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Price Chopper foes cite accidents

By Mel Hyman

In a last-ditch effort to defeat the Price Chopper shopping center, Slingerlands residents opposed to the project say the accident situation on New Scotland Road is already out of control.

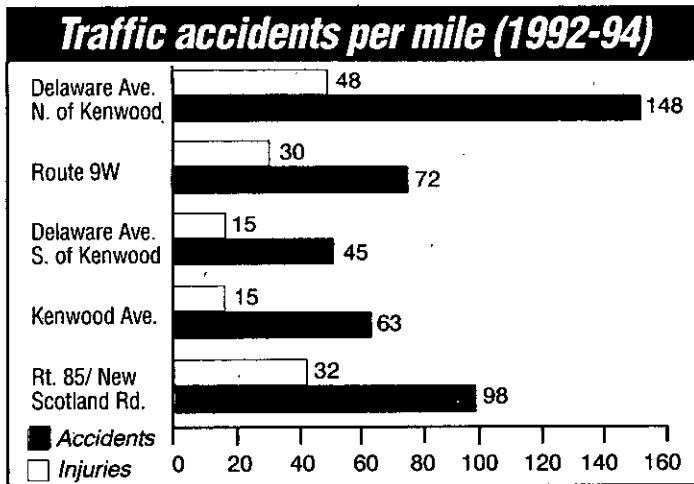
Even without the 99,000-square-foot Price Chopper project planned northwest of the intersection of Cherry Avenue Extension and New Scotland Road, traffic safety on New Scotland Road is a huge problem, said Mark Haskins, president of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association.

Association members studied the accident numbers along the main thoroughfares in Bethlehem for the past three years and determined that New Scotland Road, which would bear the brunt of traffic headed for the proposed Price Chopper, has the second-highest accident rate in town.

The town board, which is expected to vote tonight (Dec. 13) on rezoning a 21-acre parcel to accommodate the Price Chopper plan, should consider how hazardous the highway situation is on Route 85 before opening the way for a major new traffic generator, Haskins said.

"Our report comes up with some pretty significant data," he said, based on accident figures compiled by the state Department of Transportation.

"Our main conclusion is that the number of accidents and injuries along Route 85 are already at level typical of roadways with extensive commercial development and are well above those found on resi-



dential streets that are also commuter routes," Haskins said.

The number of accidents from 1992-94 on New Scotland Road — between Blessing and LaGrange roads — was 108, in-

cluding 35 injured persons, according to the report.

The commercial stretch of Delaware Avenue was host to 236 accidents, while 123 accidents were recorded on Route 9W between Route 32 and Feura Bush Road.

"At the very least, the prudent thing to do would be to hold off approving any major new projects along this road until the extension (of the Route 85) bypass is completed," he said.

That could happen sometime around the turn of the century or not at all, Haskins said, given that "Everything in the state is on hold right now."

Public opinion on whether to allow the shopping plaza has been split since the company unveiled its proposal in early

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BC bond issue goes to voters today

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central School District voters will decide today on a \$14.8 million bond issue to build and renovate classrooms, provide instructional technology, and take care of a wide variety of maintenance projects.

Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School on 332 Kenwood Ave.

After state aid, the cost of the bond to district taxpayers will be \$6,365,700, which will be paid back over 20 years. The tax rate impact will be 12 cents per thousand of assessed value in 1997-98, 32 cents

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Festival Fund turns to community

By Susan Graves

The Bethlehem Festival Fund might not be a household word, but that's only because a dedicated group of individuals go about their business in a quiet way.

The fund, started as the Bethlehem Community Festival in 1942, chugs along in its attempt to help out members of the community, who have fallen on hard times. "It's not like a government agency," said fund President Greg Jackson, "there's always been a very, very strong need for confidentiality."

No names of recipients are recorded,

he said. "It's a really unique organization, with no overhead. Everything we take in we spend."

The Bethlehem fund helps out community members in a variety of ways. Perhaps it's a pair of eyeglasses for a child in a single-parent home, or money for medication for someone without medical insurance, or a pair of sneakers or it might even be a tank of fuel oil for a family. Usually the aid is temporary until the family gets back on its feet, Jackson said.

"This is not meant for an ongoing need. It's meant to fill in the cracks," said Eileen Perkins, Slingerlands school nurse and a member of the Bethlehem Festival Fund board. Perkins said referrals for assistance are



Susan Cunningham, left, Greg Jackson and Eileen Perkins are working hard on the fund this year.

often made by school personnel. "It's unique and unusual, and the best part is we identify a need and take care of it."

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On a roll



Brenda and Max Mitchell of Delmar do some tubing at Elm Avenue Park. Doug Persons

Local residents want options for shopping in Bethlehem

By Mel Hyman

People want to shop in Bethlehem, but say there's not a great variety to choose from.

That's the bottom line of a survey conducted by a team of college students recently on the shopping attitudes and habits of town residents.

The report was commissioned by Bethlehem First — a special task force of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce — to find out firsthand why town residents often, bypass local stores in favor of re-

gional shopping malls such as Crossgates and Colonie Center.

The answer is fairly simple, the task force was told last week. Residents looking for a variety of merchandise say they "just can't find it" in Bethlehem, said Jacqueline Higgins, a management major at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. "They're looking for a greater variety of stores."

Frequently mentioned by the 184 respondents was the need for a quality

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Loomis goes back to basics at BC class

By Dev Tobin

For Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Leslie Loomis, last Friday was a chance to get back to his roots in education, working with kids in the classroom.



BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis reads from "The Ransom of Red Chief" while substitute teaching Friday.

I picked up a few pointers, different techniques that were quite effective, that will improve my teaching.

Anne-Marie Sheehan

Before the Harvard doctorate and the high-level administrative jobs, Loomis, like almost every teacher, was a substitute looking to latch on to a full-time job.

"I started as a sub — that's how I got my first full-time teaching job" as a social studies teacher, Loomis recalled.

Loomis spent Friday teaching English to seventh-graders. In the past few years, Loomis has returned to the classroom more as a guest speaker than as a teacher.

"Subbing reminds me of how difficult, complex and fulfilling teaching is," he said. "There is so

much meaning in the work we do, and the teacher's role is pivotal."

Loomis spent the day exploring the meaning of "The Ransom of Red Chief" by O. Henry with about 100 students usually taught by JoAna Finger.

The story of two desperadoes who get more than they bargain for when they kidnap a spirited boy excited the normally reserved administrator.

Loomis read dialogue portions

of the short story with gusto, and worked to elicit participation from every student.

Those who answered especially difficult questions — like clearly identifying the surprise ending Loomis dubbed the "O. Henry twist" — were honored with applause as "Friday heroes."

For University at Albany student teacher Anne-Marie Sheehan, observing Loomis was a bonus.

"It was really valuable," Sheehan said. "I picked up a few pointers, different techniques that were quite effective, that will im-

prove my teaching."

The substitute teaching stint was a break from Loomis' work on financial matters, such as the long-range facilities bond and next year's budget.

"It is good for me, personally and professionally, to step back and renew my own sense of the fulfillment inherent in being an educator," Loomis said.

And, aside from recharging his batteries, Loomis increased this year's fund balance by \$60, the cost of a substitute teacher for a day.

Police nab pair for shoplifting

Two Albany residents making an early morning trip to the Grand Union in Elsmere last week now probably wish they'd stayed home.

Colleen Carlton, 26, and Darrel Dixon, 31, both of 86 Morton Ave., were charged with petty larceny and criminal conspiracy in the sixth degree, Bethlehem police said.

In addition, Carlton was arrested on an outstanding bench warrant for prostitution. Dixon also faces a third charge — second-degree criminal impersonation after he allegedly gave police a false identity.


The couple's Elsmere escapade was cut short when police were notified at about 7 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, that a shoplifting incident might be in progress.

Officer Charles Radliff apprehended the suspects on Delaware Avenue after they allegedly ran out of the Grand Union and tried to flee in a 1990 Chevrolet.

A search of a backpack in the vehicle turned up \$119 worth of cigarettes along with Energizer batteries, condoms and shampoo — all allegedly stolen from the Grand Union.

Dixon was released pending a Dec. 19 appearance in town court. Carlton was transferred to the custody of the Albany Police Department.

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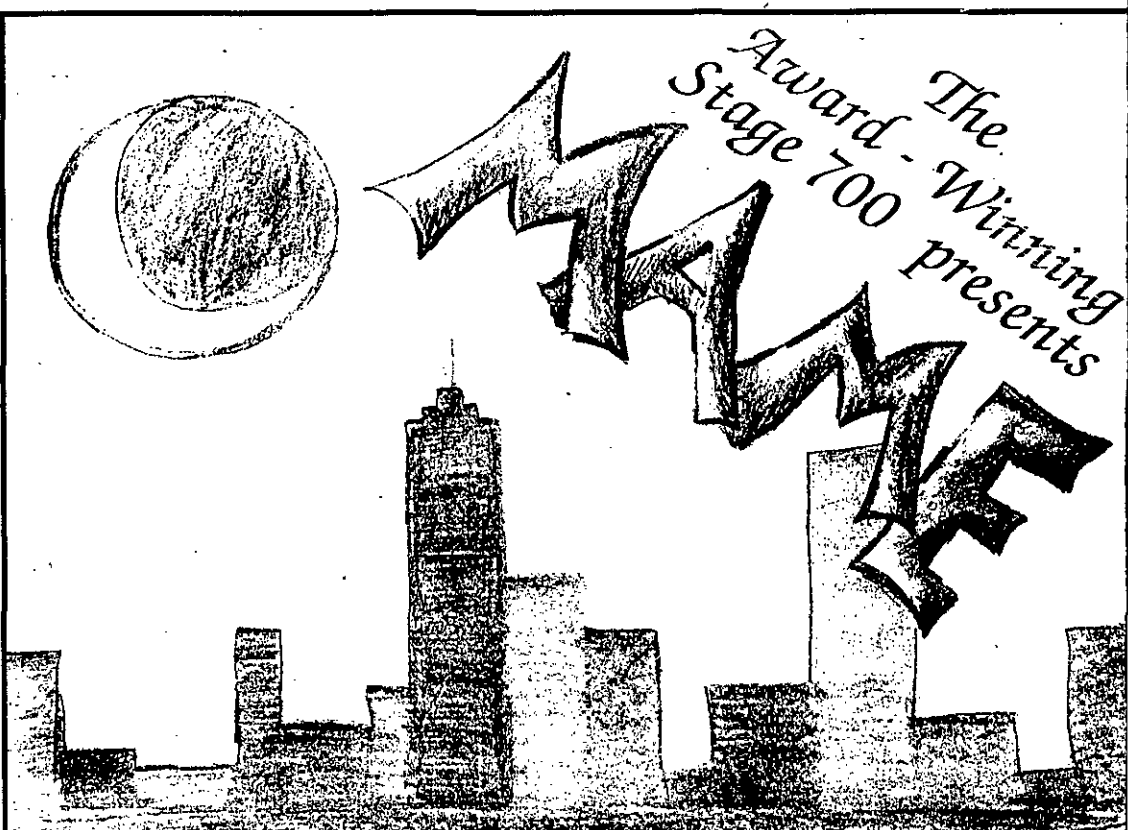
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Local prof ranks BC 4th in region

By Dev Tobin

For three years now, Bethlehem Central School District administrators have bristled at what they call an unscientific ranking of local school districts by the *Capital District Business Review*, a local business weekly.

For a district whose self-image is as one of the area's best, BC has yet to crack the *Business Review's* Top 10, finishing 13th in 1992, 11th in 1993 and 24th in 1994.

Regarding the 1994 ranking, BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis said, "Any ranking that has Niskayuna at 13 and Bethlehem at 24 is clearly suspect."

Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent of instruction, argued that the *Business Review* ranking is based on a "sloppy construct" that produces wide variations from year to year, unlikely in relatively stable institutions like schools.

Now a study by University at Albany education professor David Wiles supports the BC administrators' complaints.

"The backlash against the *Business Review* survey was right on the money," Wiles said, adding that the survey's "mix of academic, organizational and fiscal data is a very poor way of ranking school districts."

Wiles, a resident of Unionville, has compiled a book-length study, *Networking High Performance in New York's Secondary Education*, that ranks districts across the state on several select Regents-related criteria, creating "a pure ranking of secondary performance in the state curriculum," he said.

Although the book's rankings will inevitably be the focus of attention and criticism, Wiles said he hoped that state policy-makers and local education leaders will look beyond the rankings to identify and help others replicate what the high-ranking districts are doing.

Among local schools, Wiles ranks Bethlehem fourth, behind North Colonie, Niskayuna and Voorheesville (which has consistently been ranked in the top 5 by the *Business Review*). North Colonie was the only local district to rank in the top 10 percent statewide.

While most of the high-ranking districts are from relatively wealthy suburbs, Mechanicville,

a small-city district in Saratoga County, ranked fifth, just behind Bethlehem, Wiles noted.

Also, many wealthy suburban districts did not rank in the top 10 percent statewide, so high spending per pupil is no guarantee of strong academic performance, Wiles added.

Loomis called Wiles' ranking "worthwhile as a source of comparison, but also limited."

Regents results "don't speak to the more rigorous and creative work going on in the district," for example, at the Lab School, Loomis said.

The basis of Wiles' ranking system is state Education Department data on the percentage of graduates receiving Regents diplomas over seven years, and Regents exam results in nine subjects over three years, for which points are awarded based on differing levels of mastery.

For the Global Studies, History and Government and Intermediate Mathematics Regents, mastery was defined as 80 percent of eligible students taking the test and 80 percent passing.

For the Chemistry and Advance Mathematics Regents, the mastery standard was 67 percent taking the test and 80 percent passing.

And for the Physics, French and Spanish Regents, the mastery level was 40 percent of eligible students taking the test and 80 percent passing.

Snow surfing



Jonathan Schuyler of Delmar works on his mini-snowboard technique Saturday at Elm Avenue Park. *Doug Persons*

NS moves to condemn Hilton land

By Dev Tobin

For more than two years, New Scotland has tried to negotiate a mutually agreeable price for about six acres of land needed for the well-field of the Northeast Water District to provide water for Orchard Park and surrounding areas.

The land lies between the end of Smith Lane and the D&H Railroad tracks, with limited road frontage and no services. It has been valued at about \$5,000 an acre by independent appraisers, but the attorney for the owners, the estate of Meriah Hilton, has held out for about \$19,000 an acre.

Supervisor Herb Reilly noted that the higher price for the land would make the district too expensive to gain approval from the state comptroller's office.

The town board met in executive session Monday and decided to seek bids for an attorney to proceed with eminent domain condemnation of the Hilton property.

Condemnation "is not going to slow down the process" of establishing the water district, for which construction is planned for the 1996 building season, Reilly said.

In a related matter, Reilly reported that the second well for the Northeast Water District had been installed and pump-tested satisfactorily. He added that the cost of the well was about \$21,000, \$5,000 less than estimated.

In other business, the board voted to increase the cable television franchise fee from \$1 per customer to 3 percent of total revenues.

The new fee will bring in an estimated \$3,600, substantially more than the current fee revenue of \$750.

The fee increase is part of a 10-year contract renewal with Cablevision.

Councilman Scott Houghtaling argued unsuccessfully that taxing cable TV customers and spending that money on services that benefit non-cable TV customers was unfair.

Reilly said that the increased revenue may come in handy next year if the state further reduces its aid to the town.

Also, in his last regular meeting, Councilman Edward Donohue asked next year's board members to consider increasing competitive bidding for services, changing the supervisor and highway superintendent terms from two to four years, and finding a way to provide cost-effective advanced life support service.

BC thespians present Mame this weekend

Meet everyone's favorite aunt when Stage 700, Bethlehem Central High School's musical theater club, presents *Mame*, Dec. 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.

Mame, a wealthy and colorful free spirit, is living in New York at the height of the Roaring Twenties when Patrick, her orphaned nephew, arrives at her door.

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ible *Mame* races into the 1930s, life continues to be "a banquet." Through love, losses and triumphs, *Mame* touches everyone around her with her indelible style.

Mame stars Amanda Genovese in the title role, Kate Lange as Vera, Anna Groer as Agnes Gooch, Beth Finkleshtein as young Patrick, David Lefkovich as older Patrick, Seth Fruiterman as Beau regard Burrside, Lisa Jacobs as Mother Burrside, and John Bragle as Alfred, the butler. Additional actors, singers and dancers round out the musical's cast.

The production is directed by James Yeara, with the assistance of student directors Amanda Crozier, Matt Simons and Peter Eminger. The musical director is Joseph Farrell, and choreography is directed by Fran Coccozza. Set design and construction is provided by Bill Morrison, lighting design by Wayne Joy, and often-elaborate costumes by Wendy Lefkovich.

All seats are reserved. Tickets for *Mame* can be purchased at The Paper Mill in Delaware Plaza and at the high school, 700 Delaware Ave.

Tickets are \$6, \$3 for children, students, and senior citizens. Senior citizens are invited to attend the Thursday evening performance free of charge.

For information, call the high school at 439-4921.



In the Stage 700 production of *Mame*, Amanda Genovese, right, plays the title character, and Kate Lange, left, plays Vera Charles. *Hugh Hewitt*

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V'ville board hears CAR results

By Katherine McCarthy

In stark contrast to last month's meeting, teachers' salary negotiations were never mentioned at Monday's school board meeting in Voorheesville.

Richard Mele, president of the Voorheesville Teachers Association, was present for only part of the meeting and read no statement as he has in the past.

The CAR reports and the feasibility of honors courses at the high school were the focus of the meeting after a small group of students expressed dissatisfaction at not being able to decorate the high school for "Spirit Week," due to state fire regulations. School Superintendent Alan McCartney arranged to meet with student government president Matt Fields to discuss how students could use the nearly \$1,000 worth of decorations they had purchased and still comply with those regulations.

Elementary school Principal Edward Diegel presented the Comprehensive Annual Report for the elementary school.

The state Education Department sends the report data to each public school district every year to be presented to the board of education at a public meeting by Dec. 15.

The Voorheesville results were compared to Albany County, similarly-sized school districts in the state, and the state reference point. Consistently, Voorheesville students scored above all of these.

Ninety-four percent of third graders, for instance, scored above the SRP in reading, and 100 percent were above the SRP in math.

Diegel said that the math SRP is a very minimum standard, and the Voorheesville school district checks further to see how many of their students score 80 percent. In the '94-'95 school year, 84 out of 100 third graders reached the 80 percent mark.

Reading is measured by "degrees of reading power," with 83 percent of third graders reading at or above grade level. In the sixth grade, 98 percent of the students were reading above the SRP, and 98 percent also read at or above grade level. In sixth grade math, 99 percent of the students were above the SRP, and 68 percent of the students had 80 percent mastery.

High school Principal Terrence Barlow then presented his portion of the CAR report. In both the Regents Competency Tests and the Regents exams, the percentages of Voorheesville students passing was in the high 90s, and frequently 100 percent.

A noticeably weak area was chemistry, where the numbers for the past three years have been 78 percent, 91 percent and 81 percent, decidedly lower than the other subjects.

Board President John Cole said this number was consistently lower than the other subjects, and sometimes below the SRP. Barlow said that he and science department chairman Bob Samuels would be doing an item analysis on the standardized exams, as well as following the students' quarterly grades, in an effort to improve the situation.

The board then discussed ways

of challenging highly able students. McCartney said all high school classes are taught at a level allowing most students to excel on the Regents exam, and many AP courses are also offered.

Erica Sufirin spoke in favor of offering even more challenging courses to some students. "Research shows that keeping highly abled kids in a heterogeneous class holds them back. This is a cruel thing to do to a child. I know that these kids are a good influence in a class, and that we want cohesion in school, but this is the same as putting a rock on someone's head to keep them from growing."

As the administrative member of the School Improvement Council, Barlow read a letter from that group offering their assistance on challenging students. He expressed the teachers' desire for this to be a deliberate process, and expressed their concerns that they have not heard from students that they are bored with classes, and that students frequently do not take advantage of teachers' attempts to offer further enrichment to a course.

Cole said there is a difference in providing enrichment when the rest of the peer group doesn't endorse it, and providing a course of study to a group as a whole.

Cole suggested the formation of a subcommittee from the board to work with the committee to make recommendations at the next school board meeting on Jan. 8 as to how to proceed. Sufirin and Dr. Steven Schreiber will serve on this subcommittee.

Local health agency loses on telemarketing

By Mel Hyman

Based on last year's experience of losing more than \$10,000, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood has no intention of using a telemarketing company again to help with fund-raising.

Executive director Pat McGeown, a resident of Slingerlands, said the decision to hire Telecomp Inc. of Rochester was made before she took over the organizational reins. And based on the reputation of Telecomp at the time, it did not seem like a bad idea.

Going back through the records, McGeown said Upper Hudson entered into a contractual agreement with Telecomp "because they had done a wonderful job" for the Planned Parenthood affiliate in Rochester.

"They presented us with a best-case, middle-case and worst-case scenario," which would have meant breaking even. But when the telemarketing campaign was finished, "They hadn't even hit the bottom rung," she said.

Before the campaign began, the telemarketing company was provided with a list of 4,854 people living within the geographic area covered by Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood (none of whom had been solicited before) as potential contributors.

In this first-ever venture, Planned Parenthood wound up paying more than \$44,000 for Telecomp's services in 1994, while realizing only about \$34,000 in

donations, according to the charity's records.

"We were definitely disappointed, and we conveyed that to (Telecomp)," McGeown said.

But "There was a silver lining," McGeown noted, since about 650 new donors were identified through the campaign who are expected to be regular contributors.

In addition, it allowed Parent Parenthood, which is based in Albany, to "clean up" its mailing list, dropping many people with no interest in the organization.

From now on, "cold calling" of potential contributors will be handled by volunteers, McGeown said.

Individual donations account for about 6 percent — or \$200,000 — of Planned Parenthood's annual budget, McGeown said.

"Overall, things are going fairly well," she said. "Services are being expanded in anticipation of further budget cuts from Washington, so it's unfortunate to have to deal with this type of thing."

Kathy Pavelka, president and chief operating officer of Telecomp, said that the Upper Hudson situation was an anomaly. "It is very rare when one of our clients loses money."

She pointed to a press release issued by Attorney General Dennis Vacco that mentioned Telecomp as one of the five best-performing telemarketers in the state for the period studied.

"I know Upper Hudson was disappointed and so were we," Pavelka said. But it is "misleading and inaccurate" to judge the company's track record on this one campaign.

A similar campaign on behalf of Planned Parenthood of Rochester and the Genesee Valley in 1994 returned 53 percent of gross receipts to the charity — a net income of more than \$32,000.

Vacco issued a report last week on 540 charities statewide that used professional fund-raisers in 1994, showing that the average return to the charities was about 30 percent of the total amount contributed.

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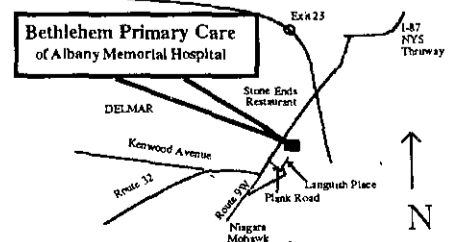
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Spotlight Publisher Richard Ahlstrom, right, accepts an award for the paper's cartoonist Hy Rosen from Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg on behalf of the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Evaluation Committee. Rosen's cartoon showed support for community partnerships to keep youth off drugs.

Meeting set on Mid-Hudson cable service

By Mel Hyman

If you live in the southernmost end of Bethlehem, and you're having problems with your cable TV when it rains, then you might want to attend tonight's (Dec. 13) public hearing on the renewal agreement for Mid-Hudson Cablevision Inc.

The Bethlehem town board is holding the public hearing to determine public sentiment about extending the franchise agreement with Mid-Hudson Cablevision for another 10-year period.

While only 25 homes are affected in the Route 9W/Old Ravena Road area — the rest of the town is served by Cablevision Inc. of Rensselaer — to the residents of that area it's a real concern, according to Comptroller Judith Kehoe, the town's cable television coordinator.

Kehoe said she received a letter last week from a Mid-Hudson subscriber upset because "when the weather turns bad, they tend to lose their picture."

Kehoe said she talked with the general manager of Mid-Hudson Cablevision, which is based in Catskill, and was assured that the

problem would be eliminated once the company completes its system upgrade next year.

Mid-Hudson Cablevision will be converting to a fiber optics system, similar to the upgrade recently completed by Cablevision in the rest of the town. The work is slated to begin early next year, and should be finished in 1996.

All of the Mid-Hudson cable lines are aerial, so when the upgrade begins there should be little

or no disruption to property owners, Kehoe said. A total of 77 channels should be available after the upgrade.

Under the tentative contract worked out with Mid-Hudson Cablevision, the town would receive 3 percent of gross receipts as a franchise fee.

Most of the territory serviced by Mid-Hudson Cablevision lies south of Bethlehem in the town of Coeymans and in Greene County.

Volunteers help make Child's facilities work

Bethlehem and New Scotland residents make an important contribution to Child's Nursing Home and Child's Hospital in Albany.

For more than 20 years, people from Delmar, Clarksville, Feura Bush, Glenmont, Selkirk, Slingerlands and Voorheesville have donated more than 84,000 hours of service or the equivalent of a year's service of 43 full-time employees, said Linda Ohlerking, director of volunteers.

Bette Shaw of Delmar had been a volunteer since 1973, a year after the nursing home opened. Since then she has put in nearly 13,400 hours, mostly in the gift shop that she has managed for the past 21 years.

In addition to Shaw, other local volunteers include: Helen Bauer, Marion Camp, Dorothy Campbell, Anne Casper, Molly Cassidy Virginia Cavanaugh, Marilyn Cline, Eleanor Cowing, Ruth Dalton, Ruth Dey, Marjorie Eilertsen, Dorothy Ennis, Jean Flynn, Bob Henderson and Evelyn Herr.

And, Merle Jones, Thelma Joyce, Eleanor Kirchner, Janet Maclean, Dona Mosher, Diana McKeough, Carolyn O'Neil, Jo Parr, Cathy Shanley, Pat Sutliff, Ruth Trobridge, Polly Van Woert, Betty Voelk, Hilda Wenger and Joan Yaguda.

Others include: Blanche Stickley, Dorothy Haskell, Malva Rapazzo, Ethel Smith, Ethel Harmau, Lorraine Keegan and Jean Randles.

The ages of the volunteers span nearly a century with the oldest at 90 to the youngest, 2-year-old Jessica Rosenblum from Glenmont, who with her mother Joan participates in the Mommies and Babies program, where young children and their parents are paired with a nursing home resident.

Joan Bayne, Jean Riley, Lillian Weiler and Lydia Wilt are also volunteers who hail from Glenmont.

Linda Winterhoff of Delmar, pastoral care coordinator at Child's appreciates the way the volunteers add to the nursing home residents' quality of life.

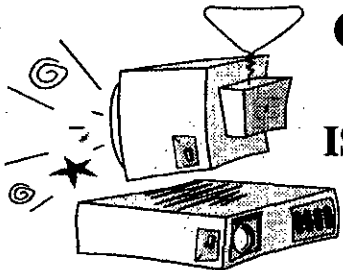
Live Nativity scene on display in Delmar

The local community is invited to the annual live Nativity presentation at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

The presentation will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 17. The Nativity, performed by the church's youth group, will feature seven scenes, including live animals and music by the church choirs.

A concert of popular and Christian music will be performed at 7 p.m. following the Saturday presentation.

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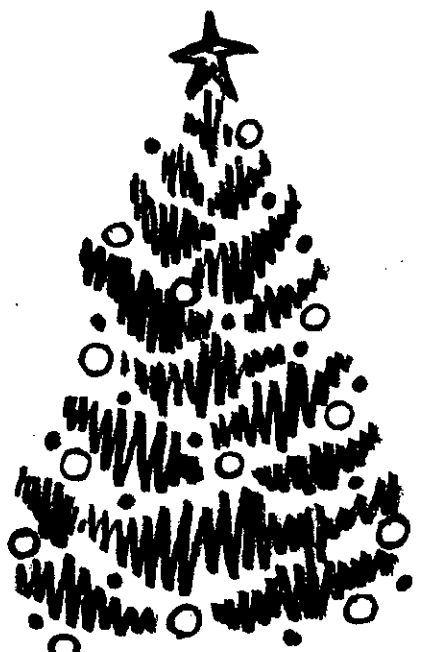
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Spotlight hits big 40

Life begins at 40, they say. Well, if such is the case, we at *The Spotlight* are looking forward to future years with great anticipation. This week, *The Spotlight* celebrates its 40th year of existence, one which has seen all the trials and travails of momentous events in the nation's recent history.

While these events affect life around us, *The Spotlight* concentrates on the events which shape the lives of our neighbors in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

During the next year, we will be reflecting occasionally on the major events and personalities which made news on our pages during these past four decades.

Richard Ahlstrom is also celebrating 15 years of guiding *The Spotlight*, which eventually branched out to encompass Colonie and Loudonville in separate papers.

We plan to continue bringing news of events pertinent to our neighbors in these towns while commenting on actions taken by their leaders and urging action where deemed necessary. All of this we promise to continue in a professional manner worthy of the communities we cover in our news columns.

Shoppers want choice

Bethlehem First asked questions and got answers that indicate while local residents prefer to shop locally, they do want choice.

As a special task force of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Bethlehem First had a team of college students conduct a survey of local people and the results were what many have been saying all along.

Among the 184 people who answered the survey, most sought a more attractive Delaware Avenue shopping area with a distinctive environment that gives the area warmth and cohesiveness. Those people surveyed also wanted a quality department store in their midst as well as a family restaurant that was not part of a chain. Even a movie theater was cited as a local need.

Mainly, the survey found the desire to shop locally. Now, what has to be done is make it possible for Bethlehem residents to find the variety they seek along with the convenience.

Fund deserves help

The 50-year old Bethlehem Festival Fund is in the midst of an activity it does best—feeding needy families in the community at Christmas.

During the half-century of service, thousands of Bethlehem residents have been helped by the Festival Fund without red tape or invasion of privacy.

Families in crisis have been helped each year with food, clothes and medicines along with summer field trips, school supplies and special schooling.

While the Festival Fund is a year-round activity, Christmas is especially important to it because the holiday season is a time when people appear most in need and when others are more attuned to helping. The modest 1996 goal of \$7,500 deserves your consideration.

Hanukkah greetings

Hanukkah is a feast which predates Christmas, but its symbol of lighting candles to celebrate an ancient victory over oppression takes on an even more profound meaning of bringing hope to a world of darkness.

Spiritual or physical darkness cannot prevail if there is one lighted candle shining its illumination into a soul or a room.

The message of Rabbi Shpeen in his Point of View on this page is a succinct and exquisite explanation of this minor festival in the Jewish calendar which has taken on greater significance in modern times.

To all who celebrate Hanukkah at this time, our very best wishes for joy with family and friends.

Editorials

The Hanukkah miracle of light

By Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen

The writer of this Point of View is associated with the Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany.

From Sunday evening, Dec. 17, through Monday, Dec. 25, the Jewish people will be celebrating the joyous festival of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights.

Although Hanukkah is a very minor festival in the Jewish calendar, in our culture today it has taken on greater significance and is perhaps one of the most widely celebrated holidays amongst Jews.

There are many reasons for this phenomenon. The most important, I believe, is the fact that the Hanukkah celebration is an entirely home-based holiday uniting the family together through its rituals.

After the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC, his empire was divided into two smaller kingdoms, Egypt to the South and Syria to the North. In 175 a new king arose in Syria, Antiochus IV, who was harsh and cruel in his treatment of those under his rule. Antiochus sent officers to the cities in Judea to proclaim that all should forsake their own religion and become one people. The Sabbath and Jewish Festivals were not to be observed and an idol was placed on the altar of God!

When the officers came to the city of Modiin (outside the present day Tel Aviv), and ordered Mattathias, a priest who dwelt there, to take the lead for others to follow, he refused. Mattathias then called for those who wish to join his ranks in defiance.

One of his sons, Judah (called the Maccabee) became the commander of the revolt. Dedicated to their convictions to worship in the manner they desired, filled with courage and strength, the

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small band of rebels were victorious in their revolt. They made their way to the Temple in Jerusalem and celebrated its rededication.

Legend has it that the High Priest could only find enough oil in the Temple for the Everlasting Light (symbolic of God's presence) to burn for one day. However, it would take a week to purify more oil. The miracle of Hanukkah is the fact that the little bit of oil, in fact, lasted for eight days until more could be prepared! The "light of God," the "presence of God," thereby was never extinguished!

Candles then are placed in our Hanukkah Menorah, the Hanukkah lamp, called the Chanukiyah, each night for eight nights to symbolize this great miracle. Each night we add another candle as the theme of this celebration grows brighter in our hearts: A small band of committed zealots were victorious in their fight for religious freedom. "Not by might, not by power, but by the spirit of God," Zechariah teaches us relative to the victory of the Maccabees!

In his book, *What One Candle Can Do*, Rabbi Harold Kushner shares a most relevant insight: Chanukah is more than the remembrance of an ancient victory. It is the Jewish response to the gloom of winter. It is our way of expressing our profound belief that God will not permit utter darkness to prevail.

There is a message in this for all of us. When the darkness seems overwhelming, and it can be spiritual darkness as well as the darkness of a winter night, we need to be reminded that it is powerless to withstand the smallest bit of illumination.

As our world grows colder and darker, we must do what Jews and Christians alike have been taught to do at this season. Light a candle in someone's life and see how it makes the dark-

ness flee! A little bit of light is all we need. May the warmth and the love shared by family and friends during this wonderful holiday season be, for all of us, truly a light which will guide us through these upcoming winter months.

And when spring does finally emerge once again, we will be strengthened by our spirit and ultimately steadfast in our resolve to bring the message of the Maccabees, that of freedom, tolerance and respect to all corners of our world!

Community thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

When I found an old collapsed Dutch barn some 15 years ago, I longed to recreate a picket fence similar to the picket in the barn. Recently, with the help of the people at Delmar Curtis Lumber store, I was able to hand-craft a fence, shaping and sanding it the old fashioned way—one picket at a time!

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Now, the fence is standing, 70 feet long with 194 of the smaller pickets and 98 of the larger. My design and construction of the fence was made possible in no small way by the lumber store's help in figuring out and selecting all of the materials needed to limit waste, or repeated trips for more material. I readily admit needing the professionals when it came to calculating these needs.

The amount of time it took to create and erect the fence was considerable as there were many separate steps involved in shaping each picket. After the fence posts were installed, the assembling of all of the fence components went fairly rapidly.

With all due modesty and based on the remarks of my neighbors, I think the fence is a beautiful addition to our town!

Jack Connell

Delmar

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Your Opinion Matters

Resident proposes fence ordinance for neighborhood rights

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to advise *The Spotlight* readers regarding some development in the Dover Drive, Elm Avenue area that bodes an ominous trend in the town.

Recently, an individual acquired a 4.5 acre wooded lot adjacent to the Dover Drive development. He then proceeded to ring his property with a five-foot chain link fence topped by barbed wire and, in some places, extended the height of his fencing to 12 ft.

Upon inquiring with the town about what controls exist to manage this kind of activity, I was surprised to learn that in Bethlehem there is no set back regulation.

So a person might put a fence exactly on the property line so that even the hole he dug crosses over. In other communities, such regulatory controls exist to protect the neighborhood from a diminishment in property values as a result of such conduct.

Not only can a person abut one's property, but he or she can also change the character of the neighborhood from just that to a construction lot, or worse yet, a military-style compound. Indeed, the latter seems to be what is developing under the auspices of the new owner. In other communities, such regulatory controls exist.

Apparently this individual can put up such a fence without a height limit since, as I was told by the building inspector's office, it is an open fence. The wire fence appears to be six feet with some sections 12 feet in height. Controls exist only for "solid" fences, no more than four ft. in height.

The Zoning Committee has argued in the past that to set such limits might raise an issue about constitutionality. Certainly, those issues apply in

Rotterdam and Niskayuna, but yet they have thought through these matters in their town ordinances.

The current developer of the property in question operates heavy machinery late at night with lights and disturbs the peace in the neighborhood. When the police are called neighbors are told "There is no noise ordinance." The police officers' hands are tied from taking action to protect the tranquility of a bedroom community because the town has never put on the books such a law.

How is this so? When people drink to excess and play the music late at night very loud the police currently do not have the tools on the books to stop that behavior.

It's clear that the real issue is that the town board, attorney and supervisor need to step back and take a big-picture look at the current ordinances. Development has so outpaced our laws that perhaps it has not allowed for reasonable updates to the statutes.

Ted Putney, town board member, recently met with the Dover Drive neighbors and promised just such a review. Sheila Fuller and Doris Davis have also expressed dismay at the fencing.

I applaud that effort and the commitment by John Flanigan as well to examine this matter to ensure that the appropriate protections are in place for all.

A new ordinance has been recently drafted and will be discussed at tonight's (Dec. 13) meeting of the town board.

Unfortunately, in its current form it does not adequately meet the needs of the Dover Drive or the Orchard Drive neighborhoods since there is no retroactivity, and since it fails the tests stated above such as

height, setback, etc.

I urge all town residents interested in preserving the quality of life in your neighborhoods to come and speak out for an ordinance that protects neighborhoods against the outrageous behavior of a few.

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No one disputes the right of a property owner to do what he or she wants to do on his or her property.

However, when the property rights of one upset the community standards and impact adversely the property rights of the many then it is time for the town board to act.

T. Brendan Mooney

Delmar

Festival Fund continues to provide

Editor, The Spotlight:

The holiday season is the busiest time of year for the Bethlehem Festival Fund as we begin ordering our turkeys this week and coordinating our holiday deliveries.

Financial responsibilities escalate as human services needs in our schools and community increase during this time of year.

This year, we set a goal of \$7,500 to enable us to continue to provide this important service. Last year we provided 81 families with holiday food baskets

The Bethlehem Festival Fund assists those whose needs slip through the cracks of traditional social service programs.

Throughout our 50-year history the fund has come to the aid of thousands of Bethlehem residents, old and young alike, quickly, quietly, without red tape and with the utmost respect for confidentiality. Every dollar

donated is used for assistance.

The work of the Bethlehem Festival Fund does not stop after the holidays.

Throughout the year we help families in crisis. Children in the school district receive help with field trips, school supplies, breakfast food and more.

In 1995, camper ships, summer school and tutoring were our focus during the summer months. This year the Bethlehem Festival Fund responded to specific emergency requests for heat, clothing and medicine.

Gifts to the fund have touched the lives of many peo-

ple in the Bethlehem Community, helping each recipient in a unique and much needed way.

If you have any questions about the fund call us.

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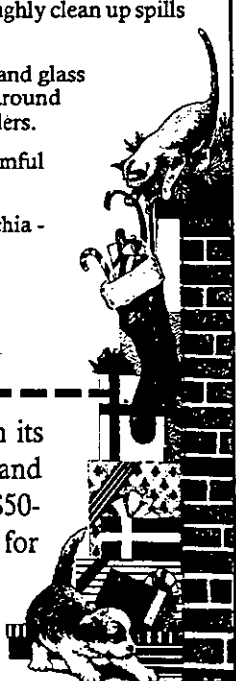
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- Keep your pet on its regular diet. Holiday treats, such as chocolate and bones, can be harmful or toxic.
- Many plants - including Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron and dieffenbachia - are toxic to pets. Keep them out of your pet's reach.
- Always have fresh, clean water available.

(Have a Safe and Happy Holiday This Season)

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Matters of Opinion

Technology Committee members encourage passage of bond

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the parents of children in Clarksville Elementary and the middle school, and as active participants in Bethlehem Central's efforts to integrate technology into the curriculum in our children's schools, we are writing to urge everyone to vote for the passage of the bond issue on Dec.13.

First, we believe all the schools in the district desperately need more classrooms. Especially at the middle school and the high school, room-sharing (class-on-a-cart) and increasing class size may reduce

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instructional time and hinder a teacher's ability to implement innovative projects.

Second, we feel it has now become essential for the district to undertake some of the long term maintenance projects; waiting may greatly increase some of the costs.

Third, we believe that greatly increasing the amount of technology in our children's schools is essential for their future.

Having three computers in every classroom will enable all children in our district to gain the educational benefits of technology, whether or not it is available at home.

Computers are not a luxury; they are now an essential part of college and the work world.

We believe that their importance for our children's education will only increase in the

years to come.

According to an article in *The Executive Educator*, when students use technology to collaborate on solving real-world problems, their experience is more relevant than it would be if they simply read about the situation.

We are concerned that Bethlehem Central will not be in a position to continue offering our children the quality educa-

tion they now receive without the substantial investment in computer technology which is included in the proposed bond issue.

Elaine J. McVoy, Clarksville Technology Committee and BCMS Technology Committee

Joanne P. Shawhan, Clarksville Technology Committee and BCMS Technology Committee

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Price Chopper may benefit tax base

Editor, The Spotlight:

The opening of the proposed Price Chopper would provide many benefits to the residents of Bethlehem.

First, a Price Chopper will finally offer residents an alternative to the current supermarket. Currently, many residents travel to Albany or Colonie for their weekly food shopping.

Second, Price Chopper may revitalize other local businesses who desperately need our patronage. If residents stay in Bethlehem for their weekly food shopping, they are also likely to rely on local businesses for their other errands and eat in local restaurants. This would add greatly to the local economy and the strength of the town.

Third, Price Chopper will

offer employment opportunities for young and old alike.

Fourth, Price Chopper has been extremely active in community service projects. It has enriched the lives of many of our neighbors through its underwriting of several worthwhile events and school activities.

Finally, and of critical importance, Price Chopper will strengthen our tax base. The increase in property taxes can help meet the needs of the expanding enrollment in our schools.

This additional tax revenue can modify the burden placed on Bethlehem homeowners. I strongly support the proposal to locate a Price Chopper store in Bethlehem.

Esther C. Stein

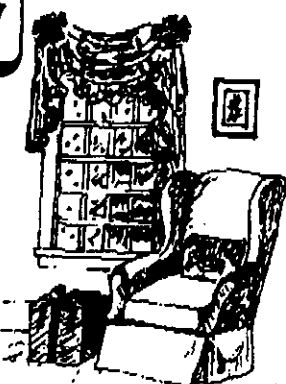
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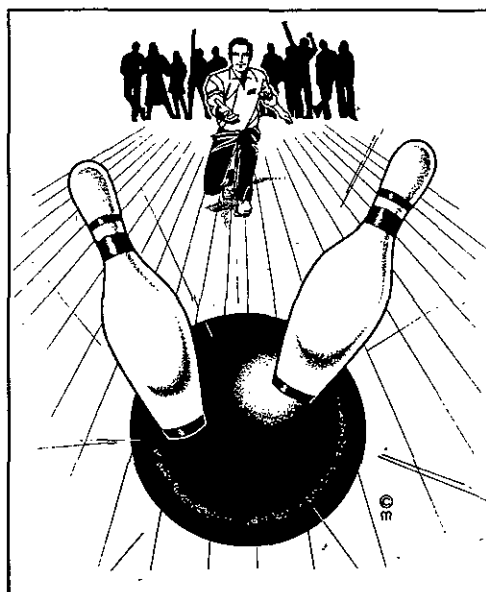
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Matters of Opinion

Parent stresses need to vote 'yes' on school bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

As is my Wednesday routine, I've scanned the front page of *The Spotlight* and then turned to the editorial section to read the letters concerning the latest topic in town. I could not agree more with Jim Schwab. In today's world employers are expecting their employees to come to them computer literate.

For those of us past 35, that has sometime meant learning on your own as management does not always see the wisdom of in service education. For the college-bound knowing how to use this modern tool is tantamount to success.

I have been given to understand there has been a general attitude among some in Bethlehem, that everyone has a computer in their home. An erroneous assumption. Our computer arrived in this household this May as our daughter finished her junior year. As taxpayers of this district, we have an obligation to provide our students with an education which is competitive in today's world.

During a trip to the Myrtle Beach area in July 1990, a good friend gave us a tour of Conway High School. That school district was slightly larger than ours at the time. They had in place and had had for years, a school wide computer system with a computer specialist.

They had already recognized the educational needs their stu-

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dents were going to require for future success. I did not realize how far in the dark ages this district is until my daughter's friend came to our home a few weeks ago to use our computer.

This person, a recent graduate of BCHS, did not even know how to turn the computer on. As a college freshman, this person will have to take a basic computer course. In many college programs this person would have been placed at a disadvantage.

The article by Gary Cimorelli, media specialist for educational communications, points out how this modern technology expands the learning opportunities for all students. For this district not only will our K-12 students benefit, but finally there could be adult education classes which will help our citizens

become more computer literate.

As the world moves further into interactive communications, lack of knowledge of the basic use and function of computers will greatly disadvantage a whole segment of our popula-

tion. It is never too late to learn how to use this technology.

To protect my daughter's privacy and that of her friend, I have requested the editor not to print my name. I am however, a concerned parent and taxpayer

who feels a yes vote today is the only way of ensuring our students will have an equal opportunity in the world they are inheriting.

Name submitted

Slingerlands

BCCO president pleads 'vote today'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Central School District's bond issue will be decided tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 13. If you have already voted today, thank you! But, if you have not gone to the middle school at 332 Kenwood Ave. and voted, please go and vote yes.

While this bond issue deals with all our school buildings: including more classrooms, meeting staff requirements for library space, addressing essential maintenance and safety issues, as well as bringing computers into our classrooms and curriculum; the major reason

each resident of this town should vote yes is very simple.

This \$14.8 million bond issue, if passed today, will cost the Bethlehem Taxpayers only \$6.4 million. Under the current state system, \$8.4 million of this bond issue will be paid for by New York state through the state Building Aid Fund.

If this bond does not pass, the

needs of our schools will not change; they will only get worse.

When the next bond issue is prepared, the reimbursement from New York state may be significantly lower or may not even exist! So please go to the middle school now and vote yes.

Bill Cushing

President, Bethlehem Central Community Organization

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Parent opposes bond

Editor, The Spotlight

I will vote no on the school bond. The proposed school bond would force our community to go forward with the very expensive centralization of our kindergarten program. This proposal has been labeled by proponents of this expenditure as "The early learning center." This centralization effort will cost us over \$1.8 million plus additional annual operating expenses.

The Elementary Long Range Planning Committee concluded the construction of only two to four classrooms to our system. This need for additional classrooms was based on historical growth with no consideration for the current economic conditions and state layoffs.

In other words, there may be

very little growth in the near future. However, the early learning center involves the construction of seven additional classrooms plus support facilities.

Last but not least, the school bond in its present form, will impose a decision to bus all kindergartners from our neighborhood schools to one central location.

In my opinion, kindergarten should provide our children with an opportunity to become comfortable with their local elementary school, its teachers and administrators.

They do not need another pre-school experience outside of their local school environment.

Julie Niedzialkowski

Slingerlands

Conservative favors bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank the Bethlehem School Board for their efforts in putting together the bond issue that we will vote on, Dec. 13. Although I am fiscally very conservative, I believe the money gained through the bond passage is needed and will be well spent.

Having attended most of the public school board meetings, I am well aware the school district will get additional, much needed space at all grade levels. These classrooms are needed to keep

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our class sizes at acceptable levels. Based on the exit poll at the last school budget vote, the board recognizes that class size, teacher qualifications and student achievement are at the top of the voters priority list.

The bond proposal will bring our schools into the 90s with advances in technology and library automation that our students will benefit from well into

the next century. The board has used restraint in finalizing this proposal, and the result is a well thought out plan for the future.

I am pleased to find the process as accessible as it has been this fall. I feel that our board's decisions will be more informed as a result of public input. We need to find better ways of delivering the basics without burdening tax payers. My vote doesn't mean spend more; it means spend less, spend it properly.

LaMar Hill

Delmar

Boy Scouts thank community efforts

Editor, The Spotlight:

Boy Scout Troop 75 wishes to thank the community for supporting our annual Sportmart, this one our 22nd! Without the community's continued generous support Troop 75 would not be able to provide the scouting experiences it does for boys.

It takes a great deal of time and energy to organize and hold the Sportmart so that it is successful for both the troop and the participants from our community. Like many non-profit

organizations, Troop 75 is run by volunteers, many of whom have jobs and families to raise. Somehow all find the time because it makes a difference.

This year's Sportmart could not have happened without the special effort of chairpersons Charlene Mapes, Pam LaVillotti, and Paula Ryan. Special thanks also go to Don Robbins for once again organizing a top notch computer operation, to all the members of the organizing committee, to the parent volunteers

and to the Scouts. We would also like to thank Bethlehem Central Schools for use of the high school and for help from the custodial staff. Thanks also go to the businesses and community organizations, including our sponsor, the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, for helping to spread the word about Sportmart.

Finally, we would like to thank our patrons for making Sportmart '95 a success and for their donations to our local food pantries. We look forward to seeing you next year.

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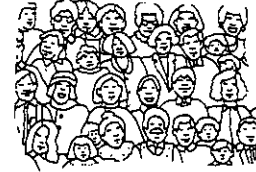
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Bethlehem middle school announces honor roll pupils

Bethlehem Central Middle School recently announced its high honor and honor rolls for the first marking period.

To be named to the high honor roll, a pupil must earn an overall average of 90 or above. To be named to the honor roll, a pupil must earn an overall average of 80 or higher.

Sixth grade high honor roll

Christopher Abbott, Kathryn Adams, Arno Alarcon, Sarah Alba, Elizabeth Alesse, Bradley Alston, Madeleine Andersen, Laura Baboulis, Noah Bacon, Megan Baldwin, Ellen Bandel, Jeffrey Barnet, Matthew Beauchaine, Geoffrey Bedrosian, Michael Berger, Alec Betterley, Peter Bird, Danielle Blanchard, Laura Blumenthal, Katherine Bonafide, Martin Bonventre and Steven Borzykowski.

And, Sean Boyle, Shannon Boynton, Nichole Bronson, Parker Brown, Mark Bulger, Erica Bush, Elaine Carberry, Rebecca Cariati, Allison Carloni, John Carnes, Brandon Cary, Arthur Ceas, Chase Chaskey, Jonathan Clair, Quinn Coffey, Daniel Cohen, Risa Cohen, Susan Collen, Sean Conger, Peter Cooley, Rebecca Corson, Christine Coulon, Lindsey Crusan, Brendan Cullen, Kelley Curran, Margaret Cybulski and Ryan Dalton.

And, Miranda Davis, Patrick Dawson, Alyson Dick, Lauren DiGiulio, Leslie DiPaolo, Katherine Donovan, Elizabeth Drew, Matthew Drislane, Patricia Eames, Andrew Eckel, Leah Elliott, Jennafer Engelstein, Seth Erlich, Kathryn Fisher, Kelly Fuchs, Jason Fudin, Stephanie Garbo, Celinda Gebhardt, Deborah Gordon-Messer, Nancy

Gort and Hannah Gray.

And, Aaron Griffin, Jaimie Haas, Shannon Halpin, Kristyn Hammond, Marisa Harrison, Amy Haskins, Laura Hayes, Philip Hazapis, Eric Herd, Roisleen Hickey, Nicole Hill, Sarah Hill, Brendan Huhes, Jeremy Irving, Hironori Itoi, Danielle Jacobsen, Kalin Jaffe, Melissa Jenks, Ryan Kahlbaugh, Aaron Kaplan, Daniel Kidera, Jozef Kopchick and Harris Kornstein.

And, Robert Kuhn, Aimee Lasch, Anne Lind, Ryan Livingston, Kathryn Longley, Erik Lowery, Stephen Maltzman, Bryan Mannarino, Judith Mark, Jennifer Masker, Andrew Mason, Jessica Matthews, Shawn Mayo-Pike, Lisa McDonagh, Kristin McElroy, Alison McKee, Matthew Melnikoff, Jessica Menrath, Brett Miller, Chloe Morgan and Lisa Murray.

And, Sandeep Murthy, Kevin Nagel, William Nathan, Elizabeth Nehrbauser, Sarah Nolan, Amy O'Donnell, Amy Oldendorf, Matthew Olinzock, Christine Owens, Timothy Palmieri, Wesley Patterson, MaryBeth Picarazzi, Jaclyn Pilette, Julie Polovina, Christopher Porco, Alissa Python, William Quimby,

Nathan Raymond and Padraic Reagan.

And, Jennifer Reardon, Sarah Richardson, Katherine Roark, Jennifer Rodgers, Adam Rodriguez, April Rooney, Nitin Roper, Teresa Rosetti, Josh Rucinski, Nicholas Russo, Gerald Saliba, Risa Sarachan, Lauren Schucker, Michael Schwab, Nicholas Shimkin, Hilary Shpeen, Tara-Maria Silk, Winslow Smith, Jennifer Sokoler, Sarah Storey, Adam Stump, Margaret Sullivan and Jeffrey Sundram.

And, Andrew Swiatowicz, Jessica Szczech, Julie Taylor, Nicholas Taylor, Carter Thomas, Sarah Thomas, Thomas Trimarchi, Megan Tucker, Christie Turner, Erik Turner, Kathryn Venezia, Sara Virgil, Brian Wasserstein, Eric Wilcox, Benjamin Wolinsky, Shawna Woodworth, Marcie Worgan, Andrea Youngs, Qungzhou Zhao and Eric Zimmer.

Sixth grade honor roll

Christopher Affinati, Kristin Agneta, Corey Anauo, Bradley Bailey, Brandy Baker, Rachel Bellizzi, Aimee Berhaupt, Rebekah Beyer, Gregory Blanch, Gregory Blanchard, Alicia Boughton, Robert Boughton, Tiffany Bowdish,

LaBarge and Adam LaBarr.

And, Diana Lajeunesse, Mercy Lajeunesse, Danielle Lans, Jessica Lauria, Justin Lavelle, Kaylan Lavillotti, Jeannine Lefko, Anthony Livreri, Sasha Lopresti, Sean Losacco, Sarah Maharry, Zachary Maskin, Stephen Matthews, Keith Maurer, Jonathan McCardle, Thomas McGrath, James McGuire, Suzanne McMillen and Brian McVoy.

And, Matthew McWhinnie, Nathaniel Mehlman, Nicholas Milgo, Samuel Minassian, Erich Minneal, Veronica Montoya, James Morrill, Andrew Murphy, Mallory Myers, Sean Myrtle, Christina Necroto, Kevin Neubauer, Eric Nolan, Christine Norvici, Daniel O'Brien, Kathleen O'Brien, Seth Odell, Amanda Oliver, Thalys Orietas and Alex Orsini.

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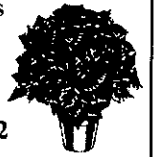
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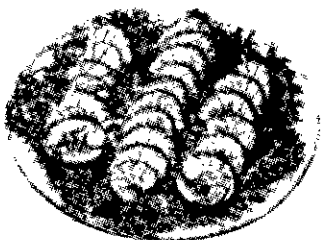
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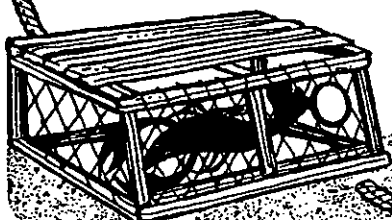
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Foley.

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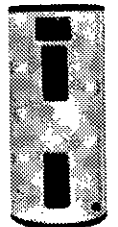


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Dec. 21 program to focus on ancient Chinese art

Balancing and enhancing one's personal environment is the subject of a talk at the library on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Local artist Jim Sande will give a slide show and commentary on the ancient Chinese practice of *feng shui*.



Feng shui (pronounced fung shway) is the physical arrangement of objects in one's living space. Furniture placement, color choices, mirrors, statuary, plants, rugs and artwork are some of the elements of the art.

Harmonious placement of objects is believed to contribute to well-being and self-fulfillment.

Fengshui extends to the out-of-doors in the content and arrangement of gardens. Its tenets include "cures" for various interior and exterior constraints, such as a door in the wrong place or an unsightly view.

Feng shui regards the environment as sacred space. Its roots in symbolism link it to Jungian psychology. According to Sande, *feng shui* is a manifestation of intuition

that activates a specific mandala of life-aspects.

For example, whether a dining room table is round or oblong has implications for family relationships.

On a larger scale, there is an ominous meaning behind a vacant lot or tall building.

A composer, artist and carpenter, Sande became a lay enthusiast of *feng shui* 10 years ago after reading the work of Sara Rossbach. His interest was renewed early this year when friends in Colorado designed their house using *feng shui* principles.

Sande sees a relationship between *feng shui* and composting music in that both are contemplative, mood-influencing pursuits.

Sande is quick to point out that *feng shui* is not a panacea for society's ills, but rather the "extra 200 bucks in your pocket" toward achieving serenity and self-actualization.

Louise Grieco

Local YWCA offering holiday child care

The Albany YWCA, located at 28 Colvin Ave. in Albany, will offer child care from 9 a.m. to noon during the holiday season.

Breakfast with Santa at Elks

On Sunday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Bethlehem Elks will offer an "All-You-Can-Eat-Breakfast" at the lodge on Route 144.

Eggs, sausage, bacon french toast, pancakes, waffles and Elk gravy are on the menu.

Santa will be at the breakfast.

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

All proceeds will go to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

RCS middle school sets holiday concert Dec. 14

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the middle school music concert will take place in the RCS Senior High School auditorium. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, RCS Senior High School will present its holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Both the chorus and the band will perform selected holiday pieces.

RCS student receives DAR Award

Sarah Janssen, daughter of the Rev. Allan and Colleen Janssen, received the Good Citizen Award from the Hannacroix Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Janssen is president of the RCS National Honor Society, first clarinet in the RCS band, active in youth church group, soccer, the school newspaper, track and ski club.

Janssen volunteers at the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse. She received the prestigious Bausch & Lomb Math and Science Award, a commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program and is an AP scholar.

Ravena preparing community guide

The Village of Ravena has authorized the preparation of a Community Information Guide. The guide will be distributed throughout the community and will include information about natural

RCS seeking input on transportation

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District Transportation Department will hold a public meeting on Monday, Dec. 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the large group room at the RCS middle school.

The public is invited to share its comments about the district's transportation program at the meeting.

The district recently received a state grant to conduct an efficiency study of the school's transportation program, which will result in recommendations for improving its financial and operational efficiency.

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and historic sites, businesses and community services.

RCS board to meet

On Monday, Dec. 18, the RCS school board will meet at the board office on Thatcher Street in Selkirk. The Comprehensive Assessment Report is on the agenda. The meeting will be at 7 p.m.

Toys For Tots


The RCS Spanish Club is collecting new or used (but very clean) toys for needy children.

Toys can be dropped off at the RCS Senior High main office from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please help with this worthy cause.

CVS proves itself a good neighbor

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Sports

Seniors show way vs. Burnt Hills

BC wrestlers making waves

By Ted Hartman

The Bethlehem varsity wrestling team has gotten off to a fast start in what may be a harbinger of things to come.

In their first match of the season, the Eagles beat Albany and Ravena in a dual meet held on Saturday, Dec. 2.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, the Eagles upset Suburban Council powerhouse Burnt Hills for the first time in several years.

Competing in the Oxford Tournament last weekend, one of the most prestigious tournaments held in the state, according to coach **Rick Poplaski**, the Eagles finished fifth in a field of 12 teams.

This year Bethlehem has consistent strength throughout the weight classes with several of the team's seniors expected to make major contributions.

Seniors **Jason Seward** and **Jon Wagoner** give the Eagles experience in the 119 and 126-pound categories. **Jason Greer**, **Nat Beyer** and **Hank Tripp** provide strength in the heart of the lineup.

Rene Gambino scored an impressive win over his Burnt Hills opponent and gives Bethlehem a solid performer at the 250-pound level.

"The seniors in the program worked hard and put themselves in position to win," Poplaski said.

"They showed excellent leadership in what was a back-and-forth match against Burnt Hills. It was a defining moment, a hurdle we had to deal with."

The Eagles' underclassmen will also be crucial to the team's success. Juniors **Andy Loux** and **Matt Wagoner** are both proven performers. **Dave Sherrin** and **Dave Raab** are talented representatives from the sophomore class. Junior **Eric Kotlow** should help BC gain mid-match points.

The Suburban Council this year looks to be well-balanced, with no one team expected to walk over the opposition. Besides Burnt Hills, Niskayuna should prove to be a formidable opponent for BC.

V'ville boys rebound with two wins

By Adam Cole

After being shocked by Ravena in their opening game, the Voorheesville Blackbirds have won their last two games against Cohoes and Ravena.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Blackbirds had four players in double figures in a decisive 77-63 victory over Cohoes. However, this game was not as close as the score makes

Basketball

it seem. At one time in the fourth quarter, the Birds held a 20-point lead.

Joe Robichaud led the Blackbirds with 22 points, including nine in the fourth quarter. **Andy Bayus** had 13 points, **John Christian-**

son 12 and **Michael Beadnell** scored 10. Senior center **Ryan Foster** added nine points and 10 rebounds.

On Friday, Dec. 8, the Blackbirds held off a scrappy Lansingburgh team, 53-50. The Blackbirds' sub-par shooting kept this game close.

Beadnell had 12 points and **Brandon Emerick** hit three, three-point field goals.

Burns nine for the winners. The final score was 55-28 in favor of the Blackbirds.

With three league games under their belt, the Blackbirds are tied for first-place in the Colonial Council. They hope to get a few more wins before they run up against arch-rivals Holy Names and Schalmont.

Lady Blackbirds still undefeated

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team has not tasted defeat yet this season, as the Blackbirds rolled through their third and fourth games of the year.

With home victories over Cohoes and Lansingburgh, the team is now 3-0 in the league and 4-0 overall.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Cohoes visited the Blackbirds in the second league game of the season.

Jane Meade scored 20 points as the team sped out to a 26-9 halftime lead. **Kristin Person** scored 10 and **Becky Dawson** seven as the girls won 50-32.

Voorheesville hosted Lansingburgh on Friday, Dec. 8. Meade led a balanced attack with 14 points, including 10 in the first half. Dawson added 10 and **Regan**



BC's Eric Wimer goes up for a layup during recent Suburban Council action. The Eagles dropped a 50-49 decision to Mohonasen last Friday.
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Progress slow for BC

The Bethlehem ice hockey team opened its season last week with losses against Troy and Saratoga.

Bethlehem was defeated 3-2 by Troy on Saturday, Dec. 9. Jim Corrigan gave BC its first goal off a rebound in the first period.

"We were actually in the lead at the end of the first period," said BC coach Tom Gladd. "We came out in the second period and went a little flat, which allowed Troy to get back into the game."

Troy scored two goals in the second period to take the lead, 2-1. Early in the third period, Troy scored its last and decisive goal.

On Monday, Dec. 4, Saratoga defeated BC 12-0. However, Bethlehem's goalies, Paul Esmond and Adam DiMuria, combined for a total of 47 saves.

In the first and second periods, Saratoga scored a total of 11 goals, including three on break-aways. "Once things got a little difficult, we started to have a general breakdown in our ability to get the puck out of our end," said Gladd.

Gladd said it would be unrealistic for a young team like Bethlehem to go into a game and think they could beat an experienced team like Saratoga, which has 14 seniors. *Michelle Kagan*

Close games mark BBC action

Although cold and blustery outside, the action in the middle school gyms involving the Bethlehem Basketball Club heated up during the second week of intense and competitive action.

In ACC activity, the Duke Blue Devils, behind Scott Tulloch's six points, upended Wake Forest, 36-24. Geoff Decker had six for the losers.

Clutch foul shooting by Dan Israel, who scored 11, aided North Carolina in a 30-28 squeaker over Clemson. Balanced scoring and a strong rebounding effort by Ed Wyluda led Florida State in a 49-25 thrashing of Maryland. Jon Levine's total effort went for naught for the Terps. Finally, Georgia Tech, with Tim Rice contributing eight, beat Virginia 39-20. Matt Hennessy had a host of steals for the Cavaliers.

In eighth grade NBA action, Jim Long's presence in the middle led the Sonics past the Rockets 50-46. Brian Slingerle's eight were the best for the losers. The Suns, with the twin towers Mike Carney and Ian Morgan combining

for 16, edged the Spurs 46-39. Lauren Murray kept the Spurs close with 15.

Dan Rosenthal's 21 proved to be decisive in the Knicks 40-34 victory over the Nuggets. Tim Hwang netted 12 in defeat. Chris Sherin's aggressive moves through the lane resulted in 11 points as the Bulls bested the Magic, 33-26. Greg Thomson dished out a multitude of assists and had eight points for the Magic.

In hotly contested Big Ten action, Penn State overcame Wisconsin, 31-26. Steve Hoghe had seven for the victors, and Jimmy Morrill dropped in 10 for the losers. In a defensive struggle, Ohio State, with Megan Baldwin leading the charge, outlasted Indiana 28-18. Tim Kindlon's 10-point effort led the way for Indiana.

Jonathan Clair controlled the tempo at point guard in Minnesota's 33-26 win over Iowa. Brendan Hughes had six in defeat. Steven Borzykowski slashed through the Michigan State defense for six as Michigan throttled every comeback effort in prevailing, 34-27. Ryan Hogan

had nine for the losers.

Gary Ting controlled the Purdue offense and scored eight as the Boilermakers wrapped up action, beating Northwestern, 38-30. Jon McCardle threw in eight in the loss.

Dolphins registration set

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club has scheduled two new member registration sessions this week for the club's winter program.

Sessions are scheduled tonight, Dec. 13, from 6 to 7 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. Both will be in the administrative conference room at Bethlehem Central High School at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The club is open to Bethlehem town and school district residents 6-to-18 years old who can swim 25 yards without assistance.

For information, call Joann Hill at 439-8304.

New Scotland soccer schedules registration

The New Scotland Soccer Club has slated registration for its spring travel season on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at Voorheesville High School.

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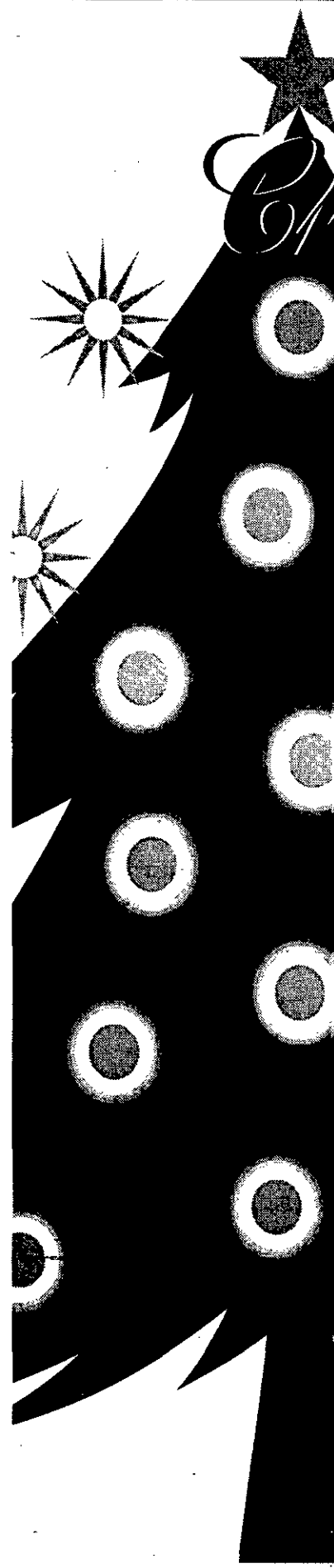
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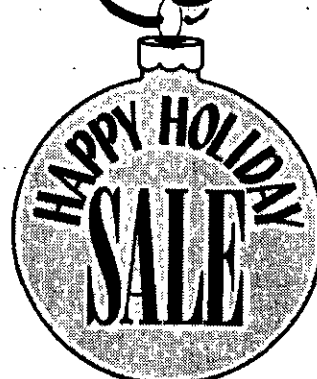
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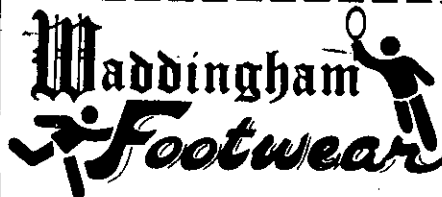
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The theme of tonight's story hour at 7 p.m. is "Back to the Basics." Kids can come in their pj's and snuggle up with some old favorites.

The final day time story hour of this session is set for Friday, Dec. 15. When the winter session begins on Monday, Jan. 8, the time will be changed to 10:30 a.m.



The "Secret Garden" tree is now on display. The pine tree was decorated by the Helderview Garden Club to highlight the classic children's book by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The tree was on display in the annual Festival of

Trees at the Albany Institute of History & Art.

Thanks to Diane Biernacki and the garden club for decorating the tree for the library.

Voorheesville artist Jean Eaton has an exhibit of oil paintings on display this month.

And library friend Marilyn Stracuzzi has filled the showcase with another collection from her storehouse of treasures, advertising cans and tins.

Don't forget to bring your gift of a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drop box. Your gift will brighten a child's holiday.

Nimblefingers and the Thursday Night Poets will meet outside the library for a holiday celebration. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

Barbara Vink

Safe driving class slated in Elsmere

A National Safety Council defensive driving program will be offered by Glenmont Safety at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Hall on Poplar Drive in Elsmere on Tuesday, Dec. 12, and Thursday, Dec. 14, from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m.

Participation in both sessions is required.

Successful completion of the course entitles participants to a 10 percent automobile insurance reduction for collision and liability premiums for three years. Graduates are also eligible for a reduction of up to four violation points from their driving record.

For information, call 767-2474.

MS support group to meet at library

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-help group of Albany County will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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.

La Leche League to discuss nutrition

The La Leche League of Delmar, a breast-feeding support group, will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The topic of the meeting will be "Nutrition and Weaning."

For information and location, call 439-5254.

Hand in hand



Joyce Boice and her granddaughter, Lauren Seward of Delmar, celebrated Grandparents Day last week at the Academy of Holy Names.

Park agency accepting registrations

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

All forms that are received will be drawn at random for programs

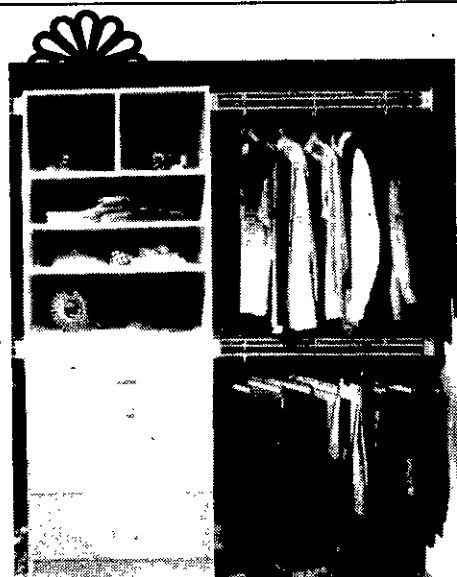
on Friday, Dec. 15. Registration for remaining openings will be accepted in-person, beginning on Dec. 19.

All program details are included in the Bethlehem Report that was mailed to all town residents.

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Ecumenical choir to perform

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue will host the sixth annual Voorheesville community Christmas music festival.

A combination of traditional and contemporary music will be performed by an ecumenical choir, with plenty of opportunities for the audience to join in on their favorite holiday carols.

Returning this year are director Ken George and accompanist Dorothea Pfeleiderer, as well as the Community Brass Ensemble led by Lydia Tobler.

At dusk, a living creche will grace the lawn in front of the church. The creche will be staffed by members of the congregation and will conclude at 7 p.m. when the music festival begins.

Methodist youth carol for charity Saturday

The Senior United Methodist Youth Fellowship will be caroling for the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. They will be visiting homes on Maple Avenue and lower Voorheesville Avenue. All high school students are invited to participate.

After caroling, the group will return to the church for their annual Christmas party. Everyone is asked to bring a treat to share.

High school musicians perform tonight

The high school's winter con-

Delmar post office extends holiday hours

The Delmar post office is gearing up for another busy holiday mailing season. To keep the mail flowing smoothly during this high-volume period, the post office has implemented special transportation and mail-processing programs to meet the increased holiday needs.

The office has also added special retail services to make sure customers are served in the most efficient manner.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, window hours have been extended from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 17, window hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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cert is tonight, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The program features the chorale, wind ensemble, symphonic band and stage band.

Cub Scouts carol in Scotch Pine Saturday

Cub Scouts from Pack 73 will be caroling in the Scotch Pine neighborhood on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Scouts who want to participate should meet at the medical building on the corner of Route 85A and Circle Drive at 3:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts donate to food pantry

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts recently caroled throughout the village. After caroling, they enjoyed their annual Christmas party.

Continuing a tradition, the Girl Scouts donated gifts and food to a needy local family through the Voorheesville area food pantry.

Indian Ladder Farms plans old-fashioned party

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road is planning an old-fashioned Christmas party for Dec. 16 and 17.

Children can hear seasonal stories Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

There will be a silent manger scene on both days from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa will also be on hand and a special holiday menu will be served at the Yellow Rock Cafe.

Soccer club sign-up slated Saturday

The New Scotland Soccer Club is holding registration for the 1996 spring traveling soccer season on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at Clayton A. Bouton High School on Route 85A.

To register, players must bring a completed registration form, recent photograph and registration

fee. New players must also bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Children in second-grade and up are eligible. The registration fee varies depending on the age of the player.

For information, call Vince Dutkiewicz at 765-4554 or Bob Reed at 765-2518.

Holidays alter some meeting schedules

The Voorheesville board of trustees meeting has been changed to Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave. The trustees normally meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The village planning commission meets on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall.

There will be no elementary or high school PTA meetings this month.

Legion to serve Sunday breakfast

Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Craft shop sets open house

Ann Frances Country Designs will hold a holiday craft open house on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 10 Krystal Lane in Voorheesville.

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Breast cancer group meets at Jewish Community Center

The next meeting of "Breast Friends," a local breast cancer support group, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road in Albany.

The meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Elizabeth Clark, president of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship.

The group was started by Delmar residents Lynda Shrager and Linda Klein as a means to promote sharing of feelings and address worries and fears of breast cancer patients.

For information, contact Shrager at 439-4349 or Klein at 439-8690.

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a need and take care of it. There's absolutely no red tape involved," she said. Many of the recipients are children. The fund, said Jackson, meets a wide spectrum of needs. Money is given for needs as diverse as a box of crayons to help for a rape victim.

Susan Cunningham, who is also a member of the fund's board of trustees and a former school nurse at Clarksville, said the needs however, have become increasingly more dramatic over the last several years.

The Bethlehem Festival Fund is hoping to raise about \$7,500 in

its drive this year.

Both Cunningham and Perkins stressed the confidentiality of the recipients. "There really are no strings attached," Cunningham said.

To make a contribution, write to the Bethlehem Festival Fund, PO Box 341, Delmar 12054.

Foes

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1994.

Some Slingerlands residents are fearful their quiet residential community will be dramatically altered by the Price Chopper center.

But others support the project, since it would provide more local retail services, as well as competition to Grand Union, which operates the only two supermarkets in town.

Councilman Fred Webster said while traffic is certainly a concern, he did not consider the situation on New Scotland Road a major obstacle.

"I traveled that road every day from 1971 to when I retired — both ways during the peak hours," he said. "And getting to Colonie was never a problem. I could normally get there in 20 minutes."

Within the past few months, Webster said he has revisited the area during rush hour, and while there is more traffic, it still did not seem inordinate.

"What's the intersection delay? One, two or three minutes?" he asked. "Traffic is different in everyone's mind."

In addition, "People don't normally shop during those hours," he said. "I checked out the Delaware Plaza during peak hours re-

cently to see just what the effect of Price Chopper would be and hardly anyone was going in there, except for Bruegger's and McDonald's."

To safeguard against a dinnertime influx into the Price Chopper center, the town planning board stipulated that no fast food restaurants would be allowed in the complex, Webster said.

If the town board approves Price Chopper's request for a zoning change from residential to planned commercial district, the proposal would return to the planning board for site plan review. The final plan would still need the town's board OK, since it is lead agency for the project.

Discussion to focus on Chinese art form

A discussion on the Chinese art of placement known as Feng Shui will take place on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The talk, led by Jim Sande, will cover Feng Shui principles of design for both inside and outside the house. Topics will include furniture placement and the proper techniques to enliven any area of the home.

The program will start at 7:30 p.m. A maximum of 40 people are allowed to register for the discussion.

For information, call 439-9314.

AIDS council needs gift-wrapping help

Volunteers are currently needed to wrap books in book stores during the holiday season.

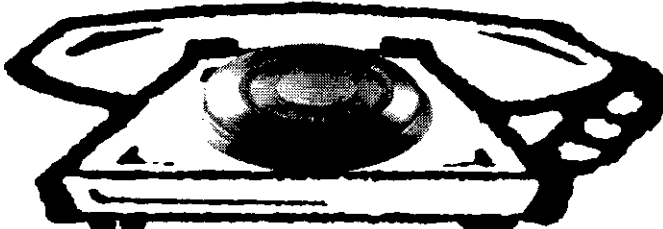
Donations will benefit the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York.

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Movies for teenagers on tap at town library

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will show three films for teenagers during the last week of December.

Duck Soup will be shown on Tuesday, Dec. 26, *The Story Lady* will be shown on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and *Frog* will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 28. Screenings will begin at 2 p.m.

For information call 439-9314.

Farm bureau taps communications man

The New York Farm Bureau in Glenmont recently named Randall Sawyer to the position of senior associate director of communications for the 25,500-member association.


A graduate of SUNY-Geneseo, Sawyer has served as the farm bureau's associate director of communications for the last two years.

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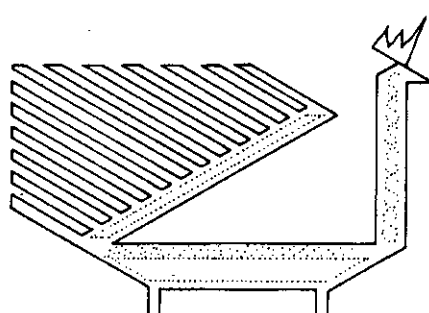
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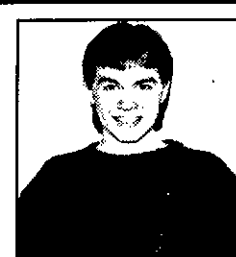
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Shopping

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department store. Residents also cited the need for movie theaters, men's and women's clothing stores and a quality restaurant and/or pub where you can take the entire family.

"They don't want (chain) restaurants like Ground Round," said Higgins. "They said there are enough Italian and Chinese restaurants in town. They want something more."

The type of establishments desired by residents run the gamut, the survey revealed, even down to a shop specializing in intimate apparel.

"Someone went on for about 20 minutes about a place to find quality underwear," Higgins reported.

Besides the lack of variety, many people are turned off by the "hodgepodge" look of Delaware Avenue in Elsmere — the main shopping corridor in town. And "they point to the vacant buildings, such as the old Ponderosa," as evidence of that, Higgins said.

Task force members agreed that the aesthetics of Delaware Avenue and Delaware Plaza could be greatly improved. One local businesswoman suggested that a series of flags be flown in front of businesses to make the corridor look more cohesive and attractive.

Sharon Fenno, owner of Circles women's store and president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association, said while the improvements made to the plaza last summer were welcome, much more should be done, such as providing benches for elderly shoppers and installing additional landscaping.

Other recommendations that came out of the survey included staging community events such as annual fall and winter carnivals and producing a community events bulletin board or information line to keep consumers informed about what local businesses have to offer.

According to the survey, the reason people prefer shopping locally is first and foremost convenience.

The overwhelming number of respondents said they prefer staying close to home and avoiding the traffic and parking problems encountered at malls.

Other advantages to shopping in town, survey respondents said, were personalized service and supporting the local community.

Surprisingly, the survey disclosed that "in this day and age where money is important," town residents were not drawn to the malls by lower prices.

Rather, "the biggest concern was that there is not enough variety in the shops and stores" in Bethlehem. A second grocery chain was cited as a priority by 80 percent of respondents.

Outside of Bethlehem, the most frequented shopping mecca for townfolk is Crossgates, cited by 66 percent of survey respondents.

Colonie Center was the preferred choice of 47 percent, while Stuyvesant Plaza was mentioned by 31 percent. East Greenbush shopping center trailed with 12 percent and downtown Albany was cited by 4 percent.

A scant 1 percent of respondents said they relied chiefly on catalogues to do their shopping, and no one mentioned the Home Shopping Network or QVC.

The next meeting of Bethlehem First is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce office in the Main Square Shoppes. For information, call 439-0512.

Vote

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per thousand in 1998-99, 40 cents per thousand in 1999-2000, and 39 cents per thousand in 2000-01. Over the 20 years, the average tax rate impact will be 32 cents per thousand.

The 32 cents per thousand figure represents a 1.9 percent increase in the overall 1995-96 school tax rate of \$16.73 per thousand.

For the average residence in Bethlehem (\$128,000), the average annual cost will be \$40.96; and for the average district residence in New Scotland (\$94,000), the average annual cost will be \$30.08.

The major impetus for the bond issue is continued enrollment growth that would severely strain classroom capacities at the high school and middle school over the next decade, district officials say.

With about \$6.7 million committed to the various building projects, the district can qualify for state aid to buy computers and related equipment, which would otherwise not be aidable.

Many of the maintenance items in the bond, while necessary, were often deleted during the annual budget process as cost-saving measures, district officials noted.

The following is a list, by site, of the additions, renovations, technology and major maintenance projects in the bond issue:

- Bethlehem Central High

School (about \$5 million) — eight renovated classrooms, renovated science labs, library expansion, new phone system, 68 multimedia computers with large-screen monitor/VCRs, technology wiring and network installation, irrigation of athletic fields, and replacement of roofing, the lower gym floor, upper gym bleachers, the stage floor and the stage sandbag system.

- Bethlehem Central Middle School (about \$4.7 million) — four renovated and four to six new classrooms, renovated science labs, a new library, 48 multimedia computers with large-screen monitor/VCRs, technology wiring and network installation, improved handicapped accessibility to the pool, and replacement of roofing, chalkboards and walks and curbs.

- Slingerlands Elementary School (about \$2.3 million) — a new, eight-classroom Early Learning Center for all the district's kindergarteners, 47 multimedia computers with 23 large-screen monitor/VCRs, technology wiring and network installation, addition to and paving of the parking lot, and a new phone system.

- Elsmere Elementary School (about \$680,000) — 35 multimedia computers with 19 large-screen

monitor/VCRs, technology wiring and network installation, improved handicapped accessibility, a new phone system, repaving the front lot and rear play area, and replacing acoustical tiles in the gym and curbs and walks.

- Glenmont Elementary School (about \$560,000) — 50 multimedia computers with 24 large-screen monitor/VCRs, technology wiring and network installation, improved drainage for play area, and a new phone system and chalkboards.


- Hamagrael Elementary School (about \$550,000) — 50 multimedia computers with 24 large-screen monitor/VCRs, technology wiring and network installation, and a new phone system and chalkboards.

- Clarksville Elementary School (about \$490,000) — 16 multimedia computers with 12 large-screen monitor/VCRs, technology wiring and network installation, paving and lighting the parking lot, and a new phone system, fuel oil tank and chalkboards.

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- By a 1,070-270 margin, voters in the Bethlehem Central School District approved a \$4.6 million bond to pay for repairs at all seven district schools. Projects included a new swimming pool at the high school, new energy-efficient windows at all five elementary schools, and new heating systems at the high school, middle school, and Clarksville, Elsmere, Hamagrael and Slingerlands elementary schools.
- Hospital Group of America announced plans to build a 96-bed psychiatric hospital on Route 9W in Glenmont, across from the Petrol station.
- A two-part series by **Linda Burtis** examined hazardous material transport on local railroads, noting that the D&H Railroad carried 6,700 carloads of hazardous materials through New York state in 1981.
- The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce was looking for a part-time executive director, at a salary of \$200 a month.
- With only three players returning — **Jerry Borg, Vince Foley** and **Justin Corcoran** — to Voorheesville's varsity basketball team, coach **Bob Crandall** relied on former JV players **Kyle Larabee, Dean Decker, Tom Buckley, Frank Donnelly** and **Dan McKenna** to help out in a hurry.

IRS seeks volunteers to help with tax returns

The Internal Revenue Service is seeking volunteers to help taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax assistance.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) participants provide federal tax return assistance to low-income taxpayers, persons with disabilities, and non-English speaking taxpayers.

The IRS provides VITA volunteers with free self-study instruction and training materials necessary to prepare basic income tax returns.

For information, contact the IRS volunteer and education manager at 431-4494.

Schools gearing up for HOBY seminar

High schools in the Capital District area have started to select sophomores for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) seminar in May.

Each school will select one of its outstanding students to participate in a three-day seminar with government and business leaders dealing with the economy, the media, the environment and other issues.

For information, contact your local high school guidance counselor or Ron Wachenheim, the seminar's special services director, at 474-1557.

Magrino, Tolman to marry

Jane Ellen Magrino, daughter of Joseph Magrino of Orient, N.Y., and Mary Cross of New York City, and Mason Tolman Jr., son of Betsy Tolman of Slingerlands and the late Rev. Canon Mason Tolman, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Smith College and Northwestern University, is a financial writer for the Dow Jones News Service in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of Albany Academy and Kenyon College. He is employed as a vice president of the Young & Rubicam advertising agency in New York City.

The couple plans a May wedding.



Jane Magrino

Christmas concert set at Bethlehem Lutheran

dvd productions will present its 10th annual Christmas concert at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

Entitled "Holy Day and Holiday," the concert will feature both popular and sacred Christmas music and musical production numbers.

Produced by Delmar resident David Van Deusen, the program will include such favorites as "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

and "O Holy Night."

Other performers include Penny Van Deusen of Delmar and Michael Mineau of Ravena.

The concert will also include carol singing with the audience.

Patrons will have the opportunity to make a contribution to benefit the Town of Bethlehem Food Pantry.

For information, call 439-4328.

Early start set for planning board

The next meeting of the Bethlehem planning board, on Tuesday, Dec. 19, will start at 7 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than normal.

The regular planning board meetings for next month are scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 9, and Tuesday, Jan. 23. Both meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Delmar tuba player earns scholarship

Kevin Rice, son of Frank and Ruth Rice of Delmar, has been honored with a Music Activities Scholarship from Penn State's College of Arts and Architecture School of Music.

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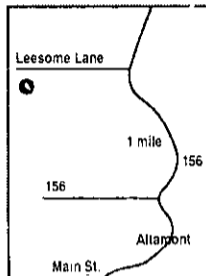
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The Middle School Mentoring Program is a wonderful partnership between the town of Bethlehem, local businesses and Bethlehem Central Middle School. The purpose of the program is to provide middle school youth with work experience and positive role models.

This year's Mentoring Program is sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, supported by a grant from Stewart's.

School's Out and Bethlehem Preschool have also been outstanding supporters of the program. During the past three years, they have offered more than 20 students a chance to learn skills and work with excellent role models.

Directors Judy Hartley and Mary Morrill have made valuable contributions to help build and develop the Mentoring Program.

Students are also working with mentors at Childtime and In and Out the Window.

We are looking for other businesses where our students can be placed. The only cost is in time and personal involvement. Call 439-7740 for information.

Networks extends its thanks to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Jeff Gaul for help finding funding and recruiting new mentors.



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David and Angela Petersen

Cooney, Petersen marry

Angela Cooney, daughter of Richard and Pat Cooney of Stevens Point, Wis., and David Petersen, son of Paul and Lynn Petersen of Delmar, were married Nov. 10.

Family Court Commissioner David Worzalla performed the ceremony at the Sky Club in Plover, Wis., where the reception followed.

The matron of honor was Laura Stanchick, and the bridesmaid was Rachel Cooney, the bride's sister. The best man was Jeffrey Cooney, the bride's brother.

The bride, a graduate of Stevens Point High School, is a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is also a lance corporal in the Marines, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

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BCHS's Halvorsen wins Clarkson award

Bethlehem Central High School senior Kenneth Halvorsen of Glenmont was recently honored with the Clarkson University Leadership Award for his leadership qualities, academic achievement and contributions to the community.

Halvorsen will receive a \$20,000 scholarship if he enrolls at the Potsdam university.

Clarkson University is ranked as one of the 40 best four-year institutions in the United States. The university has 2,600 graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in its schools of engineering, business, science and liberal studies.

Delmar man named analyst for state bar

Ronald F. Kennedy of Delmar has been named associate director of governmental relations for the New York State Bar Association.

Kennedy's responsibilities include monitoring and analyzing legislation before state and federal legislative bodies.

Kennedy has had a wide range of experience in New York state and federal courts.

The New York State Bar Association, which boasts 60,000 members, is the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation.

NS lawyer named to professional group

Timothy Thornton, a New Scotland resident and attorney with the law firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus and Williams, P.C., was recently named a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel by the association's board of regents.

Thornton is one of five attorneys in the Capital District who hold membership in the organization.

V'ville firefighters complete training

Three members of the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department — Monica Burt, Greg Scott and Frank Papa — recently completed a 39-hour firefighting essentials training course.

The course, taught by an instructor from the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, provides the skills, knowledge and abilities needed to be a firefighter.



Antoinette and William Tomlin

Genovese, Tomlin marry

Antoinette Marie Genovese, daughter of Carmelo Genovese and the late Veronica Genovese of Slingerlands, and William L. Tomlin, son of Lawrence Tomlin of Red Hook, Dutchess County, and Joan Tomlin of Cold Spring, Putnam County, were married Oct. 21.

The Rev. John Bradley performed the ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany. A reception followed at Michael's Banquet House in Latham.

The maid of honor was Christina Genovese, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Amy Tomlin and Sally Tomlin, sisters of the groom, Carol Cicero, Lisa DeAngelis, Kelly Leonard, Kelly Sack and Sheila Walsh.

The best man was James Tomlin, brother of the groom, and ushers were Phillip Genovese and Thomas Genovese, brothers of the bride, Matthew Baltich, Mark Carley, Gregory LaCivita, Robert Munding and Michael Ravalli.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Siena College. She is an accountant for The Desmond hotel in Colonie.

The groom is a graduate Siena College and the Culinary Institute of America. He is food service director for the Marriott Corp. in Albany.

After a wedding cruise to the Caribbean, the couple lives in Latham.

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



Open house at Good Samaritan

The Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center, located at 125 Rockefeller Road in Delmar, will celebrate the holiday season with its annual open house today, Dec. 13.

The event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the center.

Obituaries

Herman E. Kaherl

Herman E. Kaherl, 72, of Thatcher Street in Selkirk died Friday, Dec. 8, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born and educated in Winthrop, Maine, he had lived in Ravena and Coeymans before moving to Selkirk.

Mr. Kaherl worked for the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Togus, Maine and the Stratton Veterans Medical Center in Albany before he retired.

He was a founding and life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11221 in Selkirk. He also belonged to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad and was a past member of the Masonic Lodge in Maine.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Harvey Kaherl; two daughters, Pamela A. Boehlke of Colonie and Cheryl Dumichich of Glenmont; two brothers, Lawrence Kaherl of Winthrop, Maine, and Elwood Kaherl of Chicago; a sister, Irma Bachelor of Winthrop, Maine; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Colonie.

Arrangements were by Light's Funeral Home in Schenectady.

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

Jennie Hutton

Jennie Adamkiewicz Hutton, 73, of Main Street in Voorheesville died Friday, Dec. 8, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Gunderland.

Born in New York City, she had lived in New Hampshire for many years and in Pennsylvania before moving to Voorheesville six years ago.

She had worked for the former Troy Woolen Mills before she retired.

She was the widow of Charles Galbraith and Eben Hunter.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Humes of Voorheesville; a son, Charles Galbraith of Bushkill Falls, Pa.; a brother, Henry Adamkiewicz of Keene, N.H.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Spring burial will be in Richmond, N.H.

Samuel Hutchinson

Samuel W. Hutchinson, 82, of Canandaigua, a former Delmar resident, died Saturday, Dec. 9, at his home.

Born in Dedham, Mass., he had lived in Delmar for many years before moving to Canandaigua.

Mr. Hutchinson was a salesman for Crest Inc. before he retired.

He was a member of the Delmar Elks Lodge, the Masons and the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

He was the husband of the late Yvonne T. Hutchinson.

Survivors include a son, Geoffrey Hutchinson of Canandaigua; a daughter, Wendy Kidder of Rochester; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from the John C.

Johnson Funeral Home in Canandaigua.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 191 Parrish St. Canandaigua 14424.

Miriam Fischer

Miriam Harder Fischer, 88, of Syracuse, a former Delmar resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, at her home.

Born in Albany, she had lived in Delmar for many years before moving to Syracuse.

She worked in the classified advertising department for the *Times Union* in Colonie for many years.

Mrs. Fischer was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Syracuse and the Clay Senior Citizens. She was a former member of Delmar Reformed Church and the Bethlehem Professional Women's Club.

She was the widow of George F. Fischer.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol A. Greben of Syracuse; a son, George B. Fischer of Prospect, Conn.; a sister, Helen Masjoan of Scotia; two brothers, Harold Harder of Rensselaer and Jack Harder of Venice, Fla.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Union Cemetery in Melville, Columbia County.

Contributions may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church, 620 West Genesee St., Syracuse 13204.

Robert Riley

Robert Riley, 87, of Locust Lane in Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Born in Willshire, he had lived in Albany and Voorheesville for many years. Mr. Riley had operated a service station at Delaware Avenue and Southern Boulevard in Albany for many years. He later worked for National Commercial Bank & Trust Co.

He was husband of the late Mabel Clark Riley.

He is survived by a sister, Mary Ellsworth of Milton, Vt.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical

Center Voluntary Services, 113 Holland Ave., Albany 12208.

Jacqueline Turner

Jacqueline Reed Turner, 61, of New Scotland died Wednesday, Dec. 6, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a long-time resident of New Scotland.

Mrs. Turner worked for Farm Family Insurance Co. in Glenmont.

She was the widow of Henry Turner.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine Turner of Lawrenceville, St. Lawrence County; a son, Michael Turner of Ravena; a foster daughter, Virginia Presley of Arden, N.C.; two brothers, Walter E. Reed and Richard R. Reed, both of Colonie; and a granddaughter. Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Beatrice McCombe

Beatrice L. "Beebe" McCombe, 69, of Lecanto, Fla., a former Delmar resident, died Sunday, Dec. 3, at her home.

Born in Albany, she had lived in Delmar for many years before moving to Florida.

Mrs. McCombe and her husband had operated the Busy Bees at a flea market in Homosassa, Fla.

Survivors include her husband, Edgar McCombe; two daughters, Jeanne Beatrice Ropes of Homosassa and Linda Diane Whipple of Feura Bush; three sisters, Lillian J. Allen, Mildred E. King and Alberta F. Knauf, all of Delmar; and five grandchildren.

Services were private.

Contributions may be made to Toys for Tots.

Stuart J. Justice

Stuart J. Justice, 57, of Delmar died Sunday, Dec. 10, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a life-long resident of the Capital District. He was a graduate of Vincentian Institute in Albany, The Citadel in South Carolina and Albany Law School.

Mr. Justice was an attorney in Albany for 30 years. During his career, he had earned service awards from the American Arbitration Association.

He was a longtime member of the Albany Elks Lodge and a communicant of St. James and St.

Vincent de Paul churches. He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife Jean Feeney Justice; two sons, John Justice of Albany and Christopher Justice of Winter Park, Fla.; two daughters, Susan Justice of Brooklyn and Laura Justice of Albany; three stepdaughters, Jaymie Dames of Albany and Melissa Dames and Rachael Dames, both of Delmar; three brothers, Kevin Justice of Albany, Brian Justice of Gloversville and Larry Justice of Niskayuna; a sister, Pamela Connors of Winter Park, Fla.; and a grandson.

Services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today, Dec. 13, in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen St., Albany, and 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany. Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Holiday pizza party set for RCS school

A holiday family pizza party is planned for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School Cafeteria.

Pizza, soda, music videos, crafts and a surprise guest are on the evening's agenda. Adult volunteers are needed.

To ensure that there's enough food, reservations are requested. The event is sponsored by the RCS Special Education Parent Support Group.

For information and/or reservations, call Peggy Hart at 756-2180 or Faith Stewart at 756-9527 by Monday, Dec. 18.

'Wish Upon a Star' at Bethlehem library

Children ages 3 to 6 and their families are invited to participate in the "Wish Upon a Star" program at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Participants can share their New Year's wishes, listen to songs, stories and poems, and make a magic wand to take home.

Participants are asked to bring a half-dozen cookies to share. For information or registration, call 439-9314

Letter-writing session on tap for youngsters

"Letter writing, Stamps and Mailboxes" will be the topic of a program for children in kindergarten through third grade on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Space is limited. For information, contact the children's department at the library at 439-9314.

Food pantries need help feeding hungry

Food Pantries for the Capital District, a coalition of 46 food pantries, is currently seeking help in feeding the hungry this holiday season.

For information, call 462-3459.

GRACE REH

VOORHEESVILLE—Grace Mary Kane Reh, 75, of MaryEster, Fla., died suddenly Nov. 30 at the Fort Walton Beach (Fla.) Hospital. She and her husband, the late John P. Reh, owned several small businesses in Pittsburgh, Pa., where they lived most of their lives. They moved to MaryEster 20 years ago, and also owned businesses there. Mrs. Reh was a member of the American Women's Business Association.

Mrs. Reh had four sons — Daniel Reh of Voorheesville, John James Reh of Silver Springs, Md., Lawrence Reh of Maumelle, Ark., and Thomas Reh of Deale, Md; four sisters — Betty Mosher of Pittsburgh, Thelma Waldorf of Pittsburgh, Dorothy McComb of Port Richey, Fla., and Delores Kossman of Pittsburgh; one brother, Robert Kane of Pittsburgh; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held in MaryEster and Pittsburgh. Memorial contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance, P.O. Box 238, Voorheesville, NY, 12186.

Local arrangements are by Reilly & Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

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.

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By Joshua Kagan

As the holiday season heats up, four groups will present holiday concerts sponsored by the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts this week.

Two of the events will be held at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Husband-and-wife duo Christopher Shaw and Bridget Ball will present "Mountain Snow and Mistletoe," a collection of holiday folk songs and stories, on Friday, Dec. 15.

"They're about the best to come out of our area," Mona Golub of Second Wind Productions said. "They're very passionate about their music and that shows through."

Shaw and Ball will blend guitar, mandolin and fiddle music with holiday tales relating to the Adirondack Mountains. They have recorded two albums together and both have solo careers.

The concert costs \$13, and will begin at 8 p.m.

Pianist Liz Story will perform songs from her recording "A Gift" on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. Story, a three-time Grammy nominee, will blend jazz, classical and new age music in classics, original music and improvisations.

"She's going to do some traditional Christmas songs, some carols and some more obscure stuff," said the Troy Music Hall's Peter Lesser. "It'll be pretty interesting."

Story will perform with acoustic bassist Joel DiBartolo, a 17-year veteran of the "Tonight Show" band.

Tickets for the Liz Story concert cost \$20.

The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is located at the corner of State and Second streets in Troy. For information on the concerts, call the music hall at 273-0038.

The Octavo Singers will present George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. This will be the 62nd annual production of the traditional holiday selection. The performance will feature a local orchestra and four professional soloists.

"We also do a traditional setting. We provide an atmosphere that's totally accessible to the listener," said George Moross of the Octavo Singers. "It should be an enjoyable experience, not an academic one."

The performance will be at Schenectady High School on The Plaza in Schenectady.

Tickets costs \$14 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

The Boston Camerata will present "A Medieval Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. at Union College's Memorial Chapel in Schenectady.

The camerata, which is making its eighth annual appearance at Union, will perform a variety of Christmas music written during the Middle Ages. It will feature a collection of chants, carols, poetry and instrumental music from Italy, France,

England and Germany.

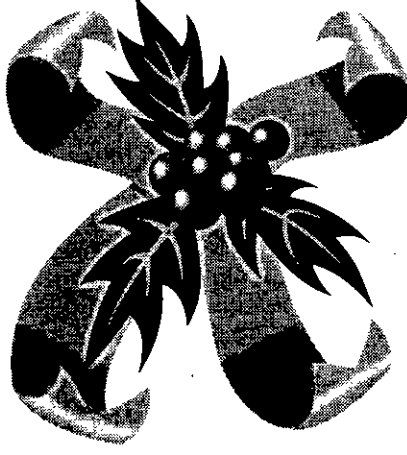
In past performances of "A Medieval Christmas," musicians have wandered the chapel, singing and playing from many locations.

Formed in 1954, the camerata is a company of musicians dedicated to performing the music of the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and the early Baroque period.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. For information, call 372-3651.



Folk singers Bridget Ball and husband Christopher Shaw bring their collection of holiday folk songs and stories, "Mountain Snow and Mistletoe," to Troy Savings Bank on Friday, Dec. 15.



Sing we all Noel

*Area talent
fills air with
festive music*

Andrew Lloyd Webber gets big mileage from first musical, *Joseph and Dreamcoat*

When Andrew Lloyd Webber first appeared on the musical comedy scene, he offered *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a small musical whose name almost took longer to say than the time it took to play.

Since the early 1970s, the musical about the Biblical Joseph who went from slave to adviser to the Pharaoh in Egypt has been popular with small theaters and schools.

As Webber's prominence grew in his writing of *CATS*, *Evita*, *Phantom of the Opera* and now, *Sunset Boulevard*, producers have grabbed onto *Joseph and the Dreamcoat* to give it new life.

This new life will be on view at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, starting Tuesday, Dec. 19, and playing through Christmas Eve. The production which clones the recent Broadway revival has a larger cast, including almost 50 young local actors/singers who will supplement the touring cast.

This touring group is headed by Sam Harris, the successful singer who recently played the lead in Broadway's *Grease*. Here he plays Joseph who gets even with his brothers who sold him into slavery but then relents to save them.

Normally, a cast with about 18 performers, this production will be a full-scaled production with the addition of the local choirs of youngsters.

These youngsters were selected through auditions in which the groups tried out collectively. As a result, the Young Actor's Guild (formerly the RPI Youth Theatre) and the Schuylerville Central School choir will be seen during the Proctor's engagement supporting the professional cast.

SPOTLIGHT
IN THE
By Martin P. Kelly

The young performers begin rehearsals this week and can't miss one rehearsal or any performances. This rigorous rehearsal period is being conducted by advance casting directors who work with the youngsters before the regular troupe hits town. Then, they will work with the professional company prior to performances.

It is obviously not a "walk through" for these 50 young singers who will be on stage most of the show.

The *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* producers have been adding young performers to the production at every city they play while on tour. It is an excellent means of getting local involvement and for giving serious youngsters a true picture of what working in theater is all about.

Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat plays Tuesday through Saturday (Dec. 19-23) at 8 p.m., Thursday and Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 24, at 1 p.m.

Reservations and information are available at 346-6204.

A Tale of Cinderella being videotaped for potential spot on TV next spring

A Tale of Cinderella, the revised production of last spring's new version of the Cinderella tale, is finishing its three-week run at the New York State Theatre Institute this Sunday while being filmed for later television production.

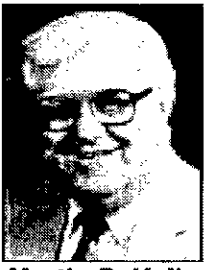
On Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 16 and 17), the performances will be televised on closed circuit in order to obtain

an edited print for later presentation on television. Additional shooting will be done Sunday night after the audience leaves to get closeups and to give the television director more leeway in cutting a finished print.

The production at Russell Sage College in Troy has developed more verve than the original. The opening has more impact as the revised staging permits the ensemble to get closer to the audience. Songs are highlighted more vividly in this restaging also as the original cast appears more secure and comfortable in their roles.

Aside from the negotiations under way for a television network presentation, there is also talk that a new team of producers will take the show on a European tour prior to an American tour. While any talk about this possibility is in the infant stage, the potential exists. The New York State Theatre Institute would not be the producer but would collect royalties as the original presenter.

Information and reservations for the remaining performances are available at 274-3256.



Martin P. Kelly

Around Theaters!

A Christmas Tuna, farce two-man show with 24 characters at the Capital Repertory Theater through Dec. 17 (462-4531)...*The Nutcracker*, presented by the Albany Berkshire Ballet company at the Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 22, 23 (465-4663)...*The Lords of Rose and Grey Castles*, an adaptation of Irish tales by the Masque Theater, Inc. at Hudson Valley Community College, Dec. 15, 16 and 17. (459-4961)

AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13

**ALBANY COUNTY
WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

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

**RENSSELAER COUNTY
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

CHORUS REHEARSAL
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany. Information, 237-4384.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 14

**ALBANY COUNTY
WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS PROJECT**
call to schedule a free appointment, Women's Building, 79 Central Ave., Albany, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-1597.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP
holiday cookie exchange, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. information, 869-2436.

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.

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

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

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE
study of ancient texts regarding Hanukkah, B' nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

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.

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

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 17

**ALBANY COUNTY
ALBANY INSTITUTÉ OF HISTORY AND ART**
"Overview Tour" of the museum, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

FAMILY FUN DANCE
circles, lines, squares, potluck dinner, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany, 4 to 6 p.m. Information, 438-3035.

"MAKING MUSIC"
families are invited to make their own musical instruments, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Cost, \$10 for member family, \$15 for non-member family. Information, 463-4478.

MEMORY'S GARDEN TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Memory's Garden, 980 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 869-9506.

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
DECEMBER 18

**ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHESES**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 19

**ALBANY COUNTY
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"**
dramas, dances, and carols, St. James School, Summit Avenue, Albany, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost, 50 cents for children, \$1 adults, \$3 families.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
four-session program, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$75. Information, 454-1232.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
self-help group for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

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.

SENIORS LUNCHESES
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, 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
MS SELF-HELP GROUP**
Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Schenectady County, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

BREASTFEEDING PREPARATION
lactation consultant will answer questions, fathers invited, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 346-9400.

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

HOLIDAY PARTY
sing carols with pianist Albert Moser, model trains, punch and cookies, bring a dozen cookies, Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady, 12:15 p.m. Information, 382-7890.

WEDNESDAY
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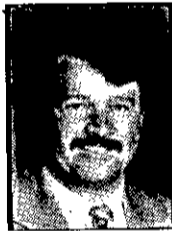
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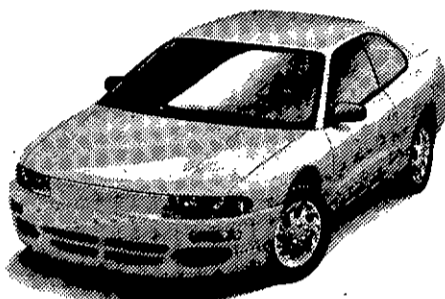
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