-Albany Academy hockey game, January 9 at Hudson Valley Community College. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win. All profits will go to the LaSalle Institute student senate.

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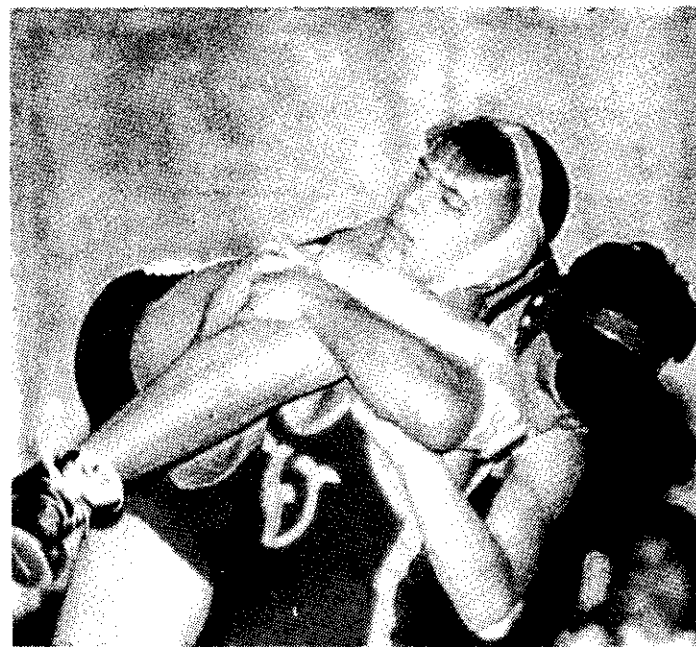
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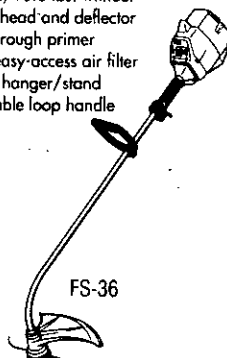
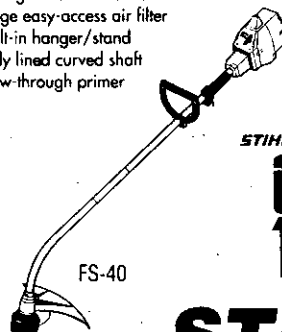


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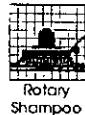
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Swimmers roll over Glens Falls

By Emily Church

The Bethlehem boys swim team completed its second week of competition with an easy 130-52 victory over Glens Falls.

The Eagles swept a number of events, and the team's depth allowed for strong finishes in every race. Coach Ken Neff is still moving swimmers around in different events, but with strong competition coming up, he needs to fill some gaps.

"I was going with some kids in their better events because we have some hard meets coming up, and I don't want to go in cold," Neff said.

Jonathan Church, Rory Fay and Larry Fisher swept the 200 freestyle. Glens Falls strongman Bill

Coleman won the 200 individual medley, breaking the pool record with a time of 2:02.84. BC still came through with second, third and fourth place finishes in the IM by Pat Gallagher, Mark Kanuk and Billy Leary.

Bethlehem divers Joe Schneider, Tim Bearup and Brad Fitzgerald went on to sweep diving with Schneider winning the event with 206.35 points. After diving, the Eagles had a 33 point lead and an easy ride home.

Bethlehem's Pat Gallagher, Jon Brookins and Billy Leary placed first, second and third in the 100 butterfly. Andrew Finley won the 100 freestyle with a time of 57:44, while Jeff Rosenblum finished third.

Bethlehem girls vanquish Mohonasen in league opener

By Josh Norek

While young and inexperienced, the Bethlehem girls basketball team (2-1) is not to be taken lightly.

The girls won their league opener on Tuesday, Dec. 15, in decisive fashion. Led by junior Sheila McCaughin with 18 points, they defeated Mohonasen 56-38.

"We played very well," said BC coach Bill Warner. "We played good defense and our shot selection couldn't be criticized. It's a hard-working team."

Sophomore Karena Zornow chipped in with 11 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots while ninth grader Kiley Shortell had 11 points.

Warner is optimistic about the season, and expects the team to contend for the Gold Division title.

Last year's team ended with a record of 12-10 and finished in second place in the Gold Division.

He cited the team's speed and shooting ability as its valuable assets, but cautioned that last year's graduates Lynn Doody and Lisa Domermuth will be hard to replace.

This year's team consists of seniors Maureen Nuttle and Linda Smith, juniors McCaughin, Casey Cannistraci, Jaime Czajka, Melanie Dale, and Sarah Mineau; sophomores Zornow and Sarah Battle; and freshmen Shortell and Katie Sherwin. Captains are Nuttle and Smith.

Warner expects that Shenendehowa, Saratoga, Burnt Hills, and possibly Columbia will be his team's chief competition.

Top kegglers for Delmar

Bowling honors for this week, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Close encounters mark Bethlehem hoop action

"Down to the wire" was the phrase often used in Bethlehem Basketball Club action this week.

The return of point guard Brian Yovine and the inside play of Cory Czajka (19 points) inspired the Rockets to a 48-42 victory over the Mavs. Seth Carr paced a stubborn Mavs squad with eight points and several key defensive plays.

In other All-Star Division play, the Heat throttled the Sixers 53-42 as Paul Patane scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the winners. For the Sixers, Mike DelGiaccio played a solid all around game with eight points and six assists.

The Bucks continued their winning ways by upending the Spurs 50-39. Kane Snyder paced the winners with nine points and 11 rebounds while Kevin Russell led the Spurs with 13 points. Tom Hitter's 15 points were not enough as the Magic were downed by the Hawks 50-36. For the winners, Leo Bresnahan keyed the offensive attack with 21 points.

In Pro Division play, the Celtics edged the Pistons 28-26 as Andy MacMillan's fourth quarter shooting nailed down the victory. For the

Pistons, Andy Hartman scored 14 points and contributed five assists. The Bulls proved to be too much for the Knicks as Keith Campbell posted 15 points for the winners. Micah Pernell helped the Knicks with six points. With every player in the scoring column, the Nugget downed the Lakers 54-25. Ryan Miller scored nine points for the winners while Matt Reuter netted 12 for the losers.

The most exciting game of the day was played in the College Division as Pitt and Villanova battled to a 21-21 tie. Dan Herd played stubborn defense for Villanova and Paul Clarke hit some clutch baskets for Pitt down the stretch.

In another close encounter, St. Johns edged out Seton Hall 26-25. Strong defense and rebounding was provided by Steve Rucinski of St. Johns while Omar Feliciano and Evan McQuide inspired Seton Hall with eight and six points respectively.

The inside play of Mike Carney (13 points) was the difference as Providence defeated Georgetown 38-21. Matt Bratrud nailed down five points for Georgetown. Finally, Ryan Venter, 11 points, and Josh Myer, nine points, helped Syracuse upend Miami 33-18. Josh Plattner led Miami with five points.

Cadets hand RCS second loss

By Kevin Van Derzee

The RCS boys basketball team suffered their second setback of the year when they lost a see-saw battle with the Albany Academy Cadets by a score of 63-59.

After RCS jumped out to a 9-0 lead, the Cadets came back to close to within one at the end of the first quarter, 16-15. As the second quarter came to an end, the teams traded baskets and the Indians had a 35-32 lead at the half.

RCS came out a little flat in the third quarter and got into foul trouble as Academy tied the game at the end of the third quarter 48-

48. With the score tied 59-59, the Indians held the ball with one minute and 40 seconds left.

The Cadets then stole the ball for the easy basket. After missing their shot, the Indians were forced to foul. The Cadets went to the foul line, where they made both shots to ice the game.

Junior forward Noah Smith led the Indians with 14 points. Elton Tune chipped in with 13 points and point guard Mike Babcock continued his hot shooting from three-point range.

V'ville grapplers win opener

By Kevin Van Derzee

The RCS varsity wrestling team started their season last week looking to re-establish their dominance in the Colonial Council.

In an away match against Mechanicville, the Indians turned a close match into a rout as they won 45-21.

Todd Haynes went out and wrestled tough, losing at the 91-

pound weight class. Anthony Martone received a forfeit in the 98-pound weight class to tie the score at 6. After Randy Beach lost, Tom McGrail wrestled the defending Colonial Council champion and lost by two points, putting the Indians down 15-6. Sean Campbell picked up a forfeit to bring the Indians within three, but RCS fell behind again after Jess Slater was defeated.

Engel won the closest match of the night. After being down 7-3 late in the third period, he made a five-point move to win 8-7.

Brian Irving then came out and scored the Indians' first pin of the night. John Mantynen followed with a technical fall over his opponent. Mechanicville's Jason Demerest then bettered Irving with a pin in only one minute and eight seconds. The Indians' Dave Baranska ended the night, accepting the last forfeit.

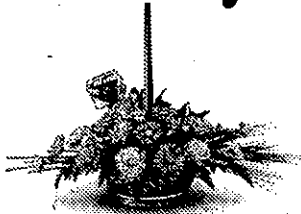
Paul Pecora then picked up another forfeit for the Indians. John

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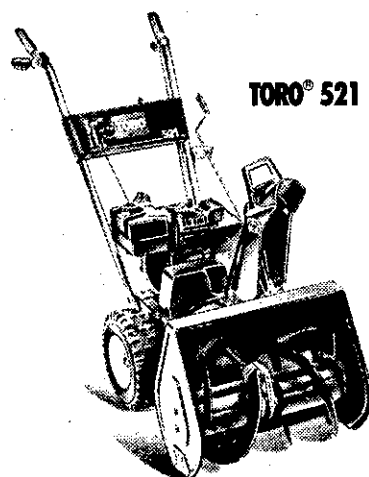


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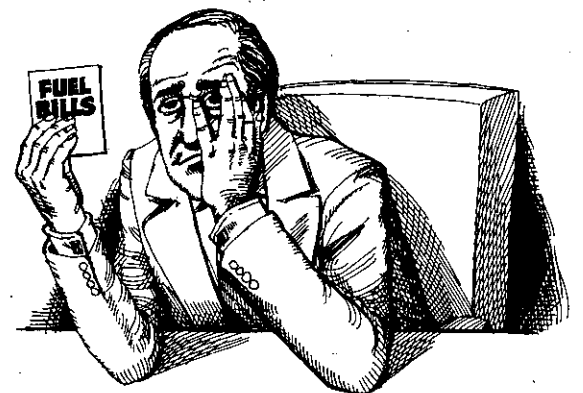
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□ Ringler

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board for not agreeing to view the videotape taken of the site by Glazer and association president Joseph Duclos.

"We've already been over to the site," Ringler said. "We know what's over there. Why do we have to spend a half hour looking at a video?"

The videotape taken by Glazer and Duclos shows old tires, abandoned automobiles, empty 55-gallon drums, discarded furniture and other assorted junk that was apparently dumped at the site during the '50s and '60s.

The town has leased 32 acres from Marie Wright Privler since 1971 for use as a yard waste disposal area. Privler, whose family used to operate a dairy farm on North Street, insists that nothing other than leaves, brush and tree trimmings have been dumped at the site since the early '70s. If she or her husband Max don't see to that personally, their three dogs do, she said.

Prior to 1971, Privler's property and adjoining lands were used as an unregulated, private landfill for at least 20 or 30 years. The entire Hudson Avenue area has been a dumping area for the last 50 to 75 years, Privler told *The Spotlight* recently.

Engineers from the state Department of Environmental Conservation visited the site last week and advised town officials not to remove any of the junk that's embedded in a ravine adjacent to Privler's property until tests were conducted.

The town is applying for a new permit from DEC to expand its

yard wastes operation. Despite claims to the contrary by the neighborhood association, the town has absolutely no plans to bring in construction and/or demolition debris, Ringler said.

Glazer renewed his call for a ban on all dumping on North Street until the consultant's report was submitted. There is already evidence of runoff from the landfill entering a stream that flows into the Normanskill, he said.

"It's not going to make it easier or less expensive to do the testing or close the old section of the landfill by putting more stuff on top of it," Glazer said. "Everything back there should stop until this matter is resolved."

"If I thought the public was at risk, I'd have (the dumping) stopped," Ringler said. "But I don't see any evidence of it nor does the DEC. Yes, it makes sense to see what's there from years ago, but I'm not going to get into a situation that creates hysteria."

□ Bridge

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runs over the Thruway in Albany.

The state will also acquire two residences on the Albany side of the bridge through eminent domain.

The new structure will have two 12-foot lanes with a six-foot shoulder on the downstream side. New sidewalks will also be constructed on approaches to the bridge from both the Bethlehem and Albany sides, Wilcox said.

Federal, state and city funds will be used for the project.

Agency seeks students for marathon event

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District is looking for students in grades nine through 12 to participate in the Envirothon environmental marathon.

Each five-member team competes on a regional level in five categories: wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soils and current events. One winning team from each county will go on to compete at the state level on May 26 and 27, with the state winner to compete in the National Envirothon on July 31 through Aug. 5.

For information, call Mary Binder at the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District, RD 2, Martin Road, Voorheesville 12186.

SUNYA library friends set up annual award

The Friends of the Libraries of the University at Albany recently established a student service excellence award.

The award will honor an undergraduate student who worked as a library assistant at the university who exceeded the expectations of his or her appointment. The award will be presented each year at the university's annual undergraduate honors convocation.

To make a contribution to the award, send a check payable to the University at Albany Foundations Inc. with a note specifying "Friends of the Libraries Student Service Excellence Award," to Alice Hastings Murphy, president, Friends of the Libraries Board, 22 Spruce Court, Delmar 12054.

□ V'ville teen

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control of his 1985 Nissan and hit a utility pole, Coleman said.

Salvagni's passenger and close friend, David Bartholomew, 17, of Woodview Court in Voorheesville, suffered massive head injuries in the crash, and died later at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

When tested at the hospital two hours later that night, Salvagni had a .11 percent blood alcohol content, just above the .10 percent standard for DWI. Coleman said that his blood alcohol content had been in the range of .15 percent at the time of the crash.

Both Salvagni and Bartholomew were juniors at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. Bartholomew also took some classes at Bethlehem Central High School.

Seventeen-year-old Chris Arnold of Delmar was sentenced to the same term on the same charges Nov. 17 for causing the death of Erin Cox, 16, also of Delmar. Arnold, whose school behavior record was described as "abominable" by State Supreme Court Judge Thomas Keegan, began his prison term immediately and was not allowed to finish his senior year at BCHS.

"We're doing Salvagni a favor by letting him finish school, but I'm of no mind to let him stay out of prison to attend graduation or graduation parties," Coleman said.

Despite the possible delay in starting Salvagni's prison term, Coleman emphasized that the plea bargain shows that "No matter who you are or how old you are, if you do something like this, you will be treated with adult consequences."

"The sentence was as much as anyone could hope for, the best the system does now," said Barbara Kipp, Bartholomew's mother. "But nothing really satisfies the

parents or relatives of someone who's died."

Kipp said that Salvagni's lawyer argued that his client's leg needed more healing time, but she adamantly opposed allowing Salvagni to attend graduation.

"He got out of the hospital to attend the junior prom in a wheelchair and they nominated him for King of the Prom," Kipp recalled bitterly. "I'm so tired of this boy looking like the victim. He's not a victim — he committed a needless, vicious act of violence."

Kipp also wants Judge Turner to deny Salvagni youthful offender (YO) status. Arnold's petition for YO status was denied by Judge Keegan, in part because a presentence probation report revealed a history of drinking-related behavior problems.

"There has got to be a permanent record of this. We're afraid he might get YO status because he was a 'good boy,'" she said.

Kipp said that Salvagni was her son's first and best friend in Voorheesville after the family moved to the Salem Hills area five years ago.

"I've tried very hard to have compassion for Larry because David loved him, but he's given no real accounting of what happened that night or why he was on that road," she said. "My heart is broken. David was a dynamite kid, and his death was such a total waste."

Postpartum discussion slated at Bellevue

Bellevue Hospital, 210 Troy-Schenectady Road in Schenectady, is sponsoring a postpartum discussion group on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

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Community partnership group is growing

Networks would like to welcome six new members of the Bethlehem Community Partnership: Dawkins Hodges, Chris and Ed Levine, Terry Picarazzi, Terry Moskowitz and Nancy Rice.

The recent partnership breakfast workshop was attended by 46 members of the Bethlehem community. The group discussed many crucial drug and alcohol related issues, and the five most recent task forces presented reports.

The task forces are addressing:

- parent networking
- adult and student denial
- positive ways to express maturity
- students planning their own activities
- parental permissiveness.

The partnership group will meet on Monday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Networks offices, 355 Delaware Ave. At this time, additional task forces will be formed. New members are welcome to attend.

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Broderick, Valentine wed

Deborah Lynne Broderick, daughter of Daniel and Carol Broderick of Selkirk, was married to Gary John Valentine, son of Michael and Ann Valentine of Stamford, Conn., on Sept. 19.

The Rev. William Nagle performed the ceremony at St. John's Church in Stamford. A reception followed at Santes Manor in Milford, Conn.

Maid of honor was Monique Cassetta. Bridesmaids were Allison Valentine, Susan Speziale and Sandra Scinto. Joelle Riccio was flower girl.

Michael Valentine, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Daniel Broderick Jr., Arthur Guerra and Gregory Scinto. Vincent Calzone Jr. was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Syracuse University and is em-

ployed as a registered nurse in the maternity unit at Stamford Hospital. She also works with Drs. Vito and Leonard Ferrucci.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, where he received a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in exercise physiology. He is coordinator of fitness and exercise programs for cardiac rehabilitation at Stamford Hospital. He is also a musician and owner of the Valentine Music Co. in Stamford.

After a honeymoon in Bermuda, the couple lives in Wilton, Conn.

Area girls win awards from Tawasentha DAR

Claudia Engelhardt, chapter regent, and Susan Redmond, DAR good citizens chairman, have announced the recipients of the Tawasentha Chapter DAR's Good Citizen Awards for 1992-93.

The winners are: Jennifer Burrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burrell of Slingerlands, representing Bethlehem Central High School; and Kathleen Brannock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brannock, Glenmont, representing Holy Names Upper School.

This annual award is made to the high school senior chosen by fellow citizens and faculty members on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The winners receive commemorative pins, certificates and a \$50 cash award. Their names are submitted for regional and state DAR awards.

Selkirk woman earns sheriff's scholarship

Linda J. Arrell of Selkirk, a student at Hudson Valley Community College, was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship by Rensselaer County Sheriff Daniel Keating and Albany County Sheriff James Campbell for the State Sheriff's Association's Criminal Justice Scholarship program.

The program awards a scholarship to one student at each community college in the state. Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence, financial need and a desire to pursue a career in criminal justice or a related field.

Church youth group plans living nativity

The High School Youth of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church will present a living nativity on Saturday, Dec. 19, and Sunday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. both days on the grounds adjacent to the church parking lot, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.

The program lasts about half an hour.



Yvonne Perry and Mark Hulbert

Perry, Hulbert to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Perry Sr. of Voorheesville announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne, to Mark Joseph Hulbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. Hulbert Sr. of Loudonville.

Perry, a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville, received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Adelphi University in Garden City, Nassau County. She also studied with the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, and is currently employed as an actress

in New York City.

In addition to commercial and voiceover work, Perry plays Rossanna Cabot on the CBS daytime drama *As the World Turns*.

Hulbert is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy in Albany and received his bachelor's degree from Colgate University in Hamilton, Madison County. He is employed by the Equitable Financial Companies in Albany.

An October 1993 wedding is planned.



Delmar church Sunday school to present Christmas pageant

The Sunday school classes of the Delmar Presbyterian Church will present a Christmas pageant at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, at the church on 585 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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Obituaries

Gerald Kriete

Gerald Kriete, 64, of Long Lane in Selkirk, died Monday, Dec. 7, at his home.

Born in New York City, he moved to Selkirk in 1951. He had also lived in Dettinger-Erms, Germany where he trained as a printer.

Mr. Kriete worked for Heath's Dairy from 1951 to 1963. He was an agent for the Metropolitan Insurance Co. from 1963 to 1967. He worked for the state Department of Transportation as a stockroom supervisor for the graphic arts department from 1967 until he retired in 1991.

He was a member of the Glenmont Reformed Church and the German American Club.

Survivors include his wife, Margareta Stackelbeck Kriete; three sons, Gerald Kriete of Ballston Lake, Don Kriete of Denver and Ron Kriete of Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany; a daughter, Melinda Burns of Loudonville; his mother Emma Hahn Kriete of Dettinger Erms; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Rural (Elmwood) Cemetery, Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to Glenmont Reformed Church or St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

Francis Marshall

Francis Marshall, 75, of Westphal Drive in Delmar, died Thursday, Dec. 10, at St. Peter's

Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he worked at Carl C. Beck Wholesale Florist as a packer for more than 40 years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Marshall was a Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of the Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520 American Legion. He was a communicant of St. Casimir's Church and its Holy Name Society.

He was husband of the late Mary A. Drozdal Marshall.

Survivors include two sons, Francis J. Marshall of Delmar and Edward W. Marshall of Catskill; a sister, Marie Silvernail of Rensselaer; two brothers, Daniel Marshall and William Marshall, both of Rensselaer; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany, and St. Casimir's Church. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

Robert Shulman

Robert Shulman, 78, of Cherry Avenue in Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 7, at Collingswood Nursing Home in Rockville, Md.

Born in Virginia, he grew up in Poughkeepsie.

He graduated from Bard College and Columbia University, where he received his master's degree in social work.

Mr. Shulman was employed by the Anderson School in Rhinebeck and the Pleasantville Cottage School in Pleasantville. He also

served as deputy commissioner for the state Social Welfare Department in Albany for children's services, before retiring in 1971. From 1971 to 1974, he lived in Israel.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Judith Shulman of Menands and Deborah La Violette of Laurel, Md; a brother, Harris Shulman of Florida; and a grandson.

Services were from Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany. Burial was in Beth Abraham Jacob Cemetery in Guelderland.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Executive Park Tower Building, Albany.

Church to present living nativity scene

The children of the Glenmont Community Church Reformed will perform a living nativity scene on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. at the church on Chapel Lane in Glenmont.

A covered dish supper will precede the performance at 6 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, there will be a candlelight service at 7 p.m.

For information, call 436-7710.

MS group to meet

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

Spotlight Santa



Christmas arrives early for Sheri Detraglia and her daughter Stephanie, as the Greenfield Center woman accepts \$500 in gift certificates from Spotlight Newspapers Publisher Richard Ahlstrom. Detraglia's husband Fay entered the Spotlight Holiday Giveaway at Capitol Home Furnishings in Latham. Another \$2,000 in gift certificates (one for \$500, two for \$300, three for \$200 and six for \$100) will be awarded in a drawing Friday, Dec. 18.

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Allanson selected for college 'Who's Who'
 Jon Allanson, a senior at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., has been selected as a member of the 1993 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.
 An English major and a philosophy minor, Allanson is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar.
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Books make memories that can last a lifetime

By Beverly A. Provost

The holidays are a wonderful time to create memories by giving books that can be cherished and handed down in the family.

To make the gift a special memory, take time to record your reading of the book aloud on tape to accompany the book itself. Of the many possible recommendations for gift giving, I have chosen books which are likely to be well received by most children.

Toy books have recently enjoyed a resurgence in popularity. For the youngest, try *Peek-A-Boo Album*, (Debra Meryl/Illus. True Kelley, \$10.95). This vibrant lift-the flap, look-for-the-baby-in-each-scene book sports catchy text and nine chances to place the child's photo for a peek-a-boo with his own image.



Nicki finds his mitten in a beautifully illustrated children's tale, *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett.

There's not a child who won't be mesmerized by the mechanical wonder in Paul Zelinsky's *The Wheels On The Bus* (\$14.95). Detailed artwork in this pop-up brings new meaning to the classic children's song.

Eric Carle, author of the all-time favorite picture book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, applies his beautiful and distinctive collage technique to the joyous story of a cricket who is unable to chirp until he meets a she. *The Very Quiet Cricket* (\$18.95) has a special computer chip that activates to reproduce an authentic cricket sound when the last page is turned.

Many concept books seem deceptively simple, but are actually strikingly creative and multi-purpose. One of the most requested books in libraries and book stores is *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* (Bill Martin Jr./Illus. Eric Carle, \$13.95). Arresting oversize animals are set in a simple story with an irresistible sing-song text about colors.

Animal Numbers (Bert Kitchen, \$12.95) displays gorgeous, realistic animal drawings posed on oversized pages for children to count. Great feeling and personality abound in the art.

Artist Jan Brett has many fans, and her exquisite designs and sumptuous color can be found in several fine choices, including *The Mitten* (\$14.95) and *The Owl and The Pussycat* (\$14.95). They read aloud well, too.

Just for fun, share the ever-delightful *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* (Laura Joffe



Well known illustrator of children's books, Maurice Sendak, provides the cover art for *The Big Book for Peace*, a collection of writing and art on the theme of harmony and tolerance among people.

Numeroff/Illus. Felicia Bond, \$12.00). In totally endearing fashion, this cumulative tale reveals a little boy caught up in trying to halt the consequences of giving a cookie to a busy mouse who runs the boy ragged.

For the beginning reader, Joanna Cole's *Magic School Bus* series is guaranteed to be kid-pleasing. The latest of five in a part fantasy/part non-fictional

picturebook series is *The Magic School Bus On The Ocean Floor* (Illus. Kellogg, \$14.88). The text helps children conceptualize astronomical numbers. It can't be beat. Pen and watercolor illustrations are teeming with action, making the whole package marvelously effective.

If you want to impress a child, give him or her *Steven Biesty's Incredible Cross-Section*

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Museum hosts Winter Lights Festival

Let there be light

By Michael Kagan

In this holiday season, when decorative lights seem to be everywhere, the New York State Museum is opening an exhibit on the science and culture of illumination.

The museum will host its annual Winter Lights Family Festival from Saturday, Dec. 26, through Wednesday, Dec. 30, in the heart of the school vacation week.

"There are many winter festivals which use light as a key symbol, and we seem to be missing a lot of light in the winter," said Randi Roberts, head of public programs at the museum. "This is a unique thing for people to bring their kids to."

The festival looks at light from the perspective of science, international folk lore and theatrical productions. All

performances are live and designed for children and families.

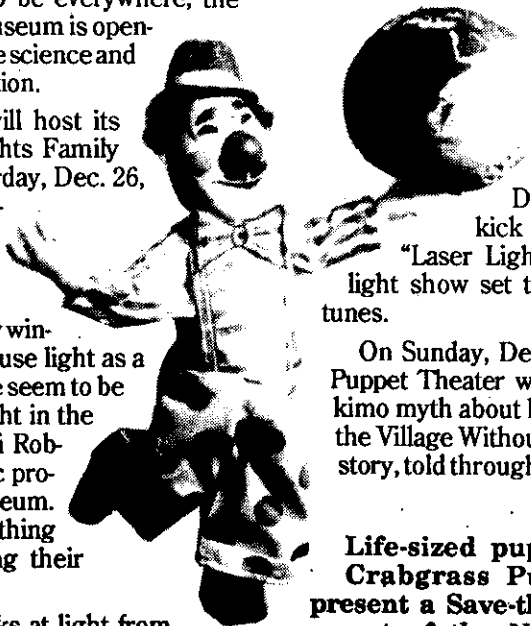
"They're very high quality, very entertaining productions," said Roberts. "It's very popular."

On Saturday, Dec. 26, Ray-Tel will kick off the event with "Laser Light Magic," a laser light show set to popular holiday tunes.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, the Starbird Puppet Theater will perform an Eskimo myth about light in "Raven and the Village Without Daylight." In the story, told through hand puppets and

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Life-sized puppets from the Crabgrass Puppet Theater present a Save-the-Earth Circus as part of the New York State Museum's Winter Lights Family Festival



Librarian picks holiday favorites

By Sherry Haluska

Asking a librarian to select a favorite holiday book can be risky. As one 4-year-old recently said, "Mrs. H., every book is your favorite!"

However, here are a few of my very favorites.

For the picture-book crowd, there are a number of wonderful stories with even more wonderful illustrations. Many of the most recent have multicultural themes.

Tree of Cranes, by Allen Say (Houghton Mifflin, 1991), tells the story of a young boy in Japan celebrating his first Christmas. His mother finds an ingenious way of sharing her American childhood with her son by combining customs of the two cultures. The quietness and beauty of the book reflects the serenity of a Japanese home.

In *Night Tree* by Eve Bunting (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1991), the experience of a special trip under a starry sky is brilliantly captured by illustrator Ted Rand. The story begins, "On the night before Christmas we always go to find our tree." What happens when this young family finds their tree is quite a surprise.

Christmas Tree Memories by Ailiki (Harper Collins, 1991) has a distinctly European flavor. The family gathers by the tree on Christmas Eve, and each ornament evokes a story of past holidays.

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ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

STUYVESANT PLAZA HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

carolers, horse and carriage rides and Santa, Stuyvesant Plaza, Executive Park, Albany. Dec. 19-20, 1-4 p.m. Information, 482-8986.

MUSIC

FLASHBACK

at Dee D's, Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham. Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 p.m. Information, 785-4410.

ELVIS ON STAGE 1970

James Cawley's re-creation of an Elvis Presley performance, Steamer 10 Theater, West Lawrence Street and Western Avenue, Albany, Dec. 18-20, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 438-5503.

OUT OF CONTROL

Rhythm and Blues Band, Charity's, Corner Routes 9 & 146, Clifton Park. Friday, Dec. 18, 10:30 p.m. Information, 797-3939.

RICK BEDROSIAN BAND

original songs and music by Bob Dylan, Foster and REM, Rhino Records, 1839 Central Ave., Albany. Thursday, Dec. 17, 7-8 p.m.

TEA TIME IN TOKYO

soul and jazzy blues tunes, Ramada Inn, Nott Street, Schenectady. Saturday, Dec. 19, 9:30 p.m.

JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY

classic country sounds, Knickerbocker Arena, Pearl Street, Albany. Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. Information, (615) 256-9024.

SCCC WIND AND GUITAR ENSEMBLES

in concert, Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave., Albany. Friday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-6211, ext. 122.

STEBEN GLEE CLUB

concert, United Methodist Church, Mansion Street, Coxsackie. Friday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m. Information, 731-8139.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

annual holiday concert with Empire State Repertory Percussion Ensemble, College of St. Rose, Music Building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany. Friday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Information, 382-7581.

VISUAL ARTS

RICHARD OCHS: SEASON'S GREETING

exhibition of traditional winter watercolors, 556 Warren St., Hudson. Through Dec. 24. Information, 828-4882.

THE ELECTRONIC GARDEN

cybernetic sculptures, The Hyde Collection, Warren Street, Glens Falls. Through Jan. 3. Information, 792-1761.

CONTEMPORARY NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS

gallery exhibit of diverse Native Americans and their artistic work, The Sage Colleges, 92 First St., Troy. Through Dec. 18. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.; Wed. and Thurs., 6-8 p.m.; Sunday, 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 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sat., noon-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

IN MEDUSA'S GAZE

works illustrating the scope of still life paintings from 17th-20th centuries, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Through Feb. 14. Information, 463-4478.

OBJECTIVITY

sculpture, painting and mixed media work, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Through Feb. 21. Information, 463-4478.

AMERICA'S CEMETERIES THROUGH THE LENS OF THE PAST

explores historical significance of cemeteries, New York State Museum, Albany. Tuesday, Dec. 22, noon. Information, 474-5842.

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.

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.

SMALL WORKS FINE ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and sculptures, Catskill Gallery, 398 Main St., Catskill. Through Jan. 9, noon-4 p.m.

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.

COMMUNITY CHORUS OF GUILDERLAND

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

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

seeking volunteers to help taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax assistance, Internal Revenue Service, Albany District Office, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Streets, Albany. Information, 472-2425.

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

THEATER

SLEEPING BEAUTY

staged with costumes, music and stylized movement, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy. Dec. 16-18; 21-22, 10 a.m. Information, 274-3256.

HAMLET

condensed version, LaSalle Institute, 174 Williams Road, Troy. Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. Information, 283-1838.

HOW TO EAT LIKE A CHILD

musical comedy, Empire State Performing Arts Center, Swyer Theater, Albany. Dec. 17-20, Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Information, 473-1061.

Elvis in Albany?



James Cawley will perform "Elvis On Stage 1970" at the Steamer 10 Theater in Albany on Friday through Sunday, Dec. 18 to 20.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

traditional holiday tale, Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Springs. Dec. 19, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Dec. 20, 26-27, 2 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

THE NUTCRACKER

by the Northeast Ballet Company, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Dec. 19-20; Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

DANCE

THE NUTCRACKER

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

SWING DANCE

including jitterbug, lindy and fox-trot, Channing Hall, 405 Washington Ave., Albany. Friday, Dec. 18, 8:30 p.m. Information, 463-1662.

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

including contras, squares and circles, Guelderland Elementary School, Route 20, Guelderland. Saturday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

FILM

THE JUNGLE BOOK

animated feature, New York State Education Department, The University of the State of New York. Dec. 19-20, 11 a.m., 1 a.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

LECTURES

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

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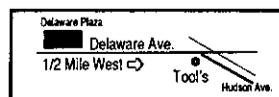
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fund-raiser for non-profit organizations and community groups, featuring baked goods, crafts and holiday gift items, Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

**WEIGHT MAINTENANCE
PROGRAM**
St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

LASAGNA DINNER
Save the Pine Bush, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett streets, Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and \$2 for children. Information, 434-1954.

MASS TRANSIT COMMITTEE
Albany County Legislature, Albany Director's Office, Albany County Airport, 7 a.m.

MS SELF-HELP GROUP
meeting, Multiple Sclerosis Chapter Offices, 2 City Square, 324 Broadway, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 427-0421.

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

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

**RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL**
Capitaland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

**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 17**

**ALBANY COUNTY
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**
Center for Independence, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 4-7 p.m. Information, 459-6422.

SCOLIOSIS ASSOCIATION
meeting, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0859.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
SALE**
fund-raiser for non-profit organizations and community groups, featuring baked goods, crafts and holiday gift items, Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

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

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT
GROUP**
Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY
WINTER CONCERT**
Niskayuna High School, 1626 Balltown Road, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 18**

**ALBANY COUNTY
CANDLELIGHT CAROL
CONCERT**
choir of St Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

**INFANT AND CHILDSAVER
COURSE**
Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, Hackett Boulevard, Albany, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cost, \$25. Information, 434-3881.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
SALE**
fund-raiser for non-profit organizations and community groups, featuring baked goods, crafts and holiday gift items, Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

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

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

**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 19**

**ALBANY COUNTY
DISNEY'S "THE JUNGLE BOOK"**
Kid Pix film 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.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 20**

**ALBANY COUNTY
DISNEY'S "THE JUNGLE BOOK"**
Kid Pix film 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.

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

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 21**

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

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

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

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

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 22**

**ALBANY COUNTY
JOB PROSPECTING SEMINAR**
Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-9 p.m. Information, 456-2400.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Theatre Institute offers *Sleeping Beauty* as first production in new Troy quarters

With the opening of its 17th season locally, the New York State Theatre Institute presented a finely-honed revival of its *Sleeping Beauty* production last Sunday at the Schacht Fine Arts Center on the Russell Sage College campus in Troy. Following school performances this week, two public performances will be given Friday, Dec. 18, and Sunday, Dec. 20.



Martin P. Kelly

The transfer from the larger theater in The Egg in Albany to a smaller, yet fully equipped, theater on the Russell Sage campus appeared a smooth transition as this production. Co-directed by Joseph Balfior and Adrienne Posner, it introduced audiences again to another culture through the well-known fairy tale.

The stylized movement, choreographed to capture the traditional Kabuki and Noh theaters of Japan, presents the familiar tale of a princess put in a deep sleep by a witch only to be revived by a prince who must battle monsters to reach her.

The Brothers Grimm tale uses a storyteller (Joel Aroeste), a folksy old man who hints that he is telling his own story. If there is a drawback to the production, it is the mixture of acting styles between the storyteller's familiar manner and the stylized acting of the rest of the company who move as if by rote.

This choice of staging keeps the play at a distance from the audience as they become more observers than participants. So, when Aroeste as the storyteller seeks to get a reaction from the audience by having the youngsters respond to his question, the answers don't come readily because he seems to have broken a mood created by the rest of the show.

Choreography and music take precedence over the dialogue as Aroeste is the main speaker with little or no dialogue by the rest of the cast. Brief snatches of song help bridge the prevalent mime aspect of the piece.

Joseph Quandt supplies all the music and sound effects with his assortment of instruments.

Karen Kenny is winsome as Beauty, while Thomas McGuire 3rd is agile as the Prince who must battle witches, ogres and a giant spider to reach Beauty's side.

Reservations and information are available at 270-6888.

Christmas Carol productions available in the region

Theatergoers who want to take a winter drive and see Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, have two choices in opposite directions.

The Home Made Theater in Saratoga Springs is presenting its production of *A Christmas Carol* Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20, and the following two weekends in the Spa Little Theater in the Saratoga Spa State Park. Reservations are at 587-4427.

The Berkshire Public Theater continues its production of *A Christmas Carol* through December 22 with performances tonight, Dec. 16, through next Tuesday at 8 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday. Reservations are at (413) 445-4634.

The Nutcracker presented at Proctor's this weekend with New York ballet star

The Northeast Ballet Company will feature New York City Ballet principal dancer Darci Kistler as the Sugar Plum Fairy in its production of *The Nutcracker* at Proctor's Theater Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20, at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

This production will follow a lovely presentation of the traditional ballet by the Albany Berkshire Ballet Company this past weekend at the Palace Theater in Albany. It set a standard for the ballet in the area.

Reservations may be made by calling 346-6204.

Around Theaters!

Christmas With The Taffetas, musical revue of the '50s at the Cohoes Music Hall through Jan. 3. (235-7969)...*The Rothchilds*, at Schenectady Opera House through Sunday, Dec. 20 (355-1699).



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The Spotlight **CALENDAR**

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 16**

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD
90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BETHLEHEM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
foods and crafts, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

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

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit. Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
every Wednesday, 1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 to 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.

NEW SCOTLAND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 1-4 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL VALUE ASSESSMENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Hlawatha Grange, Route 20, Dormansville, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

FAMILY EVENING STORY HOUR
"Cozy Together on a Winter's Night," Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 17**

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
every Thursday, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 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, 428 Kenwood Ave., 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.

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

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON
for members, guests and membership applicants, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

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

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 18**

BETHLEHEM

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

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 19**

BETHLEHEM

CHRISTMAS SQUARE DANCE
Tri-Village Squares class-level dance, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-7571.

LIVE NATIVITY
by youth group members, warm dress advised, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 20**

BETHLEHEM

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.

ELKS BREAKFAST BUFFET
all you can eat, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, Selkirk. Information, 767-9959.

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEETING
Bethlehem Grange Hall, Route 396, Beckers Corner, 11 a.m. worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday school. Information, 235-1298.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave. 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. to noon, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
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. Information, 439-9252.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. 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.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive. Information, 439-3265.

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. to noon, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH
worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided; Sunday school, 11 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
morning worship, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE CHRISTMAS PARTY
Village Board, Voorheesville Fire Dept., Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion, Santa Claus will be present for children, snacks provided, 1 p.m. Information, 765-3184.

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, Information, 768-2916.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
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, 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.

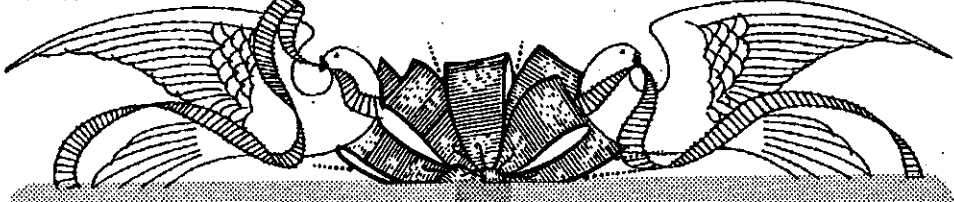
ONESQUETHAW CHURCH
worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

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. 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.



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**MONDAY
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BETHLEHEM

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP MEETING

holiday luncheon, Mangia Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 1:45 p.m. Information, 427-0421.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

every Monday, Sidewheeler Restaurant at the 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., 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM

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DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

every Monday, rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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

NEW SCOTLAND

4-H CLUB

home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2186.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 22**

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

every Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 1 to 6 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL VALUE ASSESSMENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

15 Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY

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

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

village hall, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

town hall, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

STORY HOUR

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

Light

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rod marionettes, the greedy Sky People try to keep all the light for themselves, while a Raven sets out to capture some light for an Eskimo village.

On Monday, Dec. 28, Crabgrass Puppet Theater will present "Save the Earth Circus," an environmental look at light using circus stunts by life-size puppets.

The Enchanted Circle Theater will present "Creation Myths from Africa" on Tuesday, Dec. 29. One story, "The First Morning," tells the tale of how light came to the earth, and "The Evening Gift" is an Anansi myth about how the moon found its place in the sky.

One of the festival's most popular shows will be on Wednesday, Dec. 30, when Leland Faulkner's Light Theater presents "The Carnival of the Animals." The production combines shadow puppetry and mime with the music of Saint Saens and poetry by Ogden Nash.

"It's really beautiful," Roberts said. "It really holds the kids' interest. It's one of the best things we do here."

All shows are at 1 and 3 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For the first time, the museum will extend the festival to two weekends in January. The first weekend, Jan. 9 and 10, will focus on the theme "Lights in the Sky." The second, on Jan. 16 and 17, will revolve around "Lights in the Home."

The first weekend will feature an Iroquois storyteller, a presentation about the Northern Lights and a crafts workshop for kids on making Chinese lanterns.

The second weekend will feature a storyteller on Saturday, Jan. 16. A class about Thomas Edison is scheduled on both Saturday and Sunday. Class participants will make their own light bulbs and perform other hands-on, light-oriented experiments. There will also be a candle-making workshop for children on both days.

Fees and times vary for the weekend programs, although Roberts said the highest adult price will be \$2. To receive a free brochure about the festival, call the museum at 474-5842.

Holiday favorites

(From page 27)

The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree (Dial, 1988) is an Appalachian Christmas tale. The story is set in 1918, and Papa has been called to war. Before he goes, he and Ruthie tag the tree for Pine Grove's holiday celebration. The simple illustrations by Barbara Cooney evoke a time and place new to most children.

My favorite rendition of the biblical Christmas story is *The Nativity* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1986) illustrated by Julie Vivas. The text, from the King James version of the Bible, is enhanced by unique artwork which shows Mary and Joseph as poor, humble, real people. There are no Madonna-like haloed figures to be found in this joyous depiction of Jesus' birth.

Just Enough is Plenty (Viking Kestrel, 1988) is a Hanukkah tale by Barbara Diamond Goldin. The family has barely enough money to celebrate their holiday, when a beggar appears at the door. They share their humble dinner with him, and the magic begins.

The Chanukah Guest (Holiday House, 1988) by Eric Kimmel takes a whimsical look at the holiday. Bubba Bravna doesn't see very well anymore, but she makes the best latkes in the village. When a bear smells the delicious pancakes cooking, he follows his nose and the fun begins.

For the older child, and for family reading some "oldies" are my favorites.

In *Ramona and her Father* (William Morrow, 1977) by Beverly Cleary, Mr. Quimby has lost his job, and even Picky-Picky, the family cat, has been reduced to eating store-brand cat food. To make matters worse, Ramona's part in the Christmas pageant is that of a lowly sheep, and her mother expects her to wear her pajamas for a costume. What happens at the play is just one example of how wonderful it is to be part of a family.

In *A Family Under the Bridge* (Harper and Row, 1958) by Natalie Savage Carlson, the hobo Monsieur Armand is disgruntled to find a family of children living under his Paris bridge. He tries to shoo them away, but the children win the heart of the crusty old man. As Christmas approaches, Monsieur Armand decides it is time for his hobo days to be over.

No matter which stories you select to enhance this hectic holiday season, try to find one that will become part of your family's traditional celebration.

Sherry Haluska is children's librarian at the William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie.

Museum starts year with Disney's Pinocchio

The New York State Museum will continue its children's film classics through January, on Saturdays and Sundays, at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., at the museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

On Jan. 2 and 3, the classic Disney film *Pinocchio* will be presented.

Admission is \$2 for adults, and \$1.50 for children.

To list an item of community interest in *The Spotlight*, send all pertinent information to *The Spotlight Calendar* P.O. Box 5349 Albany, NY 12205

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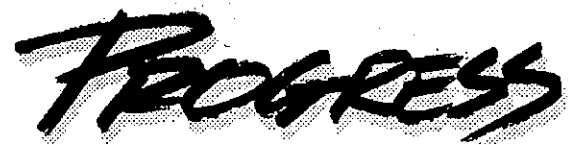
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.600 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:
Variance Request No. 161
Request of Clifford E. Park Jr. for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the division of a parcel into two legal parcels which lack the proper 50 foot of road frontage, being a variance of Article X Section 10.124 for property owned by Clifford E. Parks Jr. situated on the North side of Indian Fields Road with access approximately one mile East of LaGrange Lane intersection.
Said hearing will take place on the 22 of December, 1992 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:10 P.M.
Dated: December 11, 1992
s/Michael Mackey
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals
(December 16, 1992)

LEGAL NOTICE

ing shared with the Clarksville Post Office.
Office hearing will take place on the 22 of December, 1992 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.
Dated: December 11, 1992
s/Michael Mackey
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals
(December 16, 1992)

LEGAL NOTICE

copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.
The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all of the bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 9, 1992
(December 16, 1992)

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Planning Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York will hold a workshop meeting for the Town of New Scotland Master Plan.
Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday December 29, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, New York.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND
s/Ray MacKay, Chairman
Dated: December 11, 1992
(December 16, 1992)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the use of said Town during the year 1993.
Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of December, 1992 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all of the bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 19, 1992
(December 16, 1992)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Fuel Oil for the use of said Town, including Water District No. 1, during the year 1993, as and when needed.
Bids will be received up to 2:15 p.m. on the 29th day of December, 1992 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.600 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:
Variance Request No. 164
Request of Chester Deleskiewicz for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a retail sporting goods store in a Residential Hamlet zone, being a variance of Article II Section 2.504 for property owned by Sam and Charles Tomell situated on the Southerly side of Route 443, on the Easterly entrance of the Clarksville Hamlet, in a build-

Memories

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tions (Richard Platt/Illus. Steve Biesty, \$20.00). Mammoth pages show historical and architectural cut-away drawings of a jumbo jet and 17 other buildings and machines.

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- ACROSS
1 Labels
5 Den
9 Sailboat pole
13 Got an "A": Slang
14 Ointment
15 Celebes ox
16 Yuletide songs
19 Pebble Beach need
20 Circuits on the track
21 States
22 New England's NFL team
23 Sts. and Blvds. cousin
24 Astronomer Carl and family
27 City in Iowa
28 Bro.
31 Detached
32 African ruler
33 Museum of Mod. Art
34 Yuletide
37 Joshes
38 Amerada
39 Distant view
40 Tokyo's former name
41 Large coffee pots
42 Women
43 Mined?
44 Curs
45 Maine's National Park
48 Destiny
49 Lowing sound
52 Yuletide place?
55 Metal cans
56 Consumed
57 Italian volcano
58 Blemish
59 Loch Monster
60 Draft animals harnessed together
DOWN
1 Diplomacy
2 Yearn
3 Actor Richard
4 Star wars initials
5 Bulb repositories
6 Word of concern
7 ICU feedings
8 Bounces back
9 Former Yankee Roger
10 Soon
11 Lone
12 Russian News Agency
14 RBI's, e.g.
17 Slopes
18 Large primates
22 City of lights
23 Wrong
24 Coeur
25 Garden pest
26 Greta
27 Stockpile
28 Martini
29 Over act
30 Ms. Turner & others
32 Correct
33 Unmarried girls
35 Menace
36 Avoird
41 Author Leon
42 Dead language
43 Keats, e.g.
44 Boxes
45 Play parts
46 Poker or chocolate f-lower
47 Cartoonist Peter
48 Mr. Waller
49 Companion
50 and The King of Siam
51 Apple eater
53 West: Life preserver
54 Allow

12x12 crossword grid with numbers 1-60 indicating starting points for clues.

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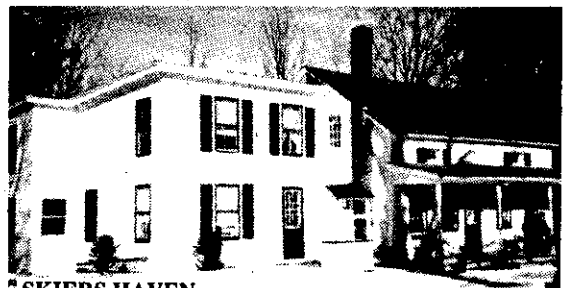
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