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Max Frost in South America, interviewed Venezuelan migrant family intent on USA

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18th annual Christmas Eve Road March



Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Company photo

Champagnes barely escape; fire destroys their Qby home

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Fred and Barbara Champagne narrowly escaped a 2 a.m. fire that destroyed their Queensbury home at 1 Juniper Drive, Sunday morning, Dec. 18

Mr. Champagne is a former Queensbury Town Supervisor. "We're very, very happy that they were able to get out — because **the survivability was**

zero if they hadn't made it out by the time we got there. The house was just engulfed," Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Chief Chip Mellon told *The Chronicle*.

He said the dramatic photos Bay Ridge shared of the blaze were taken "within four minutes of us being dispatched."

The Champagnes "heard a noise that woke them up. And then they smelled a burning

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Former Qby. Town Supervisor is 90; wife, 87

Readers report: Worst roads & intersections

By Zander Frost & Mark Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer & Editor

Huge response again this week to the question we posed in our weekly e-mail to digital *Chronicle* subscribers. **What's the worst or most dangerous intersection or stretch of road in the area?** Readers told us plenty.

John Hall in Lake George: Exit 20 south-

bound at the exit ramp at the intersection with Gurney Lane. It seems that there is a collision every week when cars on the exit ramp try to turn left to go toward the Municipal Center. They cannot see the traffic coming from the left on the overpass bridge due to the guard rails on the overpass. Probably a roundabout is needed.

Roxane Egan in Schroon Lake: I think there needs to be a traffic light installed as you come **off the exit 20, South-**

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Northway Exit 20 southbound; many spots on Bay Rd.; much more.

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Local homelessness rises

By Patrick Daley
Special to The Chronicle

Editor's note: Former *Chronicle* staff writer and Calendar Editor **Pat Daley** climbs back into the saddle. This is his first *Chronicle* article since pre-Covid.

Local homelessness service organizations in the Glens Falls area are reporting significant increases in individuals served as temperatures have

dropped and snow has fallen.

Jamie Munyon, director of the Open Door Mission on Warren Street, says that their Code Blue Emergency Shelter accommodated 35 people last Friday night. Capacity, he said, is 30. Recent volume has been "double that of pre-

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Open Door, Wait House, Salvation Army on front line.

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