



## Happy holidays!



A white Christmas still seems possible at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue. Elaine McLain

## 2 Jewish holidays on BC board agenda

By Dev Tobin

Concerned about rising absentee rates, the Bethlehem Central school board will consider adding Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur as official school holidays for 1993-94 at their next meeting Jan. 6.

"We have an increasing number of students and staff absent during the Jewish holidays," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis. "And it appears the Jewish population is growing, especially in the lower grades."

The normal district absentee rate of 2 to 5 percent soars to 10 to 25 percent, depending on the school, for the two Jewish holidays, Loomis explained. In addition, up to 20 faculty across the district are also absent then.



Loomis

Because the holidays follow the lunar-based Jewish calendar, they may fall anywhere from early September to early October.

One of the holidays, which are 10 days apart, may fall on a Saturday or Sunday, so the district would not be committing itself to two new holidays every year. In 1993, for instance, Yom Kippur falls on a Saturday.

School districts can, as a matter of board policy, elect to add the holidays to their calendar as long as they complete 180 days of class sessions, according to Chris Carpenter, spokesman for the State Education Department.

"They would have to work it out somehow," Carpenter added.

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## Squad captain sees snags in paid paramedic program

By Susan Graves

The captain of the Delmar Rescue Squad believes the department's paramedic capabilities could be supplemented without moving to a partially-paid service recommended by a town task force.

"There are other options," said Chuck Preska, who has been a member of the all-volunteer department for 14 years. "Our real concern as a fire district is that the town does not have the volume of calls to warrant a fully-paid system," he added. "A big concern is the cost."

But Supervisor Ken Ringler said that although he understands Preska's concern for the cost, "The issue comes down to whether the entire town should have paramedic service." Ringler is also concerned about how long the Delmar squad will be able to maintain paramedic service.

In addition to the extra cost, Preska believes that going to a townwide paramedic system could dilute existing coverage. His squad — which covers

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## Road workers pink slips may be warranted

By Mel Hyman

As the dust settles after the heated battle of the budget in Albany County, it appears that Republican County Executive Michael Hoblock has some basis for contending that the county highway department is overstaffed.

While county Democrats have warned of a loss of services once the highway department workforce is pared from its current level of 156 to 113, Hoblock believes that county residents will not suffer, nor should they.

Hoblock's office did an analysis earlier this year, according to Assistant County Executive Dan Hogan, and found that compared with other counties of equal or greater size, the Albany County Highway Department was "way overstaffed."

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## Village furniture moving to Main Square

By Mel Hyman

For Eileen Schuyler, it seems like a natural progression.

Her parents had a furniture store at the Four Corners in Delmar until they leveled the block about 16 years ago, and she's had the Village Furniture Company in the same vicinity since 1986.

Now she's moving up the street a few blocks to Main Square, which is just a stone's throw from the center of town. Her first store was located at 411 Kenwood Ave. in an old Victorian house. But charming as it was, it quickly became too small.

Starting in March, Schuyler hopes to have one of the premiere furniture stores in the area. It definitely won't be the largest or even the most upscale. But it will be inviting and down-to-earth. She promises a folksy, yet tasteful, atmosphere when you walk into her 5,000-

□ FURNITURE/page 4



Eileen Schuyler of the Village Furniture Company looks forward to her big move to Main Square.

# Bethlehem court action recorded

The following dispositions involving Driving While Intoxicated charges have been recorded in Bethlehem Town Court:

Jennifer Bland, 24, of Beacon Road, Glenmont, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of Driving While Ability Impaired. Her license was temporarily revoked, and she was fined \$250

John E. Clark, 37, of Greenfield Center, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. His license was temporarily revoked, and he was fined \$250.

Thomas C. Donohue, 22, of Voorheesville, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. His license was temporarily revoked, and he was fined \$250.

Thomas D. Fish, 31, of Valatie,

pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired. His license was temporarily revoked, and he was fined \$250.

Kenneth W. Downing, 54, of Glenmont, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. His license was temporarily revoked, and he was fined \$250.

Aaron Louprette, 22, of Feura Bush, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. His license was temporarily revoked, and he was fined \$250.

Thomas V. McArdell, 40, of Coxsackie, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. His license was temporarily revoked, and he was fined \$250.

Kevin C. Martin, 46, of Coxsackie, pleaded guilty to a

reduced charge of DWAI. His license was temporarily revoked, and he was fined \$250.

Willie J. Moses, 44, of Albany, pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to nine days in the county jail, three years probation and his license was revoked for three years.

Colleen E. Ryan, 22, of Delmar, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. Her license was temporarily revoked, and she was fined \$250.

Denise Roberts, 22, of Albany, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. Her license was temporarily revoked, and she was fined \$250.

# Police nab five drivers in DWI weekend sweep

In a Stop-DWI operation last weekend, the Bethlehem Police Department made five arrests for driving while intoxicated and one for the sale of alcohol to a minor.

Michael R. Coons, 24, of 25 Central Ave., Ravena, was arrested at 3:16 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, on Route 9W near the Glenmont grade school, police said. He was ticketed for failure to keep right, driving with tinted windows and DWI.

He was released pending a Jan. 5 appearance in town court.

Leonard A. Liuzzi, 18, of Esplanade Street, Selkirk, was arrested at 3:41 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, on Route 9W near Glenmont Road, police said. He was cited for DWI and having no taillights. He was released pending a Jan. 5 appearance in town court.

Dennis J. McFarland, 43, of 394A Spore Road, Delmar, was arrested at 3:02 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 along Route 85, police said. He was charged with failure to keep right and DWI.

He was released pending a Jan. 5 appearance in town court.

Michael A. Fournier, 38, of 244 Van Dyke Road, Delmar, was arrested at 2:41 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, near Delaware and Hudson Avenues, police said.

He was charged with a felony count of DWI and remanded to the Albany County Jail pending a bail hearing.

William R. Schwarz, 21, of 80

Marsdale St., Selkirk, was arrested at 9:05 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 along Route 396, police said.

He was cited for going through a stop light, reckless driving, DWI and driving with a suspended license.

He was released pending a Jan. 16 appearance in town court.

In an undercover operation carried out in conjunction with the Albany County Sheriff's Department, a Selkirk store clerk was charged with selling alcohol to a minor.

Fred D. Mapes, 44, of Latham, was arrested at 8:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, for allegedly selling alcohol to a minor, police said.

An undercover officer from the county sheriff's department entered the Bon Fare store at the junction of Route 396 and 9W at 8:45 p.m., and tried to purchase a six pack of beer. Mapes allegedly made no attempt to check the purchaser's age.

He was released pending a future appearance in town court.

## 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.

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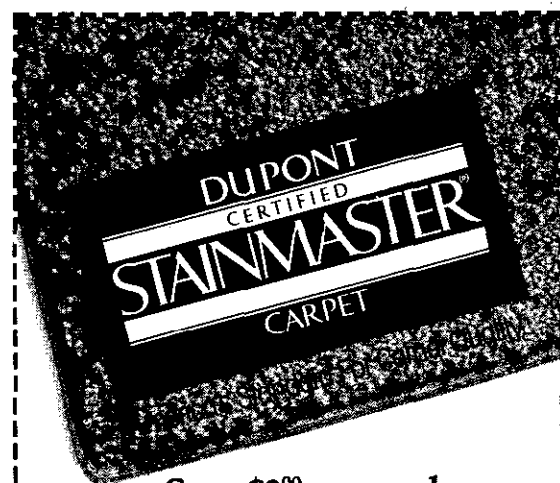
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## Convent carolers



Girls Scouts from St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar sing Christmas carols for retired nuns at the Sisters of the Holy Names convent on New Scotland Avenue.  
*Elaine McLain*

## Bethlehem officials weigh housing needs

By Mel Hyman

Not everyone in Bethlehem lives in a million dollar home, Supervisor Ken Ringler remarked at a recent town board meeting.

And while that's not an immediate cause for concern, some town officials are worried about the future in that most of the new housing proposed for the town is upscale — very upscale.

Though there is still a stock of affordable "starter homes" in some older sections of town, officials wonder what will be available for the young couple or the retired person come the year 2000.

"I'd certainly like to see affordable housing built for the people who can't afford the very expensive stuff," said Councilwoman Sheila Fuller. "It's healthy to have some diversity in the town."

In particular, Fuller said, the town should look into the possibility of attracting some low-income housing for seniors.

A subsidized housing complex for seniors was proposed for the

North Street section of town only a year ago, but it never got off the ground because of strong opposition mounted by the Hudson Avenue Neighborhood Association.

Ringler has been in touch with the Albany Catholic Diocese, which had planned to develop the Hudson Avenue site, regarding a new location in the town. "They're still in favor of moving ahead. They just don't want to get involved with something controversial."

"We should work toward a community with people from different backgrounds, financial and otherwise," Ringler said. "Maybe we can interest some developers in building housing for some of our seniors who may want to downsize."

The town may be able to exert some control on the escalating cost of housing by making changes in the zoning code, said Councilman Charles Gunner.

"The larger the lot size requirements, the more money it's going to take to develop. We should look at relaxing the requirements in some parts of town so that young people in their late 20s or early 30s can afford some kind of transition home."

There is some additional housing geared toward seniors on the drawing board, but it's mostly contained within the Beverwyck complex, which is "somewhat upscale," Gunner said.

"I think there's a need for some low to moderate housing stock. As people live longer and all they have to depend on is their retirement income plus Social Security, they have a hard time keeping up with rising taxes. They may not want to own their own homes any longer."

## Cluster complex faces zoning hurdle

By Mel Hyman

A 120-unit apartment complex planned for Route 9W in Glenmont must first overcome a zoning problem before it trots around the track.

The developers of Sprout Creek, a clustered arrangement of 30 Victorian-style buildings set around a large green space, are not deterred, however.

"Actually, we're encouraged that the town is going to consider including cluster developments" in the zoning code, said Ed Kleinke, a local landscape engineer who is acting as consultant for J.E.M. 9W Development Inc.

Since Bethlehem currently has no provision in its zoning code for cluster housing, the only way such a development could proceed is to be designated a Planned Residential District, and that can be a somewhat lengthy process, said Planning Board Chairman Martin Barr.

The planning board advised Kleinke last week that unless each of the apartment buildings was contained on a separate lot, a zoning change would be needed.

At the same time, Barr said the planning board is expected to discuss changes to the zoning code to accommodate cluster developments once the town's master plan is released by LUMAC (Land Use Management Advisory Commission) in March.

The proposed 30-acre development would be located on the east side of Route 9W opposite the entrance to Dowerskill Village and Hague Boulevard. It's contained within a 145-acre parcel owned by Rose Watkins and Debbie Eberle.

"There are a number of ques-

NEW SCOTLAND

## Post office may get gun shop neighbor

By Dev Tobin

Complaints by neighbors on Waldenmaier Road in Feura Bush closed Chester Deleskiewicz's year-old gun business, so he wants to reopen it in the front of the Clarksville Post Office.

The New Scotland Planning Board favorably recommended his request for a use variance to open a sporting goods store in the RH (residential hamlet) zone at their recent meeting.

Deleskiewicz told the board he intends to sell rifles, shotguns, pistols and ammunition, and that he had all the required federal and state firearms permits.

"There will be iron bars on the windows and an alarm system connected directly to the sheriff's department," he said.

Although the building is in a residential zone, it has been used previously as a church and a vet-

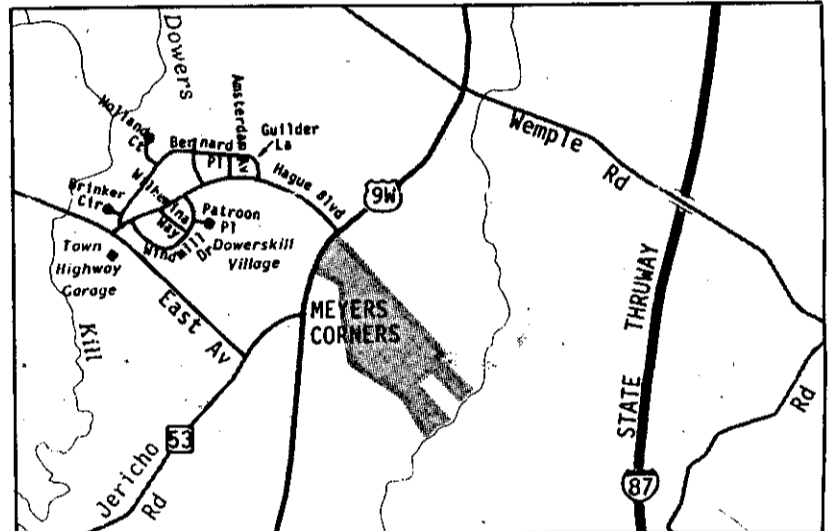
erinary hospital, Deleskiewicz added.

A Conrail employee, Deleskiewicz said he started the gun business to have something for his retirement.

Deleskiewicz had been running a firearms business from his home until neighbors complained to the Bethlehem building department about increased traffic on the dirt road and shooting behind his house.

The zoning board of appeals considered the matter at its meeting Dec. 22.

The planning board scheduled another master plan workshop for Dec. 29. Its next regular meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., when the board will hold a public hearing on Peter Kelly's request for a special use permit to construct a pond on his property on Spore Road.



tions to explore" with cluster housing, Barr said, such as density and access to public roads. "Building too far from a public thoroughfare can present problems," especially when it comes to fire protection and snow removal.

"At this point we're going to see how (the discussion) proceeds," Kleinke said. The land proposed for development was working farmland up until a few years ago, he noted. Situated along 9W, it has fairly good access to the city of Albany and the tri-village shop-

ping areas.

Instead of the usual bland type of brick buildings seen in most apartment complexes, Kleinke said the developer was committed to a more tasteful design that includes clapboard siding, Victorian arches, awnings and open air porches.

There would be trails, pathways, benches and gardens situated all through the development, especially in the Village Green common area, which will also contain a recreational facility.

### Spotlight sets holiday 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.

*The Spotlight* offices will close at 1 p.m. Dec. 24, and at 4 p.m. Dec. 31, to reopen at 8:30 a.m. the following Mondays.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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## Career communication



BC students Billy Conway and John Drexel learn about law enforcement careers from Bethlehem police telecommunicator Maureen Bartkus and Det. James Corbett at last week's Career Day at the high school.

Dev Tobin

## Furniture

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square-foot living room, if you will.

Dennis Corrigan, co-owner of Main Square Shoppes, is busy combining four storefronts into one in preparation for his new tenant, which will be the largest business by far in the retail professional office complex.

The exterior of Main Square Shoppes will also have a new look. A glass storefront with colonial framed windows will make the residential-looking edifice much more eye-catching.

Schuyler is aware that several, large furniture outlets have gone out of business over the past few years, but she is not overly concerned.

Part of it can be traced to the recession, she says. On the other

hand, she believes that specialized furniture stores have a much better chance of weathering changes in the economy.

"The big stores are all things to all people," she said. "When you have hard times, certain groups can't afford to buy, which hurts business, especially when your overhead is high."

With a more specialized store, Schuyler said there is always a core of people who make purchases because they like a particular style and know they can count on good service and advice.

In the case of Village Furniture, the style has always been country, with an emphasis on furnishings and accessories that have a relaxed look to them.

"Rugs are a big part of our business," Schuyler said. Orien-

tals, braided and hook rugs are available in a variety of textures.

The price of good furniture has risen over the years, Schuyler said, because the price of hardwoods has increased significantly as we've chopped down forests and there are fewer furniture makers around.

Being a furniture-maker used to be a generational thing with the craft handed down in the family, she explained. Times change, however. And while most of our wood furniture is still manufactured in the U.S., it's not as plentiful as it once was.

"These windows are going to make Main Square sparkle," Schuyler predicted. With her background in theater, she said she plans to make the window displays like stage sets.

"My whole philosophy of display is that they should look like rooms where interesting people live. Like a backdrop for an interesting life, with books, paintings, lamps and accessories scattered around."

## BC students earn high honors

The following students at Bethlehem Central High School are on the first quarter high honor roll:

In the 12th-grade, Kathleen Ahern, Jason Bailey, Margaret Billings, Jennifer Bishop, Sarah Blabey, Stefani Bobo, Jennifer Burrell, Anne Byrd, Magdalena Cerda, Monique Chatterjee, Christine Chen, Emily Chen, Donna Church, Emily Church, Mandy Conway, Regina Crisafulli, Kerry Cross, Lisa Danziger, Brian Davies, Lisa Dearstyne, Kyle Doody, Rebecca Doyle, Lee Eck, Meghan Faulkner, Jill Ferraro, Lawrence Fisher, Melissa Freeman, Michael Futia, Sari Gold, Samantha Gordon, Christopher Gould, Laura Haefeli, Stacy Havlik, Sara Israel, Michael Kagan, Tracey Kandefer, Michael Laiosa and Renee Lewis.

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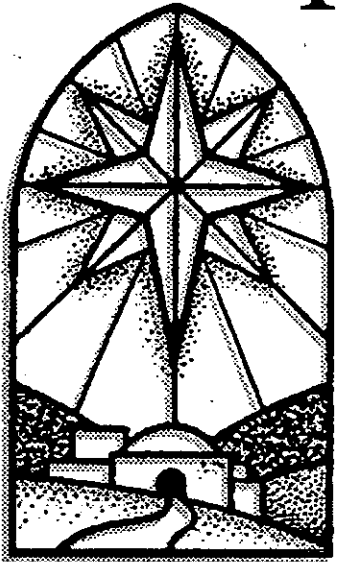
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## Open Your Heart To Christ This Christmas Eve



### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 24, 1992

- 5 p.m. Service for families with very young children. Program includes children's choir and an artist illustrating the Christmas story. (Nursery care provided)
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## The Cobbler's Christmas Guest

(A Holiday Parable)

Many years ago there lived in a small village a cobbler by the name of Conrad. Though alone and poor, this kindly old man always had friendly and consoling words for everyone.

At Christmas time, some neighbors decided to visit their friend Christmas morning since he had no family. To their amazement they saw that his wrinkled old face was radiant.

As they entered his shop, they saw a room made festive with holly and evergreen and the table was laden with delicacies.

"Who is coming to visit you?" one neighbor asked in surprise.

"Last night the Lord appeared to me in a dream and told me that He wanted to be my guest on Christmas Day. I am all prepared for His arrival," Conrad replied.

After the neighbors had left, Conrad sat waiting for his hallowed guest. While he waited a beggar passed his window, ragged and half starved. Conrad called him in, fed him and gave him shoes for his nearly frozen feet. After the beggar had left, an old woman hobbled by carrying a sack of wood. Conrad served her dinner, let her rest before the fire, and then helped her on her way.

Again, he sat by the window waiting for his important guest. Suddenly he heard the sobbing of a child. When he opened the door he saw a frightened, cold youngster.

After some warm milk and soothing words, he reunited the child with its worried mother.

Once more he returned to his vigil, but night was falling fast. Where was the promised guest? Anxious and weary, Conrad dropped to his knees.

"Oh, Lord," he pleaded, "What has delayed You?" Then out of the silence came a voice:

"Conrad, be not dismayed, for Three times I came to your friendly door. Three times my shadow crossed your floor.

I was the beggar with frost-bitten feet,

I was the woman given food to eat,

I was the child in the lonely street."

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## Matters of Opinion

*Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:*

*Sing forth the honor of His name:*

*Make His praise glorious. Psalm 66*

### A time for reflection

At Christmas, Christians worldwide pause to reflect on the significance of the day by reading the birth stories in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.

Pilgrims are visiting the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem this Christmas as they have been doing for centuries. Here is where it is believed to have all begun.

Visiting the church decades ago, the Presbyterian minister and writer Henry VanDyke observed, "There is no reason to deny this may be the place of the wondrous birth." Faith prevails over doubt and the Christmas story rings true.

Whether one accepts the birth stories as history or legend, they point to the influence Bethlehem's most famous son has exerted on planet Earth and its people.

Much is made, in our time, of Jesus' humble origins and His identity with the alienated, dispossessed, troubled "have-nots" of society. This focus has made many affluent and comfortable Christians feel alien to Him.

At Christmas it is easy to dissociate oneself from what He taught and lived and was willing to die for, and to ignore the demand in His ethical and moral teachings.

### The challenge of Hanukkah

The festival of Hanukkah challenges us in this season to consider its religious and ethical message within the context of our lives in a multicultural free society.

Perhaps the key to that interpretation is the concept of dignity of individuals and our right to live our personal lives within our religious and ethical beliefs to the extent that they do not invade those same rights and privileges of our neighbors.

As the story is told, the ancient Maccabees refused to bow to the will and beliefs of Antiochus IV, ruler of Judea in the second century BCE. They fought for their dignity

### Recognition for Mike McNulty

We 23rd District constituents of U.S. Representative Michael R. McNulty must be highly gratified by our Congressman's selection for membership on the Ways and Means Committee, the tax-writing arm of the House of Representatives.

His selection as he starts his third term in the House is not only an appropriate recognition of his prior service and his assessed capabilities for broader responsibilities. His designation by fellow-Democrats for this distinction also may offer potential benefits to residents of this district (taking in Albany and Schenectady counties and parts of Rensselaer and Montgomery counties) in our struggle to survive and thrive in a competitive nation and world.

Congressman McNulty has said that he views health care reform and control of costs at the top of the committee's agenda, together with an economic-growth package to

### Editorials

Perhaps in this year of hardship and sacrifice, the economy is forcing people to live simply, as He did, and to be more discriminating in their gift-giving.

This emphasis on a simpler lifestyle has been publicized by a group of 25 major Christian leaders in an open letter, urging Americans to exercise "moderate and thoughtful giving" and "genuine charity."

The letter suggested giving "the gift of family, baking and breaking bread with old and young alike . . . opening our hearts to family and friends, to those we do not know personally, but whose needs we recognize."

"We must be mindful of how our addiction to consumer goods is devastating the planet . . . Let us instead invest in renewing our own spirits, our relationships, and our natural environment."

—Guest editorial by the  
Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator.

and right to live and worship as they believed. So, today, Jews commemorate that right to maintain the dignity of their beings—through the festival of Hanukkah.

All of us, Christian, Jew, Moslem, cherish the freedom and dignity multicultural and religious customs foster. Our own nation's painful birth and history began through fighting for our dignity and right to live and worship as we believed.

So does this holiday season—with each of us celebrating commitment to our own honored history and tradition—reinforce the joys, the dignity, and ethical messages we share.

help create jobs, and ways to reduce the trade deficit. All clearly are critically demanding of attention. The committee's members, under Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, will have their work cut out for them—including the imperative to work effectively with President Clinton's administration. Two New York members of Ways and Means are retiring, and Mr. McNulty will take one of those places. The delegation's senior member is Representative Charles Rangel of Manhattan.

Ways and Means and Appropriations are generally regarded as the most powerful committees in the House establishment, and they rank with Judiciary and Foreign Affairs as the most prestigious overall. Among our Congressman's predecessors in Ways and Means is former Representative George H. W. Bush, who served on the committee throughout his four years in Congress.

And look where he went!

## How you and the USPS stocked food pantries

Editor, The Spotlight:

### Vox Pop

At the Postal Service, we proudly say "We Deliver." But we cannot let this holiday season pass without acknowledging how the Capital District delivers, too!

During the week of Nov. 30 through Dec. 5, postal letter carriers across Upstate New York conducted their fourth annual food drive. Area printers generously donated flyers that appeared in post offices and mailboxes throughout the region. Newspapers, radio, and television echoed our message to postal customers: Please leave a can of food in your mailbox during the Letter Carriers' Food Drive.

And, to our Capital District neighbors, how you responded!

In the communities of Delmar and Slingerlands, Voorheesville

an additional 18,123 pounds were collected by your letter carriers.

In all, 41 tons of food were returned to Capital District food pantries. Across the Albany District, which includes Central and Northern New York and the Southern Tier as well as the Capital District, letter carriers returned more than one million pounds of food to local charities.

We are pleased to be part of this very special delivery and thank you all for your support.

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## A mother sends thanks for help in difficulty

Editor, The Spotlight:

During the past three months, I have been awed by the outpouring of concern, comfort, support, and prayers from friends, neighbors, clergy, and families in this community, and wish to express my profound appreciation to everyone who touched our lives with love.

To all of Christopher's friends, a special "thank you" for standing by, encouraging and supporting him as he faced numerous difficult decisions, and ultimately being there for him at the very end.

To each of Christopher's friends involved in initiating and subsequently walking the petition around this community on cold, blustery rainy days and nights, thank you for taking the meaning of "friendship" one step further.

And to each of you who expressed your personal opinion and signed the petition, thank you for showing your support.

To everyone who telephoned or sent cards and letters to Christopher and our family, "thank you." You will never know how important your kind words of love, comfort, and support were, and continue to be, to us.

Most important, however, Christopher has asked me to convey the following message:

"I want to extend my personal 'thank you' to everyone who took the time to show me and my family that you were concerned and cared for all of us during this very difficult time. Your love, friendship, and support will never be forgotten."

Delmar  
Lynn J. Arnold

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## Nuclear age 50—and an early peek

As you may have noted elsewhere, this month happens to be the fiftieth anniversary of the nuclear age. It was early in December of 1942 when scientists at the University of Chicago harnessed the atom with the first controlled nuclear chain reaction. As the American Nuclear Society reminds us, in the succeeding half-century nuclear technology has become a part of everyday life.

Reading about that event and the countless developments—for both better and for worse—that have occurred since has served to remind me of my first—unknowing—brush with a tiny intimation of the coming of the nuclear age.

To set the scene: When I was a college lad intent on learning something about a great deal of stuff ("Working our way through college to get a lot of knowledge that we'll probably never use again," as a song of those days had it), one of my classmates was a brawny fellow named Nicholas Zabenko.

Nick lived on a farm not far from the college town. This was in the midst of the Great Depression, please remember, so some of my observations here have to be read in that context.

Nick was an earnest student, undoubtedly like many of us then who were at that small college because there wasn't anything else to do. You certainly couldn't have gone to work even if you wanted to and even though FDR had already started to salvage the economy, which was in worse shape than our President-elect can imagine.

## Gaping at the generation gap

The December issue of "The Atlantic" contains a long article (I estimate about 12,000 words) titled "The New Generation Gap," which is creating a lot of discussion and comment among serious-minded people. I have tried reading it and am not sure of what I think about the authors' premises.

In summary, the article takes the position that "Baby Boomers constituted the younger side of the old generation gap; now they constitute the older side of the new one. The divisions between fortysomethings and twentysomethings are not only cultural and moral but also political and economic, and they are becoming sharper."

The writers are Neil Howe, a historian, and William Strauss, perhaps best known as one of the leading satirists in the Capitol Steps troupe. They are co-authors of a 1991 book, "The History of America's Future," and this article seems to be taken from a forthcoming book of theirs.

For me, they got off on the wrong foot by creating a hard-to-focus monster, "The Thirteeners," or the thirteenth generation of Americans who have lived under the U. S. flag and Constitution.

None of us was particularly flush under those circumstances. I have quite graphic recollections of many of my classmates, rang-

## Uncle Dudley

ing from Pig-face Hodgson to Rough-on-rats Pennock. I recall distinctly Nick's brown suit with a broad stripe; I ought to be able to remember it because I saw it every day for four years. Nick, though, was famed for one special distinction: he never wore underwear, which occasionally created a stir around the locker rooms.

Well, they finally let us out and we went our separate ways. It was just about five years later when I met Nick for the next—and final—time.

I was on a crowded train of the Pennsylvania Railroad (for younger readers, that was one of the predecessors of your Amtrak) between New York and Washington. There in a seat by the window was Nick Zabenko; the seat beside him was momentarily open as passengers got up to leave for the station stop at Trenton or some such place. I slid in beside him, and for the next couple of hours we had a chance to catch up on five years.

Where was Nick going? I naturally asked. His reply was specific, up to a point. As to why he was en route, he offered no information. And as to why he was going to a place named Oak Ridge, Tennessee, I had no clue. I knew of Oak Ridge, North Carolina, location of a military school—but

a place of that name in Tennessee meant nothing to me. I received no clarification, and it didn't seem to be a big deal. Our conversation did produce the information that Nick was now a chemical engineer, and I assumed—without thinking very deeply about it—that his trip would be associated with his career.

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Somewhat more than two years later, the significance of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, came clear. The name appeared in headline after headline and in countless news articles immediately after Aug. 6, 1945, when the secret of the atomic bomb and the origins of nuclear energy were finally revealed. Nick obviously had had a role in the hurried labors to produce the facilities that would ultimately unlock the hidden power of the atom.

(Parenthetically, I had one other passing contact with the people who knew some part of the biggest secret of our time. I had been on some assignments with the New York Times' renowned science writer, William L. Laurence. At one time he disappeared for a few months. The news out of Hiroshima cleared up that mystery, too: Bill Laurence had been selected to be the reporter who would have the singular privilege of covering the dropping of the first atomic bomb.)

A few years ago, I read Nick Zabenko's obituary. For a variety of reasons, he remains what Reader's Digest would call one of my "most unforgettable characters."

These are the people, they tell us, who were born between 1961 and 1981.

## Constant Reader

As you may gather, I am still trying to make my way through the thicket of phrases and theories that the co-authors offer.

So then I turned to an article I liked much better: "The Old Cowhand from Dixie," by the historian William E. Leuchtenburg. It's an analysis of Lyndon B. Johnson, considering him in the dual and complex role of both westerner and southerner.

The author notes that "Johnson City, Texas, is by some miles farther west than Omaha or Fargo, and Lyndon was raised in a land not of magnolia blossoms and Carolina wrens but of prickly pear, rattlesnakes, and the nine-banded armadillo."

This is an informative article for those interested in understanding the man who shaped a great deal of American history over nearly two decades.

The 1960 convention and campaign and the Johnson relationship with the Kennedys is given adequate treatment. Johnson

considered that he lost the presidential nomination to John F. Kennedy "only because sectional bigotry against a southerner was stronger than religious bigotry against a Catholic."

And when Kennedy offered Johnson the vice-presidential slot "he did so not because he thought of Johnson as a man of national stature, certainly not because he regarded him as a representative westerner, but quite simply because (he) was a southerner who might be able to hold his section for Kennedy in November." Several sources are quoted to the effect that the strategy did indeed work; that Nixon would have carried the South and the election except for Johnson.

I liked the anecdote told about Hale Boggs (father of the NPR-institutionalized Cokie Roberts) campaigning for Johnson: "When Lyndon Johnson is reelected we're gonna have ham in every pot. We're gonna have ham and grits on every plate. We're gonna have ham with plenty of good ol' red-eye gravy. . . . You know what we had on the train this morning? Hominy grits. About noontime we're gonna start servin' turnip greens and black-eyed peas. . . ."

And the crowd responded: "All the way with LBJ."

## 'Hospitality of heart' calls from the stable

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

As we once again turn our hearts to Christmas and to its meaning in our lives, we do so in a world whose eyes are on the Marines in Somalia in their massive efforts to get food to the starving multitudes there—a mission of mercy and, in a remarkable way, of hospitality. The world of 1992 is one in which violence, war, homelessness, and hunger dominate the news.

The Psalms too are concerned with war, violence, homelessness, and hunger among the human experiences that are part of these prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise.

"Hear O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me" (Ps. 27: 7).



The psalmist's cry, as alive as ever, is a clarion reminder of God's unfailing presence, providence, and hospitality in our lives in the face of the devastating conditions nations have either created or allowed to develop in which reliance upon weaponry on a huge scale is a basic approach to relationships with other countries.

The cry of the psalmist reflects a radically different view of relationships based on trust in God's word: "You shall be my people, and I will be your God" (Jer. 30: 22).

Christmas has everything to do with relationships. Invariably the celebration of the Savior's birth is connected with family gatherings, with exchange of gifts, with the extension of hospitality. This quality is a state of mind and heart akin to mercy and rooted in openness and response to the dignity and worth and need of the other. While this word is often used in connection with having guests in one's home, hospitality of heart can bring a person to the ends of the earth to support and assist others in their plight.

This month the whole world will focus its attention again on history's most famous homeless family. When there was no room at the inn, the Christ Child was born in a straw-filled manger at Bethlehem. Christmas carols and Christmas cards tend to sanitize this event, ignoring the reality that the original nativity scene was characterized by bone-chilling cold, foul-smelling barnyard animals. His first visitors were the poorest of the poor, the shepherds, the social outcasts, who responded to the angelic announcement of the Savior's birth by agreeing: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us" (Lk. 2: 15).

In that setting, the shepherds rejoiced in a hospitality beyond their dreams in the presence of Mary and Joseph and the Child in the manger, whose redemptive mission Isaiah had foretold in his description of the peaceable kingdom where Immanuel will rule with justice and fidelity and peace where "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb" (11: 1-9).

The circle of love and acceptance that warmed the little community gathered there in the stable at Bethlehem calls us to a hospitality of heart that Jesus fulfilled to an ultimate degree in his redemptive mission of love in action.

Each day, television brings before our eyes the incredible suffering of the many at the hands and the guns of their oppressors and slayers. The same broadcasts also bring us the living pictures of those who go next door or to the ends of the earth with courageous love in action to assist their neighbor in need.

As I concluded my message for *The Spotlight* one year ago: "The Savior whose birth in Bethlehem we celebrate again has shown us most profoundly how to be member of the human family by his redemptive journey of ultimate love in action."

## Matters of Opinion

*More rapid than eagles, the Corvairs they came . . .*

By Don Haskins

*(With apology to Clement Clarke Moore)*

'Twas the holiday season, and all through the land  
The traffic was horrible—speed out of hand!  
A trip we had planned, our children in tow,  
But now we had doubts; the forecast said snow.  
Bad weather alone—with that we could cope.  
The drivers so reckless gave the problem new scope.

We'd hoped for a visit, old friends far away.  
The question was driving so far on this day.  
The children, we figured, would sleep in the back  
'Mid visions of Santa enroute with his pack.

But what of the highways? Those drivers out there?  
Experience had shown us how little they'd care  
To drive safely, observing the rules of good sense,  
While around them swirled others, all angry and tense.

We arose from our beds when the fateful day came,  
Uncertain and fearful in this deadly new game.  
The drive was important; it was really quite far,  
So against better judgment we loaded the car.  
The family will gather, we said to each other;  
We see them so seldom, the sister and brother.

It always seemed wondrous, we said to ourselves,  
How everyone changes from jolly old elves  
To some kind of beast—to an absolute heel  
The minute he reaches his seat at the wheel.  
But Yuletide, we pondered, in search for a way,

Is surely the season to hope and to pray.  
All right, we agreed, though traffic be bad,  
We'll brave it! We'll try it! (We must have been mad!)

It didn't take long to confirm all our fears.  
The lanes to the toll booths produced the first jeers  
From motorists jockeying for better position.  
"Let me be the first" was the driving ambition.  
We settled in line approaching the booth,  
Our car closely tailed by an impatient youth.

"Bertha Beltless" we saw, right away at the start.  
The toll booth attendant, however, was smart.  
"You must fasten your belt, ma'am," he firmly declared.  
"You'll not go a mile with those nice shoulders bared."

He plucked the right string in that woman's vanity,  
And to us, he winked, having given her sanity.  
An omen, perhaps—that minor infraction.  
Our trip, as you'll see, soon was loaded with action.

It took us a while to reach open highway,  
To stretch out the lines like geese on a flyway.  
Then faster and faster we found we must go  
Simply to maintain our speed with the flow.  
We moved to the slow lane as soon as we could,  
Alert for the bad guys, and seeking the good.

Then in rapid succession it began to unravel.  
The characters they'd warned of, as we began travel  
Appeared all around us, behind and beside;

How quickly we learned there was no place to hide.  
Mel Me-First came roaring along from the rear  
And Wally the Weaver cut in from the clear.

All of a sudden we heard a loud squeal.  
Their tires were sliding! I cried an appeal!  
I yelled to my wife and the kids in the back,  
"For God's sake, get down!" as I tried to keep track  
Of where we'd be hit and perhaps just how hard.  
It did us no good, though, to put up our guard.

The speeding cars hit us! They smashed in our side!  
The metal went flying; fright ended our ride!  
The speeders behind us—the tailgate crew—  
Piled into the wreckage, for that's what they do  
On the highways these days, as one and all know.  
It ended in carnage, dead cars in a row.

I found myself twisting, my arms tightly bound,  
Imprisoned in agony—and then, not a sound.  
My eyes opened slowly: "My God, I'm in bed!"  
The room was my own! Was it all in my head?  
I found my wife waking me, talking of dream.  
Then I relished our safety; 'twas not what it seemed.

No moral is drawn, in this holiday season,  
Except the dire need for return to some reason.

*Our parodist, Donald W. Haskins, is a  
retired member of The Spotlight staff.*

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# BC district ranks high on CAR data

By Dev Tobin

The Bethlehem Central School District received high marks in the annual Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR) issued by the state Education Department.

"This is a very strong report for a district of our size with our level of expenditures," said Dr. Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for instruction, who presented a summary of the report at Wednesday's school board meeting.

The report evaluates pupil performance in standardized state tests in third-grade reading and math, fifth-grade writing, sixth-grade reading and math, and eighth-grade reading and writing.

Also at the primary level, the report summarizes program evaluation tests for science in the fourth grade and social studies in the sixth and eighth grades, and second language proficiency examinations.

At the high school level, the report notes performance on Regents competency tests and examinations, graduation rates and occupational education proficiency exams.

The report includes, for comparison purposes, data from all large central school districts (more than 2,500 students) and from all school districts in the state. In all the tests, Bethlehem exceeded the results for similar districts and all districts.

The report also summarizes, where applicable, results from the 1989-90 and 1990-91 CAR's.

In elementary reading, 99 percent of third-graders and 97 percent of sixth-graders scored above the statewide reference point (SRP), below which remedial instruction is mandated.

In elementary math, every third-grader and 98 percent of sixth-graders scored above the SRP.

Ninety-nine percent of fifth-graders scored above the SRP in the writing test.

All the eighth-graders are above the SRP in writing, and 97



Dr. Judith Wooster

percent are above in reading.

On the science program evaluation test, which measures the strengths and needs of the kindergarten through fourth-grade science program, Bethlehem fourth-graders ranked in the top 25 percent on the content and skills sections, and in the top half in the manipulative skills section.

"The program evaluation tests are not designed to measure individual students' progress, but to provide us with comparative data so we get a sense of the program over time," Wooster explained.

The third quartile ranking for manipulative skills has not changed in the last three years, and Wooster noted that Peter Maxson, district supervisor for science, has met with elementary principals and science teachers to try to improve the program.

Maxson, in his first year at BC, told *The Spotlight* in September that he strongly supports hands-

on learning, which "makes science interesting."

On the sixth- and eighth-grade social studies tests, the mean writing sample score of roughly 80 percent indicates "an area we need to work on," Wooster said.

Eighth-graders performed well on second language proficiency tests. All passed the Spanish test and 98.9 percent passed the French test.

On the Regents competency tests, the following percentages of high school students passed in June 1992: 96 in math, 94 in science, 100 in reading, 100 in writing, 81 in global studies, and 85 in U.S. history.

Wooster said the figures in the 80s for social studies were a concern that she and Dom DeCecco, social studies coordinator, were working to remediate.

On Regents examinations, the following percentages of high school students passed last year: 90 in Math I, Math II and Math III; 93 in English; 95 in global studies; 97 in U.S. history; 100 in French; 99 in Spanish; 94 in biology; 90 in chemistry; 87 in earth science; and 97 in physics.

Wooster noted these were excellent results, given that a high percentage of BC students take the Regents exams.

The graduation rate dropped from 99+ percent in 1990 and 1991 (representing one candidate each year who did not receive a diploma) to 97 percent in 1992 (or eight who failed to graduate).

School Board President Pamela Williams noted that six of those eight received their diplomas after completing summer school.

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## CLARKSVILLE

# All's (almost) well for water district

By Dev Tobin

The long-awaited Clarksville Water District is very close to final health department approvals, ending more than three years of remediation of a nitrate contamination problem.

Tests earlier this week disclosed a bacteria problem that additional chlorination should resolve, according to New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly.

"If you don't use the system, the chlorine levels will drop and the bacteria will come back," Reilly said.

The nitrate contamination has been resolved to the satisfaction of the county and state health departments. The two original production wells now are interceptor wells that keep the high nitrate water away from the two new production wells.

The district serves more than 150 residences in and around the hamlet of Clarksville. District residents will soon receive a community notice memorandum outlining how to apply for service.

For the past two years, water district residents have been paying \$92.80 per thousand of assessed value on the bonds that financed the system's construction. After service is connected, there will be an additional charge per thousand gallons to cover operation and maintenance costs.

Some homes in low-lying areas will need to install pressure-reducing valves, Reilly said. Town highway department employees will inform homeowners about meter installation requirements when they deliver the community notice sometime in the next few weeks.

Initially, water district residents will not be allowed to use public water for outdoor uses such as lawn watering and car washing, in accordance with a health department requirement.

"We don't want to overtax the system, but the outdoor use prohibition may change after the system has been in use," Reilly said.

## 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.

## Bicentennial buttons to go on sale

Admission buttons to Bethlehem's gala bicentennial celebration are scheduled to go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 12 locations in the town.

The buttons will cost \$5 until the day of the event — March 12 — when the price will rise to \$7.

The entertainment line-up for Bethlehem's *First Night* celebration has been finalized. The latest

addition is Peggy Eyres, a blues/folksinger who recently moved to Delmar from Saratoga County. Eyres will be performing at the town library and unlike many other performers on the schedule, she is not charging the town.

Next year's bicentennial will also feature a Fourth of July picnic and *Bethlehem 200 Parade* on Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day.

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# Pasquale's offers down home fare

By Mel Hyman

It was mid-afternoon at Pasquale's on Delaware Avenue in Delmar — normally a slow time for the restaurant business.

Eddie Dominelli sauntered in from the icebox-like weather outside and ordered a cup of coffee.

"This man's from *The Spotlight*," called out Rosa, the sister of restaurant owner Gabriel Pasquale. "Would you like to tell him what the food is like?" she said to Eddie.

"My parents were from Italy," said Dominelli, a longtime resident of Delmar. "People are reluctant to go to Italian restaurants because they're used to the kind of food their mothers made. This is the closest I've come to what I was brought up on."

Pasquale, 31, certainly has the training and experience to make a go of it. He's been cooking for 14 years and has worked in hotels throughout Europe and the Mediterranean. He began his training in his native Italy, and has worked in Hilton hotels in France, Germany, Egypt, Israel and Sweden.

Pasquale has been in the U.S. for six years, but started the restaurant only recently. He also owns an imported shoe store on Central Avenue in Albany that has been open for about three years.

"We're still trying to find out what people want," Pasquale said. "Even though the restaurant is open for business from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., it seems that lunch and dinner are much more popular than breakfast, so the hours may be adjusted down the road."

There is seating for up to 40 people and takeouts are available as well. Deliveries are offered



Gabriel Pasquale

between 1 and 10 p.m.

For seafood aficionados, there is shrimp and salmon steak now on the menu and there are plans to offer calamari and various types of fried fish. Some French style entrees may be added as well, but all

the menu items will remain reasonably priced, he promised.

All the sauces are made on the premises and there is a large variety to choose from. "It's not just a pizza and wings place," Pasquale said.

## The Spotlight remembers 10 years ago

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

- A primitive portrait used to patch a hole in the roof of a tenant building of the Nicoll-Sill House underwent extensive restoration and was then exhibited at Bethlehem Town Hall by its owner, Phyllis Goes. The portrait of Margaret Mather Sill holding a cat was painted by John Wilkie, an itinerant painter, in 1840.

- Bethlehem Police Det. Charles Rudolph and Officer James Corbett flew to Texas to pick up David Bochicchio. The former Glenmont resident was wanted in connection with an armed bank robbery at the former Schenectady Savings Bank branch in the Town Squire Shopping Center in Glenmont. Bochicchio was charged with first degree armed robbery in the November 1980 heist that netted more than \$7,000 in cash.

- The Voorheesville boys basketball team won a battle with Colonial Council unbeaten teams, defeating Albany Academy 43-42. Mike Lewis led the Blackbirds with 18 points, and Mark Verstandig of Delmar topped all Cadet scorers with 14 points.

- Slow starts plagued the 1-4 Bethlehem boys basketball team, which lost at Mohonasen after falling behind 22-5 in the first quarter and at Colonie after trailing 21-6 after one. Mike Mooney led the Eagles with 16 points against the Mohons, and Mark Gibbons tallied 19 points and grabbed 18 rebounds against Colonie.

## Insurance agents name director of services

Professional Insurance Agents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Inc. recently announced Paul R. Johnston will serve as director of legislative services at the regional headquarters in Glenmont.

In his new position, he will work with PIA's legislative committees on forwarding issues of concern to

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## Films on agenda for winter break

The Ravena Free Library has scheduled several films to be shown during upcoming winter break.

On Saturday, Dec. 26, the film "Abel's Island," will be shown at 1 p.m. "Banjo the Woodpile Cat," will be Monday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. and "Paddington's Birthday Book," on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 10:30 a.m.

There are also many new videos available for loan through the Upper Hudson Library System.

Next month's adult programming workshops will focus on personal financial management. Call 756-2053 for information.

### Sleigh ride in Vermont sponsored by church

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue has planned a bus trip to Vermont on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The bus will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts at the Red Mill Inn, Wilmington, then travel to Mt. Snow for village browsing and shopping at the Hog Back Gift Shop. A baked stuffed chicken breast dinner will be

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Coffee and dessert at the inn will top off the evening, and the bus will leave from Wilmington at 6:30 p.m. Total cost per person is \$35.

Call 767-9953 for information or reservations.

### R-C-S student to represent USA in Australia

Tenth-grader, Roger Augar, of Feura Bush has been selected from more than 300 entries, through letters of recommendation and personal interview, to travel to Australia for 21 days in summer of '93 as a representative of the United States.

The program he will participate in is called the "People to People Caravan," an international cultural exchange program. Stu-

dents are able to participate through sponsor or parent support. About \$4,000 must be raised on Augar's behalf.

Call 439-8632 for sponsorship information.

### GE mentoring program to begin at R-C-S

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior-High School and GE Selkirk will begin a one-on-one mentoring program the week of Feb. 8. This program involving 10 students, GE engineers, human resource representatives, and members of their finance department, will serve as a model for other GE sites around the world for mentoring relationships.

Contact high school principal, Andy DeFeo for information at 756-2155.

### New Year's Eve gala to help the homeless

Onyx Productions will sponsor a New Year's Eve gala, "Let the Good Times Roll," on Thursday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m. at the Omni Albany Hotel (formerly the Albany Hilton), on the corner of State and Lodge streets.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Labourre Shelter For Homeless Families.

The gala will feature a full breakfast, party favors, a midnight champagne toast, and music from the 50s, 60s and 90s. WGY's Doc Perryman and "Frank the Music Man" will orchestrate the selection of music.

The cost per person is \$20 with reservations, and \$25 at the door. For reservations, call 427-6699.

## Networks announces new project managers

Mona Prenoveau, coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project, has announced the appointment of Cheryl MacCulloch and Richard Chady as project managers.

They will replace Briggs McAndrews and Rob Lillis.

MacCulloch, a longtime Delmar resident, was a math and science teacher at the middle school for 14 years, and has been the principal of Clarksville Elementary School for seven years. She has been a member of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) since it began, and is active in the Community Partnership.

Chady is the public information officer at the state Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. He has worked in the offices of the state departments of health and social services, and is a member of the American and New York State public health associations and the Public Relations Society of America.

A Delmar resident for 14 years, he is also a member of BOU.

Holly Billings, who will continue as project manager, has been a Delmar resident since 1968. She has served as middle school PTA president and has been president of BOU since 1987. A public health nurse, she trained in substance abuse prevention at Adelphi.

## United Methodist church slates special Christmas Eve services

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar will have three special services on Christmas Eve.

At 5 p.m., a candlelight chapel service for adults is scheduled. The service will feature special Christmas music by guest organist Eric Strand and soprano soloist Eleanor Haverly.

In the courtyard, a live nativity will be staged at 6:30 and 7 p.m.

A family worship service will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. As part of the service, the children of the intermediate and junior choirs will present the musical pageant *No Vacancy!* Cast mem-

bers include Sean Bradley, Sarah Searle-Schrader and Krista Wilkie. The play is directed by Norma Irvine, with accompaniment by Kenneth Loiacono.

A traditional candlelight service is scheduled at 11 p.m. in the sanctuary. The 45-voice Christmas choir, conducted by Joseph Farrell, will sing anthems by Willan, Wetzler and Davis. Soprano Eleanor Haverly will be featured, and the newly-formed bell choir, led by Loiacono, will perform.

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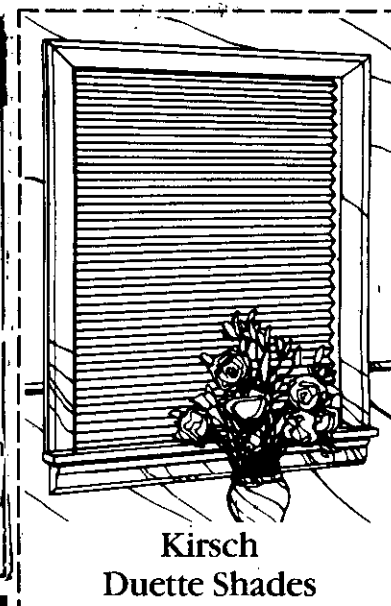
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# Middle school muses write inspired poetry

By Susan Graves

Move over Shakespeare.

This semester, sixth-graders at Bethlehem Central tackled a unit on poetry with a vengeance. "It's one of the best educational moments I've ever had," said English teacher Jack Rightmyer, who designed the poetry study with help from student teacher Laura Nash.

"I think we were inspired by the enthusiasm of the kids," added Nash, who attends Siena College.

"We were amazed how they came up with these virtually on the spot," said Rightmyer, who has taught at the middle school for six years.

After listening to a few poems, the sixth-graders tackled their own projects that included six pieces on subjects ranging from a social problem to a piece about one of their relatives or themselves.

Suzanne Hillinger, 11, wrote:

*Maybe she'll sleep in an alley tonight,*

*Covered with garbage hiding her fright*

*Soon she'll get used to sleeping outside*

*Maybe one day she'll earn back her pride.*

*She wonders if there is a home for her,*

*but dignity and dreams are now just a blur*

*If she wants to get there, it's a long hard road*

*Because homelessness is a very heavy load.*

At the culmination of the unit, Hillinger, about 30 of her classmates and their teachers gave a poetry reading. "The parents were very touched," said Rightmyer about the evening where he and Nash also read. One parent even wrote a letter saying how pleased she was with the evening.

As part of the performance, Robert Bocala read his poetic tribute to his grandmother:

*Countless figurines in a glass case,*

*A piano long since used,*

*Old letters on a table.*

*With hot sweet smelling applesauce on the stove.*

*A radio is playing and an old chandelier*

*Swings in the breeze.*

*The shiny floor has been scrubbed,*

*A pile of washed dishes is drying*

*On a rack.*

*It smells like sandalwood,*



Laura Nash and Jack Rightmyer designed a new poetry unit at Bethlehem Central Middle School this year. Elaine McLain

*The walls are beige, two clocks chime.*

*Almost everything is in order and neat.*

*Warm because of a fire in the fireplace.*

*My grandma gets a book and relaxes.*

"I wasn't really into poetry before," Hillinger said. "This inspired me to write more."

Part of the inspiration for the sixth-graders was spending the day with Coral Crosman, who has published five books of poetry. "They loved that day," Rightmyer said.

"I feel I'm a little better writer, a better poet, as a result of the unit," he added.

Rightmyer said this was the first time he ever tried this approach to the unit on poetry, but he already can't wait until next year to try it again. "I know something was working here."

## Community Partnership plans January meeting

Bethlehem Community Partnership will meet on Monday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Networks office at 355 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The partnership has several task forces working on various aspects of the problems of youth substance abuse. Information on joining a task force will be available at the meeting or by contacting a task force leader.

One task force, headed by Holly Billings, 439-6885, is working to

produce a video for parents on the reality of teen drinking.

Marge Kanuk, 439-9628, is heading a task force to help young people plan their own activities.

The middle school parents network is headed by Marcia MacKrell, 439-0831, and the "Blitz

Team," a task force working to combat denial, is headed by Mona Prenoveau, 439-7740.

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# Early birds to ring in New Year

Helping in 1993 at the library's "New Year's Eve at Noon" celebration on Thursday, Dec. 31, beginning at 11 a.m.

This year the annual event will be American and Japanese style. Children and families are invited to drop in and play games, sing songs, sample refreshments, and join in the big count down to noon.



Children's Librarian Lisa Bouchard says several families make the celebration an annual event. Harried parents have said it's the only New Year's party they get to go to."

If you need a last-minute gift suggestion and missed the article in last week's *Spotlight* about holiday gift books for kids by the

head of Children's and Young Adult Services Beverly Provost, don't despair. Books make great gifts at any time of year. Provost and the other librarians are glad to help out and suggest titles for any occasion.

Preschoolers and parents are invited to the monthly preschool films program on Friday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 a.m. There's no need to register for children ages three to six to see "There's a Nightmare in My Closet," "Snowy Day" and "Big Red Bar."

The fun continues on Sunday, Jan. 10, when families can drop by the library and enjoy a free concert by folksinger and children's entertainer Paul Strausman. Come and warm up with the sounds of his acoustic guitar and join in the sing-along fun. Strausman will present "Wintersong" in the Community Room beginning at 2 p.m.



Nelun Fernando, (left), a native of Sri Lanka now living in Delmar, shows Megan O'Donnell how to write her name in Sinhalese at last week's International Holiday Festival at the library. Looking on is Megan's mother Jean who is holding sister Erin.

In-person registration for winter storytimes begins on Monday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m. Telephone registration starts at 1 p.m. the same day and will continue until all sections are filled. Storytimes for registered children begin Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Two special storytimes not requiring registration begin on Wednesday, Jan. 13. These drop-in storytimes are geared for preschoolers ages three to six and their families. Children meet once a week with their storyteller, except Feb. 16-18, until Thursday, March 25. Days and times of sessions will be available at the beginning of the new year.

Parents of toddlers, ages 22 months to their third birthday, mark your calendars for the "Ice

'n Snow Day" on Friday, Jan. 15, and Saturday, Jan. 16, at 10:30 a.m. Tots, please remember to bring a scarf to wear to this indoor winter festival featuring snowmen and snowball fun.

In the Dec. 9 column about the

International Holiday Festival, the date of Ramadan was reported incorrectly. This year the month of fasting observed by all Muslims will begin on Feb. 22.

Anna Jane Abaray

## Christmas pageant planned tonight

The children and teachers of the church school of the Glenmont Community Church will present a pageant today, Dec. 23, at 6 p.m.

There will be a family candle-

light service Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Children are welcome.

The church is located on Chapel Lane in Glenmont. For information, call 436-0655.

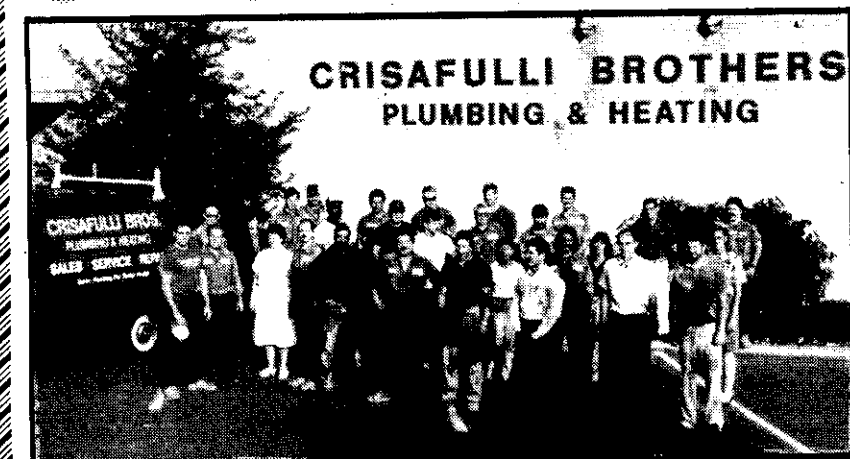
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## Super snowman



A six-foot snowman on Orchard Street in Delmar tries to protect himself from Thursday's rain. Elaine McLain

# Keep busy during school break

School's out until Monday, Jan. 4, and the library has planned some activities for restless pupils.

"Let's Get Gaming" will feature cooperative games for third through sixth-graders on Monday,



Dec. 28, from 2 to 3 p.m. The program is designed to help kids get rid of some of that post-holiday excess energy.

And children in kindergarten through second-grade, will have a chance to use their creative skills in "Mask Making with Meg" on Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. The youngsters will learn about masks from around the world, and design their own to take home.

People of all ages will enjoy Cathy Winter in concert on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 7 p.m. in the community room. The *Washington Post* described Winter as "a gifted writer who creates characters out of the fabric of American



Cathy Winter

experience."

Designed to appeal to the whole family, the performance will include both stories and sing-alongs. The concert is free and open to the public.

No story hours are scheduled

until Monday, Jan. 11, when winter story hours begin.

The library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25, and will be open as usual on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Christine Shields

# Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

New 1993 calendars will soon replace outdated ones that can be recycled if the metal or plastic connectors are removed. Non-shiny calendars should be placed with paper, while shiny calendars have the clay coating required for magazine and catalog recycling.

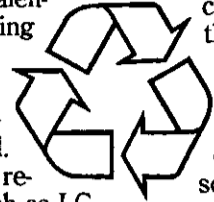
Remember that recycling rules have changed. It is now permissible to recycle larger catalogs such as J.C. Penney and Sears, but the covers of *Reader's Digest* and *TV Guide* must still be taken off. These covers contain dyes that can interfere with the recycling process.

Many people are now making an effort to limit use of disposable dishes and silverware. Cloth napkins are also making a comeback, replacing the paper variety.

Some people, especially children, need to learn to grab the sponge or a cloth instead of paper towels to clean up messes. Paper towels can only be used once, and then they fill up the trash can.

Sponges and dish cloths can be

freshened by attaching them to the top rack of the dishwasher, or by soaking them in a mixture of baking soda and warm water.



There are many non-toxic cleaners that can make things shine for the holidays without harming the environment.

For example, silver can be polished safely by soaking it in a quart of warm water, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of baking soda, and a small piece of aluminum foil. Vinegar combined with salt is great for cleaning copper or stainless steel sinks.

One part lemon juice mixed with two parts olive or vegetable oil is a good floor and furniture polish. Windows can be cleaned by wiping them with newspaper or mixing one-quarter cup vinegar with one quart of water.

Don't forget to keep a bottle of club soda handy for unexpected spills on tablecloths, clothing and carpets.

Happy Holidays!

# Bouton announces fall semester honor roll students

Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School has announced the high honor and honor roll students for the fall semester. Asterisks follow the names of high honor roll students.

## 9th grade

William Baltis\*, Michael Beadnell, Simone Bonneville\*, Alison Bradley, Carolyn Brett, Deah Burnham, Kevin Burns, Christopher Clarke\*, Jesse Clement, Adam Cole, Erin Conklin, Kristin Conley, James Cooper\*, Chantel Crisafulli, Jennifer Delaney\*, Jessica Devellis, Sean Devine\*, Brandon Emerick, Kimberly Engel, Emily Geery\* and Kara Gibbs.

Christopher Hackel\*, Eric Huang\*, Thomas Iarossi\*, Katrina Ilves\*, Tedd Jansen, William Jeffers, Robert Johnson\*, Jennifer Kern, Amanda Kitchen, Jyll Klesbeck, Brian Lancor\*, Lauren Leonard, Sean Manning, Maria Mazzeo\*, John McGinty\*, Daniel Meservey, Shane Mullen\*, Robert Nadratowski, Deborah O'Malley, Jennifer Patashnick\*, Kimberli Relyea, Daniel Rissacher, Joseph Robichaud\*, Elicia Schachne\*, Stephanie Stanford, Larina Suker\*, Nicole Tracy\*, Allison Walter\*, Amy Welker\*, Kristin Wilson\* and Eric Wuttke.

## 10th grade

Dawn Appleby, Cristie Arena\*,

## Business collects food for local pantries

Prudential Manor Homes on Delaware Ave., Delmar, is accepting non-perishable food donations for local food pantries.

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.

Robert Baron\*, Scott Basal\*, Ariana Breisch, Melissa Campbell\*, Jamie Conklin, Eliot Cresswell, Kristin Dougherty\*, Jason Flesh\*, Christina Gaudio, Jonathan Getnick\*, Samuel Gold\*, Kelly Griffin\*, Noah Kieserman\*, Christopher Killar, Jessica Knouse\*, Darcey Langford\*, Chandra Luczak\*, Matthew Malark, Mary Murphy\*, Cara Nolan\*, Jennifer Oates\*, Andrew Pakenas, Jessica Reed\*, Denise Siver, Jacob Van Ryn\*, Mary Vriniotis\*, Joshua

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## 11th grade

Heather Blanchard, Maria Brett, Rebecca Bryden\*, Rebecca Coffin\*, Melissa Cooper, Timothy DeRenzo, Shawn Doyle, Victoria Feck\*, Laura Genovesi\*, Meghan Horan, Nicholas Iarossi, Nicole Lawler, John Mazzeo, Megan McCartney\*, Michael McDermott, Sheri Mein, Kurt Pahl\*, Craig Panthen, Jerry Parmenter\*, Martha Perry, Bonnie Polzin\*, Jill

Price, Richard Reilly\*, Kara Relyea\*, Laurie Ritchie, Nicole Ryan, Brian Sarr, Jessica Schedlbauer\*, Daniel Schreiber, Jamie Seh\*, Brian Smith, Mara Steinkamp\*, Samantha Tuttlebee, Christine Vondell and Douglas Wuttke.

## 12th grade

Tara Angelo\*, Darren Ascone, Rebecca Bailey, David Bibbins, Renee Brisson\*, Sean Bruno, John Cook, Stephen Csiza\*, Tricia Doyle\*, Lea Foster\*, Kristen

Gibbs, Gretchen Gies\*, Debra Hoover, Jennifer Houle, Hans Kieserman\*, Juliet Kraemer\*, Cortney Langford\*, Cynthia Law\*, Elizabeth Lucia\*, Aaron Luczak\*, Kevin Meade, Katrin Pakenas\*, Renee Parmelee, Mark Pierro, Matthew Reh\*, Kevin Relyea, Bradley Rockmore\*, Seth Rose\*, James Schryver\*, Hannah Spence\*, Gregory Sullivan\*, Megan Swasey\*, Beckie Symula\*, Kyle Tracy\*, Alison Vinson and Michael Welker\*.

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## Views On Dental Health

Dr. Thomas H. Abele, D.M.D.

### BEWARE THE "PERFECT" LOOK

Maybe you think perfectly aligned teeth are an ideal that everyone should aspire to with the help of their dentist. But it is not unusual for teeth to shift out of line somewhat as people mature. Even teeth that seem to be lined up perfectly in childhood or adolescence may not remain that way when a person reaches adulthood. This is a natural consequence of their use chewing food. Some teeth tend to pivot or jut out slightly, though this may not be very noticeable to the unpracticed eye. Unless there is malocclusion (improper bite problem), a minor misalignment may not be a serious problem.

For this reason, it is not recommended that anyone past the age of 35 select even, white teeth for partial or full dentures. If they are TOO

even or TOO white they will not look natural and will not make a person look younger. Let your dentist help you select dentures that appear natural in color, shape and size. Good dentures do not beg to be seen. When they fit well and look natural, hardly anyone will notice the difference.

Prepared as a public service to promote better dental health. From the offices of:

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## viewpoint on addictions

by Ellen L. Halligan, CAC, NCACI

### Alcoholism in the Family

It's hard to admit that a loved one is an alcoholic... and even harder to help that person *want* to get well.

It's often hard to tell if someone is an alcoholic. Alcoholism often develops slowly. It can take years for a family to realize help is needed. There are some warning signs to look for: **Frequent use** to cope with every day stress and drinking larger amounts. **Arguments** over drinking and drunk behavior. **Promises** to drink less. **Blackouts** when the drinker can't remember what happened during drinking periods. **Avoiding** responsibilities. Lack of interest in non-drinking activities.

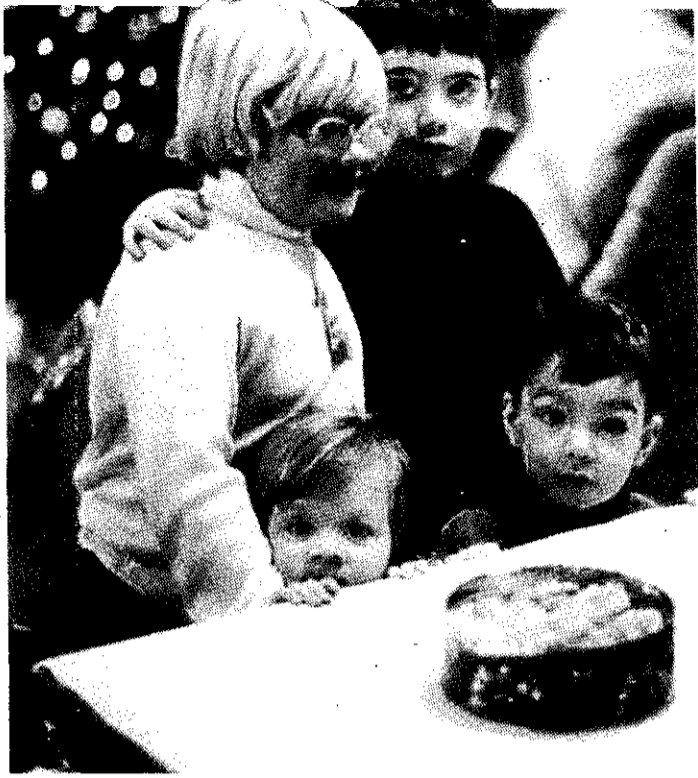
If alcoholism is a problem in your home, you're not alone or helpless. There is help available.

We at Crossroads work with family members. We also recommend Al-Anon, a fellowship for families/friends of alcoholics. You can't treat alcoholism yourself. The alcoholic and the family need help to cope.

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# Party time



The North Bethlehem Fire Department on Russell Road sponsored a Christmas Party for children in the Elmwood Park Fire District. Checking out the goodies are Sandy Wolfe, left, Christy Wolfe, Jonathan Polhemus and Scott Polhemus. Elaine McLain

# District wants tie up in pink tape

Voorheesville schools are now collecting Price Chopper pink register tapes. Only a small number of tapes have been turned in so far, and many more are needed to obtain materials for the schools.

The end portion of the receipt from asterisk to asterisk should be submitted, according to Jane Willey, a teacher at the high school. This process makes for better handling, cuts down on extra paper and is easier to organize.

If a credit card was used to buy groceries, the name, address and charge card number should be blacked out with a magic marker.

In the last two years, the district has obtained computers, software, band and physical education equipment as a result of the program.

Students can bring tapes to school, or they can be dropped off at the business office. For information, call the high school at 765-3314 or the elementary school at 765-2382.

## Brownies win trophy in poster contest

Voorheesville Brownie Troop 162 won a second-place trophy in a poster contest at the Ice Capades at the Knickerbocker Arena. The special theme for the event

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#### Voorheesville

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was "Girl is First in Girl Scouting."

The winning Scouts are: Jenica Abraham, Kate Alpert, Ashleigh Berger, Jocelyn Boldizschar, Jamie DiBona, Kay McGinty, Christina Pappas, Sarah Samson, Lesley Stefan, Amanda Taylor and Cynthia Traverse.

#### Key club hears McNulty; involved in fund-raiser

U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty, D-Green Island, spoke to Key Club members, parents and students at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School recently.

He discussed the election proc-

ess, volunteerism, and the new Clinton administration.

The Key Club is trying to raise money for "Save the Baby Love Network," an organization that is managed by a mother and daughter who are collecting diapers, formula, baby food, clothes, bottles and blankets for persons in need.

For information, call Nicole Picotte at 765-3150.

#### Schools to close for winter holiday

Voorheesville schools will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Jan. 3 for winter vacation. Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 4.

High school students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. and elementary pupils at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

# Delmar firefighters finish required training courses

Several members of the Delmar Fire Department recently completed training courses sponsored by the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

New members Lars Allanson, Charles Giglia, Andrew Sleurs and Howard Stoker completed the 39-hour "Essentials of Firemanship" course. The course is required by the Delmar Fire Department for

all new firefighters. The course was given at Westmere.

Others department members completed the incident command course sponsored by the Delmar Fire Department. The course consisted of four nights of classroom training and practice in handling simulated emergencies. This type of training helps the volunteers respond to and control fires, hazardous material situations, vehicle accidents and calls for emergency medical service.

Members who completed the training are Chief Donald Cooke Jr., First Assistant Chief George Williams, Captain John Smith and Fire Police Captain Leroy Cooke.

Also completing the course were David Bastiani, Greg Gould and Robert Lemieux, fire lieutenants; Robert Boyea and Brian Rowe, rescue squad lieutenants; Charles Giglia, assistant quartermaster; Lars Allanson, Gerald Day, Charles Emery, Michael Fabe, Frank Nocilla, Doug Shanley, James Shanley, Andrew Sleurs, Lee Sleurs, Tom Stricos, Paul Wagner and Edward Wroblewski, firefighters; and Isabel Glastetter, rescue squad member.

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# Voorheesville hoop squads off to a fast start

## Girls record stands at 4-1

By Greg Sullivan

After suffering their first loss of the season Dec. 15, to league-leading Holy Names, the Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team recovered and did away with Colonial Council rival Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at home Friday night.

The Ladybirds (4-1) traveled to Holy Names last Tuesday where they faced perhaps the league's best team. The home-court advantage helped Holy Names jump out to an early lead and hang on for their fifth victory of the season.

Anyone who has seen or played at Holy Names' gym can attest to the fact that its extremely small size plays to the home team's advantage. Holy Names' aggressive style of pressing seems to be intensified by the smaller area of their gym.

Voorheesville fell victim to the press early in the game, trailing 24-14 after one quarter and 34-21 at the half. Despite Cortney Langford's 19 points and Becky Baily's 14, the Ladybirds couldn't close the gap in the second half as they fell to a 56-48 defeat.

On Friday night, however, the tables were turned as Voorheesville, this time at home, jumped out quickly against R-C-S behind Baily's game-high 19 points. The girls took a 22-13 lead into the locker room at half-time, and cruised through the second half enroute to a low-scoring 36-24 victory.

Voorheesville played without Langford on Friday, who will be out for some time due to illness. The Ladybirds will have to learn to play without her consistent double-digit scoring



Voorheesville's Cortney Langford has been a mainstay of the team's success thus far. Unfortunately, she will be out of action due to illness for the next month. *Dave Bibbins*

## Two wins vault boys into second

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville boys basketball team won two tough league games last week, moving into sole possession of second place in the Colonial Council.

Facing an undefeated Albany Academy team Dec. 15, the Blackbirds played strong defense to pick up the 48-41 win.

The Voorheesville defense consistently forced the Cadets into taking longer shots, and held them to just three field goals in the first half.

While two of the Blackbirds' top scorers, Kevin Meade and Kevin Relyea, had off nights, Brad Rockmore, with 16 points, and Tom Dutkiewicz, with 15, picked up the slack. Relyea had a big game on

the boards.

The Blackbirds put out a total team effort to defeat Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 64-53 at Ravena Dec. 18.

The Indians scored the first seven points of the game, but the Blackbirds rallied, with Rockmore nailing three three-pointers in the first quarter.

In the tight, physical game, four Blackbirds scored in double figures — Meade (21 points and 10 rebounds), Dutkiewicz (13 points), Rockmore (12 points) and Relyea (10 points).

The win against Albany Academy moved Voorheesville into a second-place tie with the Cadets, who lost to Mechanicville Dec. 18. The Blackbirds now perch alone in second with a 4-1 league record.

## Girls roll along

The Bethlehem girls varsity basketball team had a triumphant week, as it extended its record to 3-0.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, BC dominated Niskayuna, winning 56-30. The team scored 23 consecutive points in the first quarter, giving it a 27-6 lead. Karen Zornow and Sheila McCaughin led the team with 15 and 10 points, respectively.

Bethlehem crushed Colonie 52-28 on Friday, Dec. 18. Kiley Shortell had 13 points, while McCaughin added 11.

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# Tough times continue for Bethlehem boys

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem boys basketball team (0-1, 0-4) lost games to the Niskayuna Warriors and the Colonie Raiders last week.

On Friday, Dec. 18, Colonie opened up an early lead, then cruised to a 58-43 victory. After the Eagles scored the first basket, the Raiders went on a 7-0 run to lead 7-4. They then scored 12 unanswered points to finish the first quarter leading 19-6. Bethlehem trailed 27-14 at the end of the first half.

Mike Pelletier shot poorly, but still led Bethlehem with 12 points. Brian Jerard led Colonie with 23 and Matt Richardson added 10.

"We shot 25 percent in the first half," said BC coach Jack Moser. "When your best shooter goes one for nine and the rest of the team shoots five for 20, you're going to be behind. I thought we came out well in the second half. We came to within eight points, but we had a few turnovers and we were right back where we started."

The Eagles opened the second half with an 8-0 run, led by Pelletier with six points. Colonie countered with an 8-0 run of their own and led 37-24.

Bethlehem had trouble hitting from the floor the entire game. They made 32 percent of their field

## Basketball

goal attempts while the Raiders made 49 percent of their shots.

BC lost a heartbreaker to Niskayuna on Tuesday, Dec. 15, by a score of 63-61. After Bethlehem scored 25 points in the third quarter to take a 52-42 lead, the Eagles were blown out 21-9 in the final period.

In Bethlehem's four games, they have been outscored by 24 points in the fourth quarter alone. They are only down a combined 10 points in the first three periods.

"I don't think it's fatigue because we played a lot of guys," said Moser.

"I think it's experience. We only have two people with varsity experience - Mike Pelletier and Chris Macaluso. It's going to take game experience. Sometimes we're playing not to lose instead of to win. We will definitely get better as the guys get more playing time and confidence."

Junior Matt Follis was moved to the starting lineup in place of Kory Snyder to add more quickness. "We were trying to mix up the lineup to try to get something to work," Moser said.

# BC swimmers knock off Burnt Hills

By Emily Church

The Bethlehem boys varsity team defeated Burnt Hills, its toughest rival so far, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at home. The final score was 120-63.

The medley relay teams started off the meet with first and second place finishes. The first place team of Rory Fay, Ryan Bock, Paul Gallagher and Jon Church clocked a season's best time of 1:47.45.

Church, Tom Leyden and Andrew Finely swept the 200 freestyle, with Church attaining a season's best 1:58.65. Leyden followed close behind with a strong time of 2:00.48.

Pat Gallagher and Mark Kanuk placed first and second in the 200 individual medley, and Beck won the 50 freestyle with a season's best time of 23.20.

## Swimming

By the time diving started, the Eagles had established a formidable, 38-point lead, despite predictions of a close meet.

"They lost a lot of their strong guys to sickness," said BC coach Ken Nelf. "As a result they didn't put in the strong effort they were capable of."

Joe Schneider and Tim Bearup finished 1-2 in diving, Schneider winning with 211.40 points.

Fay won the 100 freestyle, clocking a 52.54 and Leyden finished fourth.

Church won the 500 freestyle with a season's best time of 5:17.09, Larry Fisher and Andrew Cleary finished third and fourth, respectively. Beck won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:06.23, and Kanuk finished in 1:09.53, placing third.

The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Leyden, Billy Loary, Finley and Church finished off the meet with a win, clocking 3:42.74.

# Mixed results for Ravena wrestlers

By Kevin Van Derzee

The RCS wrestling team traveled to Watervliet, last week, and on a night where every match was decided by a forfeit or a pin, the Indians triumphed 48-30.

After going down 12-0, the Indians' Anthony Martone received a forfeit to bring them within six. The Indians then went on a 18-0 run when Randy Beach and Sean Campbell received forfeits, while Tommy McGrail picked up a key pin 45 seconds into the third period.

Jon Engel and Paul Pecora also picked up pins to make the score 36-24. Jason Demerest picked up

## Wrestling

the last forfeit of the night and secured the win for the Indians. David Baranska finished the night with a pin in 3:33.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, the Indians hosted Schenectady and Galway in a triangular match. Todd

Haynes and Beach each were given forfeits for the early 12-6 lead. Being down 33-12, the Indians began to fight back.

Engel and Bryan Irving each picked up pins to bring the Indians within nine. Demerest wrestled a long, hard match and lost 6-1 which secured the win for Schenectady. Baranska picked up a forfeit to make the final score 36-30.

The Indians also lost to Galway, by a score of 51-15.

# Top bowlers for the week at Del Lanes

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

Sr. Cit. Men — singles: Harold Eck 255 and Don Blodgett 225; triples: Steve Walley 567.

Sr. Cit. Women — triples: Terri Price 470 and Ruth Logan 542.

Men — singles: Marv Sontz 289; triples: Chris Andriano 732; four game series: Stan Reed 920.

Women — singles: Janene Trianni 226; triples: Sandy Vincent

551; four game series: Peg Were 825.

### Jr. Classic

Maj. Boys — four game series: Al Crewell 754 and Don Robbins 809.

Maj. Girls — four game series: Heather Selig 779.

Maj. Boys — singles: Bill Wilkinson 210; four game series: Ken Blodgett 513 and Amy Ringler 465.

Jr. Boys — singles: Dave Rose

207; four game series: Chris Brown 816.

Jr. Girls — four game series: Andrea Kachidurian 785.

Prep Boys — four game series: Dan Scherer 440, Travis Davey 436.

Prep Girls — triples: Rachel Kessler 390 and Jennifer Gleckel 359.

Bantam Boys — triples: Greg Powell 350.

Bantam Girls — triples: Lisa Maxwell 287.

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Men — triples: Billy Yates 614, John Kondrat 632.

Women — triples: Linda Watt 504, Sue Kondrat 505.

Boys — triples: Tim Ryan 648.

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## Bucks and Syracuse keep records intact

After three weeks of play in the Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC), The Bucks (All-Star Division) and Syracuse (College Division) remain the only unbeaten and untied teams.

Paced by Mark Svare's 17 rebounds and Jeff McQuide's stingy defense, the Bucks surged past the Hawks 50-43. John Mancuso scored seven points for the spunky Hawks team in a losing effort.

The Sixers and the Magic closed out their game in a 41-41 tie. For the Sixers, Mike Ferraro ripped the nets for 12 points while Dave Maher and Greg Teresi made important contributions to the Magic down the stretch.

The Rockets subdued the Spurs 44-20 as Tim Staniels and Joel Hatstat controlled the boards for the winners. For the Spurs, Myles Falkenhainer played a steady game at the point guard position.

The Heat topped the Mays 44-31 as Steve Euler and Kevin Mastriano each scored 10 points. For the Mavs, Matt Tulloch pulled down 12 rebounds and scored four points.

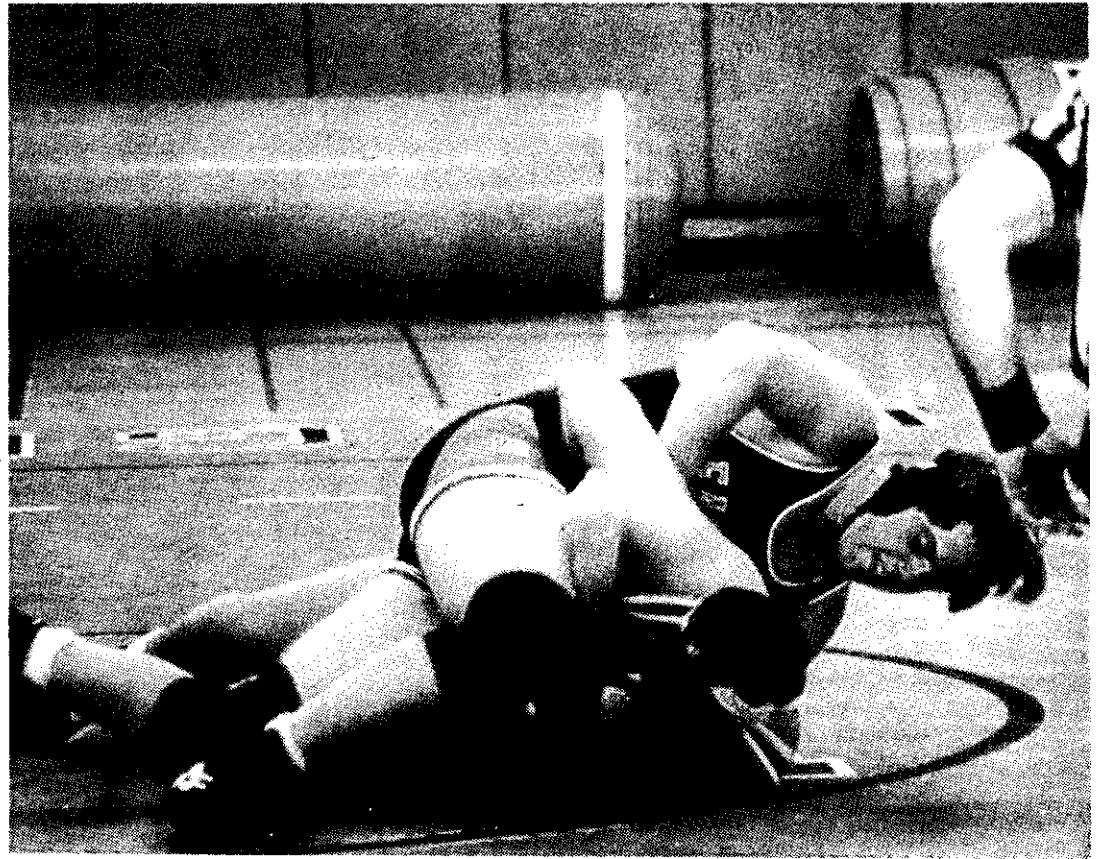
In the Pro Division, the Celtics and the Nuggets battled to a 24-24 tie. Erik Hjeltnes contributed 8 points for the Nuggets and Jeff Smith scored five points for the Celtics.

In spite of Justin Pinchback's control of the backboards for the Bulls, the Lakers edged the Bulls 33-29. Dan Xeller played an outstanding all-around game for the Lakers. The Pistons downed the Knicks 30-17 as Tim Moshier lead the way down the stretch with key rebounds and six points. For the Knicks, Dave Kaplan was high scorer with six points.

In college division action, Syracuse topped a determined Pitt squad with a 26-20 win. Toby Cushing of Syracuse posted 10 points while Brian Rowan's six points and floor leadership inspired Pitt. Miami dumped Georgetown 36-21 as Mike Pascone lead the way for the winners with 12 points. For Georgetown, Cory Reid-Vanas contributed 10 points and solid defense.

Finally, Providence defeated St. John's 30-25 as Connor Berry led the winners with 13 points. Ajay Murphy played a steady game for St. John's with four points and two blocked shots.

## On top of things



Bethlehem's Adam Britain has a distinct advantage on his opponent during last week's match with Scotia on Saturday, Dec. 19. The Eagles dropped a 42-33 decision. Their next match is tonight, Dec. 23, against Niskayuna. *Seth Hillinger*

## Soccer club holds registration

The Bethlehem Soccer Club will hold registration for the 1993 Spring IntraClub program on Thursday, Jan. 7 and Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 443 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Children who were born between 1979 and 1988 and live in the Town of Bethlehem are eligible. First-time registrants must bring a copy of their birth certificates.

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## □ Paramedics

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Slingerlands, Elsmere and Delmar — hopes to be able to "stay as they are as long as they can." The Delmar unit also responds to the Selkirk area when it receives calls. Bethlehem Ambulance Service ordinarily covers the Selkirk area.

John Mitchell, chairman of the EMS council that recommended the partially paid paramedic service, stands behind the council's findings. "It's a good system and something has to be done," he said.

"We had hoped everyone would come together, but obviously Delmar feels they want to go on their own," said Mitchell.

The Delmar squad has about 45 members, with between 30 and 35 emergency medical technicians. There are six paramedics and two in training, and one ex-paramedic who is expected to go back on line, according to Preska, who was also a member of the EMS council. "We've got a good service now. Let's just make it better," he said.

In 1991, Delmar responded to 1,065 calls and, so far this year, they have answered 1,053 calls. However, Preska fears that the Delmar ambulances could become garage-bound if paid service goes into effect because of regulations regarding staffing.

"Is my ambulance going to move because of state regulations as to minimum staffing?" he said. That situation, Preska maintained,

could happen if there were not enough qualified volunteers to man the ambulance before it is allowed to leave the fire station.

Preska said he also has some reservations about what would happen to Delmar coverage if the town adopted a paid system. "Paramedics could be elsewhere and there would be nothing to cover this end of town."

Richard Stangle, president of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc., said the service's board of directors has not made a decision, and is waiting for more information from the EMS council task force. "We have to know more. Right now, it's up in the air," Stangle said.

Bethlehem service covers South Bethlehem, Glenmont and Selkirk.

### Man arrested for DWI

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol made one local arrest during Friday night's county-wide Stop-DWI blanket patrol.

Deputies stopped James Greenwood, 30, of Rock Hill Road in Clarksville, for a traffic violation on Depot Road in New Scotland.

After failing several field sobriety tests, Greenwood was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released on his own recognizance and is due in town court on Jan. 7.

## □ Pink slips

(From Page 1)

Albany County employs many more workers than neighboring Rensselaer and Saratoga counties even though it has fewer miles of county roadway to maintain.

There are 73 equipment operators, 74 laborers and nine field foremen now on the payroll in Albany County, and there are about 290 miles of county roads to oversee.

In Rensselaer County, there are 338 miles of county roads with a total of 53 equipment operators and laborers to do the job, according to the county executive's office.

"You can't go much lower," said Jack Madden, spokesman for County Executive John Buono. The county does contract out for snow and ice removal in a few rural areas, such as Hoosick, Petersburg, Brunswick and East Greenbush.

Saratoga County has 112 equipment operators and laborers to maintain 362 miles of county roads. All of the snow removal in winter and road reconstruction in summer are performed in-house.

The bottom line is that Albany County should be able to get by with far fewer highway workers than it has in the past, Hogan said.

Over the past 10 years, Albany County has neglected to upgrade or replace its highway equipment, Hogan said, while at the same time keeping a labor force that many

might consider padded with political appointments

"We've put \$400,000 in our budget for next year for equipment replacement," he said. "Many of our trucks go back to the early 70s and have outlived their usefulness."

The Democratic majority in the county legislature last week finally agreed to go along with the layoff scheme proposed by Hoblock with some modifications.

Hoblock's tentative '93 budget plan targeted 60 highway worker jobs for elimination. After some contentious negotiations with the legislature, a final number of 113 was arrived at, paring the force to 57 equipment operators, 45 laborers and eight field foremen.

The estimated savings for road and bridge maintenance within the highway department for next year will be nearly \$1 million, according to county budget director Phil Mahar

A total of 80 full-time workers and 30 part-time employees will lose their jobs in '93. Hoblock insists this is the only way he could balance the \$329 million budget for next year without calling for a major property tax increase.

"Can I justify each and every

job in that department? I can't," said Legislature Chairman Harold Joyce. "But do we have 110 (county) employees just laying around. Absolutely not."

People should realize that number comparisons don't always tell the complete story, Joyce said. "Do (the other counties) have 20 miles of mountain roads? Do they contract out services?"

"This is not like General Motors where you have a parking lot full of Pontiacs, so they lay people off," he remarked. "We're talking about government here, which provides services to people."

The only thing that will be accomplished with the layoffs, Joyce claimed, is that "instead of sending (workers) through the front door to do a job, we'll be sending them through the back door to get an unemployment check."

Local officials in Bethlehem and Colonie are generally supportive of Hoblock's budget plan and don't believe it will affect road maintenance in their communities.

You can't get around it, said Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler. "The county has traditionally had a lot of fat. Your heart goes out to anyone who loses their job, but it happens in the private sector all the time."

## □ Holidays

(From Page 1)

Both the largest school district in the state, New York City, and the largest school district in the area, Albany, honor the Jewish holidays.

In other business at Wednesday's board meeting, Loomis announced that agreement on a new three-year contract between the district and the Bethlehem Principals Association had been reached.

The agreement, which extends from the current year through the 1994-95 school year, calls for 4

percent annual salary increases for the district's seven principals and three assistant principals.

"This agreement parallels the one we reached with the teachers in July," Loomis explained.

In return for the salary hikes, the agreement calls for higher health insurance deductibles and co-payments for prescription drugs.

While there is no set starting salary for principals and assistant principals, Loomis said they generally start at between \$50,000 and \$70,000 a year depending upon experience and credentials.

# THE YOUTH NETWORK

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### Kids, parents and coaches set season's goals

Coaches, parents and student athletes at Bethlehem Central High School had their winter pre-season meetings recently. Three such meetings take place each year, with members of each team meeting separately.

This year, for the first time, part of each meeting was led by a student who had participated in the recent three-day athlete/coach leadership workshop sponsored by Bethlehem Networks Project. The student leaders asked participants to list their expectations for each other.

Parents' expectations of coaches include: be a role model for the team, stress good sportsmanship, don't show favoritism, be consistent and develop self esteem.

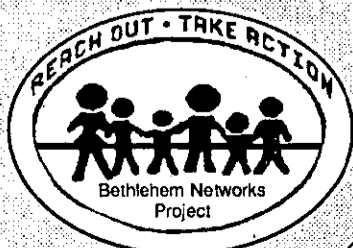
Parents' expectations of the athletes are: maintain their grades, follow safety rules at all times, have fun, be disciplined and observe sportsmanship.

Students expect parents to: never embarrass the team during the game, have dinner ready, come to as many meets as possible, be supportive and positive and don't complain about the schedule.


Students want coaches to: help them have fun, treat athletes fairly, be positive, supportive and understanding and have reasonable expectations.

The coaches expect students to: have pride in themselves, their team and the school, be chemically free, be safe, keep their grades up and be committed to give 100 percent.

Coaches' expectations of parents are: to support the program, provide transportation, attend at least one meet, be positive and cheer for the whole team.



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## Ira, Hogan marry

Joanne C. Ira, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Felix Ira of Delmar, and Lt. Michael C. Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan of Quincy, Mass., were married on Oct. 2.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Cribbs at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. A reception followed at the Century House in Latham.

Matron of honor was Kathy Dempf. Bridesmaids were Kimberly Ira, sister of the bride, Patricia Hogan, sister of the groom, and Martha Horst. Rachel Ira, the bride's niece, was flower girl.

James Hogan, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were

Jeffrey Ira, brother of the bride, John Hogan, brother of the groom, and Matthew Wolff.

The bride is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names, the College of the Holy Cross and the Radcliffe Publishing Program. She is currently employed in the publishing field.

The groom, a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., is attending graduate school at the University of North Carolina. He is a special warfare officer in the Naval Reserve.

The couple will live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

## Delmar man appointed to Chicago law firm

Ryan W. Asmus, son of Dr. and Mrs. Don G. Asmus of Delmar, has accepted a position as an associate at the Chicago law firm of Adler, Kaplan and Begy.

Asmus will graduate in May 1993 from the University of Akron School of Law in Akron, Ohio. He is a 1986 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a graduate of the University of Albany, where he majored in political science and criminal justice.

Asmus will concentrate his law practice in the area of aviation and space law.

## National honor society inducts Delmar native

Jonathan G. Janco, son of Judith E. Janco of Delmar, was inducted recently into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

He is a junior at Dean Junior College, Franklin, Mass.

## Scholarships available for children of Elks

The Elks National Foundation and the New York State Elks Association are sponsoring the "Most Valuable Student" scholarship and leadership award program for high school seniors.

The program will grant 99 scholarships ranging from \$800 to \$40,000. All seniors are eligible.

The state association will also grant 54 scholarship awards of \$800 to seniors and college students whose fathers are members of the Order of Elks, or were members at the time of their deaths. Of these, 18 will be designated "Special Merit" awards, for students in need of financial assistance.

Applications are available at the high schools or from local lodge chairmen: Karl Parker for the Bethlehem Lodge and Ed Donohue in New Scotland.

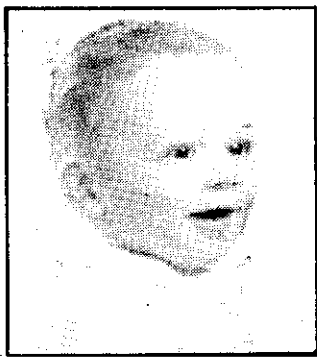
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Mark and Carol Stuart

## Kendrick, Stuart wed

Carol Anne Kendrick, daughter of Anne and Pat Kendrick of Delmar, was married to Mark Andrew Stuart, son of Doris and Hugh Stuart of Germantown, Columbia County, on Oct. 10.

The Rev. James Cribbs performed the ceremony at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. A reception followed at the Western Turnpike Country Club in Guilderland.

Maureen Kendrick, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leah Galloway, Karen Cleary and Linda Bruhn.

David Proper was best man. Ushers were Michael Kendrick, brother of the bride, Timothy

Stuart, brother of the groom, and Christian Martens.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Canton College and SUNY Oswego. She is advertising coordinator at Spotlight Newspapers in Delmar.

The groom is a graduate of Germantown High School and Marist College in Poughkeepsie. He is the program committee coordinator for the state Assembly minority. He is also a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in New York City.

After a wedding trip to Vermont and Jamaica, the couple lives in Slingerlands.

# Community Corner

## Bethlehem seniors slate defensive 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.

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# Obituaries

## Paul MacFarland

Paul MacFarland, 76, formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Lakeland Hospital in Florida.

Born in Albany, he lived in Delmar for many years before moving to Florida about 15 years ago.

Mr. MacFarland was a special agent for the U.S. Treasury Department in Albany for 22 years, retiring in 1969. He also was an investigator for the state Bar Association in Albany for five years.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Society in Albany, the Bethlehem Lions Club and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Giguere MacFarland; two daughters, Nancy Jo Peck of Geneva, Switzerland, and Roberta Rice of Delmar; a brother, Joseph B. MacFarland Jr. of Latham; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

## Lewis Cook Jr.

Lewis A. Cook Jr., 40, of Beaver Dam Road in Selkirk, died Sunday, Dec 13, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of St. John's School in Rensselaer. He was a longshoreman for 10 years at the Port of Albany. He had also worked at Matthew Bender Co. in shipping and receiving.

Mr. Cook was a member of the Sons of Foreign Wars of the American Legion. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Tatko Cook; a daughter, Jessica M. Cook of Selkirk; a son, Lucas S. Cook of Selkirk; and his parents, Lewis and Norma Shorkey Cook Sr. of Rensselaer.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church. Arrangements were by the John H. Clinton Funeral Home, Troy.

Contributions may be made to the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, 750 Broadway, Albany.

## Richard C. Kunker

Richard Carlton Kunker, 76, of Schoolhouse Road in North Bethlehem, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Hospice Inn of St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he had lived in North Bethlehem for 43 years. He

was a carpenter with Albany Local 117 of the Carpenters Union for 35 years, retiring in 1975.

Mr. Kunker was a graduate of Albany Academy and attended Union College. He was a communicant of the Pineview Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Hohenstein Kunker; three sons, Richard A. Kunker of Brockport, Monroe County, Kenneth W. Kunker of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, and Karl D. Kunker of Slingerlands; four daughters, Sandra E. Maurer of West Albany, Judith E. Meisner and Karen D. Dozois, both of Niskayuna, and Susan E. Palmer of Altamont; his stepfather, Kenneth R. Weed of Albany and West Palm Beach, Fla.; a sister, Elizabeth J. Jackle of North Reading, Mass.; 35 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and Pineview Community Church. Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Pineview Community Church Memorial Fund or to St. Peter's Hospice.

## Rev. LeRoy Brandt Sr.

The Rev. Dr. LeRoy C. Brandt Sr., 89, former pastor of the Delmar Reformed Church, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Dunkirk, Chataqua County, Dr. Brandt was raised and educated in Schenectady. He attended Hope College in Holland, Mich., and graduated from Rutgers University in 1932 after earning his master's degree. He was also a 1937 graduate of New York University where he received his doctorate in 1942. After working for several churches, Dr. Brandt took the position as pastor for the Delmar Reformed Church in Delmar. He retired in 1968.

From 1944 to 1946, he was an instructor at Russell Sage School of Nursing, Cadet Nurse Corps and Albany Hospital. In 1952-1954, he also taught at Union University School of Nursing.

He was on the board of trustees of Synod Albany, and also served as its secretary, vice-president and president.

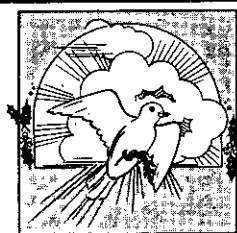
Dr. Brandt was also a member of the Delmar Kiwanis, the Onesquethau Lodge 1096 F & AM, Knights Templar and was state grand chaplain.

He was husband of the late Marion Brandt.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Harvey of Glenville and Barbara Dickerson of Syracuse; a son, Leroy C. Brandt Jr. of Logan, Utah; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church, Delmar, with burial in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Reformed Endowment Fund, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.



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## First Night a capital way to herald in New Year

By Dev Tobin

Albany's New Year's Eve institution, First Night, rolls into its seventh year with a larger-than-ever lineup of entertainment and fun to ring out the old and ring in the new.

The concept of an alcohol-free extravaganza, borrowed from Boston's bash begun in 1976, gives revelers a memorable evening that they can actually remember in the morning.

First Night entertainment runs the gamut from poetry to dance, from theatre to music of all kinds and includes offbeat, hard-to-classify acts like fortune tellers, karate exhibitions and trained animals, all for the \$8 price of a First Night button (\$10

after Dec. 28, children five and under free). As a bonus, First Nighters get to experience the indoor and outdoor architecture of most of Albany's distinctive buildings.

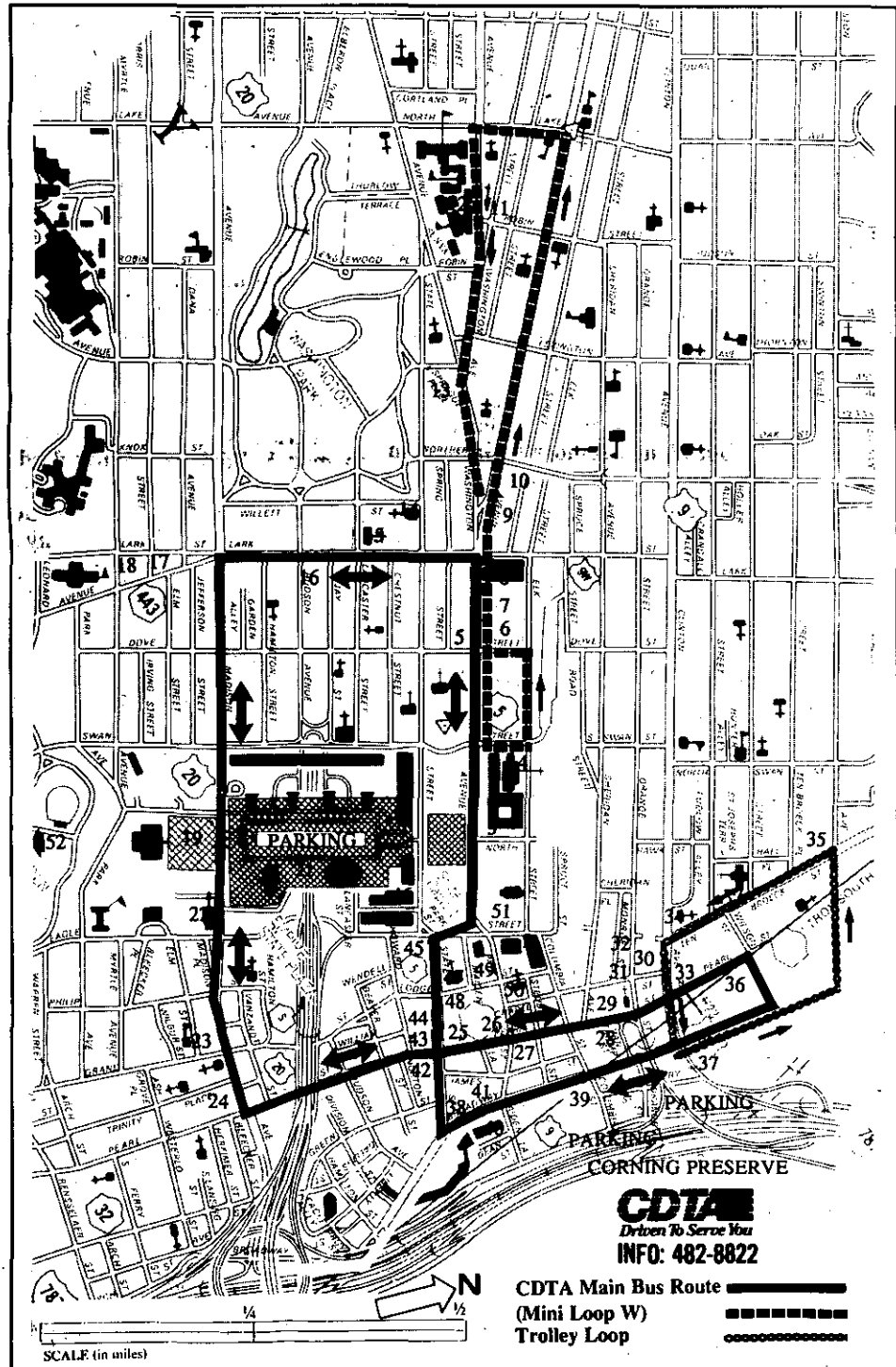
First Night opens at 6 p.m. with a parade from Lark Street down Washington Avenue to City Hall. Mayor Thomas Whalen, who brought First Night to Albany, will preside over opening ceremonies, followed by free ice cream sundaes courtesy of Ben & Jerry's.

"We are all very proud of the way First Night has evolved into a New Year's Eve tradition for thousands of people in and around the Capital Region," Whalen said.

Some 15,000 revelers are expected this



Maeve McGuire and Larry Keith star in *The Substance of Fire* at Capital Rep. First Night buttonholders may attend preview performances on Dec. 29, 30 and 31 for free. Joseph Schuyler



Free buses and trolleys will transport First Night revelers to the more than 50 entertainment venues throughout downtown Albany. Buttonholders receive a map and schedule of First Night events.

year, according to Dorothy Dack, director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

"First Night has become so popular that we are limiting button sales this year, thereby making it more enjoyable for all concerned," Dack said. Some of the more popular acts from previous years have been moved to larger venues, she added.

Volunteers are still needed for the second half of the evening, from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m., Dack noted.

In total, more than 80 acts will play more than 50 venues in downtown Albany between 7 and 11:30 p.m.

Buttonholders can ride free on special CDTA buses, which will loop through downtown every five minutes, starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 12:30 a.m.

The myriad of musical performers are too lengthy to list here, but some of the highlights are: folksingers Jim Gaudet and Dennis D'Asaro at City Hall, the Mendelssohn Club and the Pro Musica Chorus at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys at the DeWitt Clinton, L'Ensemble at the Peter D. Kiernan Plaza (Union Station), jazz pianist Lee Shaw at Chancellor's Hall, Bridget Ball and Christopher Shaw at Trinity Methodist Church, the St. Cecilia Orchestra at the Cathedral of All Saints, Nick Brignola and Alex Torres and the

Latin Kings at the Palace Theater, country bands Aged in the Hills and Bandolero at the Omni Hotel, the Out of Control Rhythm and Blues Band at the Boys and Girls Club, and the Helderberg Madrigal Singers at Ten Broeck Mansion.

New this year is the "First Nightapalooza" at the Washington Avenue Armory, with music by Perfect Thyroid and games, prizes and other entertainment hosted by PYX-106.

Dance highlights include waltzing at the Kiernan Plaza, Charley "Taps" DiMura at the Kenmore, the Berkshire Ballet Junior Company at the Albany Arts Center, Scottish music and dancing at the county courthouse, Irish music and dancing at St. Mary's Church Hall, eba dancers and Yallah dancers at the eba theatre, square and contradancing at the First Reformed Church Hall, the Colonie Timeless Tappers at the Kenmore ballroom, and the Berkshire Ballet, Kuperberg/Morris Movement Theater and Ellen Sinopoli Dance Theater at the Hart Theatre of the Empire Center.

Buttonholders can see the current productions of both Capital Rep (*The Substance of Fire*) and Albany Civic Theatre (*The Heidi Chronicles*). Previews of the

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**CREATION MYTHS FROM AFRICA**  
"The First Morning" and "The Evening Gifts," New York State Museum, Albany. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## MUSIC

**FLASHBACK**  
at Dee Dee's, Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham. Saturday, Dec. 26. Information, 785-4410.

**NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS**  
each Friday, 12:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany. Information, 434-3502.

**ONE HEART**  
Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuxe, Monaco's Village Inn, Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

## DANCE

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

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

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

**SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS OF GUILDERLAND**  
seeks new members, RD 2, Box 2, Altamont. Through mid-June. Information, 861-8000.

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

## VISUAL ARTS

**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.

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

**A MOHAWK IROQUOIS VILLAGE**  
re-creation of a Mohawk Iroquois longhouse, State Museum, Albany. Information, 474-5877.

**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS**  
exhibit, New York State Museum, Albany. Through Dec. 31. Information, 474-5842.

**TWO-PERSON EXHIBIT & HOLIDAY CRAFTS SALE**  
paintings and photographs by Gregory Graham and Gail Nadeau, The Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 10 to 4 p.m. 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, 12-4 p.m.

**RICHARD OCHS: SEASON'S GREETING**  
exhibition of traditional winter watercolors, 556 Warren St., Hudson. Thursday, Dec. 24. Information, 828-4882.

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

**IN MEDUSA'S GAZE**  
works illustrating the scope of still life paintings from 17th to 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 & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Through Feb. 21. Information, 463-4478.

**BETTY WARREN**  
portrait artist, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany. Through Jan 1, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Information, (800) 258-3582.

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

**SAVE-THE-EARTH CIRCUS**  
circus stunts by life-sized puppets, New York State Museum, Albany. Monday, Dec. 28, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.



Trapeze and other circus stunts are performed by life-size puppets during the Crabgrass Puppet Theatre's Save-the-Earth Circus Monday, Dec. 28, at 1 and 3 p.m. at the New York State Museum in Albany.

**CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS**  
mine, magic and music, New York State Museum, Albany. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIALS**  
**LASER LIGHT MAGIC**  
laser show, New York State Museum, Albany. Dec. 26-30, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD**  
simple craft projects and other activities, The Junior Museum, 282 5th Ave., Troy. Dec. 26-27, 2-4 p.m. Information, (800) 258-3582.

**TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY MUSIC**  
at the Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville. Sunday, Dec. 27, 2-5 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

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# AROUND THE AREA

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DECEMBER 23

ALBANY COUNTY

**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 Street, 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.

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 24

ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 25

ALBANY COUNTY

**SHABBAT HANUKKAH**  
Pot-luck dinner, Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 27

ALBANY COUNTY

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

MONDAY  
DECEMBER 28

ALBANY COUNTY

**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.

**OUTDOOR NATURE WALK**  
in search of animal tracks, rubbings, chew marks and other signs, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Voorheesville, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

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

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 29

ALBANY COUNTY

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

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 30

ALBANY COUNTY

**CATHY WINTER IN CONCERT**  
singer and storyteller for whole family, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

## There's a Phantom in audiences' future at Mac-Haydn Theater

A Christmas present of sorts for area theater audiences won't be opened until August 11 when the Mac-Haydn Theater in Chatham unveils the area premiere of *Phantom* for a two-week run.

Now, this is not the well-known Andrew Lloyd Webber version playing to sell-out audiences in New York and Montreal, among other places. And it is not the campy Ken Hill version which breezed through Albany three years ago.

Rather, it's a version by respected playwright Arthur Kopit and composer Maury Yeston (who won the Tony Award for *Nine*) that actually was on paper before Webber thought of his version.



Martin P. Kelly

What has resulted is that Kopit's *Phantom* has won plaudits in Chicago where it has been running for a year and at a Westchester theater where it played last summer through November. Considered by many critics to be better than Webber's version, it is doomed to never playing Broadway because how many *Phantom*'s can a New York audience support?

So, it is for theaters such as Mac-Haydn to introduce audiences to a version of the *Phantom of the Opera* which investigates the love affair between the *Phantom* and the young singer, Christine, on a more psychological level.

Critics have applauded the humanity of this *Phantom* and the more lilting score has been singled out as better than Webber's. All of this is done without the special effects of Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* which not only makes his version more expensive but also limits the number of theaters where it can play.

Other shows to be done by this theater are: *No, No Nanette* (May 19), *Shenandoah* (June 2), *Irene* (June 16), *Showboat* (June 30), *Sugar Babies* (July 21) and *The Music Man* (Sept. 1). Group reservations are being taken for next summer at 392-9292.

## Arts groups have a friend in Senator Moynihan

What has been little noted in government operations with a new president assuming office is the change in the Senate Finance Committee in Washington now that Senator Lloyd Bentsen has been named as Treasury Secretary.

This means that New York Senator Daniel Moynihan takes over the reins of the Senate Finance Committee as chairman and he's been termed "the best friend charities and non-profits has ever seen."

It was Moynihan who tried last fall to insert a provision in a tax bill which would have encouraged contributions to charities and non-profits on a broader scale than now allowed.

With Senator Moynihan as chairman, non profit groups (including arts organizations) expect a more sympathetic ear for their plight caused by restrictive tax policies that have severely curbed contributions by individuals and corporations in the past four years.

Moynihan's actions will not affect governmental funding which will still bear the brunt of overcoming the deficit but tax bills formulated by the Senate Finance Committee may well reflect the senator's philosophy of greater tax help for corporations and individuals who wish to contribute. It is a form of governmental funding in a roundabout way.

## Two shows still playing through Christmas season

There are still several shows playing through the Christmas season, so a theatergoer may enjoy live theater during the holidays. At the Cohoes Music Hall, *Christmas With the Taffetas* continues its melodic way until January 3. This lighthearted entertainment is carrying Heritage Artists through the holidays and securing audiences for its spring season. Reservations are at 235-7969.

The last remaining production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is being offered in the area plays this Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 26 and 27) by the Home Made Theater at the Spa Little Theater on the Saratoga Spa State Park. This is a traditional production by this community-based, professionally administered theater company. Reservations are at 587-4427.

## Hams send free holiday messages

As the holidays come into full swing, amateur radio operators are participating in Operation Holidays, whereby the public can send free holiday greetings by radiogram to friends and relatives.

The service is actually available all year long. Simply contact the operators listed below for information and to send a message.

Radiograms are messages of up to 30 words in length. The operators need the full name, address and telephone number of the recipient.

Civilian-to-civilian messages will use the National Traffic System, a highly efficient message service using amateur radio operators and frequencies. Military-to-civilian, civilian-to-military or military-to-military messages will use the Military Affiliate Radio System.

Local operators participating in Operation Holidays are: Jack Donnelly (WA2YBM, 869-1074), John Farina (WA2QCY, 449-1581), Arnie Fowler (KA2TFM, 279-3581), Jerry Crawmer (KE2JJ, 399-5391), Dave Watrous (WD2K, 732-7532), Frank Casey (WB2HKU, 462-9487), and Steve Anderman (WA3RKB, 439-4519).

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Christmas Worship at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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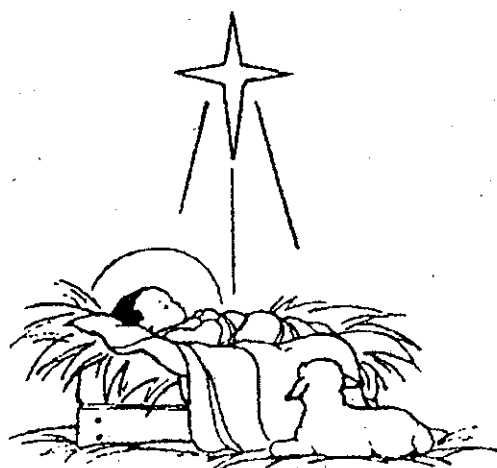
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM TOWN BOARD**  
town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

children and teachers of the church school of Glenmont Reformed Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 6 p.m. Information, 436-0655.

**BINGO**

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

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**WELCOME WAGON**

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

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, 7 p.m. Information, 756-6688.

**NEW SCOTLAND TOWN BOARD**  
town hall, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

**VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOLS CLOSE EARLY**

junior-senior high students, 1:30 p.m., elementary school students, 2 p.m. Information, high school, 765-3314, elementary school, 765-2382.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE**

second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 24**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSED**

library will reopen Saturday, Dec. 26, at 10 a.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9134.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Glenmont Community Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0655.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Route 396, Beckers Corner, 9:30 p.m. Information, 235-1298.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 26**

**BETHLEHEM**

**CHABAD CENTER**

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

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27**

**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.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

morning worship, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont. Information, 439-4314.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information 439-3135.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; nursery care, 8 a.m.-noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**

worship and Sunday school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**

service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR**

worship, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

**GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

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**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

worship, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9252.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road, Slingerlands. Information, 438-7740.

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Clarksville. Information, 768-2916.

**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 for Sunday services, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**ONESQUETHAW CHURCH**

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**

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**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.

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, 11:30 a.m., 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Information, 756-6688.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 28**

**BETHLEHEM**

**OUTDOOR NATURE WALK**  
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**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**  
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7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 NOON

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA every Monday, rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 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

GAMES FOR CHILDREN "Let's Get Gaming!" cooperative games for children grades three to six, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 29

MONDAY JANUARY 4

BETHLEHEM

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

MASK MAKING FOR CHILDREN children in kindergarten to second-grade learn about masks from around the world and make their own, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 to 11 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30

NEW SCOTLAND

CATHY WINTER IN CONCERT singer and storyteller for whole family, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

BETHLEHEM

FRESHSTART SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM first of four parts, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, Community Health Plan, Delmar Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 5:45-7:15 p.m., registration deadline Dec. 29. Information, 783-1864, ext. 4444.

FIRE DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Elmwood Park District Board of Fire Commissioners, North Bethlehem Fire House, 589 Russell Road, Albany, 7 p.m., regular monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. Information, 869-6996.

BLANCHARD POST MEETING first Monday, Poplar Drive, Elsmere, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

4-H CLUB first and third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan

Area teens will soon have the chance to learn from professional artists.

Beginning Jan. 8, aspiring artists will be able to stop in at "The Meeting Place" at Crossgates Mall between 7 and 8 p.m. on Fridays for special workshops. Participants will also design and make pieces of their own.

Participating local artists include Lori Lawrence, Lesley Keeble, Douglas Culhane, Sean Stewart and Patricia Loonan Testo of the Albany Institute of History and Art. Each will work in a variety of media from sculpture and painting to jewelry design and collage.

Participants will visit the institute's Egyptian Gallery and attend a reception for its annual student art exhibition.

"The Meeting Place" is a project of the Albany County Department of Mental Health. For information, call Amy Goldbas, museum art class program coordinator, at 463-4478.

Paying for college has been a hot topic recently, and this is the time of year when thousands of high school seniors start searching desperately for

tuition. Undoubtedly, anyone who's taken any standardized tests may already have received information from scholarship locating services, which offer, for a fee, to find potential sources.

These services are highly recommended by college advisers. They give fairly detailed listings of scholarships the student is eligible for, and may find little-known grants and awards.

These services are often expensive, however. The American Legion offers a similar program, tapping into the same computer system used by many more costly programs, for less than \$20.

The American Legion's program, called "Need a List?" is easy to access. For information, stop in the local legion hall, or write to National College Service Ltd., The American Legion Processing Center, 600 South Frederick Ave., second floor, Gaithersburg, Md. 20877.

Scholarship deadlines are approaching quickly, though, and it's important to enroll in a locator service, or check for programs in your school's guidance office as soon as possible.

Institute schedules kids' holiday fare

The Albany Institute of History and Art will sponsor a "Movies at the Museum" program for children ages 4 to 10, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, and Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the institute, 125 Washington Ave., Albany.

The program is designed to provide entertainment during the holiday break.

The day will begin with a film, followed by an art activity for the whole family.

On Dec. 29, *The Selfish Giant* will be shown, and on Dec. 30, *A Cricket in Times Square* will be presented.

The cost for non-members is \$4, and AIHA members will be admitted free.

For information, call 463-4478.

State parks offer winter sports activities

Four capital region state parks are open for winter sports activities.

Saratoga Spa State Park, located three miles north of Exit 13N of the Northway, offers 10 kilometers of groomed trails for cross country skiing. For information, call 584-2535.

Grafton Lakes State Park, located on Route 2 in the town of Grafton in southern Rensselaer County, has 10 miles of snowmobile trails and 8 miles of cross country ski trails. Ice fishing is also available,

conditions permitting. For information, call 279-1155.

Moreau Lake State Park, located on Route 9 about 2 miles west of Exit 17S of the Northway, has 3 miles of ski trails. For information, call 793-0511.

John Boyd Thacher State Park, on Route 157 15 miles west of Albany, has 3 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowmobile trails.

For information, call 872-1237.

Family program to highlight art exhibit

The Albany Institute of History and Art's January Family Art Program, entitled "Sitting Pretty: Still Life in Art," is scheduled on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m.

The program will highlight paintings in the exhibition "In Medusa's Gaze: Still

Life Paintings from Upstate New York." Participants will make their own still life paintings.

There is a \$4 materials fee per family. Institute members will be admitted free.

For information, call 463-4478.

Museum weekend to feature amphibians

The New York State Museum has scheduled three "Wild Weekends" with Dean Davis on Saturdays and Sundays in January and February.

On Jan. 2 and 3, Davis will feature "Leapin' Lizards." The Jan. 30 and 31

shows will focus on "Adirondack Amphibians and Reptiles," and the shows on Feb. 20 and 21 will highlight snakes. All shows are at 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

For information, call 474-5877.

Kenwood plans vacation week program

The Kenwood Child Development Center will sponsor a holiday/vacation recreation program for children aged six to eleven whose parents require full day care for children normally in school, from Monday, Dec. 28, to Thursday, Dec. 31, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Doane Stuart School campus, off Route 9W.

The program will run as an offshoot of Kenwood's infant, toddler, preschool and kindergarten programs. Children will

participate in 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 serve basis.

For information, call 465-0404.

Weekly Crossword

"Santa's Helpers"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS 1 Wizard of Oz lion 5 RBI's e.g. 10 Bridge coup 14 Baseball's Matty 15 Santa's Helper 16 1st down 10 yds 17 Study 18 Rose oil 19 Word following home or class 20 Dead Sea 22 Door Frames 24 Top 25 Santa's Helper 26 Wine ingredient 29 Adjustable-rate Pref. 30 Pester 34 Philip \_\_\_\_\_: Author 35 Mr. Whitney 36 Santa's Helper 37 \_\_\_\_\_, amas, amat 38 Santa's Helper 40 Environ. Prot. Agcy. 41 Santa's Helper 43 Needle fish 44 Louisville Sluggers, e.g. 45 Type of preview 46 Society freshman 47 Popular song of yesteryear 48 N. Y. & London neighborhoods 50 Cato's 7 51 Sweet 54 Singing in a light manner 58 Land measure 59 Building wing 61 City of Lot's refuge 62 King \_\_\_\_\_ 63 Christopher \_\_\_\_\_ 64 \_\_\_\_\_ James 65 Rugby scores? 66 Group of RR cars 67 Negatives in Glasgow

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting points for clues.

- DOWN 1 TV Phyllis' husband 2 Mr. Guinness 3 \_\_\_\_\_ frost 4 Santa's Helper 5 Burn with steam 6 Tykes 7 Qty. 8 Fortune teller's tool 9 Strip of leather 10 Long steps 11 Diving bird 12 Full of excitement 13 Mothers 21 Prevaricate 23 Ravi's instrument 25 Cowers 26 June honorees 27 Word before nose or numeral 28 Expiate 29 \_\_\_\_\_ mode 31 Beforehand 32 Seven:Comb. form 33 Obliterate 35 Deviate 36 German "the" 38 Type of tea 39 Hack 40 Furniture wheels 44 Santa's Helper 46 Santa's Helper 47 Petroleum 49 \_\_\_\_\_ and Soul 50 Santa's Helper 51 Pepper's relative 52 Skater 53 Cat Scan e.g. 54 Mr. Strauss 55 Mite 56 Mr. Hale to friends? 57 Coup de \_\_\_\_\_ 60 Teacher's org.

"Bodywork"

Bodywork crossword grid with words filled in: CLUE, MISTER, PAST, LIRA, ASTIDE, OSTE, OVER, REDIG, REAR, DEADEYE, SIDARM, RRS, HOSEA, CAMUS, MAN, ARDOR, AHEM, MIN, ARMORY, TOT, HEADWAY, ONA, CLARET, OAK, ANON, HELEN, BUS, BRETS, DIVOT, TOM, TOWHEAD, COWHAND, OKIE, PILOT, OMAR, ELLA, OCALA, ELIZA, SADD, REBEL, EDIT.

# First Night

(From page 23)

Capital Rep play may be attended by buttonholders on Dec. 29 and 30.

Also, the Angel Cake Players at the New York Telephone Building and Park Playhouse at Page Hall present Broadway tunes, the Spotlight Players sing Cole Porter and Broadway songs at First Presbyterian Church, and Steamer No. 10 Theatre presents *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Albany Institute of History & Art.

On the something-for-everyone side of First Night, there are: a free star show at the Henry Hudson Planetarium (reserve tickets in advance), admission to the Capital Region Pontiacs game for \$2, a bilingual, ecumenical Watch Night service at Trinity Methodist Church, a free, three-minute telephone call anywhere in the U.S. at City Hall (courtesy of Cellular One), Cranberry the Clown at OTB and Wizzie the Clown at Albany Savings Bank, comedy from Merdwin the Mediocre (at the Albany Visitors Center) and Ramsey Meyer (at the Empire State Plaza South Concourse), Gracie Hanneford's dog show at the City Arts Building, and magi-

cians Jim Snack, Eric Conover and Lawrence and Caren Lessner at Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be for sale at more than a dozen First Night locations, and free coffee and hot chocolate will be available at the Volunteer Center of Albany

Area radio stations will be all over First Night: WGY-AM on CDTA buses, WGY-FM at State and North Pearl, WQBK-AM at Kiernan Plaza, WQBK-FM at Trinity Institution, WRAV-FM at the parade, WTRY-AM at the post office on Broadway, WGNA-FM at the Omni Hotel, and WCDA-FM at city hall.

First Night and 1992 end with a fireworks display by Alonzo from the Corning Preserve, visible from the preserve, the Kiernan Plaza parking lot, the Empire State Plaza and other downtown vantage points.

Buttons are for sale at most area Price Choppers, Ben & Jerry's, Fleet Banks, National Savings Banks, Albany Savings Banks, Records 'N Such in Stuyvesant Plaza, the Palace Theatre, Knickerbocker Arena and Empire Center box offices. On First Night, buttons will be on sale at City Hall, the Washington Avenue Armory and the New York State Museum.

## Carroll classic set for Sunday Funday

The Empire Center at the Egg's Sunday Funday series will continue next month with six performance of the Manhattan Project's stage adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*, presented by Buffalo's Theatre of Youth Company.

The performances of Lewis Carroll's classic will be in the Lewis A. Swyer

Theater on Wednesday, Jan. 6, Thursday, Jan. 7, and Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. Weekend performances will be on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under. For information, call 473-1845.

## Windham Hill pianist slated at Egg

Windham Hill recording pianist and composer Liz Story will perform at the Empire Center at the Egg's Lewis A. Swyer Theater on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m.

Story has produced four albums since signing with Windham Hill in 1982, each earning a Grammy nomination.

She will be accompanied by Joel DiBartolo who was the bass player in the *Tonight Show* band for almost 20 years.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. For information, call the Empire Center Box Office at 473-1845.

## State Museum plans Disney favorites

The New York State Museum will continue its weekend children's film series in January with two Disney animated classics.

*The Rescuers* will be shown on Jan. 23 and 24 and *The Adventures of the Great Mouse Detective* is scheduled on Jan. 30 and 31. Shows are at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

*The Rescuers* is the story of a young girl who is kidnapped by the evil Madame Medusa. *The Adventures of the Great Mouse Detective* is about Basil, a mouse, who takes on the villainous Professor Ratigan.

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

For information, call 474-5877.

## Children's Museum slates domino competition

The Children's Museum in Saratoga Springs will host a "Domino Rally" on Sunday, Jan. 17, from noon to 3 p.m.

One thousand wooden dominoes will be used in competitions to make the most

intricate patterns. Visitors will be able to team up with each other in the competition.

General admission is \$1 per person. For information, call 584-4711.

## Opera, ballet and orchestra set SPAC schedules

The Saratoga Performing Arts Center announced recently the New York City Opera, the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra will return this summer for their annual residencies.

The opera will open the classical season, from June 16 to 20. The ballet will perform from July 6 to 24, and the orchestra will be at SPAC from Aug. 4 to 21.

For information, call 584-9330.



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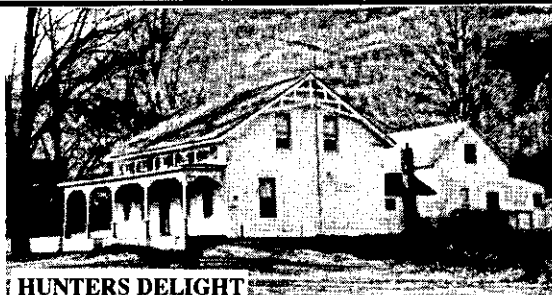
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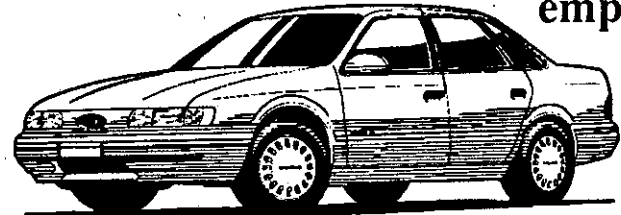


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