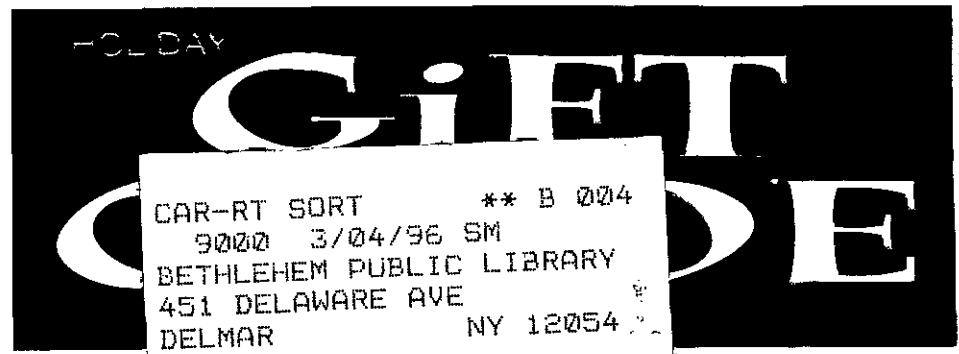


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Feura Bush woman saves neighbor from burning

By Dev Tobin

Patricia Shultes is a founding member of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department's auxiliary, but she was never in the midst of a life-and-death fire emergency, until last Thursday night.

Acting almost on instinct, Shultes went into a smoky fire in progress at the Feura Bush Senior Apartments and carried her neighbor Lynn Pearce, a blind, disabled woman, to safety.

"I was doing the laundry and watching 'ER' when my husband said he thought he heard a child crying," Shultes said. "I went to her apartment, opened the door and I could see the flames, and the room was full of smoke. I found Lynn and carried her out into the hallway."

Shultes was modest about her heroic act.

"It's something you just do without thinking," she said. "I'm just glad everybody got out."

Pearce, 36, was in fair condition Monday at Albany Medical Center Hospital, suffering from burns to her left leg.

The fire evidently started when Pearce accidentally dropped a match onto a sofa, according to fire officials.

Shultes said that the smoke alarm in Pearce's room did not go off, nor did it ring through to the fire department.

But Shultes noted that the building's construction helped contain the fire.

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Patricia Shultes

Proponents see trail as 'wonderful asset'

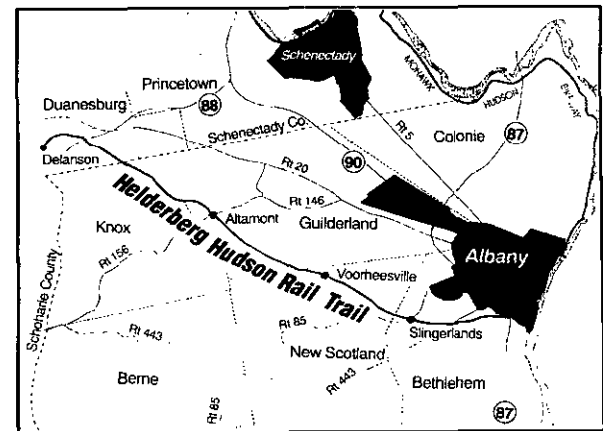
By Dev Tobin

The southern Albany County area may soon have a major new recreational asset, as the plan to acquire and build a 26-mile biking/hiking trail is moving forward on two fronts.

The Albany County Legislature voted last week to pursue federal grant funding to build the biking/hiking trail on the old Delaware & Hudson railway line from Delanson to the Port of Albany.

If the county gets the grant, it will set up a partnership with Scenic Hudson Inc., who will apply for a separate grant from a private foundation to purchase the right-of-way from the Canadian Pacific Railroad, current owner of the D&H.

"The first goal is to make sure it is



This rail line may become a biking/hiking trail thanks to a partnership between Albany County and Scenic Hudson.

preserved intact," said County Legislator Dom DeCecco of Slingerlands, through whose district the rail line runs.

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New Options eyes Port

Recycling firm wants to expand

By Mel Hyman

Recycling is big business these days, and some of that big business might be headed to a site in the town of Bethlehem.

The owners of New Options on Waste Inc. addressed the town board last night and asked for a permit to operate a new facility in the Bethlehem portion of the Port of Albany.

Richard Deitz, New Options president, said his firm plans to purchase the former Barker Steel Building located on a seven-acre site on Port Road South for purposes of its expanding its recycling business.

New Options accepts a variety of recycled materials including glass, plastics, metal, cardboard and construction debris.

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BC parents query board on kindergarten center

By Dev Tobin

What Bethlehem Central School District officials describe as a new and innovative way for children to start their school experience elicited a number of questions from Slingerlands Elementary School parents.

At last week's meeting, about a dozen Slingerlands parents told the school board they were concerned that the Early Learning Center, which will concentrate all of the district's kindergartners in a new facility at Slingerlands, would change the character of the school and strain limited school resources.

The learning center proposal is part of the district's \$14.8 million bond issue that will go before the voters on Dec. 13. It was a late addition to the bond issue's mix of classrooms, libraries, computers and maintenance projects, as it became evident that more classrooms were needed at the elementary level, as well as at the middle and high school levels.

For more than an hour, parents ques-

tioned the impact that more than 300 kindergartners would have on Slingerlands resources such as parking space, the gym, the library, clerical staff and the health office.

"Our warm, nurturing environment could be compromised," said parent Jan Coles.

Parent Helen Smith pointed out that the school's clerical staff spent most of the first month of school dealing primarily with 104 kindergartners.

Smith said she was worried that spending for additional clerical and custodial staff might not be included in the district's

regular budget if "things get tight in 1997-98," when the center is scheduled to open.

Because kindergartners would attend school for a half day in a somewhat separate facility, the center "doesn't make a school feel oversized the way full-time students would," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

"Every aspect that has been raised tonight is one we have considered very carefully and will consider in future planning

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Loomis

Out with the old



The old bridge crossing the Normanskill will soon be history.

Doug Persons

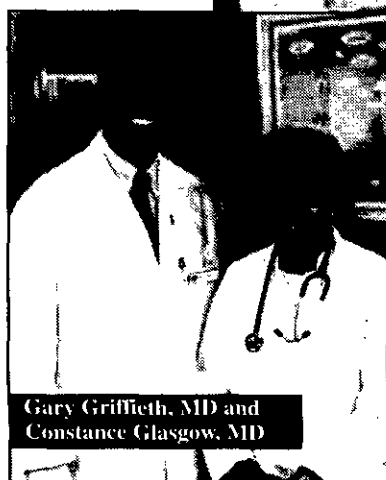
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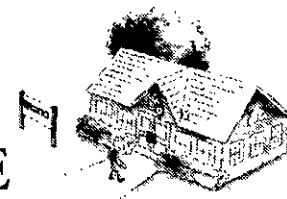


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Dowerskill III study needs work

By Mel Hyman

The largest housing development currently proposed for Bethlehem has at least one member of the town planning board a little hot under the collar.

On the books since 1990, the third section of Dowerskill Village was back before the planning board last week for consideration of its potential environmental impact.

The 223-unit development of single-family homes off Elm Avenue East hit an unexpected snag when town planner Jeff Lipnicky said the developer's environmental assessment form (EAF) was seriously deficient in several areas.

That did not sit well with planning board member James Blendell. "I'm very disturbed that a developer, who has professionals working for him, has provided so much information that is not accurate and may be misleading," Blendell said.

The board is in the process of deciding whether the project's environmental impact is significant enough to require the Slingerlands Development Corp. to submit a costly and time-consuming draft environmental impact statement.

Lipnicky said his analysis of the EAF for Dowerskill III, turned up numerous shortcomings:

- Contrary to the developers' claim, up to 90 acres of agricultural soils are on the 181-acre project site.

- Contrary to what is stated in the EAF, there are poorly drained soils on the property.

- The developers state that only 28 acres of vegetation will be removed, while in fact 117 acres of vegetation will be removed.

- Construction could occur on slopes greater than 15 degrees, which could result in soil erosion if not mitigated.

- No discussion of project aesthetics is included in the EAF.

The board decided to postpone making a State Environmental Quality Review recommendation to the town board until the developers reviewed Lipnicky's critique and responded to his concerns.

The town board is lead agency for the project since it is a planned residential district.

Dick Daniels, a partner in Slingerlands Development Corp., expressed surprise at Lipnicky's findings and questioned why these concerns had not been brought up before.

"To suggest that we never brought this up before is inaccurate," Lipnicky replied tersely.

Sections I and II of Dowerskill Village, between Elm Avenue East and Jericho Road, have been

around since the mid-1980s and contain a large number of single-family homes and townhouses.

Initially, the developers proposed a total of 302 residential units for Dowerskill III — 184 single-family homes and 118 townhouses.

In 1993, they changed their proposal and submitted a plan calling for 245 single-family homes and no townhouses.

Recent discussions with the planning board resulted in a further downsizing of the project to 223 single-family homes. At the same time, the developers agreed to construct a park area that would contain a ball field on part of the site.

The planning board urged inclusion of a ball field because of concern over the impact that such a large development would have on the main recreational facility in town — nearby Elm Avenue Park.

"We're concerned with the lack of depth in the supporting materials for the EAF," said planning board chairman Douglas Hasbrouck.

"This project has been around for awhile," Hasbrouck added, "and it's not like we're trying to stretch it out for them. But there is just not sufficient detail there now for us to recommend a negative declaration (no significant environmental impacts)."

Family nutcracking



The Capital Ballet Company's production of *The Nutcracker* is a family affair for, from left, Sam Holzman, Martha Holzman and Dennis Holzman of Delmar.

Doug Persons

Local lawyer makes college hall of fame

By Mel Hyman

Former planning board attorney Robert J. Alessi of Delmar was a helluva of a soccer goalie in his time.

So much so that he was recently inducted into the Albany College of Pharmacy Sports Hall of Fame.

Alessi, 37, was an All-Northeast Athletic Conference goalie for four years during the early 1980s — something no other ACP soccer player has ever accomplished.

He was twice selected as the team's most valuable player and was "often able to singlehandedly keep his team close in games in which they were overmatched," said ACP athletic director Packy McGraw. "Bob was truly a talented and tenacious soccer goalie."

It came "totally out of the blue," Alessi said. "I was pleased because it brought back a lot of good memories. Even though it was a small school, there were some



Bob Alessi, right, talks with his grandfather, the late John Larkin, after an Albany College of Pharmacy soccer game in the early 1980s.

very good athletes there."

In addition to his soccer career at ACP, Alessi played semiprofessional soccer in the New Jersey State Summer League.

When he made the career switch to law and enrolled in Albany Law School in 1985, Alessi also switched sports, going from soccer to rugby.

After five years of service to the town planning board, Alessi stepped down last year to spend more time with his family. He and his wife Ellen live on Partridge Road with their two young daughters, Laura and Grace.

While his days of flying through the air to stop soccer balls may be

over, Alessi still keeps active.

"I play tennis and work every morning at the house with my three-and-half-year-old daughter," he quipped.

Alessi's selection was the only one made this year for the Dean "Prof" White Sports Hall of Fame at ACP.

A Republican Party activist, Alessi said he remains interested in politics, but has no plans to enter the political arena in the foreseeable future.

Possibly a wise choice, since stopping the shots taken by Bethlehem Democrats recently has become an increasingly difficult task, even for a hall-of-fame goalie.

Manning makes offer for vacant restaurant

By Mel Hyman

All that's left now is the waiting.

Albany restaurateur John Manning made an offer last week on the former Back Home Buffet (a.k.a. several other restaurants too numerous to mention) on Delaware Avenue near the new Normanskill Bridge.

Manning, who tried unsuccessfully for two years to establish a delicatessen/catering service at the corner of Rural Place and Delaware Avenue, said he has not lost hope in Bethlehem.

He's ready to plop down a wad of cash to try and make the large restaurant at 55 Delaware Ave. work once again.

"We put in a bid on it last week," Manning said.

Back in August, Manning signaled his intention to acquire the spacious restaurant/banquet hall, but he said he could not close the deal until the Japanese bank that owned the property officially foreclosed on it.

The property is appraised at about \$350,000, Manning said, but "I'm not paying that price. The building is in rough shape. The roof is leaking," and the kitchen looks like it has not been cleaned in ages.

During a recent tour of the facility, Manning said he spotted a pot on the stove that made it seem like the previous owner left in the middle of a work day and never came back.

The prior owner, Claim Your Steak Inc. (owned by John Hodgkinson of Clifton Park) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 1992. His business, Back Home Buffet & Bakery, finally closed in late 1993, and the building has been vacant since then.

Sanwa, the Japanese bank that held the property's mortgage, did not foreclose on the property until recently, Manning said.

The restaurant has plenty of on-site parking, which would make it appropriate for banquets and special events.

Access to the site should be better now that the new bridge has been completed, new curbing has been installed and a slightly wider roadway is in place.

Manning's attempt to convert a two-story residence at the corner of Rural Place and Delaware Avenue into a take-out deli and catering service was vehemently opposed by neighbors on Rural Place.

After initially approving the project in early 1994, the Bethlehem planning board reversed itself a year later and rejected Manning's site plan application.

Manning, who was born and raised in Bethlehem and lives in town with his family, said he's ready and able to turn one of the most valuable, yet most troubled, pieces of commercial real estate in town into a gem.

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LaSalle Inst. to raffle vintage 1974 Corvette

The Parents' Club of La Salle Institute will raffle off a 1974 red Corvette convertible during the school's upcoming classic car raffle.

The drawing for the car will be held Jan. 19 during the La Salle vs. Christian Brothers Academy basketball game at La Salle.

The vehicle is in excellent condition. Tickets are \$5 apiece or five for \$20. Tickets are available at La Salle Institute, 174 Williams Road in Troy; Jack's Drive-Inn on Main

Avenue in Wynantskill; and at all Ted's Fish Fry locations.

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit La Salle's financial assistance programs. The school awards academic scholarships and need-based grants to approximately 40 percent of its student body.

For information, contact Chris McLaughlin at 283-1838.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

When the driveway sealing season ends, leftover sealer must be disposed of properly. During the winter, the container of leftover sealer should be placed where the sealer will freeze — in the garage, shed or even outside the back door. Leave the lid on securely. When sealer freezes, water separates from the solids.

In the spring, open the container and pour the water off onto the ground. The water is not harmful even if it is discolored.

Now the solids can be dried out before disposal. After draining the water, leave the lid off. Set the pail in a place protected from rainfall. Let the remaining sealer air dry for several days. When it has hardened, dispose of the pail in the town's C & D landfill on Rupert Road or call your hauler and ask if he will accept it. Remember to tell him it is dried, solid sealer.

If you clean out the basement or garage this winter, remember to check and open latex paint. If the paint is completely dry, the quickest way to dispose of it is at home.

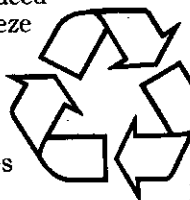
There are two ways to dispose of dried paint. Remove the dried paint by hitting the bottom of the can with a hammer. Be sure that if the can is upside down, it is on newspaper or on a box. place the dried paint in the trash, remove the label from the can and place the empty can and lid in the recycling bin. If the paint is dry but won't come out of the can, place the container in the trash and the lid in the recycling bin.

When checking latex paint, if you notice it has been frozen, indicated by the liquid on top of a more solid looking clay and pigment paint base), smells sour or looks moldy, mark the can with a magic marker — frozen, sour, mold.

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Cops make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police arrested five people recently on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Andrew D. Forbes, 20, of 203 Tamarac Apts., Troy, was stopped at 1:34 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, for driving without a front license plate on Delaware Avenue, police said.

He was charged with violation of probation and DWI. He was transferred to the custody of the Troy Police Department and scheduled to appear on Dec. 5 in Bethlehem Town Court.

George E. Owens, 70, of 19 Vics Court, Albany, was apprehended at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, after police were notified that he had driven onto several lawns and struck a mailbox on Thorndale Road.

He was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court.

Fred L. Mowers III, 35, of 264 Krumkill Road, Slingerlands, was stopped at about 2:55 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, for speeding on Krumkill Road, police said.

He was released on his own recognizance pending a Nov. 6 appearance in town court.

Ann M. Reynolds, 40, of Maple Avenue, Selkirk, was stopped at 5:22 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, after police responded to the scene of a property damage auto accident near Wemple Road.

She was charged with DWI and released on her own recognizance pending a future court appearance.

Kenneth M. Frodyma, 31, of 1398 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, was stopped at 7:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, for following too closely on Feura Bush Road, police said.

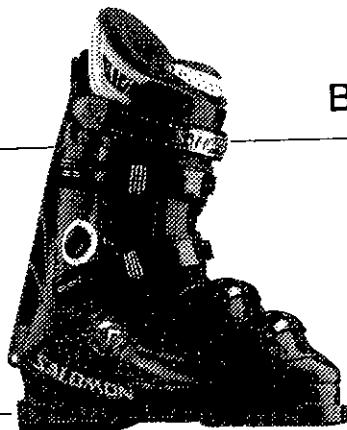
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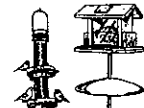
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V'ville pupils plant historic trees

By Katherine McCarthy

History is alive and growing at Voorheesville Elementary School, at least for the sixth-graders who planted 20 trees from historic sites around the nation.

The trees were donated to the school as part of a living classroom curriculum co-sponsored by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and American Forests.

"It was really great that the kids could get some hands-on experience with trees," said Allison Chandler, the school's science lab teaching assistant. "They'll water them, take care of them, and learn a lot."

Pupil Alicia Young added that it was "special because we also learned about the historic sites the trees came from."

Sixth-grader Nathan Gibson said that the young trees are in photo-degrading shelters that will come apart when the trees are mature enough.

Young said that a bird net on the top keeps birds from flying into the tube-like protectors and getting stuck.

The school received seedlings whose "parent" trees either witnessed a significant historical event or grew at the home of a famous citizen.

Voorheesville received the Eleanor Roosevelt White Ash, the George Eastman Chinese Scholar, the Walden Woods Red Maple, the Gettysburg American Sycamore and the Betsy Ross American Sycamore.

Principal Edward Diegel said that NiMo contacted a number of



Voorheesville Elementary School sixth-graders Heidi Weismaier, left, and Erica Cacciotti, help plant seedlings.

schools about the Living Classroom program, and the Voorheesville Elementary School was able to meet the program's guidelines.

Diegel called it a "great program with a lot to offer. They can study the impact of trees on the

environment and learn about historic sites at the same time."

Teacher training and educational material, as well as a three-year membership in American Forests, will ensure that the pupils' knowledge will grow along with the trees.

Woman nabbed for assault

An Albany woman was arrested and charged with second-degree assault, a felony, last week in connection with an incident in the Glenmont Plaza parking lot.

Lisa J. Seitz, 23, of 176 North Lake Ave., was arrested at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, for allegedly ramming the head of another woman into the side of a car, according to Bethlehem police detective Chris Bowdish.

The alleged assault took place on Wednesday, Sept. 27. "It was a domestic dispute over a relationship," Bowdish said. The victim sustained a fractured sinus as a result of being thrown against the vehicle.

Seitz was arraigned before Town Justice Peter Bishko and sent to Albany County jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail.

Nine choirs give performance

Choirs from nine Bethlehem churches joined together last Sunday night at the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle where more than 800 people attended the Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association's Annual Thanksgiving Service.

The choirs were joined in music by The Bleacher Consort, a group of four women who play recorders and harps. The quartet includes Ann Githler, Julia Nelson, Debbie Segel and Janie Schwab.

The Rev. James D. Daley, pastor of Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, welcomed the other churches and the gathering while the Rev. Robert Kanuck, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, made the dedication of the offering.

More than \$1,500 donated at the service has been given to the Interfaith Partnership for the

Homeless.

The Rev. Darius Mojallali, rector of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Jeffrey Matthews, pastor of the Community United Methodist Church read the Scriptures.

The director of the combined choirs, Margaret Dorgan, led more than 100 voices from the nine churches, with accompanists Jennie Moak on organ and Paul Supple on trumpet.

The choirs represented were from St. Thomas the Apostle, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Community Church, Community United Methodist Church, Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delmar Reformed Church, First United Methodist Church, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church and the Unionville Reformed Church.

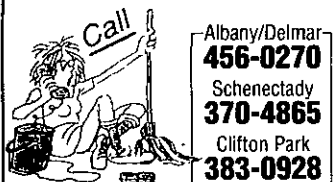
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A communal holiday

Thanksgiving at its best evokes a need to share with a "community", whether it's a family getting together for a sumptuous meal, thousands at a large parade or others feeding less fortunate neighbors.

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This communal atmosphere generated by the initial Thanksgiving gives impetus to present day observances. The pilgrims celebrated their first autumn in a new land, thankful to each other for sharing in taming the frontier and to a Divine Power for food and shelter made available to them. They were thankful, too, that the people native to this land helped them in their survival.

While these early settlers had a difficult life, they were not without hope, a vital part of the tradition carried forward from that time.

As part of this tradition, family members make great effort to be together while others take the occasion to help. In Albany, for example, hundreds of people spend their Thanksgiving feeding other thousands of the less fortunate or the lonely at the Equinox project. They provide food but also hope in the recipients' hearts that their neighbors will never abandon them.

While cynics may point to the commercialization built around the holiday, it need not deter us from sharing a thankful moment with others. Thanksgiving goes deep to the heart and expresses the soul of a people who turn to others to say "thanks" while giving less fortunate people an opportunity to express the same feeling.

Lab school succeeds

Challenging young people's minds is a gift when directed in a positive manner. The Lab School at Bethlehem Central High School has proved to be such a challenge.

What began as an experiment in letting students find their own means of learning within an overall structure, has now grown to a fully-accepted technique in education.

The idea conceived by BCHS teacher Jim Nehring three years ago has taken roots as the first graduates have entered college, fully prepared to meet the new challenges higher education presents.

The Lab School has been designed as a microcosm of the whole student body with varying degrees of academic abilities. The one unifying factor in this idea is that it generates an interest among students to seek out new ways to learn and work as a team in this learning process.

We wish the students now in the program continued success and hope that administrators, teachers and parents make every effort to provide even greater opportunity for students to avail themselves of this program.

Local shops ready

With the arrival of Thanksgiving, the season for gift-giving is rapidly upon us. Thousands rush to shopping malls to purchase gifts for Christmas and Hanukkah, often racing past doorways of local shopkeepers willing and able to assist them.

While struggling with large, crowded parking lots, mobs of people losing patience with the whole process, and service that has lost the personal touch shoppers lose sight of the potential within their own communities.

Parking at Delaware Avenue retail stores is plentiful as they are too in Glenmont and other areas in the Bethlehem and New Scotland areas.

Here, the tradition of earlier Christmas seasons abounds—dealing with shopkeepers and trained clerks ready to assist shoppers and provide the personal touch so lacking in large shopping centers generally.

We urge shoppers to consider local merchants during this holiday season. They are prepared to offer wares equal to the larger centers at competitive prices but with a sense of service that adds to the enjoyment of this season.

HY'S SPOTLIGHT



Life, the universe and children

By Ed. Lange

(The writer of this Point of View is a teacher and stage director who has had productions presented in New York City. He also serves as the associate artistic director for the New York State Theatre Institute in Troy.)



Kids. Parents. Teachers. Oh boy!

How many potential conflicts can be yielded by that threesome? Three? Three times two times one? Is it three times three? Or are an infinite number of conflicts possible?

But why? Why should there be so much conflict among the three? In the final analysis, aren't the basic, fundamental goals of all three groups exactly the same? Aren't all three groups motivated by the same, simple objective? Parents, teachers and kids all want the kids to develop

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from dependent and vulnerable children and young people into independent and self-reliant adults. We all want kids to grow, develop and mature into happy, healthy, confident, competent, contributing adults; we all want them to develop into good people who will enjoy life while making the world a little better place.

As much as kids may enjoy playing and summer vacation, they all think about growing up. They all wonder what they'll be like when they're 30 and "old."

As much as parents may enjoy being the temporary center of the universe to their fragile and adoring little "rug-rats", they all know that before long the center of the universe will shift, the "rug-rats" will grow to adulthood, and the adoration will find a different object.

All parents wonder what their children will be like when

they're 30 and not-so-old. And the teachers know that regardless of how much they may enjoy certain students this year, that next year there'll be a whole new "crop." They know that they must do whatever they can to help them take one small step along the path to self-sufficiency.

Because, no matter how much we may want to ignore the reality, deep down we know we won't be together forever. As Linda Loman observes in *Death of a Salesman*: "Well, dear, life is a casting-off, it's always that way."

The day for letting go will arrive. The day will come when we, and they, must stand alone or fall. And so, as much as we try to not think about it, it's always lurking in the back of our minds. We know we must help our kids to get ready, able, prepared and equipped for the day they must finally be self-reliant. And the kids know the scary day will come when they must "go it alone."

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Your Opinion Matters

Price Chopper praise

Editor, The Spotlight:

I hope all the residents of Bethlehem, especially those who live in Slingerlands, will be realistic about the possibility of a new Price Chopper in our town. The most often heard objection raised by opponents of the building of the supermarket on the proposed tract is that it will somehow destroy the "character" of the neighborhood.

One of the most appreciated characteristics of the town of Bethlehem by myself and my family is the people who live here, not the buildings or individual neighborhoods.

When we talk about "character" we should do so with the needs and benefits of all our neighbors in mind. That should include the needs of the elderly and disabled citizens who, because of physical limitations, have to restrict their driving to the nearest shopping areas.

It should include consideration of the businesses in town which undoubtedly lose patronage to Albany because we do not have grocery stores that compete fairly and offer our residents variety and choice.

I would support the residents Delmar

of Slingerlands if the construction of this store would truly damage their neighborhood. We have already seen the construction of the new Slingerland Post Office on the opposite corner without the deterioration of the area. My family lives in a beautiful neighborhood that is less than a mile from Delaware Plaza. We have not suffered from this proximity. As a matter of fact, we found it a positive factor when we bought our home.

The Price Chopper Corporation has a well-earned reputation for community involvement and generosity. I feel certain that the architecture, landscaping, and general appearance will blend appropriately into the neighborhood. The increase in traffic will be worth the price in convenience and choice.

Slingerlands, like Elsmere, Delmar, Glenmont, etc., has many beautiful neighborhoods and friendly neighbors. It is not Shangri-la.

The town board should vote favorably on the Price Chopper proposal for the good of the whole of Bethlehem and its citizens.

Joseph M. Hennessy

DeCecco lauds arboretum helpers

Editor, The Spotlight:

I believe the entire community should know what a great job Gregg Sagendorph and the town highway crew and Jerry Jonas and his Garden Shoppe crew, did in helping 350 Bethlehem Central ninth-graders plant 14 trees in the Bethlehem Community Arboretum. Nine of the trees were donated by individuals and groups in the community, and they have been identified with markers near each tree.

Gregg and his crew helped our youngsters plant these trees properly to ensure their survival. They were excellent role models for students concerned with protecting the environment.

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Jerry Jonas has been invaluable in designing and implementing an arboretum which will be a joy to the community for years to come. To all of the people who donated trees or assisted in planting them, we thank you!

I would also be remiss if I did not thank Rick and Vicki Bylsma for all of the work they did to bring the Project Adventure site to completion.

Also, for making sure that it blended in with our plans for the

arboretum. It was heartwarming to see all of these volunteers pitching in to help make our community and our school a better place to live. I encourage everyone in the community to visit the arboretum and see the work-in-progress. We hope to have over 48 trees of many varieties planted in the first phase which will take us into the 21st century.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this program or who would like to donate trees or assist in maintenance of the arboretum should call me at 439-2437. Thanks again.

Dominick DeCecco

Delmar

MONEY MATTERS

by Thomas E. Brockley

First Vice President - Investments, Prudential Securities

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Matters of Opinion

Lange

It is probably more important that we prepare our kids for their eventual and inevitable independence than it is that we provide for them while they are with us.

How do we do it? All parents, teachers and kids have their own opinions, and when the opinions differ, those seemingly infinite conflicts result. But are there any "universal" truths we can all agree on? Sure. Just so long as we don't try to deal with matters of degree.

Love—there's one we can all agree on, right? Communication—good. Education—uh oh, some kids are groaning. Self-discipline—ouch, so much for unanimity. Moral values—guaranteed argument. Hard work—yikes! Self-sacrifice—outright revolution. Here's one you probably haven't thought of: theater. Huh? Say what? Did he spell that right? Yup, theater. No joke, no sarcasm, no exaggeration. Not the study of theater, but simply attending theater with your kids.

For thousands of years, the live theater has been a beacon in the night, illuminating a course to help people travel safely on their journey through life. Because, for all of those thousands of years, the theater has struggled with life's "big ques-

tions." Questions about justice, questions about purpose, questions about friendship and relationships, questions about our place in the world, questions about right and wrong, questions about life and death, questions about hopes and dreams and fears, questions about responsibility, questions about love.

In a wide variety of surprisingly entertaining ways, live theater can be a stunning, mind-opening experience for young people and "old" people, too.

All right, I've been on the staff of the New York State Theatre Institute for 15 years, and I am its associate artistic director, so I will admit to a certain bias. But, it is a bias that has come from watching kids of all ages being swept away by self-discovery and by epiphanies of self-awareness.

There is very little in this world that is more thrilling or rewarding than seeing the eyes of a young person of 8 or 18 blaze with a flash of enlightenment: the incomprehensibly precious, "Oh, wow!" discovery that changes someone's world forever.

It happens. It happens in the theater. Often. At the risk of being branded a heretic, I don't believe that precious moments

happen when watching the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers in the movies. Somehow, karate-kicking an evil alien into submission doesn't quite meet the criteria necessary for inspiring an epiphany about one's purpose in the world.

Action adventures absolutely have their place in our lives as well. I enjoy Indiana Jones' fingertip cliffhangers as much, if not more than, the next person. Action adventures are great fun, and fun really is important. But so is guiding our kids to a meaningful, purposeful, self-reliant, independent adulthood.

And as much as I loved it when Indy and two companions jumped out of an airplane in an inflatable life raft and survived, I know that life just doesn't work that way. Our kids need much more to help them develop an understanding and appreciation for how life really does work.

Live theater really can contribute to the development of that understanding. And it can be fun, too. It ain't medicine, after all! Live theater offers another quality of incalculable value: life, real people.

Until you've seen how kids respond to the presence of real, live actors creating living, breathing characters here, now, for them personally, you can't appreciate the enormous impact and value of that interactive human connection and contact.

Love, communication, education, self-discipline, moral values, hard work, self-sacrifice.

In the theater, there are uncountable plays that explore

and help us to understand these qualities and many others as well: family, perseverance, loyalty, courage, trust, compassion and leadership.

For thousands of years and still today, the theater has held these qualities up to the light to see what they're made of. For thousands of years the theater has said: "These things matter."

These qualities are "matters of consequence." They are fundamental to human civilization. They must endure. In the face of more dazzling mass entertainments that have far greater "reach," the theater has continued to keep a modest flame burning in the beacon, and it will continue.

Dempf thanks voters

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the election is behind us, it is time to get down to work, but first I wish to thank all of the voters in the town of New Scotland as well as my friends and family.

In addition, I would like to thank the New Scotland Republican Committee and Richard Langford, who supported me throughout the campaign even though I am not an

As our world grows increasingly more electron-based and isolated, the need for the human-based interaction that takes place in the theater enclave will also increase.

For 20 years, first at The Egg in Albany, and now on the Russell Sage Campus in Troy, the NYS Theatre Institute has remained passionately committed to making tomorrow be a better place than today.

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enrolled Republican.

As I promised during the campaign, I will be working hard to represent all residents, end the confusion at town hall, and prepare the town for dealing with future challenges.

R. Mark Dempf, P.E.
Councilman Elect

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local interest. Letters are subject to editing in keeping with our rules of fairness, accuracy, style and length. All letters must carry the writer's signature, address and phone numbers. Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams Street, Delmar NY 12054. Letters may be faxed to 439-0609.

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Your Opinion Matters

GOP chair responds to Cotazino

Editor, The Spotlight:

Normally I wouldn't take one of Joe Cotazino's tantrum letters seriously, but just in case anyone actually believed his description of the Republican Party in New Scotland, I would like equal time in the interest of truth, a word, I might add, that was quite misused in the past election.

Cotazino, you may say whatever you feel about your own party/committee, and I can't disagree with you since I am not a Democrat, you are. But let me educate you about the Republicans.

Our committee consists of 12 over-worked people with four openings that we are trying to fill. So much for "hand-picked."

We have produced mailings, phone calls and open meetings for all townspeople for the exchange of what the committee and the people of the town could contribute to each other. So much for "out of touch."

As for the personal agendas Joe, it seems as though you've been pretty aggressive with your own water for Orchard Park and Town Zoning, not so much to help the farmers in town as to secure a water source for your personal and Orchard Park's benefit.

It would be nice to see you interested in an issue that didn't benefit you personally. Maybe then you would be a credible Co-Chairman for the Citizen's Group.

The only agenda important to me and to the committee I chair is to be fair and truthful to our party and in turn to all of the people of New Scotland. We try to do this by being open and available to all people.

We interview all who apply as candidates and select only the best, regardless of party affiliation—as Mike Fields and Mark Dempf. We play by the rules when campaigning—no misleading information, no exaggeration of achievements, no complicity with town buildings, business or positions, while keeping

a respectable distance from local organizations, churches, fire companies and school districts.

We prefer to deal honestly and with the facts. That is our way to earn people's trust. So you're right, the committee and I do have a personal agenda—its called personal integrity. It may not always win elections but it's the only way we'll do it. If you

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should care to change your enrollment, we'll be happy to show you the way politics should operate.

Judi Von Ronne

Unionville

Candidate is in the wrong ballpark

Editor, The Spotlight:

It seems that we have lost track of how to score the winner of the New Scotland supervisor race. I thought we were scoring it on best average, not total votes.

In baseball the winner of the hitting race is scored by the highest average, with a .400 hitter, the highest in modern times.

This number is the total number of at bats divided by the number of hits, giving us the best average. No one cares who has the highest number of hits.

Well, when we look at the number of votes each of the candidates received in the recent

election, divided by the number of children each of us have, we come up with the proper method of choosing the winner.

Now, Herb Reilly had 1763 votes divided by nine kids, which equals only 195.89 votes per kid. I had 1194 votes divided by four kids, which is 298.50 votes per kid.

But the surprise winner is actually Clare Decker with only two kids, for an average of 403 votes per kid. Wow! Not only should Clare be declared the winner, but she broke the mythical 400 barrier.

Now it should be obvious to everyone. Herb is at the end of the line with kids. He is maxed

Athletes support DARE

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once again this year Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do, and its Head Instructor, Michael D. Friello, hosted a Tae Kwon Do Tournament at Hudson Valley Community College. The tournament did not require a fee to participate. Instead, Mr. Friello required athletes to collect donations for the Drug Abuse

Resistance Education program or DARE. Mr. Friello then tabulates all the donations. The top five communities that collect the most money get a percentage of the monies donated back to their community.

I want to thank Mr. Friello and his students for once again coming through for the children of Bethlehem. As in the past, his generosity is without a doubt unparalleled. The time and effort that he and his students put into raising donations for our program is greatly appreciated.

I am sure that putting together a tournament of this magnitude, and then donating the proceeds is very time consuming. The close to \$15,000 that has been donated to our program since 1990, is what helps make DARE the grass roots program it is. Be assured the money will be put to good use.

Richard Langford

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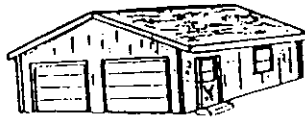
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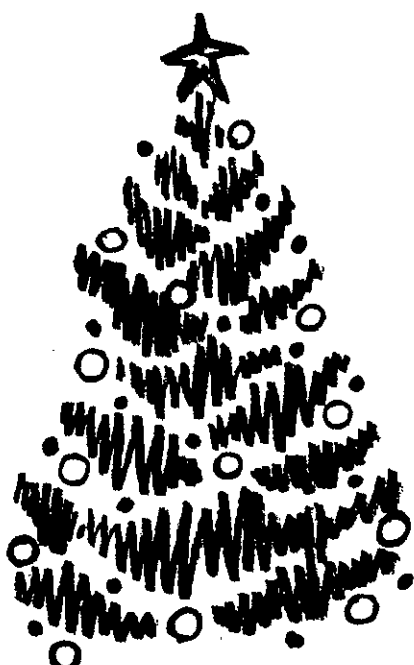
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Special ed parents set Wednesday meeting

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School on Route 9W, the Special Education Parents Support Group will meet. All parents are welcome.

Incident brings community closer together

Recently, a racial slur was sensationalized by news reports. However, the unfortunate incident has actually brought the administration, students and parents closer together, and the entire community is working to stress respect for individuals.

With an enthusiastic student body, concerned and involved parents and administration, the ethnically diverse RCS community is motivated to be a positive, forward-thinking model for others.

Credit for arranging the visit of state Comptroller H. Carl McCall is due to the efforts of Danielle Hummel along with Tim Tucker.

New titles added to RCS collection

The RCS Community Library has added numerous new and exciting books to its collection. Books of the following authors are now available: Barbara Taylor Bradford, Tony Hillerman, Sara

Grace United lists calendar of events

The Grace United Methodist Church at 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena has announced its schedule for the week of Nov. 23.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. Morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour at 11:30 a.m. The Grace Ringers will rehearse at 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27.

The TOPS Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the church finance committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

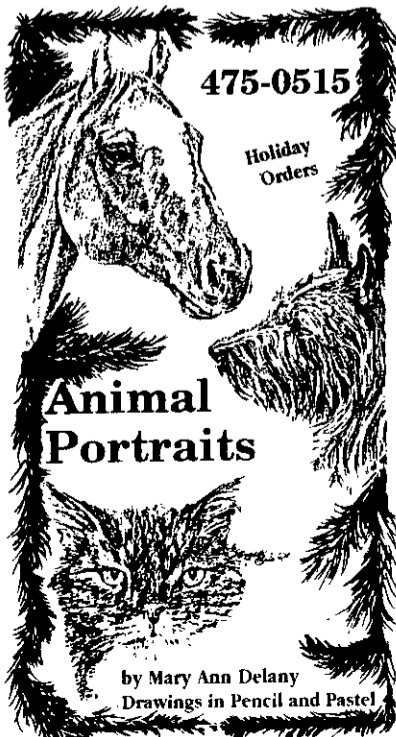
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Paretsky, Miss Read, Walter Mosley, Amy Tan and James Michener.

Jonathan Kozol's "Amazing Grace," Mike Rose's "Possible Lives: The Promise of Public Education in America" and William Bennett's "Moral Compass" have arrived in the non-fiction department.

The children's collection has acquired new sports biographies and natural history books as well as Mercer Mayer, Berenstain Bears and Frances books.

New videos are also now available. The videos are on loan from the Upper Hudson Library System. The videos remain in the RCS library for two months and then move on to other community libraries.

New videos include "Bonnie and Clyde," "Friendly Persuasion," "Fern Gully" and "Really Rosie."

AARP talk to focus on United Nations

The Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Dr. Matthew Elbow, professor emeritus of history at the University at Albany, will speak on "The United Nations at 50 Years — Its Past, Present and Future."

Local fire district gets clean audit

The Elmwood Park Fire District recently completed a successful audit of its books and records by the state Comptroller's Office.

The office found no areas that warranted recommendation or changes in the fire district's books.

Hogan goes to school



Noor Jariri, 3, of the Tri-Village Nursery School, pets Hogan the English mastiff during the school's program on pet health and care presented by Dr. Elaine LaForte.

Doug Persons

Sheriff's patrol station to be toy drop-off site

The Albany County Sheriff's patrol station at 390 New Salem Road in Voorheesville will be a donation site for the fourth annual "Toys and Food for the Needy Children and Families of the Hilltowns" charity drive.

The charity drive is sponsored by the Albany County Sheriff's Department and Local 3973 of the Albany County Deputy Sheriff's Union.

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PTA announces software ideas program

This month's elementary school PTA meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The regular business meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the library. From 8:15 to 9 p.m., Diane Christensen will demonstrate software from Bright Ideas.

The Bright Schools Program offers tips for choosing the best educational software, discussion of learning styles and technology, demonstrations of award winning software programs and personalized assistance in purchasing software.

The elementary school will receive free software based on attendance and sales.

For information, contact Christensen at 439-8000.

Scouts earn handyman badges

Boys from Cub Scout Troop 73 Den 5 recently worked on their handyman badges at Advanced Automotive in Voorheesville.

Owner Tim Baldauf had the Scouts change a tire and check oil and tire pressure.

David Berger, Michael Dineen, Gregory Herzog, Edward Mahar, Taylor Osterhout and Randy Thomas participated in the program.

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the Voorheesville human concerns committee and Cub Scout Troop 73 were very successful.

Thanksgiving baskets have been assembled and distributed to needy area families.

Guidance source line available for calls

The high school has instituted a guidance source line. Students and parents can call 446-4000 and enter the code 9935 to receive information about upcoming events, including SAT and ACT test dates and college representative sessions.

For scheduling, report card information and other guidance questions, call the office directly at 765-3314.

Dress kids accordingly for outdoor recess

Parents of students at the elementary school are reminded to send their children to school dressed appropriately for the weather as recess will be held outside as often as possible.

V'ville trustees set hearing on exemptions

The Voorheesville board of trustees has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the state's change in senior citizen tax exemption rates.

The board's regular monthly meeting starts at 8 p.m. at the village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Winter parking rules in effect until April 15

Snow emergency regulations are in effect in the village of Voorheesville from Nov. 15 until April 15. Parking is prohibited on all village streets between midnight and 6 a.m. Any vehicles violating the regulation will be ticketed.

Holiday trash collection set for Friday

Due to Thanksgiving, Voorheesville residents whose trash is normally collected on Thursday should put their garbage out by 7 a.m. on Friday instead.

Extension to conduct holiday workshop

The Cornell Cooperative Extension will conduct a holiday workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the extension center on Martin Road.

The program will combine holiday craft ideas and low-fat holiday food preparation. Preregistration is required as seating is limited.

Delmar Progress Club organizing card party

The Delmar Progress Club has slated a card party for members and guests on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information or reservations, call May Blackmore at 439-9152 or Anne Young at 439-5160.

To register, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

Senior activities slated

The New Scotland senior citizens are planning to attend a concert by the Festival of Praise Singers at St. Margaret Mary Church in Albany on Sunday, Dec. 3.

The group will leave the Methodist Church parking lot at 3:15 p.m.

The senior citizens' Christmas party is set for Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at Western Turnpike Golf Course in Guilderland.

Dinner costs \$11.65. Everyone is encouraged to bring a \$4 grab bag gift.

To make reservations for the concert or the party, call Lois Crounse at 765-2109.

Christmas tree sale on tap in Feura Bush

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush is planning a Christmas tree sale on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25 and 26, from noon to 4 p.m.

Five- to 14-foot Douglas fir trees will be sold for \$10 to \$25. Decorated wreaths will be sold for \$15, and kissing balls will be sold for \$10 to \$12.

For information, call 768-2644, 768-2213 or 872-1390.

Bird club slide show features South Africa

The Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club has scheduled its Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Dale and Lilian Samuelson will present a program on "South Africa Before the Revolution." They will show slides of flowers, wildlife and cities in South Africa.

For information, call 439-8080.

Bethlehem artists plan display at Child's

The Bethlehem Art Association will sponsor its December winter holiday art show at the Canterbury Gallery at Child's Nursing Home on Hackett Boulevard in Albany.

Any member of the association may enter a piece of artwork into the juried show, which will run from Dec. 1 to 31. The entry fee is \$3 for one work, and \$5 for two works. All artwork should be framed and wired to be hung on a wall.

Pieces for the show will be collected on Dec. 1 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the gallery.

A reception is slated on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the gallery.

For information, call Colleen Skiff Kriss at 439-2955.

St. Thomas choir to sing for Advent

The St. Thomas the Apostle Church Youth Choir will sing at the 9 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 3, the first Sunday of Advent.

Rehearsals are held Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

The choir, which is under the direction of Kathleen Bragle, is open to pupils in grades three through six.

The church is located on Adams Street in Delmar.

For information, call Bragle at 439-3158.

New Salem church to serve up pancakes

The New Salem Reformed Church at the corner of Route 85 and New Scotland Avenue in New Salem will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The breakfast costs \$4 per person. Meals are free for children under 5.

For information, call 765-2354 or 765-3468.

Five Rivers to hold evergreen program

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will present a holiday program on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m.

Naturalists will lead a tour of the center grounds and discuss the natural and cultural history of evergreens in New York.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

CORRECTION NOTICE:

An error in the Ocean Deck ad in this issue's Gift Guide listed oysters at \$3.49 per pound.

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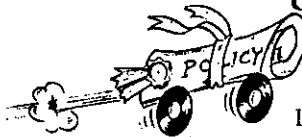
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New services brochure details senior programs

A new brochure describing the library's services, resources and outreach programs for older adults is now available.

The library has many offerings for senior citizens, including large



print books and newspapers, handicapped access, Books-to-People delivery service for homebound residents, lifelong learning information in the Career Information Center, a telephone reference service, a WMHT RISE receiver and rooms for community meetings.

The brochure was made possible by a Coordinated Outreach mini-grant from the Upper Hudson Library System and is being distributed with assistance from Bethlehem Senior Services, the Tri-Village Chapter of AARP and Tri-Village Welcome Wagon.

Computer buffs slate session at library

The Capital District Computer Enthusiasts will present a computer information session on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The group will demonstrate its bulletin board system and answer questions on computer communications.

Meetings are open to the public. Membership dues are \$15 per year. For information, call Lynn Ellsworth at 482-0534.

Community orchestra sets holiday program

The Delmar Community Orchestra will present its annual community Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

The concert will be held in the auditorium at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The program will feature a mix of traditional and contemporary holiday music. Vocalist Marie Franke will sing several songs.

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Kids session focuses on table decorations

Children ages 3 and older will have a chance to create a holiday table decoration at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Barbara Bennett, an educator at the Schenectady Museum, will present the program. Older children will create decorations from scratch using paper folding techniques. Younger children will work with a variety of ready-to-go items.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

'Trees of Christmas' available at library

Edna Metcalf's book "Trees of Christmas" is now in the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The book tells the history of Christmas trees from around the world and describes methods of making ornaments.

The book includes a description of a community tree, which the Delmar Progress Club will use to help make this year's tree.

QUILT to meet

Quilters United In Learning Together (QUILT) will meet Friday, Dec. 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

A holiday celebration with block exchange is planned.

Children's author sets Dec. 2 visiting time

Award-winning author Jennifer Armstrong will appear in person at the library on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Armstrong grew up outside of New York City and attended Smith

College in Massachusetts, where she studied English and American literature. After a brief stint in publishing, she began writing for teen romances, which led to a long-time assignment as a ghost writer for the popular Sweet Valley High and Sweet Valley Kids series.

Her first novel *Steal Away* also won the 1992 Golden Kite Honor Award for fiction. Armstrong writes for all ages from toddlers to teens and is currently in vogue with her Wild Rose Inn series of historical fiction for teen-agers. Other familiar books include *Hugh Can Do*, *Chin Yu Min* and the *Ginger Cat*, *The Whittler's Tale* and *That Terrible Baby*.

Children in grades four through six are invited at 1 p.m., when Armstrong will introduce herself and answer questions from the audience. Book buying parents (and grandparents) should plan

to arrive at 2 p.m. when the Friends of the Library will be selling her books, and Armstrong will be available to sign them. An autographed book is a great gift for that special young reader in the family.

Armstrong

Barbara Vink

Youngsters invited to library humor hour

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will host "Tickle Your Funnybone" for children ages 3 to 6 years old on Monday, Nov. 27, at 4 p.m.

Children will hear humorous stories and jokes, sing funny songs, see a short film and make a clown craft to take home.

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Sports

Bethlehem Condors capture '95 Super Bowl title

The Bethlehem Pop Warner Junior PeeWee Condors were crowned Super Bowl champs on Saturday after they dominated the South Colonie Redskins, 22-8, at the West Albany pocket park in Colonie.

It was the second time in less than a week that the Condors defeated a much-heralded team from South Colonie. It was also Bethlehem's first Super Bowl appearance in 23 years.

After a scoreless opening quarter, **Zach Brandow** put Bethlehem on the scoreboard late in the second quarter. With less than two minutes remaining until halftime, he took a handoff from quarterback **Josh Goldberg**, shook off two tacklers and sprinted 85 yards for a touchdown.

Anthony Livreri kicked the extra point and the Condors were up 8-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Condor offense put together two long scoring drives, as Brandow and Livreri took turns chewing up significant yardage.

Both second-half touchdowns were scored by Livreri, who also kicked another extra point to complete the Condors' scoring.

Devastating blocks were delivered all afternoon by backs **Jason**

Gerasia, Josh Mack and Greg Pankow, as well as by ends **Josh Rucinski, Jason Hoogkamp, Brendan Daley and Brendan Rhatigan**.

The offensive line was anchored by center **Bob Bestler** and buttressed by linemen **Nick Radko, Chris Regal, Brett Boyd, Will Ryan, Devin Nolan and Shane Connors**.

Don Ballard, Brian Nolan and Goldberg paced the swarming Condor defense, and were ably assisted by **Shawn Bukowski, JoJo Berrios, Mike Oliver, Matt Carroll and Greg Bestler**.

Solid efforts on both sides of the ball were turned in by **Ryan Eder, Tim Moore, Brendhan Alardice and Jeff Beach**.

Although they did not suit up due to season-ending injuries, **Pat Traynor and Steve Bestler** lent their vocal support, as did the standing-room only Bethlehem crowd, which contributed greatly to the exciting atmosphere.

Head coach **Keith Ortale** proudly accepted the Capital District Pop Warner championship trophy after the game.

"It was a total team effort, top to bottom," said defensive coach **Cliff Nolan**.



The Condors' Zach Brandow tries eluding a host of South Colonie tacklers during Pop Warner regional Super Bowl action last Saturday. Bethlehem won, 22-8. *Doug Persons*

Pop Warner cheerleaders excel at HVCC

The three cheerleading squads from Bethlehem Pop Warner competed in the Capital District cheerleading competition recently at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

The Junior Pee Wee squad, consisting of 14 girls, did an excellent job with their routine, even though they did not earn a place in the final standings.

The Pee Wee cheerleading squad turned in a top-notch performance as well, and earned a second-place finish in its division.

The Junior Midget squad, consisting of 18 girls most of whom

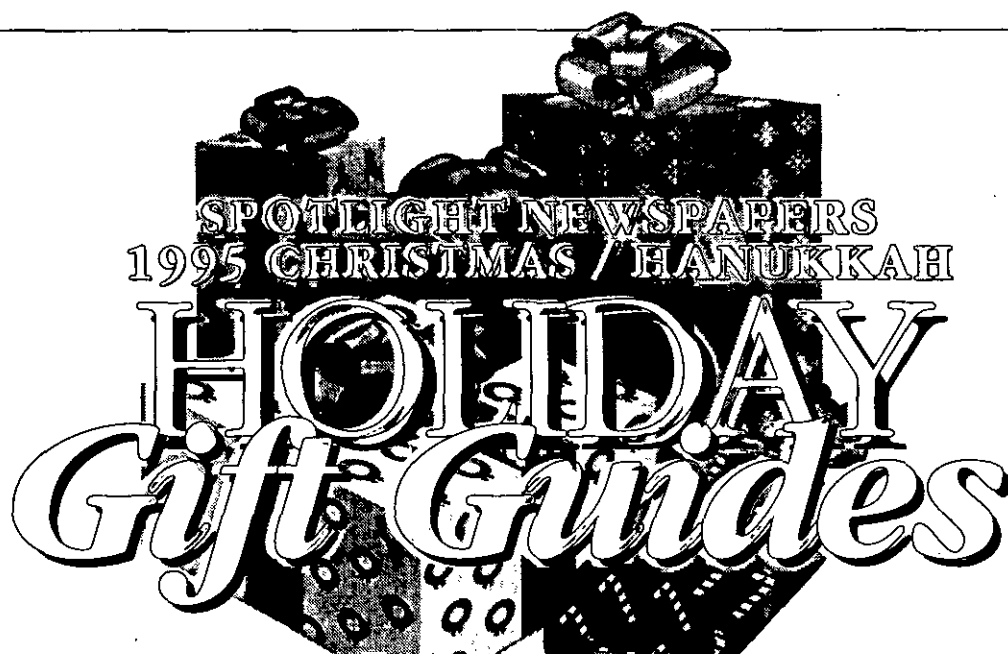
were returning cheerleaders, once again put on a stellar show that earned the girls a second place finish for the second year in a row.

Babe Ruth signups set

The Bethlehem Babe Ruth League will hold registration on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

There is a \$75 registration fee. Birth certificates are required of new players.

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Dolphins dazzle 'em at Kingston festival

A strong contingent of Delmar Dolphins showed off their swimming ability and broke several meet records at the recent Kingston Swim Club Fall Festival.

In the 13-to-14-year-old girls division, **Elyse McDonough** was first in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly. She also set new meet records in the 100 and 50 freestyle.

Beth Malinowski won the 200 individual medley, setting a new meet record. She was also second in the 50 and 100 freestyle and third in the 100 backstroke.

In the 10-and-under boys division, **Ricky Grand** won the 50 freestyle, the 100 freestyle and the 50 backstroke. He was third in the 50 butterfly.

Caleb Bonnell finished second in the 50 breaststroke, fourth in the 100 individual medley and the 50 freestyle, and sixth in the 50 backstroke.

In the 10-and-under girls division, **Katie Parafinczuk** finished fourth in the 50 backstroke, fifth in the 100 individual medley and sixth in the 50 breaststroke. **Larissa Suparmanto** finished sixth in the 50 butterfly.

In the 11-to-12 year old boys division, **Bobby Crow** set a meet record in the 50 breaststroke. He placed first in the 100 freestyle, third in the 200 individual medley and fourth in the 50 freestyle.

Thalis Orietas was fifth in the 50 freestyle and 50 breaststroke, and sixth in the 50 butterfly.

In the 11-to-12-year-old girls division **Theresa Rosetti** placed fourth in the 50 butterfly, fifth in the 200 individual medley and sixth in the 50 freestyle.

In the eight-and-under girls division, **Emily Malinowski** broke a meet record in the 50 breaststroke. She was second in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke and the 50 butterfly.

In the senior girls division, **Andrea Myers** was fourth in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle. She was fifth in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke.

Jessica Parker was second in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle.

The girls senior relay team of Malinowski, McDonough, Myers and Parker won and set a new meet record in the process.

A bundle of Blackbirds receive honors

By Adam Cole

Several members of the Voorheesville football team were honored for their efforts last week when the Capital Conference all-league selections were announced.

Brandon Emerick, the Section II pass reception leader, was named a first team wide receiver.

Sean Devine, the section's fourth leading rusher, was named first team running back.

And possibly most impressive was the selection of **Griffin King**

to the first team offensive squad as a guard, as well as to the first team defensive squad in the role of linebacker.

This is the first time a Voorheesville player has ever received first team all-league honors for both offense and defense.

Two other Blackbirds were named to the conference first team. Senior **John McGinty** was named first-team offensive center, and senior **Art Mosley** was named first-team defensive

tackle.

Other team members receiving honors were senior defensive tackle **Jesse Clement** who was named to the second all-league team, along with senior **Tom Iarossi**, who was named second-team quarterback and punter.

Devine and Emerick will represent Voorheesville in the Section II Senior Bowl, which takes place tonight (Nov. 22) at 7 p.m. at Union College in Schenectady.

Star bowlers

The following people earned bowling honors at Del Lanes the week of Nov. 12.

Men: **Bob Lynk** 289; **Don Ballard** 734 triple; and **John Bickel** 1085 four games.

Women: **Kathy Novak** 238 and 860 four games; **Shirley Kennedy** 630 triple; and **Linda Follett** 626 triple.

Adult-Junior Men: **Lou Devoe** 235 and 619 triple.

Adult-Junior Women: **Carmello DeMarco** 211 and 568.

Correction

Last week's story on the Bethlehem girls swim team inaccurately stated that the 1995 team had the best record in the last 10 years.

In fact, the BC girls swim team won the Section II championship in 1987, compiling an 11-0 record during that school year.

V'ville girls compete in tourney

By Adam Cole

Five Voorheesville swimmers represented the Guilderville Dutchbirds recently during the Section II girls swim championships.

Senior **Sara Growick** led the 'Birds as she placed 10th in the 500 freestyle and 11th in the 200 freestyle. Teamed with Voorheesville junior **Cindy Tate** and two Guilderland swimmers, Growick and company finished fourth in the 200 meter relay and fifth in the 500 relay.

Both finishes represented the girls' best times in these events. Tate also competed individually and placed in the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

Sisters **Mia Gibson** and **Dorothy Gibson** also made it to

Swimming

sectionals. Mia competed in the 100 meter backstroke. **Kate Terrell** of Voorheesville competed in the 100 meter breaststroke race.

The Dutchbirds finished with a 4-7 record during the regular season. The season's major highlight was defeating Troy in a meet. This was the first time Guilderville has defeated Troy.

Next year looks very promising with the bulk of the Dutchbirds' strong swimmers returning as seniors. However, over the off-season a new coach will have to be named to replace the now-retired **Larry Dedrick**.

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"It stayed right there" in Pearce's apartment, Shultes said. "The walls weren't even hot" in the hall.

"The response from the fire department was truly incredible," said Anne Patnode, director of Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, which built and maintains the apartment complex for low-income seniors and people with disabilities.

Besides extinguishing the fire, department volunteers set up a comfort station for the 26 uninjured residents in the basement of Jerusalem Reformed Church, Patnode said.

"Neighbors brought out blan-

kets, and the residents played cards and had coffee, tea and soup" until about 2 a.m., Patnode said.

Regarding the apparent malfunctioning of the alarm in Pearce's room, Patnode said that every alarm in the 24-unit building will be tested.

She added that Pearce's apartment has been cleaned out and will be rebuilt over the next two months, pending government approvals.

"Most of the fire was contained to the furniture, and the only structural damage was a window that had to be taken out, but there was a lot of smoke damage," Patnode said.

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Kids' films showing at the town library

Four short children's films will be shown during a walk-in program at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Friday, Dec. 1, at 10:30 a.m.

"The Princess in the Tower," "The Gingerbread Boy," "Rosie's Walk" and "King of the Cats" will be shown during the half-hour program.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

MS group to meet

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-help Group of Albany County will meet Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Bethlehem Town Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

The group provides an opportunity for education, sharing and socialization for those with MS, their families and friends.

For information, contact the MS Society chapter office at 427-0421.

Toastmasters to meet at Delmar church

The second meeting of the Delmar Toastmasters Club is scheduled on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Snow people



Jessica, Justin, Gus and Caroline Butler of Delmar recently took advantage of the light snowfall and created two of the first snowpeople of the season.

Doug Persons

Church planning pilgrimage

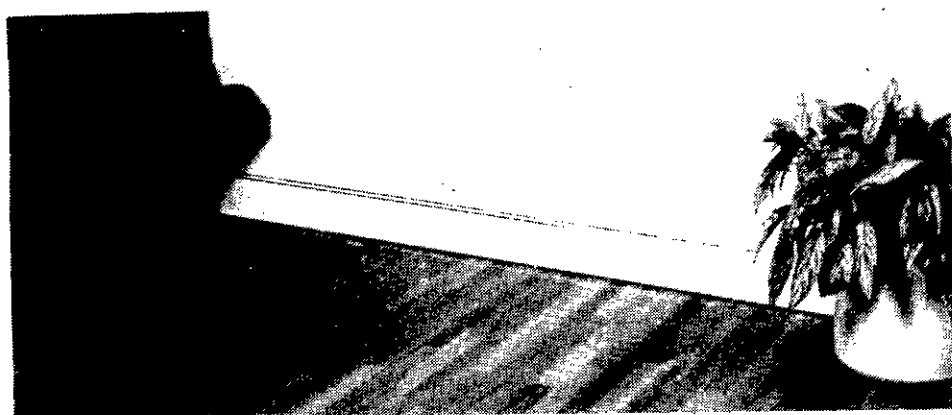
The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, in conjunction with Rev's Tours, will lead an overseas pilgrimage to the Holy Land this winter.

The tour, which will begin on Jan. 23, will be extensive, educational and religious. Stops will in-

clude Jerusalem and other parts of Israel, along with additional side trips to Rome and the Vatican, as well as Egypt.

For information, contact Rev. Richard Reynolds at 767-2281 or 767-9953.

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Christina and John Carriola

Travis, Carriola marry

Christina Travis, daughter of Frank and Joan Travis of Glenmont, and John Anthony Carriola, son of John and Dolores Carriola of Amsterdam, were married July 1.

The Rev. Albert Newman performed the ceremony in Westminster Presbyterian Church, with the reception following at the Omni Hotel, both in Albany.

The maid of honor was Melissa Rogall, and bridesmaids were Karen Monroe, Sandy Travis and Eileen Digioacchino. The flower girl was Sierra Travis, the bride's niece.

The best man was Richard Douglas, and ushers were Scott Travis, the bride's brother, Gregg Quatrini and Mark Monroe.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Russell Sage College. She is currently attending Sage Graduate School and is employed as a teacher in the Cobleskill school system.

The groom, a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy, is employed as a pharmacist at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

After a wedding trip to Cape Cod, the couple lives in Cohoes.

Girls' academy slates scholarship exams

The Albany Academy for Girls has announced its second annual Betsy Foote Merit Scholarship Competition for students entering grade nine next fall.

Named for the academy's founder, the competition will include an exam to be held Dec. 2 at the school, located at 140 Academy Road in Albany.

Three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded. Students who maintain high academic standards will have this scholarship renewed for each of their four high school years.

For information, contact Joan Lewis at 463-2201.

Delmar man named to HANYS board

Richard H. Danzig of Delmar was recently re-elected to the board of trustees of the Healthcare Association of New York State.

He will serve a three-year term beginning in January.

Danzig has been a member of the Child's Nursing Home Board of Directors since 1988, and served as board president for the past two years. He also serves as a trustee of Child's Hospital.

Lutheran church gets matching funds

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church recently received \$450 from Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, through the group's Congregational Matching Funds program.

The group matched the amount the church raised through its Village Mart several months ago. The church will use the funds for its Outreach Mission Congregation and In-Church Capital Improvement Fund, as well as to benefit Good Samaritan Lutheran Homes.

Clarksville student joins honor society

Daniel Hornick of Clarksville was recently inducted into Alpha Kappa Alpha, the honor society at Siena College in Loudonville.

Induction into the society is the highest award given to students at Siena. In order to be eligible for the honor, Hornick, a senior political science major, maintained a grade point average of at least 3.3 during each of his years, and also participated in several extracurricular activities.



Vance and Susan Williams

Williams, Cummings marry

Susan M. Cummings, daughter of Leonard and Marilyn Cummings of Delmar, and Vance F. Williams, son of Alex and Lanell Cross of Snyder, Texas, were married Sept. 9.

The Rev. Sandy Damhoff performed the ceremony in Delmar Reformed Church, with the reception following at the bride's brother's home in Alcove.

The maid of honor was Suzanne Fiato, and bridesmaids were Debi Cummings, Cathy Haker and Margaret Viviano.

The best man was Byron Cowl-

ing, and ushers were David Cummings and Ian Cummings, the bride's brothers, and Joseph Cyr

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended Cazenovia College. She is employed as a secretary by West Central Environmental Corp. in Watervliet.

The groom is a graduate of Snyder High School and attended Texas Tech. He is employed as a heavy equipment operator by T.C.I. in Hudson.

The couple lives in Alcove.

Construction work affects library schedule

The Bethlehem Public Library has started converting its electric heating and cooling system to natural gas. Installation of the new system will take about two months, and some interruptions in library services are anticipated.

The community room and mezzanine area will have ceiling tiles removed and be equipped with temporary lighting through November.

The community room will be unavailable for meetings Monday through Friday, Dec. 4 through 8. Organizations meeting at those times will be asked to move, reschedule or cancel their meetings.

The adult quiet study area will be closed for the duration of the construction.

For information, contact Anna Jane Abaray at 439-9314.

For information, call 765-3500.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

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Community Corner



Hamagrael crafts fair on tap

The Hamagrael PTA crafts fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hamagrael Elementary School on McGuffey Lane.

More than 80 exhibitors will be showing their work. Refreshments will be served and special activities for children are planned.

For information, call 439-4905.

Obituaries

Helen Mahan

Helen Tramback Mahan of Glenmont died Sunday, Nov. 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Iselin, Pa., she was educated in the Albany school system.

Mrs. Mahan was a felt joiner at the former Huyck Mills in Rensselaer for 40 years before she retired.

She was a member of the Polish Community Center and the auxiliary of the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post.

She was a communicant of St. James Roman Catholic Church in Albany.

She was the widow of William J. Mahan.

Survivors include two daughters, Isabel Mayer of Glenmont and Louise Choppa of Gunderland; a sister, Alice Kroupski of Glenmont; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services were scheduled for 8:15 a.m. today, Nov. 22, from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., and at 9 a.m. from St. James Church, 391 Delaware Ave.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Capital City Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 1662, Albany 12202.

Madah MacDowell

Madah Taylor MacDowell, 78, of Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Eddy Memorial Nursing Home in Troy.

Born in Lake Placid, she received a registered nurse license from Sacred Heart in Watertown, and earned a bachelor's degree from Empire State College.

Mrs. MacDowell worked as a school nurse at the former Milne School in Albany, the former St. Agnes School and the University at Albany.

She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar and the Aurania Club in Albany.

She was the widow of Dr. Robert L. MacDowell.

Survivors include three sons, Lawrence E. MacDowell, Richard T. MacDowell and William B. MacDowell, all of Delmar; two daughters, Judith M. Teitlebaum of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Jeanne M. MacDowell of Albany; four brothers, Clarence Taylor of

Rotterdam, Jay Taylor and Clarence Taylor, both of Berne, and Cleon Taylor of Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054, or to the Alzheimer's & Related Disorders Association, Capital District Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Bernard Parker

Bernard Clarence Parker, 77, of Shady Grove Park in Selkirk, died Sunday, Nov. 12, at his home.

Born in Lexington, Greene County, he was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mr. Parker worked for the state Thruway Department as a maintenance mechanic. He retired 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Onesquethaw Masonic Lodge in Delmar and a member and past exalted ruler of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge in Selkirk.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Mae Losee Parker; two daughters, Kathryn Stahl of Porter Corners, Saratoga County, and Dorothy Parker of Delmar; five sons, Kenneth Parker of Coxsackie, James Parker of Deltona, Fla., Leon Parker of Selkirk, Karl Parker of Delmar and Paul Parker of Watervliet; two sisters, Vera Linendoll of Saratoga Springs and Mary Jane Woodman of Alleghany, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Selkirk Volunteer Ambulance, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

Bird club to present gull identification tips

The Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club will present a two-part gull identification workshop beginning Monday, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The workshop will continue with a field trip on Saturday, Dec. 2, to a local site to observe gulls.

Ornithologist and University at Albany professor Ken Able will lead the workshop.

Beginning to look a lot ...



Martha O'Toole, left, and Mary Grimmick of Delmar show off their handmade Christmas gifts at last week's Elsmere Elementary School's annual craft fair.

Doug Persons

Chamber session to delve Internet

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has slated its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, Nov. 30, at noon at the Howard Johnson's on Route 9W in Albany.

The meeting will feature a program on "12 Cool Things You Can Do on the Internet."

The luncheon costs \$12. Reservations are required by Nov. 28. For information, call the chamber at 439-0512.

Delmar church plans Thanksgiving service

The First Church of Christ Scientist, located at 555 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, is planning a Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 10 a.m.

The service, which is dedicated to the sharing of gratitude, is open to the community.

For information, call Kim Schoening at 475-0429.

Local resident named to girls' academy post

Sue Anne Finley of Slingerlands was recently named director of development at the Albany Academy for Girls.

Finley was formerly the director of annual giving at Sage Colleges and a freelance accountant.

She will be responsible for maintaining and expanding the academy's fund-raising programs.

'No parking' rule goes into effect

The town of Bethlehem's no parking ordinance will continue through April 15.

The ordinance prohibits parking on town streets and highways between the hours of 1 and 7 a.m.

Delmar attorney joins Schenectady law firm

Joan Leary Matthews of Delmar, has become Of Counsel to the Schenectady law firm of Gordon, Seigel, Mastro, Mullaney, Gordon and Galvin, P.C.

Matthews will concentrate in environmental matters, as well as commercial, personal injury and general litigation.

Gordon Siegel is a full service and trial practice law firm founded in 1914.

Matthews was an assistant attorney general for eight years in the Environmental Protection Bureau of the state Attorney General's Office where she was involved in a variety of litigation concerning air and water quality, pesticides, SEQRA, Superfund, mining, and land use issues under the Adirondack Park Agency Act.

Matthews has published numerous articles on environmental issues and is currently a contributing author for West Publishing Company and Lawyers Cooperative Publishing on topics dealing with air quality, mining and asbestos.

She is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Albany Law School. Matthews was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1984. She is admitted to practice in all federal District Courts in the State of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and D.C. Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court.



Matthews

She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and Co-Chair of the Section's Air Quality Committee. She is the Immediate Past President of the Capital District Women's Bar Association and a member of the Schenectady and Albany County Bar Associations and the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association.

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Mothers' Time Out to meet Monday

Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet Monday, Nov. 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

A winter craft will be made at the meeting.

Child care will be provided. For information, call the church at 439-9929.

Death Notices

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

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.



The Albany Institute of History and Art this Friday opens its 12th Annual Festival of Trees, a collection of 87 trees and gingerbread houses that has become a cornerstone of the area's holiday celebration. The festival ends Dec. 3.

Festival of Trees heralds the holidays

By Joshua Kagan

The holiday season is upon us. The first traditional local holiday event, The Albany Institute of History & Art's 12th annual Festival of Trees, will begin Friday, Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving, and run through Sunday, Dec. 3.

About 20,000 people are expected to attend the creative collection of 87 trees, 11 gingerbread houses and other holiday displays.

"People really consider it a part of their holiday traditions," Bea Krauss, assistant director of public relations at the institute, said. "They come back year after year because it's different each year. People call us in September asking us when the festival begins. I think it kicks off the holiday season in the Capital District."

The gingerbread houses—which will be found on "Sweet Street"—and trees are adorned by local businesses, non-profit or-

ganizations, schools, individuals and families and will be set up over three floors. There will also be displays of model trains and holiday table settings.

All displays will fit into this year's theme of "It's A Festive World."

"Each group decorates their trees based

performances at the festival. These include Greek and Italian folk dancing, performances by the Albany High School Select Women's Choir and Shaker High School Jazz Ensemble, a Shakespearean performance by the Bethlehem Central High School Theater Arts Class and "A Visit with

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on the theme," Krauss said. "We're always pleased and excited about what the groups will come up with. Some of the groups are extraordinarily creative. Some groups work on these for months."

"The trees are usually pretty spectacular," she said.

A variety of local groups will give holiday

Sinter Claus"—a program focusing on Dutch Christmas traditions.

There will also be items for sale at the "Holiday Shop" and "Festival Cafe." There will be a silent auction for some of the trees. Two raffles are planned—a kids raffle for a bike, two Lionel train sets and several small gift items, and an adult raffle for cash, two

Festival Schedule

The following performances (with the presenting group or individual) are scheduled during the Festival of Trees at the Albany Institute of History & Art:

- "A Visit with Sinter Claus," Richard Walsh, Friday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m. and Sundays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, 1:30 p.m.
- Italian folk dancing, Italian Community Center of Troy, Friday, Nov. 24, 6:30 p.m.
- Clowns, face painters, magician and balloon sculptor, Telephone Pioneers, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25 and 26, 10 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, noon.
- St. Sophia Greek Folk Dancers, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Saturday, Nov. 25, 3 p.m.
- Irish dancing, Boland School of Irish Dancing, Sunday, Nov. 26, 3 p.m.
- "A Kaleidoscope of Christmas," On Thai and Surroundings Floral, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2 p.m.
- "Songs and Tunes of New York State," balladeer George Ward, Wednesday, Nov. 29, noon.
- "Songs of the Season," Rose and Henry Nofal, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1:30 p.m.
- "Home Decorating," David E. Siders of the Seagroatt Floral Company, Friday, Dec. 1, 3 p.m.
- "Forty-three Years of Harmony," Schenectady "Melo-Deers" Barbershop Chorus, Friday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.
- "We Are Such Stuff as Dreams are Made On," Bethlehem Central High School Theater Arts Class, Saturday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.
- Holiday selections by The Albanettes, Albany High School Select Women's Choir, Saturday, Dec. 2, 1 p.m.
- Holiday music, Shaker High School Jazz Ensemble, Saturday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m.
- "A Celebration of Chanukah," Congregation Beth Emeth Religious School, Sunday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.
- Holiday music, Wilborn Temple Ensemble, Sunday, Dec. 3, 3 p.m.

nights at the Mirror Lake Inn in Lake Placid, a health club membership, tickets to various performances and other items.

The festival will be at the Albany Institute of History & Art at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany. Entry to the festival begins at 10 a.m. and last entry is 5:30 p.m., except for Fridays when last entry is 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors, students and institute members and \$1 for children 5 to 12. Admission is free for children under 5. Proceeds will benefit the institute.

For information, call the institute at 463-4478.

A Christmas Carol opens at Palace for one-week run prior to holiday tour

For the third year, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* returns to Albany at the Palace Theater in a venture that has hoped to start a tradition locally.

The opening tonight (Wed. 11/22) is the first of six performances at the Albany theater through Sunday afternoon. After that, the local production will be packed up and, with its cast, start on a three-city tour. It will play at the Glen Campbell GoodTime Theater in Branson, Missouri (Nov. 28-Dec. 3); Detroit's Fox Theatre (Dec. 5-10); and close at the Mechanic Theatre in Baltimore Dec. 12-17.

In the previous two years, a month-long stay in Albany was a money-loser and last year's two weeks in Albany and two in Philadelphia suffered a similar fate.

Now, the producers, Christmas Carol Inc. of Minneapolis, have decided to book the show in four cities for a week each, starting in Albany where the scenery, props and costumes have been stored from the previous productions. Local cast members who join with Broadway performers, including television's John Astin as Scrooge, will also travel. Most of the same performers who began with the show three years ago are still with it. Astin joined the company last Christmas to play the lead.

This season, Nicole Brzescinski of Catskill, will debut in the role of Tiny Tim.



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A Tuna Christmas a dressed up clone of original Greater Tuna at Capital Rep

You can't blame the team of Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard for wanting to cash in on a delightful cast of outrageous characters they created in *Greater Tuna* almost a decade ago. It was and remains a funny exposition of red neck humor that gives two actors unlimited space to create a wild assortment of characters.

The Capital Repertory Company's production of the sequel, *A Christmas Tuna*, proves the point that it's difficult to go home again. The playwrighting trio bring out some of the same characters and add to the group but they also attempt more exposition and that's where they stub their toes.

The first act reveals a duo of two redneck disk jockeys who are conducting a Christmas Eve program that evolves into a trip around town as the two actors, Michael Mastro and John Tillotson, play all the roles, men and women.

What results are longer vignettes than done in the original and frankly, for the most part, these characters don't hold up

under long scrutiny. At opening night, the pace of Michael Scheman's direction lacked vitality.

It isn't until the second act that the variety of characters is better exhibited and the pace takes a leap forward. Despite the use of a lunchroom as the main area throughout most of the second act, characters flit in and out of it with alacrity, heightening the fun while exhibiting the prowess of Mastro and Tillotson.

Mastro, a Schodack native who went to New York 15 years ago, returns with a firm grip on several of the characters. He is wonderfully comic with a fierce intensity as a bewigged waitress (Helen Bedd) battling telephones and crazy characters invading the place, all the while chewing gum.

There's also a dark, scary humor to Mastro's creation of the gun shop owner, Didi Snively, who knows exactly what guns are made for. You can almost smell the smoke from the imaginary cigarettes the actor keeps lighting.

Tillotson, a physically larger actor, is, among a dozen characters, a raucous sheriff and a marvelously distraught fey theater director suffering from the trial of trying to do *A Christmas Carol* with the town's residents. The characterization is incisive and funny.

If you haven't seen *Greater Tuna*, this show is a good introduction to these zany characters. If you have seen the previous show, *A Christmas Tuna* may prove disappointing but still offer some fun.

Reservations and information available at 462-4531.

Around Theaters!

A Chorus Line, long-running Broadway musical, at Schenectady Light Opera Company, Dec. 1-10 (377-5101)

Arts and Entertainment

THEATER

"TUNA CHRISTMAS"

comedy extravaganza, The Market Theatre, 11 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 17, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sundays, 2:30 p.m., \$18. Information, 462-4534.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Nov. 22 through 26, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday, 2 and 7:30 p.m., \$14.50. Information, 465-4663.

"MACHINAL"

directed by Phil Soltanoff, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, through Dec. 3, \$7. Information, 584-5000.

"WOODS TEA COMPANY"

Old Forge Center For the Arts, Route 28, Old Forge, Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 315-369-6411.

"ATTIC FRAGMENTS"

written and performed by Bertrand Fay, Old Chapel, Union College Campus, Schenectady, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1:30 p.m., \$5. Information, 388-6172.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER

guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, Saturday, Nov. 25, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

MIKE MCMANN

Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

FOLK CONCERT

Steve Gillette and Cindy Magsen, Spencertown Academy, Route 203, Spencertown, Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 392-3693.

PAULINA DOKOVSKA

pianist, Foy Theatre, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Monday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 783-2527.

EMERSON STRING QUARTET

Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 29 and 30, \$20. Information, 372-3651.

THURMAN BAKER QUINTET

Bard College Campus, Annandale-on-Hudson, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 914-758-6822.

DANCE

CONRADANCE

beginners welcome, Brunswick Grange Hall, Route 142, Brunswick, Sunday, Nov. 26, 4 p.m., \$5. Information, 438-3035.

CLASSES

DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Monday to Thursday and Saturday. Information, 346-1096.

ART CLASSES

watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, 44 Hoffman Drive, Latham, information, 783-1828.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES

on going, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$25. Information, 463-4478.

READINGS

POETS' OPEN MIC

QE2, 12 Central Ave., Albany, Monday, Nov. 27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., \$2. Information, 438-6314.

NORMAN MILLER

signs his novel "Ice Spy," Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

THE STORY OF JUMPING MOUSE

puppet performance by Das Puppenspiel, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Friday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m., \$4. Information, 474-5877.

LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM

New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1 p.m., \$4. Information, 474-5877.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Nov. 24 through Dec. 3, \$4. Information, 463-4478.

VISUAL ARTS

CANTERBURY GALLERY

Landscape Competition, Canterbury Gallery, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, through Nov. 30. Information, 439-2955.

Animan coming



Integrating movement, music and original masks, Animan will appear as part of the Winter Holiday Festival at the New York State Museum on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m.

"PEOPLE AND PLACE"

"People and Place: Changing Land Use and Landscape in Rensselaer County," chronological look at land use in the county, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, through June. Information, 272-7232.

"THE NEW AMERICAN GHETTO"

photographs by Camillo Vergara, New York State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 8. Information, 474-5877.

BOB BLACKBURN'S

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP featuring works by black artists, East and West Galleries, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Dec. 31. Information, 463-4478.

"THE LATHROPS"

works by Ida, Gertrude and Dorothy Lathrop, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Dec. 31. Information, 463-4478.

"SHARKS! FACT AND FANTASY"

New York State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 31. Information, 474-5877.

"THE TOM GOLDEN COLLECTION"

"Twenty-One Golden Years with Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Tom Golden Collection," traveling exhibition, College of Saint Rose Art Gallery, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 3. Information, 454-5102.

"THE CULTURED TOURIST"

exhibition curated by Leslie Tonkonow, Center for Photography at Woodstock, 59 Tinker Street, Woodstock, through Dec. 3. Information, 914-679-9957.

HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

small scale paintings and sculptures, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill, through Jan. 8. Information, 943-3400.

SUE REES

exhibition of sculptures, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through Dec. 29. Information, 462-4775.

Weekly Crossword

"Catch a Falling Star"

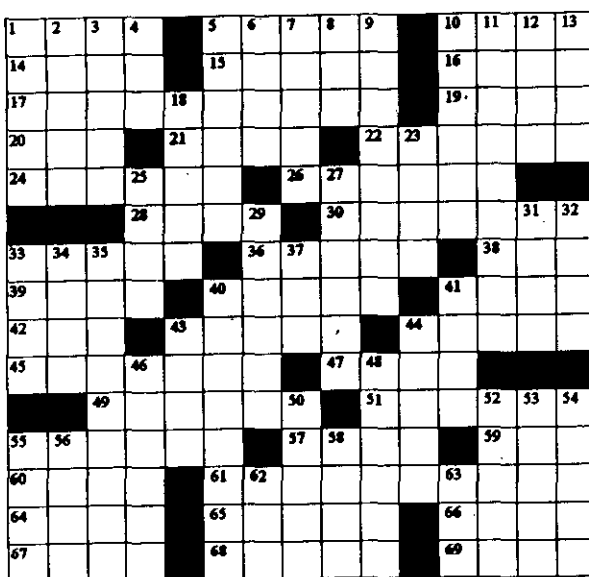
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Courageous
- 5 Sorrowful interjection
- 10 Israeli leader Abba
- 14 Opera solo
- 15 Capital of Bulgaria
- 16 Space agcy.
- 17 Star newspaper locale
- 19 Malay dagger
- 20 Hot time in Paris
- 21 Rude person
- 22 "Take a _____ it"
- 24 Tenant
- 26 Diners
- 28 Hall of Famer Mel & family
- 30 Newborn paraphernalia
- 33 Lugs
- 36 Mates
- 38 Noah's boat
- 39 Mimicked
- 40 Let down
- 41 Unconfined
- 42 Mom, e.g.
- 43 Hollywood star
- 44 Fathered
- 45 Solvent
- 47 College-bound tests
- 49 Most angry
- 51 "Be _____ to thyself."
- 55 Prompts again
- 57 China's neighbor: Abrev.
- 59 Office holders
- 60 Thanks _____
- 61 Star followers
- 64 Stare
- 65 Traffic light tincture
- 66 Curved molding
- 67 Toboggan
- 68 A fowl perch
- 69 Comes before bread or chip

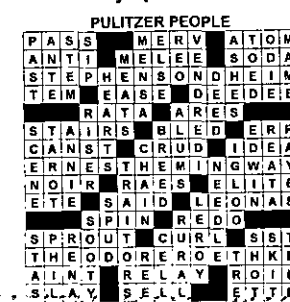
DOWN

- 1 Howard from Tennessee
- 2 Speak



- 3 Tablecloth material
- 4 Tuls _____ Hindu poet
- 5 Classify
- 6 Mad
- 7 Burning
- 8 Short for citizen
- 9 Singing star
- 10 Audience demand
- 11 Greenbay star
- 12 Large land mass
- 13 Cartoonist Thomas
- 18 Assists
- 23 Words of surprise
- 25 Pigeon follower
- 27 Foreigners
- 29 Seeds
- 31 Comes after clothes or family
- 32 Earned with great effort
- 33 Old Irish capital
- 34 Cartel acronym
- 35 Star gazer
- 37 Wonder
- 40 Texas nickname

- 41 Boxer's asset
- 43 Tradition
- 44 Baby deliverer?
- 46 Sold horseracing info
- 48 Declare
- 50 Jet prefix
- 52 Beatles' Starr
- 53 Felix _____ of Odd Couple fame
- 54 German city
- 55 Newspapers: Slang
- 56 Israeli airline
- 58 Observes
- 62 Health Ins. org.
- 63 Int'l. Olympic Comm.



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**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 22**
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**HIV EDUCATION COUNSELOR
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and Nov. 28, six-hour program, Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany. Information, 452-6733.

MEALS ON WHEELS PIE SALE

South Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 473-0559.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by 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 Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23**
ALBANY COUNTY
HUNTER'S BREAKFAST

and Nov. 25 and 26, Berne Volunteer Fire Company, Route 443, Berne, 5 to 9 a.m. Information, 797-3791.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

office of Drs. Jacobs & Lee, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 783-5656.

THE QUEST

a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

FARMERS' MARKET

corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIOR CHORALE

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

SARATOGA COUNTY
**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT
GROUP**

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

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 24**
ALBANY COUNTY
**"THE STORY OF THE JUMPING
MOUSE"**

adoption of Native American tale about a mouse who travels around the world, New York State Museum, Madison Avenue, Albany, 2 p.m. Cost, \$4 per adult, \$2 per child. Information, 474-5877.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

**"DEDICATE YOUR LOVE"
RADIOTHON**

and Nov. 25, on K-Lite 100.9 FM, proceeds go to the Center for the Disabled, broadcast from Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 489-8336.

SENIORS LUNCHE

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

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 25**
ALBANY COUNTY
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

firehouse at Route 9 and 20, East Greenbush, 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Cost, \$45. Information, 479-0911.

**SIBLING PREPARATION
CLASSES**

for families and their newborns, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$10 per child, \$15 per family. Information, 454-1232.

LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM

wildlife artist Wayne Trimm will speak on owls and other birds, New York State Museum, Madison Avenue, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$3 per adult, \$2 per child.

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 26**
ALBANY COUNTY
**HUDSON-MOHAWK COUNTRY
DANCERS**

contradance, partners not required, beginners welcome, Brunswick Grange Hall, Routes 142 and 7, Brunswick, 4 p.m. Information, 438-3035.

DANCE PROGRAM

"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 27**
ALBANY COUNTY
**"ARCHETYPE OF THE HERO/
HEROINE"**

discussion on myths, legends, and fairy tales, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$40. Information, 489-4431.

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**WORLD AIDS DAY
OBSERVATION**

Leslea Newman will give readings of her works about people living HIV/AIDS, Congregation Room, Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 487-7350.

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 28**
ALBANY COUNTY
"REDUCE YOUR TAX BURDEN"

learn about tax-wise investment strategies and new proposals for tax reform, Guilderland Town Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland, 6:30 p.m. Information, 452-5745.

TRUE FRIENDS

female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave., Extension, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

BINGO

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB

for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Anthony's Park Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 489-0936.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
**GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR
PLANT ASSOCIATION**

Chris Logue of the Cooperative Extension will speak on "Pests," Schenectady Library, Schenectady, 7:45 p.m. Information, 482-2051.

EARLY PREGNANCY

program on the early months of pregnancy, pre-registration required, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Schenectady County, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

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COLUMBIA COUNTY
**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT
GROUP**

Christ Episcopal Church, Union Street, Hudson, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 29**
ALBANY COUNTY
**"ENRICHING MEMORIES
THROUGH THE ARTS"**

bring two or three photos of yourself or a child in a non-studio situation, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost, \$12. Information, 489-4431.

**"MENOPAUSE MINUS THE
MYSTERY"**

taught by Judy Bowden, RN, MEd, Woman's Health Care Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 489-9427.

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

FARMERS' MARKET

Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 473-0559.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

"Roots and Branches: Researching Your Family Tree," Albany County Hall of Records, 250 South Pearl St., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 487-5110.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS
MEETING**

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

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 22**

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4955.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 a.m.,
Information, 439-1686.

BINGO

Blanchard American Legion
Post, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar,
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247
Delaware Ave., Elsmere, 7:30 to
9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office,
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 439-0503.

WELCOME WAGON

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Wyman Osterhout Community
Center, New Salem, call for
time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING

First Methodist Church of
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8
p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING

First United Methodist Church of
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8
p.m. Information, 477-4476.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

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

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23**

BETHLEHEM

**BETHLEHEM
RECOVERY, INC.**
self-help for chronic nervous
symptoms, First United Methodist
Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10
a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4955.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church,
1499 New Scotland Road, noon,
and Delmar Reformed Church,
386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Information, 489-6779.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109
Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information,
439-8280.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
First Church of Christ, Scientist,
555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10
a.m. Information, 475-0429.

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

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 24**

BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of
Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 489-6779.

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

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

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 25**

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
and Nov. 26, Onesquethaw
Reformed Church, Tarrytown
Road, Feura Bush, noon to 4
p.m. Information, 768-2644.

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 26**

BETHLEHEM

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP
for people caring for frail or
elderly relatives, Delmar
Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave., 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Information, 439-9929.

NEW SCOTLAND

THE DRAGON'S EGG
Welsh language group of the
Saint David's Society of the
Capital District, New Scotland
Presbyterian Church, 2010 New
Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m.
Information, 861-6976.

HOME STYLE BREAKFAST
Clarksville Firehouse, Clarksville,
7 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$3.50 per
adult, \$2.50 per child, free for
children under 5.

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 27**

BETHLEHEM

MOTHER'S TIME OUT
Christian support group for
mothers of preschoolers, Delmar
Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 to 11
a.m. Information, 439-9929.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m.
Information, 439-5560.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA**
rehearsal, Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4628.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

"TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE"
humorous story and craft
program for children ages 3 to
6, pre-registration required,
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4 p.m.
Information, 439-9314.

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

GULL ID WORKSHOP
Ken Able, ornithologist and SUNY
professor, will lead a slide
discussion on gulls, Five Rivers
Environmental Education
Center, Game Farm Road,
Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information,
475-0291.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 28**

BETHLEHEM

BINGO
at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge,
Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
Garden Group will meet in the
community room for a
"Decoupage" workshop,
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

AARP CHAPTER MEETING
"The United Nations at Fifty
Years—Its Past, Present and
Future," Dr. Matthew Elbow of
University of Albany will be
speaking, Bethlehem Town Hall,
Delaware Avenue, Delmar,
12:30 p.m. treats, 1 p.m.
meeting. Information, 439-5711.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church,
428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6
p.m.

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

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W. Information,
439-0018.

BETHLEHEM AARP
chapter meeting, Bethlehem
Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
Delmar, 1 p.m.

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 1 to 3 p.m.
Information, 765-2791.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m.
Information, 765-3356.

**VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE
BOARD**
Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville
Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.
Information, 765-2692.

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 29**

BETHLEHEM

BINGO
Blanchard American Legion
Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-9819.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT COMPUTER
ENTHUSIASTS**
demonstration of the new
Bulletin Board System,
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.
Information, 482-0534.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
evening of cards and games,
reservations required,
Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware
Avenue, Delmar, 7 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247
Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-4205.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
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Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 439-0503.

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Information, 785-9640.

DELMAR TOASTMASTERS CLUB
First United Methodist Church,
428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30
p.m. Information, 439-0871.

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
1 Kenwood Ave., evening
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evening service, Bible study and
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Information, 765-3390.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 30**

BETHLEHEM

THE BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

risk free introduction to the
information superhighway,
reservations required, Howard
Johnson's, Route 9W, Albany, 12
noon. Cost, \$12 for hot lunch.
Information, 439-0512.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1**

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of
Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 489-6779.

PRESCHOOL FILMS
"The Princess in the Tower, The
Gingerbread Boy, Rosie's Walk,
and the King of the Cats" to be
shown, Bethlehem Public Library,
451 Delaware Ave., Delmar,
10:30 to 11 a.m. Information,
439-9314.

**"EXPLORE TALES OF THE
MOTHER AND MOTHERING"**
storyteller Marni Gillard will be
offering workshops, pre-
registration required, 10 a.m. to
5 p.m. Information, 475-9482.

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

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP
United Pentecostal Church,
Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m.
Information, 765-4410.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2**

BETHLEHEM

CRAFT FAIR
Hamagrael Elementary School,
McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 10 a.m.
to 4 p.m. Information, 439-4905.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
all-you-can-eat, New Salem
Reformed Church, Route 85,
New Salem. Cost, \$4 per person,
children under 5 free.
Information, 765-2354.

BAKED HAM SUPPER
sponsored by Bethlehem
Grange, Becker's Corners,
Selkirk, 4 to 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3**

BETHLEHEM

**A WINTER GARDEN
CENTERPIECE**
children ages 3 and up are
invited to create a holiday table
decoration, Bethlehem Public
Library, 451 Delaware Ave.,
Delmar, 2 to 4 p.m. Information,
439-9314.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
holiday concert by the Delmar
Community Orchestra, vocalist
Marie Franke will perform,
Bethlehem Central Middle
School, Kenwood Avenue,
Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-
8585.

CHRISTMAS TEA
Bethlehem Historical
Association, Cedar Hill
Schoolhouse, Selkirk, 2 p.m. to 4
p.m. Information, 439-3916.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST**
Sunday school and worship
service, child care provided, 555
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.
Information, 439-2512.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave.
Information, 439-3135.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m., 10
Rockefeller Road. Information,
439-7864.

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

SEKOVIAH'S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m.,
Watchtower Bible study, 10:25
a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information,
439-0358.

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

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

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
worship service, church school,
nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship
and coffee, 11 a.m., adult
education, 11:15 a.m., family
communion service, first Sunday,
585 Delaware Ave. Information,
439-9252.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30
a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave.
Information, 439-4407.

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

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF
BETHLEHEM**
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 11 a.m., child
care provided, youth group,
6:30 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk.
Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday school and worship
service, 10:30 a.m., child care
available, 1 Chapel Lane.
Information, 436-7710.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE**
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m.
and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30
a.m. and noon, 35 Adams
Place. Information, 439-4951.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
church school, 9:45 a.m.,
worship service, 9:30 a.m., 428
Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-
9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30
a.m., Sunday school and Bible
classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care
available, coffee/fellowship
following services, youth groups,
6:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave.
information, 439-4328.

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W,
Glenmont.

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

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.,
morning worship, 11 a.m., youth
group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7
p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.
Information, 426-4510.

**NEW SCOTLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
NEW SCOTLAND**
worship service, 10 a.m., church
school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care
provided, Route 85. Information,
439-6454.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**
worship services, 9:30 p.m.,
church school and nursery care,
10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15
a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68
Maple Ave. Information, 765-
2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH**
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship
service, 10:30 a.m., evening
service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care
provided, Route 155.
Information, 765-3390.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:15 a.m.,
Auberge Suisse Restaurant,
Route 85. Information, 475-9086.
FAITH TEMPLE
Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship
service, 7 p.m., New Salem.
Information, 765-2870.
**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m.
and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30
a.m., Mountainview Street,
Voorheesville. Information, 765-
2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED
CHURCH**
worship service, 9:30 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour, Route
32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-
0548.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED
CHURCH**
adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior
choir or chime choir practice, 9
a.m., worship service, 10 a.m.,
recorder group practice, 11
a.m., nursery care provided,
Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

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

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
followed by fellowship,
Delaware Turnpike. Information,
439-5001.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour, nursery
care provided. Information, 768-
2916.

**MONDAY
DECEMBER**

BETHLEHEM

**DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
HOLIDAY TEA**
Delmar Methodist Church,
Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, 2
p.m.
<HEAD>INDOOR PISTOL
SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

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

**BLANCHARD AMERICAN
LEGION POST MEETING**
16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m.
Information, 439-9819.

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m.
Information, 439-5560.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave.

**"SOUTH AFRICA BEFORE THE
REVOLUTION"**
slides of birds, flowers, mammals
and scenes of Johannesburg,
and Capetown to be shown,
Five Rivers Environmental
Education Center, Game Farm
Road, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 475-0291.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA**
rehearsal, Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4628.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

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

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

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER**

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BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4955.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church,
428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6
p.m.

BINGO
at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge,
Route 144, 7:30 p.m.
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office,
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 439-0503.

**ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS**
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m.
Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W. Information,
439-0018.

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

**SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS**
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information,
439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, Voorheesville, 1 to
3 p.m. information, 765-2791.

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER**

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BETHLEHEM

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave. Information, 439-
4955.

LEGAL NOTICE

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF
749 LOUDON ASSOCIATES,
LLC**
**UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
LAW**

FIRST: The name of the limited
liability company is 749 Loudon
Associates, LLC.

SECOND: The county within
this state in which the office of the
limited liability company is to be
located is: Albany.

THIRD: The latest date on which
the limited liability company is to
dissolve is: October 10, 2025.

FOURTH: the Secretary of
State is designated as agent of the
limited liability company upon
whom process against it may be
served. The post office address
within or without this state to which
the secretary of state shall mail of
copy of any process against the
limited liability company served
upon him or her is: PO Box 1098,
Latham, NY 12110.

FIFTH: The future effective date
of the Articles of Organization, if
not effective upon filing is: October
10, 2025.

SIXTH: The limited liability com-
pany is to be managed by one or
more of its members.

IT WITNESS THEREOF, this
certificate has been subscribed on
10/10/95 by the undersigned who
affirms that the statements made
herein are true under the penalties
of perjury.

BY: David S. Shamlian - Member
749 Rt. 9 - PO BOX 1098
Latham, NY 12110
(November 22, 1995)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF
PARACESS, LLC**
**UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE
LIMITED LIABILITY LAW**

FIRST: The name of the limited
liability company is:

PARACESS, LLC
SECOND: The county within
this state in which the office of the
limited liability company is to be
located is Albany.

THIRD: The secretary of state
is designated as agent of the lim-
ited liability company upon whom
process against it may be served.
The post office address within or
without this state to which the sec-
retary of state shall mail a copy of
any process against the limited
liability company served upon him
or her is: Paracess, LLC, P.O. Box
727, 50 Century Hill Drive, Latham,
New York 12110.

FOURTH: The limited liability
company is to be managed by one
or more of its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this
certificate has been subscribed this
17th day of October, 1995, by the
undersigned who affirms that the
statements made herein are true
under the penalties of perjury.
(s) Martin J. Ricciardi, Organizer
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna

LEGAL NOTICE

P.O. Box 22016
Albany, New York 12201
(November 22, 1995)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of Re-
naissance Floral Design, LLC
("LLC") filed with the Secretary of
State of New York ("SSNY") on
November 3, 1995. Office Loca-
tion: Albany County. SSNY has
been designated as agent of the
LLC upon whom process against it
may be served. SSNY may mail a
copy of any process to the LLC c/o
467 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudon-
ville, New York 12211. Purpose:
flower and gift preparation and
sales.
(November 22, 1995)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF
PUBLISHER STUDIO, L.L.C.**
**Under Section 203 of the
Limited Liability Company Law**

FIRST: The name of the limited
liability company is
PublisherStudio, L.L.C.

SECOND: The county within
this state in which the office of the
limited liability company is located
is: Albany County.

THIRD: The secretary of state
is designated as agent of the lim-
ited liability company upon whom
process against it may be served.
The post office address within or
without this state to which the sec-
retary of state shall mail a copy of
any process against the limited
liability company served upon him
or her is: 4 Airline Drive, Albany,
New York 12205.

FOURTH: The effective date of
the Articles of Organization is the
date of filing.

FIFTH: The limited liability com-
pany is to be managed by one or
more members.

SIXTH: The business purpose
for which the Limited Liability
Company is formed will be to en-
gage in all phases of editorial de-
velopment and project manage-
ment of book or other media pro-
duction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this
certificate has been subscribed this
31st day of October, 1995, by the
undersigned who affirm that the
statements made herein are true
under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Bruce Sherwin, Member
(s) Lee Ann Chearney, Member
(s) Linda Ayres-DeMasi, Member
(November 22, 1995)

**NOTICE OF
GARRY & GARRY PLLC**

GARRY & GARRY PLLC has
been formed as a professional lim-
ited liability company in New York.
The Articles of Organization were
filed on October 26, 1995 with the
Secretary of State. The office is
located in Albany County. The Sec-

LEGAL NOTICE

retary of State is designated as
agent upon whom process may be
served. The Secretary of State shall
mail a copy of any process served
upon him/her to 600 Broadway,
Albany, NY 12207. The purpose of
the business of Garry & Garry PLLC
is to engage in the practice of law
and any other business activity
permissible by Section 1203 of the
Limited Liability Company Law and
not prohibited by any other law of
New York State or any rule adopted
by the appropriate Appellate Divi-
sion or the Court of Appeals.
(November 22, 1995)

**NOTICE OF
698 SHAKER ROAD LLC**

698 SHAKER ROAD LLC has
been formed as a limited liability
company in New York. The Articles
of Organization were filed on Octo-
ber 26, 1995, with the Secretary of
State. The office is located in Al-
bany County. The Secretary of
State is designated as agent upon
whom process may be served. The
Secretary of State shall mail a copy
of any process served upon him/
her to 600 Broadway, Albany, NY
12207. The purpose of the busi-
ness of 698 Shaker Road LLC is to
engage in all lawful business for
which a limited liability company
can be formed pursuant to Section
1203 of the Limited Liability Com-
pany Law.
(November 22, 1995)

**NOTICE OF ALBANY REALTY
MANAGEMENT & SALES LLC**

ALBANY REALTY MANAGE-
MENT & SALES LLC has been
formed as a limited liability com-
pany in New York. The Articles of
Organization were filed on June
12, 1995, with the Secretary of
State. The office is located in Al-
bany County. The Secretary of
State is designated as agent upon
whom process may be served. The
Secretary of State shall mail a copy
of any process served upon him/
her to 600 Broadway, Albany, NY
12207. The purpose of the busi-
ness of Albany Realty Manage-
ment & Sales LLC is to engage in
all lawful business for which a lim-
ited liability company can be formed
pursuant to Section 1203 of the
Limited Liability Company Law.
(November 22, 1995)

**NOTICE
AMPERSAND ENTERPRISES**

L.L.C. Articles of Organization of
Amperand Enterprises L.L.C. were
filed with the Secretary of State
of New York (herein SSNY) on
Oct. 14, 1995. The office is
located in Albany County. The
SSNY is designated as Agent upon
whom process may be served. The
SSNY shall mail a copy of any
process against the LLC served
upon him/her to P.O. Box 422,

LEGAL NOTICE

Guiderland, N.Y. The purpose for
which the LLC is formed is to en-
gage in any lawful business for
which a LLC can be formed pursu-
ant to Section 201 of the LLC law.
(November 22, 1995)

**NOTICE OF
BARCOMB FAMILY
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

Barcomb Family Limited Part-
nership has been formed as a lim-
ited partnership. The certificate was
filed on 11/3/95 with the Secretary
of State. The office is located in
Albany County. The Secretary of
State is designated as agent upon
whom process may be served. The
Secretary of State shall mail a copy
of any process against it served
upon him/her to RD1, Box 85,
Delanson, NY 12053.

The names and addresses of
each general partner is available
from the Secretary of State. The
latest date upon which the limited
partnership is to dissolve is 10/31/
2020. The purpose of the business
of such partnership is to engage in
all lawful business for which a lim-
ited liability company can be formed
pursuant to Section 121-107 of the
Revised Limited Partnership Act.
(November 22, 1995)

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
JTC ASSOCIATES, LLC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
that the above named Limited Li-
ability Company has been formed
for the transaction of business in
the State of New York and else-
where.

1. The name of the Limited Li-
ability Company is JTC Associ-
ates, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization
were filed with the Secretary of
State for the State of New York on
October 23, 1995.

3. The county within the State
of New York in which the office of
the Limited Liability Company is to
be located in Albany.

4. The Secretary of State of the
State of New York is designated as
the agent for the Limited Liability
Company upon whom process in
any action or proceeding against it
may be served and the address
within the State to which the Sec-
retary of State shall mail a copy of
the process in any action or pro-
ceeding against the Limited Liabil-
ity Company which may be served
upon him is c/o Gerald F. Stack,
Esq., Hancock & Estabrook, LLP,
1500 Mony Tower I, P.O. Box 4976,
Syracuse, New York 13221. The
Limited Liability Company does not
have a registered agent within the
State of New York.

5. The character of the busi-
ness to be transacted by the Lim-
ited Liability Company is the own-
ership and management of invest-
ment assets.
(November 22, 1995)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that
on October 30, 1995, Capitaland
Funding Group, LLC, filed its Ar-
ticles of Organization with the New
York State Secretary of State. The
principal office is located in Albany
County. The Secretary of State is
designated as agent upon whom
process against Capitaland Fund-
ing Group, LLC, may be served
and the Secretary of State shall
mail a copy of any such process to:
Capitaland Funding Group, LLC
469 Albany-Shaker Road
Loudonville, New York 12211
The purpose of Capitaland
Funding Group, LLC, is to engage
in any lawful business for which a
limited liability company can be
formed pursuant to Section 203 of
the Limited Liability Company Law.
(November 22, 1995)

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF
SLINGERLANDS FIRE
DISTRICT
DECEMBER 12, 1995**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that
the Annual Election of the
Slingerlands Fire District will take
place on December 12, 1995, be-
tween the hours of 6:00 p.m. and
9:00 p.m. at the Slingerlands Fire
House located at 1520 New Scot-
land Road for the purpose of elect-
ing one Commissioner for a 5-year
term commencing on January 1,
1996, and ending on December
31, 2000. All duly registered resi-
dents of the Slingerlands Fire Dis-
trict shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office
shall file their names with the Sec-
retary of the Slingerlands Fire Dis-
trict at 26 Bridge Street,
Slingerlands, no later than Novem-
ber 29, 1995.

Susan E. Peters
Fire District Secretary
Slingerlands Fire District
(November 22, 1995)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL
TOWN ELECTION
TO APPROVE BOND ISSUE
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
TOWN HALL EXPANSION
AND RENOVATIONS OF THE
TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND
IN THE COUNTY OF ALBANY,
NEW YORK**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that
the Town Board of the Town of New
Scotland, Albany County, State of
New York has called a special town
election to be held in said Town on
the 12th day of December, 1995,
and that there will be submitted to
all qualified voters of said town, at
said election the following proposi-
tion:

"Shall the Town of New Scot-
land construct a Town Hall ex-
pansion and other renovations to
the Town Hall building at a
cost of Two Hundred Ninety
Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred
Fifty Three and no/100

BINGO

Blanchard American Legion
Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-9819.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247
Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.
information, 439-4205.

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

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont,
7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
pre-registration required, Delmar
Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 5:30 to
11:45 p.m. Information, 459-9048.

**ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-
2181.

**BETHLEHEM BUSINESS
WOMEN'S CLUB**
Swiss Fondue restaurant, 1903
New Scotland Road, 6 p.m.
Information, 439-3916.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

(\$298,953.00) Dollars, which
includes awarding the follow-
ing contracts to the following
vendors:

1. General Construction to Jo-
seph N. Futia, Co. Inc. in the
amount of \$224,000.00.
2. Heating, Ventilation and Air
Conditioning to Merit-M. & B.
Plumbing and Heating Inc. in
the amount of \$32,231.00
3. Plumbing to Rocco Roscello
& Son in the amount of
\$11,222.00
4. Electrical to Halpin Mecha-
nical & Electrical, Inc. in the
amount of \$31,500.00

and entering into the neces-
sary municipal bond financing
to pay for such construction as
all is heretofore adopted by the
Board of The Town of New Scot-
land at a regular meeting on the
11th day of September, 1995.

Yes or No
and said election will be held at the
following places in the Town of
New Scotland:

- District 1 - Wyman Osterhout
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
7 Old Road in New Salem
- District 2 - CLARKSVILLE FIRE
HOUSE
2178 Tarrytown Road,
Clarksville
- District 3 - UNIONVILLE RE-
FORMED CHURCH
1134 Delaware Tpk. in
Unionville
- District 4 - NEW SCOTLAND
TOWN HALL
2029 New Scotland Road
- District 5 - MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE
CHURCH
71 State Farm Road (Route
155)
- District 6 - ST MATTHEW RO-
MAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Mountainview Street, Voo-
rheesville
- District 7 - VOORHEESVILLE
FIRE HOUSE
12 Altamont Road, Voorhees-
ville
- District 8 - VOORHEESVILLE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
69 Maple Avenue, Voorhees-
ville

and that the polls will be open on
the hour of 12 noon and will be
closed on the hour of 9:00 P.M. and
the vote upon such proposition will
take place by ballot in the manner
prescribed by law.

All residents in the Town of New
Scotland, who are registered vot-
ers, shall be entitled to vote in said
special election.

**BY ORDER THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND**
Dated: November 14, 1995

Corinne Cossac
Town Clerk
Town of New Scotland
(November 22, 1995)

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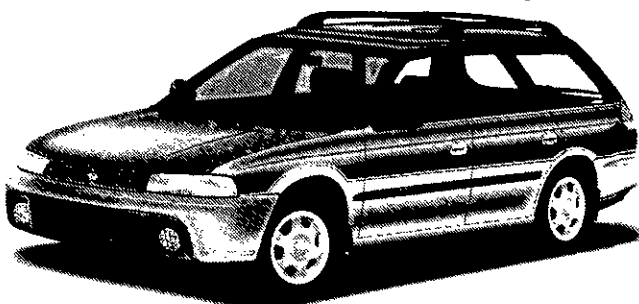


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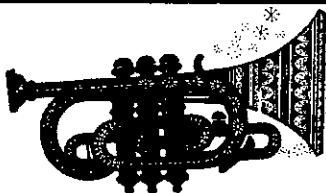
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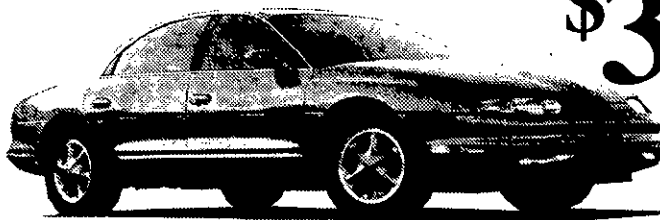
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Asset

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The rail trail will be "a wonderful asset," DeCecco said.

Several potential short-line railroad operators are also interested in the right-of-way, at least the part from the port to Voorheesville, and under federal law, any rail use would have preference over recreational uses.

But DeCecco said that such a

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Seth McKee

deal would only make economic sense if the operators were given substantial government subsidies, which he sees as unlikely.

DeCecco also said that local hiking and biking clubs have offered to help maintain the rail trail, so the investment of local taxpayer money will be minimal.

Mark King of the county planning office, a rail trail advocate, will prepare the grant application under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, which has about \$10.5 million available for upstate "alternative" transportation projects.

King noted that the Hudson-Mohawk Rail Trail, from Albany to Schenectady on another old rail line, "is one of the most popular recreational amenities in the area."

King said that studies have shown that rail trails generate "a significant economic impact," including an increase of about 5 percent in property values surrounding them along with the money of "bicycle tourists" spend.

He added that rail trails also improve "the quality of life — the way people view their community" in ways that cannot be quantified.

He estimated that building 26 miles of crushed stone surface would cost about \$1.5 million.

"Our thrust is to secure the corridor, then get the rail trail up and running, usable and safe," King said.

The crushed stone surface would be unsuitable for racing or touring bikes with narrow tires, but King said that paving the trail would be "horrendously expensive," and that such a proposal

could endanger the grant.

For Poughkeepsie-based Scenic Hudson, the rail trail would be northernmost project in its 30 years of working to preserve, through acquisition or conservation easements, significant natural areas along the Hudson River, said spokesman Seth McKee.

Rail trails are "intact linear parks waiting to happen" that have become "the fastest growing form of new recreational space in the country," McKee said.

Scenic Hudson will apply to the Lila Acheson and DeWitt Wallace Fund (set up by the founders of *Reader's Digest*) for a grant to buy the right-of-way, then enter into a joint management agreement with the county, if its grant comes through, McKee said.

The price for the right-of-way (minus rails and ties) has been estimated at around \$1 million, although McKee said that no appraisals have been made.

Options

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After the waste materials have been dropped off, they are separated, baled and shipped out to companies using the materials in their manufacturing processes.

The leftovers that cannot be sold are placed on trucks and transferred to area landfills.

In business since 1992 at a site just 1.7 miles to the north in the city of Albany, New Options is looking to recycle 90 percent of the waste they receive from haulers — up from about 60 percent now.

Recycling up to 90 percent of the waste coming into the facility should mean higher profits for the company. "We don't make any money sending the stuff out to landfills," Deitz said.

The company plans to spend \$2 million on the purchase and renovation of the former Barker Steel Building. The new facility will have about 80,000 square feet of floor

space or about double what the current building contains.

With the extra area, the company will have the ability to "take (recycling) to another level" by actually manufacturing some products. "We'll be able to ground out plastics, pelletize them and turn them into an aggregate product that we can sell," Deitz said.

The largest component — about 70 percent — of the New Options business is construction debris. The remainder is divided between bottles, cans, plastics and cardboard.

Bethlehem should benefit from higher taxes paid on the new site, plus New Options expects to negotiate a contract with the town to accept its construction debris, which now goes to the former town landfill on Rupert Road.

That could mean a significant cost savings for the town, accord-

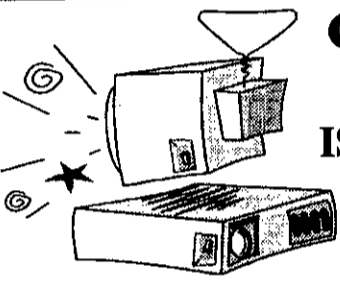
ing to Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, as "They provide us with a better alternative than throwing the C&D into Rupert Road."

All of the recycling will be handled indoors, Secor said, which means the business would be in compliance with the town's solid waste ordinance passed in 1992.

Another advantage of the move for New Options, Deitz said, is that "We can get a better flow of materials" at the new site because the Barker Steel Building has an exit and entrance at opposite sides of the structure, unlike the old facility.

Fifty-five people are now employed by New Options and Deitz expects that number to increase once the move is completed.

New Options hopes to open the new facility in the spring.



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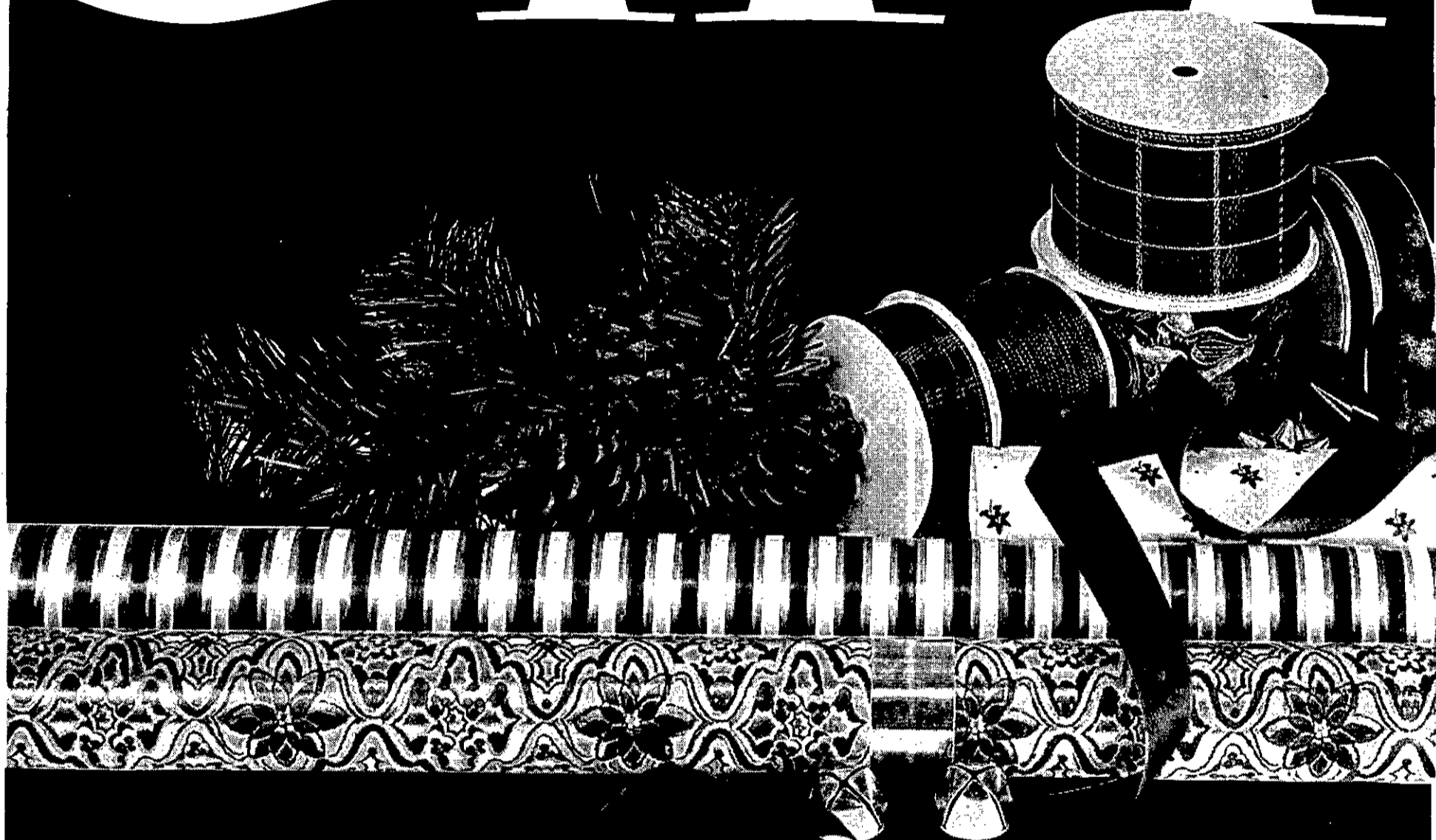
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Coupon books take bite out of tight budgets

By Dev Tobin

As many in the Capital District hunker down for an uncertain economic future, family entertainment budgets are sure to feel the pinch. But a way to ease the pinch's pain for people on your list is to give the gift of half-price entertainment, while also helping your favorite local non-profit group

Two-for-one coupon books, such as Entertainment '96, Dine-a-Mate and Bill o' Fare, offer a wide variety of dining and recreation options in the Capital District.

And the coupon books are sold mostly through PTAs, church groups, youth sports organizations, Scouting groups, service clubs and health-related charities, so a coupon book gift can be another way to support groups and causes that also feel the pinch of a slow local economy.

Besides more than 200 restaurants, Entertainment '96 also offers discounts on airline tickets, rental cars, and lodging around the world, as well as a variety of local services like car

washes and photo finishing.

Entertainment is sold exclusively through non-profit groups, which retain a minimum of \$8 out of the \$40 price of the book.

Like the other coupon books, the Entertainment Book comes with a credit card-like membership card that must be presented for fine dining discounts, and along with coupons for discounts on informal dining, theater and sports tickets, and services and merchandise.

Businesses have found coupon books to be an important part of their marketing strategy. Dale Miller, owner of Stone Ends restaurant in Glenmont, said the coupon books are "a way to introduce people to the restaurant and build traffic during the week. They then may think Stone Ends is a nice place for a rehearsal dinner or holiday party."

In its 10th year, Bill o' Fare offers fewer choices than its more established rival, but also costs 50 percent less (\$20) and has a buy four, get one free deal.

"It's a great gift at a perfect price," said Mary Jo Occhialino,

Bill o' Fare's owner. "It's very popular because there's something for everyone in it."

Whereas 10 years ago, the Bill o' Fare book was 95 percent dining, Occhialino noted that "other amenities" like car washes, dry cleaning, performing arts and family entertainment now comprise about a third of the book.

Occhialino said that the Capital District market is one of the strongest in the country for coupon redemptions of all kinds, and among the top four per capita for restaurant-based books like hers.

Recognizing that they are dealing with a value-conscious customer base, "Most restaurants today don't even punch the cards," thereby allowing cardholders more than one two-for-one discount, Occhialino said.

Non-profit groups retain \$8 to \$12 of the \$20 cost of Bill o' Fare, depending on how many they can sell, said Occhialino, whose firm also produces the Golf-a-Round coupon book.

Voorheesville PTA president



Dale Miller of Stone Ends says coupon books draw weekday diners.

Nanette Bub said the group sells Entertainment and Dine-a-Mate books, mostly through an annual flier sent out after Thanksgiving.

"They're very popular as seasonal gifts, although there are a zillion places people can get them," said Bub, noting that the \$800 the PTA earns from coupon books helps fund

projects like Winter Carnival and new equipment for the elementary school stage.

Some charities produce their own sports-related coupon books. Locally, the American Lung Association has a golf two-for-one book, and the National Kidney Foundation offers Ski Pass for discount skiing rates.

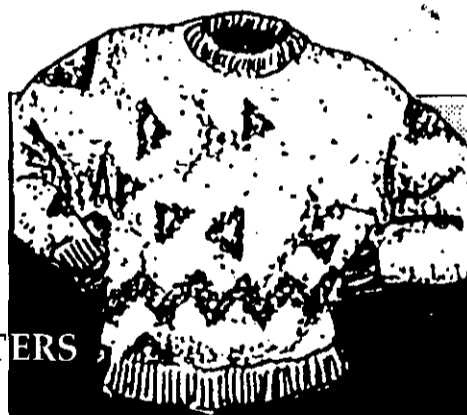
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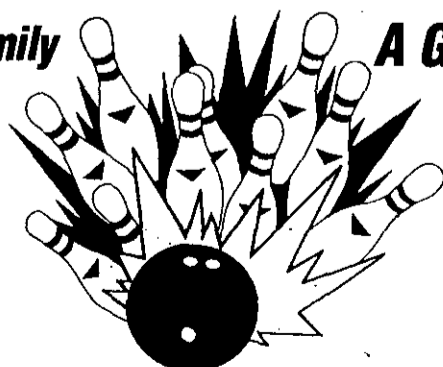
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Simple at-home parties capture holiday spirit

The typical holiday "to do" list—packed with shopping, visiting, cooking and exchanging often makes people wonder where the enjoyment of the season has gone. The thought of hosting a holiday party, while tempting, can be overwhelming.

But you can plan a party that combines originality, resourcefulness, time management and a reasonable budget without calling your favorite caterer.

Tips that add a festive twist to recipes, decorating and activities will help party-planners who are short on time, but big on holiday spirit.

There are a number of imaginative ways you can dress up your simplest food recipes and most average drinks to create a party menu that is deliciously festive

- Make your own holiday bruschettas. Use holiday cookie cutters to cutout pieces of firm bread, spread with crushed garlic and olive oil or garlic

butter, and toast each side. Serve topped with roasted vegetables, cheese spread, or chopped fresh tomatoes, basil and pine nuts.

- Everyday treats like chocolate chip cookies can become holiday favorites by adding one simple step. Take a basic recipe for chocolate chip cookies, and substitute chunks of creme de menthe thins for the chocolate chips. Use one 4.76-ounce package thins for every cup of chocolate chips.

- For another festive sweet, make brownies according to package directions. Immediately after removing from the oven, top the brownies with a layer of creme de menthe Thins. Let them stand for 3 to 4 minutes until the candies are melted; swirl with a spatula. Cool two hours, and cut into bars.

- Designated drivers and non-drinkers will appreciate a festive selection of nonalcoholic drinks that include more than

just the standard coffee, water and sodas. Serve flavored sparkling water, eggnog blended with cranberry juice, hot cider spiced with candied ginger or cinnamon sticks, and a variety of coffees flavored with cinnamon eggnog or hot-chocolate mix.

Decorating your home for the holidays need not be expensive or time consuming. You can evoke that holiday feeling with a few eye-catching adornments using things you already have at home, from holiday cards to fruit.

- Create a festive living center piece, using everyday items. Wrap apples and pears with holiday ribbon, and secure with colorful round-headed pushpins. Fill a glass or wooden bowl with the decorated fruit, or place on a table on a bed of pine branches.

- Decorate your home with memories of Christmas or Hanukkah past. Buy inexpensive clear plastic box frames in card

sizes. Each year, have your family select the favorite card (s), and display them in the frame(s) for decorations that rekindle memories.

- Create a tantalizing holiday scent with decorative votives and scented candles. Votives also make great hostess gifts or stocking stuffers. Personalize them by painting holiday designs on plain glass or clay votives. You may not think of young guests when planning your holiday party, but keeping them occupied with fun and constructive activities is a great way to spread holiday cheer among their parents and other adult guests. Planned activities for adults also are a fun way to create a festive spirit at your party.

- Let children decorate a tablecloth or make their own wrapping paper. Buy a roll of butcher or white drawing paper, and give the kids crayons and colored pencils to create holiday

designs.

- Have the children make gift tags from last year's holiday cards. Cut out scenes from the holiday cards with pinking shears, punch a hole at the top or side of the tag, pull a piece of ribbon through the hole, and tie into a square knot or bow.

- If your guests are a small, adventurous group, host a holiday bakefest. Assign each guest to bring an ingredient or two for simple-to-make cookies and/or appetizers. Set up different areas for mixing, baking and decorating. Mix doughs that require chilling in advance, and bake cut-out cookies first to allow plenty of time for decorating an activity even the youngest guests enjoy. Make sure to organize the cookie making, so that there is plenty of time to enjoy your work after it is done. Guests also can bring their favorite recipes to share.

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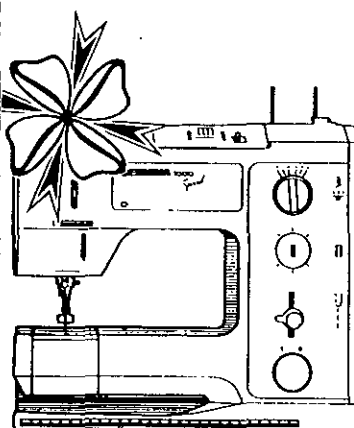


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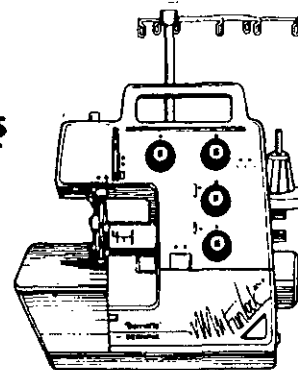


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Jewelers of America, Inc., the world's largest jewelry association, there are a number of helpful questions to ask when looking for a retail jeweler.

- Has the store been around for less than a year or more than 50? Think about the number of years a store has been in business. The longer the store

has been involved in the community, the better its track record.

- What is the jeweler's reputation? Asking friends or neighbors for their personal experiences can be a sure way to track down a terrific retailer—or avoid a terrible one. Also, try contacting organizations like your local Better Business Bureau to find out what, or if, there is something on record.

- What services does the jewelry store offer? A store should offer a variety of different services today. For instance, will the store clean, size, engrave, restring or remount jewelry once you've purchased it? It should.

- What is the store's return policy? Look for a store that will allow an exchange or cash refund if you decide to return the jewelry you have purchased after an over-reasonable period of time?

- Does the store regularly offer discounts of 50 percent or more? Some stores use this method of promoting price points as a gimmick for getting customers in the store. It's wise to shop around and compare actual value to see what the "regular" prices are before you purchase anything.

- Does the store offer a wide selection of jewelry you are looking to buy? Does the store

provide you with information such as booklets or brochures that will teach you about your fine jewelry and how to care for it?

- Is the store a member of an association that promotes and reinforces professionalism in the industry? Jewelers of America is the largest trade association within the industry and is dedicated to consumer information and education about fine jewelry.

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Tune into season at annual Greens Show

Charity a year-round way of giving

"The Sounds of the Season" will be evident throughout the decorated rooms of the 1827 Hart-Cluett Mansion this year as the Van Rensselaer Garden Club and the Rensselaer County Historical Society sponsor the 39th annual Holiday Greens Show, Nov. 30-Dec. 3 at the Rensselaer County Historical Society headquarters at 59 Second Street in Troy. The club's efforts earned them special recognition in 1993, when an article featuring the Greens Show appeared in Colonial Homes magazine.

Each Greens Show is developed around a seasonal theme. This year, "The Sounds of the Season" has been chosen as the theme and will be interpreted

through greens, flowers, specially-made ornaments, and props. Vocal and instrumental music performed by area school children will be also featured in various rooms over the course of the 4-day event.

Garden club members work in teams to bring their creations to life; many work for several months developing their ideas and hand-crafting one-of-a-kind ornaments.

This year's Greens Show will run from Thursday, Nov. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 3. During the hours of the show special activities for children will be taking place, such as storytelling and art activities. The Rensselaer County

Historical Society museum shop is stocked with an array of ornaments, books, prints, children's toys and special gift items.

Show Hours: Thursday and Friday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1: 12 - 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for children, aged 5 - 15, and Rensselaer County Historical Society members are admitted free of charge!

Wreath Auction: Visitors to the Greens Show will have an opportunity to bid on over 40 wreaths that have been designed and made by members of the Van Rensselaer Garden Club.

Proceeds from the wreath auction help defray the costs of the materials used in the show. Thursday, Nov. 30: 4-8 p.m. Family night is free admission!

Storytelling Beneath the Tree, 6-7:30 p.m. Approximately 20 minutes of favorite seasonal stories will be read every half hour beginning at 6 p.m. Appropriate for children aged 4-8 years.

Visits and Photos with St. Nick, 6-8 p.m. Climb on the lap of the Jolly Old Elf himself for a special visit or a keepsake color photograph. Prices begin at \$5 for two four by six color prints.

Santa will visit the Greens Show on Thursday, Nov. 30, only.

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Local bookstores stock up with hot holiday titles

By Mel Hyman

What do "Miss America" and "Goosebumps" have in common?

They're both hot sellers at local bookstores, which are starting to gear up for the holiday gift-giving season.

The only thing to remember is that if you're picking up Howard Stern's new self-deprecating or self-aggrandizing tome (you choose the adjective), give it to another adult. It's not exactly what you'd call kids' fare.

"Goosebumps" on the other hand is excellent for kids, and "a lot of children will see them under the tree this year," according to Melissa Steen, owner of I Love Books in Delmar.

New stories in the "Goosebumps" series arrive on a monthly basis, so before making your purchase you might want to make sure you have the latest edition if your child is a faithful



Melissa Steen, owner of I Love Books in Delmar, has a plethora of books to choose from this gift-giving season — many of which have a holiday theme. *Doug Persons*

follower.

A book that could be read by children as well as adults is "The Christmas Box," Steen noted. This book is a something of a rarity since it was originally self-published by the author, which ordinarily means it will reach a limited audience.

But this inspirational story with a Christmas theme "just took off" last year, Steen said, and was quickly picked up by Simon and Schuster. Earlier this year it was on *The New York Times* Best Seller List.

Of course there are a slew of other titles to choose from this time of year as bookstores stock up for the holidays.

"This is it," Steen said. "This is what retailers live for. You try and get through 10 months of the year to get to this season."

Non-fiction seems to be in high demand this year, according to Denise McCoy, owner of

The Bookmark in Newton Plaza in Latham.

There's been a lot of interest in "A Good Life," by Benjamin Bradlee, former executive editor of the *Washington Post*, McCoy said. And for history buffs, there is a new Lincoln biography called "Lincoln" on the market.

An excellent choice for children, McCoy said, is a rather unique publication by National Geographic called "The Earth Pack". It's a "wonderful, three-dimensional book on the environment that includes pop-ups, pull-tabs, flops, wheels, photos and rich illustrations."

It explains everything you'd want to know about volcanoes, hurricanes and earthquakes in a truly dynamic fashion, she said, and "It looks like it will be in great demand as a Christmas book for kids."

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Shannon Dietz said she expects "Miss America" to remain one of the store's best-sellers especially if Stern continues to promote the book on his radio show.

But don't forget The "Christmas Box," she said, along with other popular books in demand this season such as "Sisters," a photo essay by Carol Saline and "Silent Night," a highly regarded fictional work by Mary Higgins Clark.

A new twist in the Goosebumps horror stories for kids, McCoy said, is called "Create Your Own Goosebumps" — mysteries that invite the reader to solve the crime or transgression.

The author is the same as the regular Goosebumps series — R.L. Stein.

If you don't have a lot to spend on holiday gifts —

especially since new books can cost \$20, \$30 and upward, The Bookworm on Delaware Avenue in Delmar might have just what you need.

A used bookstore that opened just a few weeks ago, owner Chris Madden offers popular hardcover editions of novels by Stephen King, Tom Clancey and John Grisham for as little as \$4 or \$5. For the most part they are in excellent condition so you wouldn't even know that they've been recycled.

For children, Madden has numerous stories from the Goosebumps series as well as several issues from the "Fear Street" series by R.L. Stein.

"Goosebumps is hot with the boys," Madden said, although "a boy who was in here last week told me that 'Fear Street' is more popular with the girls."



Barbara Grant, left, and Denise McCoy of The Bookworm (located in the Newton Plaza, Latham) check out some of the best-sellers expected to end up under Christmas trees this year.

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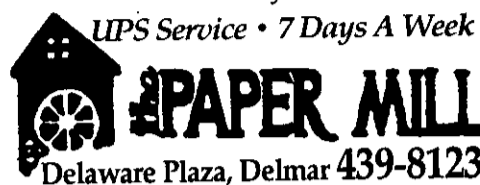
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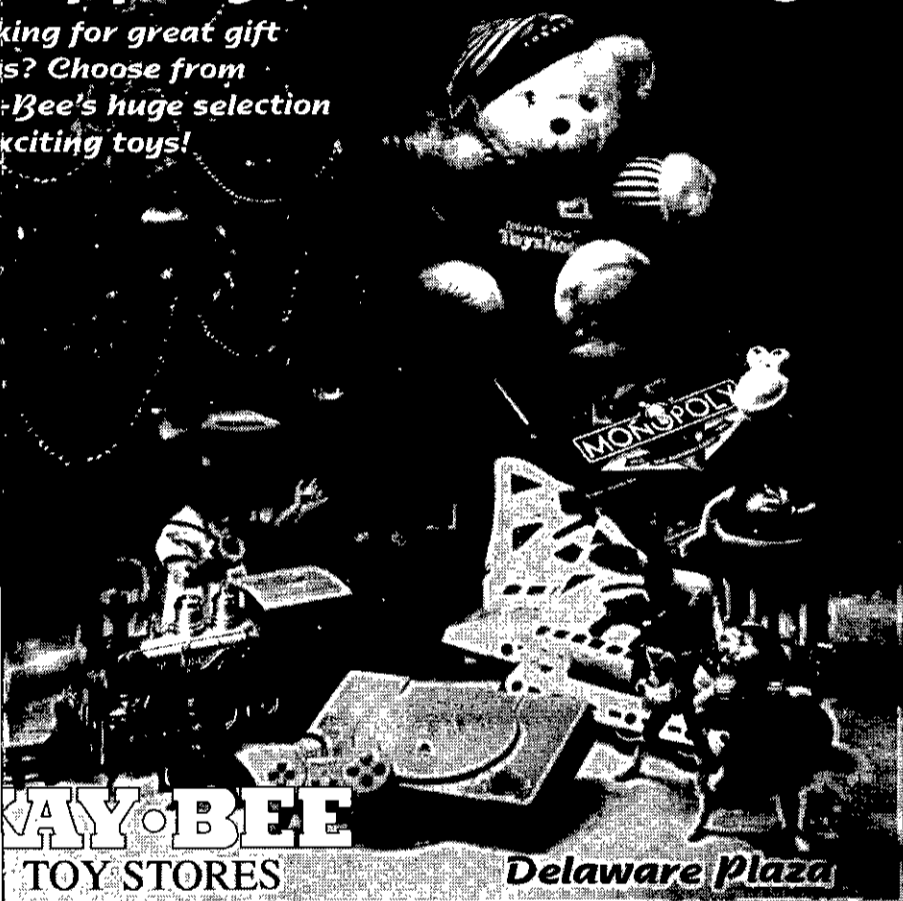
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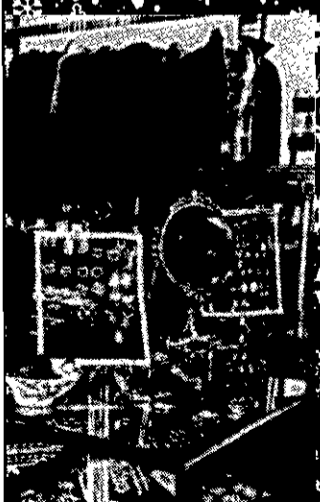
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Sponsored by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce and supported by many Troy businesses, the stroll features the area's best performers in venues throughout the city's downtown. All attractions are free and open to the public.

In all, there are more than 100 attractions for the whole family at more than 70 locations. Troy's retail shops, galleries, boutiques and restaurants also will be open.

Just about any kind of music can be heard (and even danced to) at the Stroll — folk, classical, blues, big band, gospel, swing,

bluegrass and traditional holiday music, for example. Continuing in its long-standing tradition, the College of Saint Rose Masterworks

The Stroll's Children's Center in the Atrium will provide continuous entertainment and activities throughout the afternoon.

A hands-on craft project for kids will be supervised by the Schenectady Children's Museum. Magic with Mike McCrea.

Pony rides for \$1.50 and free firetruck rides are featured for children. Old-fashioned horse and carriage rides for \$2.00 will also be available as will free trolley and shuttle bus service to various attractions.

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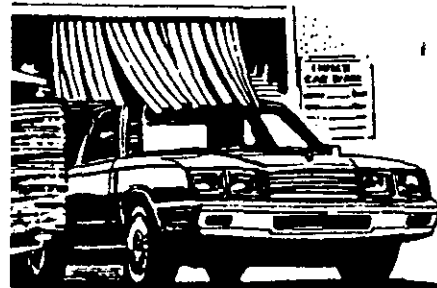
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Time's of the essence when adopting a new pet

If you're thinking about buying or adopting a new furry friend for your children this Christmas or Hanukkah, think again. You might want to do some research to avoid making a rash decision.

Many parents, caught up in the holiday spirit, buy a pet without considering whether or not their family is ready for one," says Dr. Dan Carey, a veterinarian with The Iams Company. "Truth is, a new puppy or kitten is like a baby; it requires a tremendous amount of attention, time and money, but the rewards of having one are immeasurable."

Before buying a pet consider the following:

- Do you have time, time and more time? All new pets command a lot of attention, but this is especially true of puppies.

Until a puppy is housebroken and comfortable with its surroundings, it will need constant supervision. A comfortable crate is effective while everyone is at work or school, providing that someone is on hand to walk and feed the dog at certain times during the day. Remember, puppies thrive on human companionship and will not hesitate to let you know this — at any time of the day or night. It will be your job, not your children's, to properly house-break your pet. This takes time and an abundance of patience. Good training from the start means fewer headaches for you, fewer messes on your carpet, and a happier pet.

- Veterinarian visits are vital to your pet's good health. It is important to remember that pets need yearly veterinary check-

ups, even if nothing is wrong. Preventative medicine is easier — and often less expensive — than curing an illness or correcting a problem. At the yearly checkup, make sure your pet receives its proper vaccinations. Also, unless you plan to breed your dog or cat professionally, spaying or neutering is essential. Along with helping to alleviate the growing number of unwanted pets in this country, spaying can prevent some forms of cancer in pets. Your veterinarian can advise you of the proper age for your pet to be spayed or neutered.

- The right match. Here's the situation—you live in an apartment in the city. Your kids have been begging Santa to stuff their stocking with a Siberian Husky this Christmas. Against your better judgment, you get them

the Husky pup. Really, a puppy so little and cute can't get that big. Right? Many people purchase puppies based on pressure from their kids or on the puppy's appearance. They do not take into account how big that puppy will get, that the breed may not adapt to children, or that it is high-spirited and needs room to run. It is best to research the breed before you purchase the puppy to save yourself the heartache of owning an animal that's not a good match for your family's lifestyle.

- Some (pet) food for thought. You spend plenty of time picking out the best foods for your family, and chances are that you'll do the same for your pet. Here are some tips: Growing and active pets need a high-protein, high-fat diet; what's good for you is not necessarily

good for your pet. Read pet-food labels carefully to be sure your dog or cat food is high in animal-based protein (chicken byproducts, lamb, egg) it should appear at the top of the list. Foods with better-quality ingredients are more readily absorbed and utilized, which means pets need less food and produce less waste.

Owning a pet can be a wonderful, rewarding experience — if you do your homework. Also, giving your children a pet not only gives them a best friend, but it teaches the basics of responsibility and reliability.

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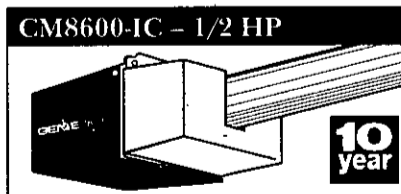
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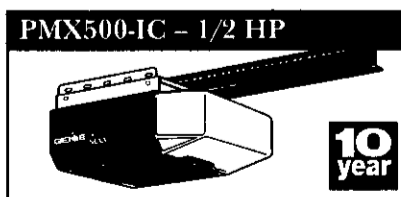


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Take a less travelled route to unique gift shops

By Tom Murnane

Thinking of what you're going to get for everyone this holiday season and dreading the thought of fighting the hordes of shoppers in the malls?

Well, relax, 'cause while everyone else is fighting for that coveted parking space a mile from the mall entrance, picture yourself casually walking into a museum gift store, picking out unique items for friends and family and then heading home, mission accomplished.

Not possible, you say? Well, think again. Here in the Capital District, or even by taking a short drive over to Vermont or Massachusetts, you can find plenty of goodies and be back home before your fellow mall shoppers have figured out where they parked their cars.

At the state Museum at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, with plenty of parking available, shoppers will find a wide variety of gifts that are simply not found in your run-of-the-mill chain store.

The museum has an array of New York state crafts, according to museum buyer Jean Gehring. Offerings include Adirondack pottery with a pine tree motif that runs for between \$5 and \$75, or the "whimsical" painted clocks featuring cats, dogs and other scenes by local artist Wendy Costs of Berne (\$30-\$40).

The museum also sells a wide variety of books about the state and its rich history and local cultures, with a special emphasis on American Indians and natural science, she said. The museum also has a huge selection of calendars, cards and posters.

In addition to crafts, the store sells a nice selection of foods from around the state, including chutneys, a spicy, sweet and sour preserve used as a relish made in the Hudson Valley; "Hudson Valley Homestead" mustards, salad dressings, vinegars; "Saratoga Good Luck Peppermint Pigs," which are hard candies that people can break, with pieces given to



Jean Gehring, buyer for the state Museum in Albany, with some of this year's gifts.

Tom Murnane

friends for luck, Gehring said. Another Capital District offering are "Val's Berry Best" jams and jellies, made in Rensselaerville.

For the kids, there's all sorts of stocking stuffers and gifts, ranging from shark exhibit items to dinosaur models, puzzles, handpuppets and games. Big sellers for Gehring are the educational "curiosity

kits," which show how to make jewelry, stone carvings, glass, Indian moccasins and American Indian pottery (\$10-\$30).

"There's something for everyone here, no doubt about it," Gehring said.

Another ideal museum shop is a short hop by car to Vermont via Route 7 (Vermont Route 9): the Bennington Museum.

Although the museum charges a \$5 admission charge, browsers are welcome in the shop that has miniature reproductions of some of the museum's collection of pottery and furniture, Grandma Moses prints and a number of specialty gift items.

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right on South Street just before routes 2 and 7 split in Williamstown) also has a wonderful gift shop that offers jewelry, children's games, art books and prints and slides of paintings in the institute's collection.

Back in the Capital District, there's the Five Rivers Educational Center in Delmar, which operates a small gift store that offers several series of nature books, including Peterson First Guides, introductory books (\$4.95 each) on reptiles, forests and so on. "Great for children or beginners," said Anita Sanchez, Five Rivers' senior environmental educator. And for kids who like nature, the store also sells small magnifying glasses (\$2) and plexiglass bug boxes with magnifying lenses (\$.95), "the kind of thing that make great stocking stuffers for little kids," she said. Another unusual present is for \$15, a person can "own" a section of a recently-built special wheelchair accessible trail.

In Colonie, the Shaker

Heritage Society also sells a number of unique household items at its Watervliet-Shaker Road gift store located on the grounds of the Albany County Nursing Home. Weavings, herbs, reproductions of the famous Shaker-style furniture such as sewing tables, baskets (\$5-\$38), and tin and wire accessories such as candle holders are among the offerings. The store also sells a variety of books on the Shakers, said shop manager Carol Ray.

And in Albany, the Albany Institute of History & Art's gift store, located inside the institute on Washington Avenue, is well known for its selection of books on local history, postcards, posters, calendars and prints, specialty items not found in your average mega-store.

Across the river, the Rensselaer County Historical Society's museum shop on Second Street in Troy is also stocked with an array of ornaments, books, children's toys and other gift items.

Keep tight rein on spending

At the holiday season, its easy to get caught up in the "spending" trap. Advertisers begin

Create a holiday budget and set limits on the amount that you plan to spend.

pushing their ideas of what you need to buy before the leaves are off the trees. There is a pressure to give to prove love and caring. And, the electric atmosphere of the season can cause you to forget your normal common sense approach to spending money.

Follow these hints from Consumer Credit Counseling to organize your holiday shopping and get back "in charge" of your holiday spending: Make a Plan

Create a holiday budget and

set limits on the amount that you plan to spend. Be sure to include all of the holiday expenses including decorations, Holiday cards, postage, and gift wrap.

Make Lists

After you've set up your budget, make lists of gifts, decorations, and food items which you need to buy.

Plan a Time to Shop

Running around on lunch hours and evenings after work or shopping with young children is exhausting and not very productive. Arrange for a day or half-day off to do your shopping. You may be able to trade babysitting with a friend to give you more time.

Be an Efficient Shopper

If you are looking for a specific gift, "let your fingers do the walking" and call stores to find out if they have it.

• Use malls. Whether it's the local retail mall or an outlet mall,

go where you have a choice of stores to shop. If you plan to come back to store to get something, write down the name of the store.

• Read the newspapers and sales flyers for sales and specials on the day you are going to shop. Make sure that you are going to get the best buy. Use the newspaper to shop.

• Try to shop malls early in the day. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday malls tend to be less crowded.

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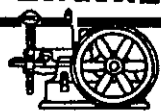
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Basketball players stuff balls, cooks stuff turkeys on Thanksgiving, and people all over the world stuff stockings of all kinds during the holidays.

This holiday season, don't be surprised to find any number of consumer electronics-oriented gifts in your stocking. If you're a video game fan, for example, you might want to take the slam-bang fun on the road with you. If so, you might drop a hint to your family or friends for hand-held video games.

Hand-held video games, which fit rather nicely into all manner of stockings, are favorite companions, whether you're relaxing in an overstuffed armchair or crammed into a plane seat. What's more, there's an enormous library of games that appeal to all ages.

Is the person on your gift list into cool tunes? If so, you might want to stuff his or her stocking with a personal, portable stereo.

Whether the holidays find you skating at a nearby rink or in-line skating at the beach, portable electronics capture the best of holiday sights and

sounds. With a mini-disc recorder, you can create custom compilations of holiday tunes or listen to prerecorded favorites with digital sound quality and skip-free playback.

Portable radios and personal

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stereos keep you entertained and in the spirit wherever holiday activities take you. For audio-minded gift givers, a mini audio system might be perfect for stuffing into the holiday stocking (provided, of course, your stocking is very large). If you want to fit more sound into less space, mini systems will deliver superior features and high-quality performance at an unbeatable value.

Your stocking will be stuffed with state-of-the-art features like superdimensional sound to

maximize your home theater experience. Models with digital signal processing for equalization, three-way bass reflex magnetically shielded speakers for distortion-free TV viewing and three-CD changers that allow you to change two discs while the third is playing are available.

You might also consider giving accessories as stocking stuffers. They're available at every price level, for every electronics equipment need. How about a pair of stereo speakers for a multimedia computer or perhaps one of the wide variety of cleaning and maintenance items for consumer electronics products, from CD lens cleaners to tape player head cleaners? Backup and replacement batteries for cellular telephones and camcorders make useful gifts as does a universal remote control to reduce remote clutter.

Color-coded CD jewel cases are great for categorizing your CD collection, and organizers for CDs and video and audio tapes are available to help you

keep your favorite music and movies in order. And, if the people on your list are the type who like to take their consumer electronics products on the road, from notebook and laptop computers to personal, portable stereos and video game systems, a wide variety of carrying cases and storage units are available. Replacement antennas for cellular phones and extra lights and lenses for camcorders are also worth considering.

Storage devices that can hold a CD player and CDs or a cassette player and cassettes make great gifts. Portable storage comes in every size, shape, color and design you can think of.

Portable storage will hold CDs, cassettes and computer disks.

Accessories are very functional and desired gifts. They provide lasting enjoyment, great benefits and are low in cost.

Another useful consumer electronics item is a blank tape, available for both audio and video use.

Bikes help cement family ties

Don't soft pedal the issue. One of the toughest gift-giving decisions is what to buy your parents for the holidays.

Do you buy yet another knickknack that will sit on a shelf and collect dust or risk giving them something out of the ordinary?

A new bicycle might be the perfect solution to the annual dilemma. Bikes are the perfect gift for adults who are looking for a healthy outdoor activity.

And no matter what their fitness levels, kids, parents and grandparents can enjoy biking together. Not only will it give everyone a great aerobic workout (only running burns more calories), cycling can provide valuable family time. An afternoon outing away from everyday distractions can build strong relationships and bridge generation gaps. It's a perfect time for grandparents to pass along stories about their childhood to their grandchildren.



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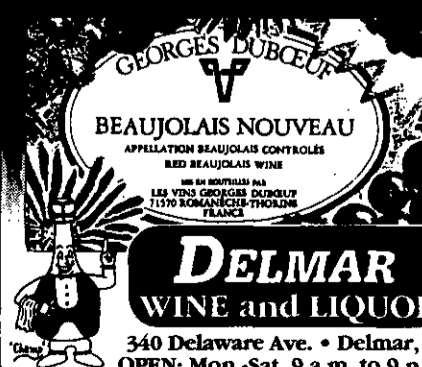
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Don't forget some holiday treats for family pet

By John Thorpe

If you're thinking of giving a pet as a holiday gift, think again. Just ask Chris Fedory at the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society in Menands.

"We don't encourage giving animals as gifts," said Fedory. "It simply is not always a good time, with so much confusion and chaos going on in people's homes. An animal can get into too many things, and it could be disastrous. We really don't suggest giving pets for any occasion," she added.

Jim Morrow of the L.C. Smith Pet Center in Delmar, agrees. "An animal doesn't get the attention it needs around the holidays, especially as a gift for a child," he said. "With all those other toys to open, a child will often think the animal is cute for a few minutes, then toss it aside." In fact, Morrow added, many good dog breeders won't even sell a dog that is intended as a gift, for fear of those many neglect factors.

"You really can never tell if a person wants a pet as a gift,"

said Karen Greenman, owner of Putting on the Dog in Latham. "You just can't be sure if that person will be committed to taking care of it." Instead, Greenman suggests perhaps giving a card explaining your plans to give your gift, or better still, a gift certificate. "Let them decide what they want," she said, "and what they want to commit to."

For those pet owners seeking a gift for their beloved friends at holiday time, many of the experts suggest a toy to keep spirits lively. "A Nylabone is a great gift for a dog," said Fedory. "It's a safe and durable toy, and comes in different shapes, sizes and flavors." For a cat, Fedory suggests something to chase, while Penel Shufelt at Colonie Pets in the Colonie Plaza added that catnip-filled toys are among the favorites of her feline owners. Shufelt also notes that bird-owners can often keep their pets happy and occupied for hours with a busy block, which when eaten through will lead to a reward of

nuts.

Shufelt also had one more unique idea. Why not create a stocking for your pet this Christmas, and fill it with chew toys, rawhides, treats, bones, or whatever you like? You might even throw in some vitamins to keep your pet healthy through the long winter!

Often thought of as frivolous, coats and sweaters for pets can also be very important to the animals during cold months, especially for smaller dogs, according to Morrow. "The smaller breeds of dogs, and short-hair dogs, particularly, can often use them," he said. "They really do keep the dogs warm."

"Some little dogs shake like crazy in the winter while being walked," added Greenman. "The coat or sweater definitely helps."

You might want to take it one step further, and head for Colonie Pets, where you'll find—believe it or not—jogging suits for your animal! "We think it's a great idea," Shufelt said. After all, it's never too late to start shaping up!



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Some of the season's hottest trends include nature-inspired designs, antique looks, pins, bracelets and rings, and gold jewelry in a variety of textures and colors.

To help you get the most for your money, as well as a whole lifetime of pleasure, consider the following "golden rules" before you make a purchase.

Always look for a karat mark

when buying gold jewelry. It is usually stamped as 10K, 14K, 18K or 24K, but also could be stamped 417, 585, 750 or 999, which are the European equivalents. The karat mark indicates the percentage of pure gold in the piece. For example, 24K is 100 percent gold. Gold is often alloyed with other metals, such as copper, silver, nickel and zinc, to give it strength and durability. The higher the karat mark, the more gold in the piece.

Different proportions of metals added to pure gold give

gold alloys their yellow, rose, green or white coloration. Most gold jewelry contains a mixture of at least two other metals.

Generally, the higher the karat mark, the higher the price. Price also is affected by the total weight of the piece. So, all else being equal, a larger, heavier piece is likely to be more expensive than a smaller, lighter one.

Superior design and construction come at a premium and make jewelry both easier to slip on and off and more comfortable

to wear. Although nearly all gold jewelry today is made with the help of special machines, some handwork is always involved. The more there is, the higher the price will be. Ornamental detailing, like engraving or a special finish, will add to the cost.

Whether purchasing gold for yourself or trying to please someone on your gift list, the key is to seek out items that strike the right balance between classic design and updated styling.

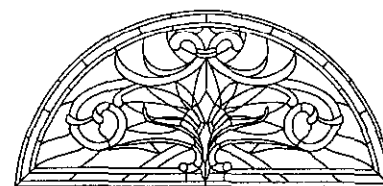
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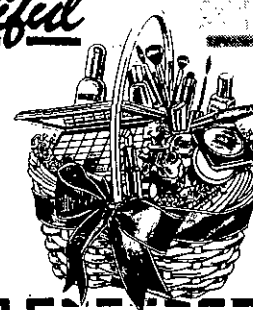
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