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V'ville teachers, board at contract impasse

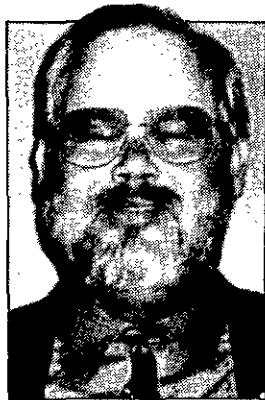
By Katherine McCarthy

"Negotiations have collapsed," Voorheesville Teachers Association President Richard Mele said tersely, as he handed out copies of a prepared statement at Monday's school board meeting.

Mele's statement reported that the VTA has served the district with a notice of claim charging that the board's most recent proposals represent an illegal and improper bargaining practice.

The notice gives the board 30 days to change its bargaining package, or be subject to possible sanction by the Public Employees Relations Board.

Voorheesville teachers are working in their third year without a contract. Back in



Cole

November, the two sides were publicly still far apart, with the board offering a 12 percent salary increase over five years, and the teachers asking for 25 percent over the same period, according to board president John Cole.

In the public comment period, more than a dozen teachers stood, stated their names, positions and number of years in the Voorheesville schools, then sharply criticized the board for their handling of the situation.

Joan Schulz, an elementary school teacher for 27 years, said the tone of the negotiations is something she has never seen, and hopes never to see again. "I feel

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Water, water everywhere



Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller looks out on the town's new water treatment plant — now in full operation — on Clapper Road. Elaine McLain

Southgate loses anchor

Smaller stores could appease critics

By Mel Hyman

Kmart is pulling out of Southgate.

In a not-so-welcome New Year's tidings, the Rubin Organization of Philadelphia, developers of the Southgate Commons shopping center proposed for Route 9W in Glenmont, was recently informed that it no longer has an anchor store.

"Kmart has decided to terminate its contract for a Super K store on this site," said Rubin project director Doug Grayson. "We are in ongoing discussions with them regarding a new Kmart store as opposed

to a Super K, but as of this time we do not have a contract with them, and we are continuing to market the property to other users as an anchor store."

Town officials such as Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Planning Board Chairman Doug Hasbrouck said Kmart's withdrawal did not come as a big surprise given the company's financial woes — it has lost money in 11 of the last 12 quarters and closed hundreds of stores over the past few years.

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Library board, club trim holiday lobby decoration

By Mel Hyman

For the past 40 years or so — prior to the 1995 holiday season — the Delmar Progress Club had decorated the lobby of

the Bethlehem Public Library with reminders of Christmas.

That tradition came to an end last month in a move that caught many town residents by surprise.

The decision to forego putting up a Christmas tree in the library lobby, and to tone down holiday decorations in general, was made early last year by the library board of trustees in conjunction with officials of the Progress Club.

But it was not a decision reached easily by either the Progress Club or the library.

"The general idea was that the library is a public institution that has always been sensitive to the entire community," said library board trustee Paula Read. "We felt as a board that we should honor the concerns made in conversations with the (library) director."

The gist of those concerns, according to library director Barbara Mladinov, who is retiring at the end of this month, was that the Christmas decorations in the lobby during recent years had become excessive.

"It was not an easy decision" to forego

TRIMS/page 14

Board reopens Orchard Park legal bid

By Dev Tobin

After hearing bitter complaints from Orchard Park leaders, the New Scotland town board decided Monday to reopen the bid process for condemnation legal work for the Northeast Water District.

At its year-end meeting in December, the board had unanimously awarded the condemnation work to Daniel Centi of Centi, Feeney & Mackey, based on his guarantee to cap his fees at \$15,000.

But three members of this year's board, freshman Republicans Mark Dempi and Michael Fields and newly

I'm concerned about the integrity of the process. We asked for quotes and awarded a contract. This is really appalling.

Victoria Ramundo



minted Independent Supervisor Herb Reilly, voted to rescind the award.

"With all the confusion that went on, we should rescind and go back out to bid," Fields said.

Orchard Park residents, who have been waiting almost 10 years for municipal water, had objected to awarding the work to Centi.

A more experienced lawyer, John Tabner of Tabner & Ryan, would be preferable, especially since Tabner will agree to cap his fees at \$14,000, according to Joseph Cotazino of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association.

The Centi firm was the only one to use the word "cap" in its quote, while Tabner and other bidders had used the

BIDS/page 14

Cops arrest six for DWI

Bethlehem Police arrested six people on charges of driving while intoxicated last week.

Mark A. Leip, 18, of 214 McClellan St., Schenectady, was stopped at 1:11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, for driving across the road markings on Delaware Avenue and nearly hitting the cement column of the railroad bridge, police said.

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

Gary Phillips, 45, of 17 Hanover Drive, Delmar, was stopped at 3 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, for swerving from side to side on Kenwood Avenue, police said.

He was charged with failure to keep right and released pending a future appearance in town court.

Scott A. Pauley, 24, of 8 Garden St., Albany, was stopped at 10:46 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, for driving on Delaware Avenue with no rear taillights.

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

Mason M. Moore, 22, of 7 Norge Road, Delmar, was arrested at 12:12 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the scene of a property damage accident on Borthwick Avenue in Delmar.

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

Hugh A. Johnson, 62, of 187 Long Road, East Berne, was arrested at 7:28 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, after police discovered his truck stuck in a snowbank off New Scotland Road.

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

Elizabeth D. Vogel, 21, of 107 Lawson Lake Road, Feura Bush, was stopped at 3:08 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, for following too closely on Route 32 near the town park, police said.

She was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and several other traffic violations. She was released on her own recognizance pending a Jan. 16 appearance in town court.

Art studio finds home in Delmar

By Mel Hyman

If you thought there was nothing for kids to do in Delmar but play sports, then take note.

The Artists' Studio, one of Bethlehem's newest commercial ventures, opened its doors this week, offering a variety of art classes for children of all ages.

Located behind Gochee's Garage on Delaware Avenue — across from the Main Square Shoppes — the Artists' Studio was formerly an auto body shop until Anita Rabinoff-Goldman and Andrea Bartfield enlisted family and friends in a major renovation project.

There's still plenty of work to be done, but the partners are pleased to have found a suitable space.

"We were looking for a place in Delmar for over a year," said Rabinoff-Goldman. "The first place we looked at was the Delmar Tire place, which was torn down a couple of weeks ago. All the retail space we looked at was expensive, and we really didn't want anything slick and polished."

The former body shop is definitely far from slick and polished, but there is a certain warmth that makes it conducive to letting the artistic imagination unfold.

"It's fabulous," Rabinoff-Goldman said. "It's centrally located, and there's plenty of parking. We plan to do something with the exterior once the weather gets nice."

While the Artists' Studio helps fill a void in the local cultural scene, providing a community service was not the original idea behind it.

"Our main intention was to move our studios out of our homes into larger quarters," said Bartfield, a painter who lives in Delmar. "We also wanted to create a workshop-like environment where we could interact with other artists."

Adults are welcome along with children, she noted, with three classes (in quilting, painting and drawing) specifically geared for



Marilyn Moskowitz of Guilderland works on a painting during an art class at the Artists' Studio in Delmar.

Elaine McLain

grown-ups.

Teen-agers will find classes to their liking as well, with a special two-day workshop planned for February on journal-making, and a one-day workshop Feb. 10 on Buttons, Beads and Beyond.

Bartfield, who graduated from Skidmore College, has been a working artist for the past 14 years. She has also taught at the Albany Institute of History and Art and conducts workshops in public schools under auspices of the New York State Alliance for the Arts.

One of the classes she'll be teaching is Art Explorers, which will "encourage children to enjoy the creative process of doing art."

The mother of two boys, Bartfield said she was keenly aware of the lack of opportunities outside of school for children interested in art.

"If your kid is interested in gymnastics, dance or music, there's always something you can plug into," she said. "But there was no place for kids to pursue art once they got home from school, especially during the winter."

Rabinoff-Goldman, a resident of Feura Bush, was born and raised in New York City and has been in

the area since she graduated from the State University at Albany. "We both liked the lifestyle up here and decided that we didn't want to leave," she said.

Her expertise lies in quilt-making and she has exhibited nationally as well as locally. She and her husband have two daughters, one of whom is a freshman at Bethlehem Central High School.

There will be other artists on hand over the course of the year including Marta Jaremkó, Mary Kay Weeks and Ulla Sattinger.

Sattinger will be teaching a class for elementary school children on Fun in the Mud — a basic class on hand-building clay and glazing.

Town art association to critique pieces

The Bethlehem Art Association will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. A critique of works in progress will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a general meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Robert Longley, who uses nature as his subject matter, will give a demonstration.

For information, call 768-2624.

Parenting classes set to begin Jan. 17 at Network offices

Attention parents: Are you feeling concerned or frustrated about your teen or preteen? You deserve support in the important job of being a parent.

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Classes will be on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning on Jan.

17, in the Networks office in main Square in Delmar.

The fee for seven classes is \$30. Call 439-7740 to register or for information.

Toastmasters to meet

The Bethlehem Toastmasters will meet today, Jan. 10, in the fellowship hall at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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McEneny levels field to encourage challenge

By Dev Tobin

For a New York state legislator, the advantages of incumbency are legion — name recognition, free newsletters, patronage, member items, fund-raising ability, and, in most cases, a district designed to favor one major party over the other.

After winning re-election in 1994 (considered a bad year for Democratic incumbents) without opposition, two-term Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany, says he will limit his use of some incumbent-protection tools to encourage a challenger to come forward this year.

"It's not good for public officials and not good for the democratic process when politicians run unopposed," said McEneny, whose district has the basic incumbent advantage of a substantial Democratic enrollment edge.

Although he has been mentioned as a possible state Senate or Albany mayoral candidate, McEneny said he was happy in the Assembly.

In part to encourage a challenger, McEneny said he will continue his policy of not sending out newsletters, even though each legislator is entitled to three districtwide mailings a year at taxpayer expense.

After mailing out a flier on rabies in his first year, McEneny said he was shocked at the \$4,400 printing and mailing cost.

"That's very expensive for what borders on free campaign literature," he said.

He also said that he will hold only one fund-raiser, with a \$25 ticket, and limit donations from any individual to \$300 in any calendar year.

As in his previous campaigns, McEneny will spend the bulk of his money on yard signs ("on private property") and literature, eschewing radio, television and daily newspaper ads.

And he promises to debate his opponent in libraries and church halls across the district.

An unabashed liberal, McEneny said he would love to mix it up with a challenger who supports the conservative Republican agenda exemplified in Gov. George Pataki's budgets and legislative program.

McEneny has been an early and often critic of Pataki's proposals to move state workers out of



Jack McEneny

the Capital District to "more politically correct areas" in the mid-Hudson Valley and the Southern Tier.

"Pataki's geographic patronage has ripped the Capital District apart," he said. "He's making this place a ghost town — property values have plummeted, state workers are under a lot of stress, and the private sector, especially small business, is also suffering."

While opposition of moving state workers is locally popular, McEneny said he would also enjoy defending some of his less popular votes, for example, against a bill to take away driver's licenses from people convicted of any drug offense.

McEneny said he opposed the bill because it would "economically destroy" someone upstate who relied on a car to get to work, but have little effect in New York City, where the drug problem is worse.

McEneny added that he opposed the underlying concept of the bill, one of several federal "blackmail bills" devised by U.S. Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-Queensbury, to force states to revoke driver's licenses as additional punishment for non-driving-related crimes or violations.

While state Republican leaders say they will concentrate on capturing the Assembly majority this year, McEneny said such an outcome is unlikely given that district lines were drawn in 1990 to solidify the Democratic majority.

And local Republican leaders say that even a self-handicapped McEneny would be a formidable opponent, given the district's heavily Democratic registration.

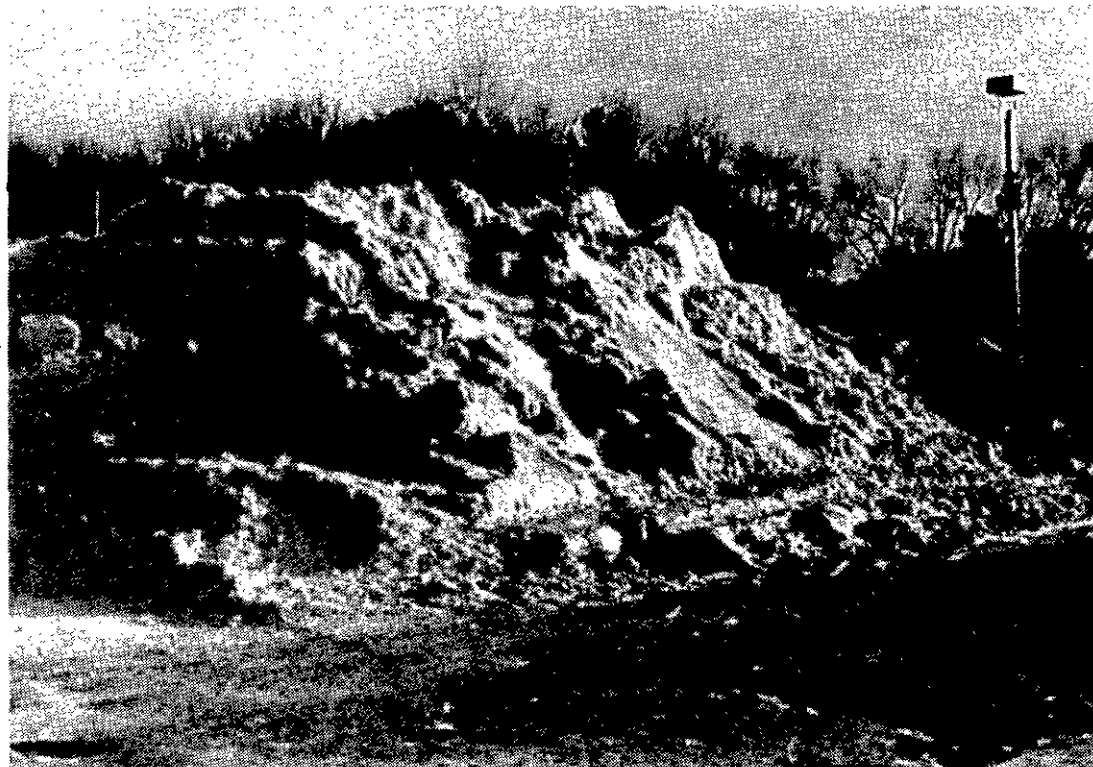
Mary Bardwell, acting chairperson of the county Republican committee, said that no one has yet expressed interest in challenging McEneny.

Bardwell said that potential candidates should contact the committee (449-1098), and that interviews would be set up some time in late spring.

Judi Von Ronne, chairperson of the New Scotland Republican Committee, said she "hasn't heard a word about that race."

The 104th Assembly District, represented for many years by the late Richard Connors, includes western and southern areas of the city of Albany, plus the towns of New Scotland, Guilderland, Knox and Berne.

Snow mountain



It's a good thing we missed out on the Blizzard of '96, because most businesses (here, Glenmont Plaza) and homeowners are running out of places to pile the white stuff. Elaine McLain

Bethlehem schools and police launch pilot partnership program

By Dev Tobin

Two Bethlehem Police Department youth officers have become the first "school resource officers" in the Capital District.

The department's youth officers, Mike McMillen and Vince Rinaldi, will be based at the middle school and high school, respectively, for the rest of the school year, according to district and town officials.

The program will "increase opportunities for students and staff to have positive interaction with police officers and expand the partnership between the district and the town," said Judith Wooster, BC's assistant superintendent for instruction.

The schools are "bound to be well-served by the insights and expertise" McMillen and Rinaldi will bring to their new role, Wooster said.

School resource officers will work with health, physical education and classroom teachers, guidance counselors, nurses and administrators; participate in classroom and after-school activities; and interact with students in the hallways and lunchroom, Wooster explained.

The officers will not be full-time in either school, since they have responsibilities for teaching Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes in elementary schools both at BC and at Becker Elementary School in Selkirk.

The officers are "not there to be hall monitors, but to provide access to police in a more acceptable setting," said Police Chief Richard LaChappelle. "The pro-

gram is a broadening of the spirit of DARE."

LaChappelle noted that the pilot program will not cost town or school district taxpayers any additional money.

"They're youth officers anyway; this is just an expansion of their duties to another area," he said.

According to tentative schedules, McMillen will be at the middle school all day Monday and Friday and mornings Tuesday through Thursday; and Rinaldi will be at the high school all day Monday and Friday and afternoons Tuesday and Thursday.

Having the officers as "visible

and active partners in the schools" will help "make sure our schools are orderly and at-risk students have the kinds of services they need," according to Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

Although the school board has not formally approved the program, Loomis said the board was "very supportive."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller, a former president of the BC school board, said the program will help middle school and high school students see police officers "as support people, rather than viewing them as negative."

LaChappelle said that the school resource officer program has been "very popular in Florida and on the West Coast."

"Both sides should benefit by having a total professional relationship between all elements of the schools and the town," he said.



McMillen



Rinaldi

CDTA cuts Delmar express bus

The CDTA express bus from the park-and-ride lot at the southern end of the Delmar Bypass will be eliminated by Jan. 31, although local service will still be offered from that location.

CDTA officials cited low ridership as the reason for eliminating the express service from the lot at the junction of Route 32 and Elm Avenue.

Only about 40 people per day used the service, according to CDTA spokesman Carm Basile. The 18X bus left the Elm Avenue lot at 7:20 and 8:20 a.m. weekdays for a non-stop run to the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

In the afternoons, the 18X bus left the plaza at 4:10 and 5:10 p.m. weekdays and returned to the Elm Avenue parking lot.

To substitute for the express line, Basile said the Delaware Avenue bus (#18), which provides local service into Albany, would make three trips in the morning and three trips in the afternoon out to the park-and-ride lot on Route 32, and then return to Delaware Avenue for its trip into the city.

"They will probably coincide roughly with the times of the route we're eliminating," Basile said. "It's really just a matter of convenience. Service isn't being stopped. It's just going to take a little longer."

Mel Hyman

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Cyber Haus takes bite out of computer intimidation

By Mel Hyman

If you've ever been intimidated by computers, feel helpless no more.

Cyber Haus, a computer learning center, is now open for business at 159 Delaware Ave. across from Delaware Plaza in Elsmere. Just walk in and talk to Ray Houghton, and he'll recommend the appropriate class or workshop.

Houghton, 48, has been involved with computers for his entire adult life. He has a Ph.D. in computer science and, before opening Cyber Haus, taught at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs.

But he is not strictly an academic. Prior to entering the teaching field he was a computer scientist for General Electric in Pittsfield — where he hails from — and a data systems analyst for the National Security Agency and the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

All during that time, however, Houghton said he wanted to return to his native Northeast.

"We saw the move to Skidmore

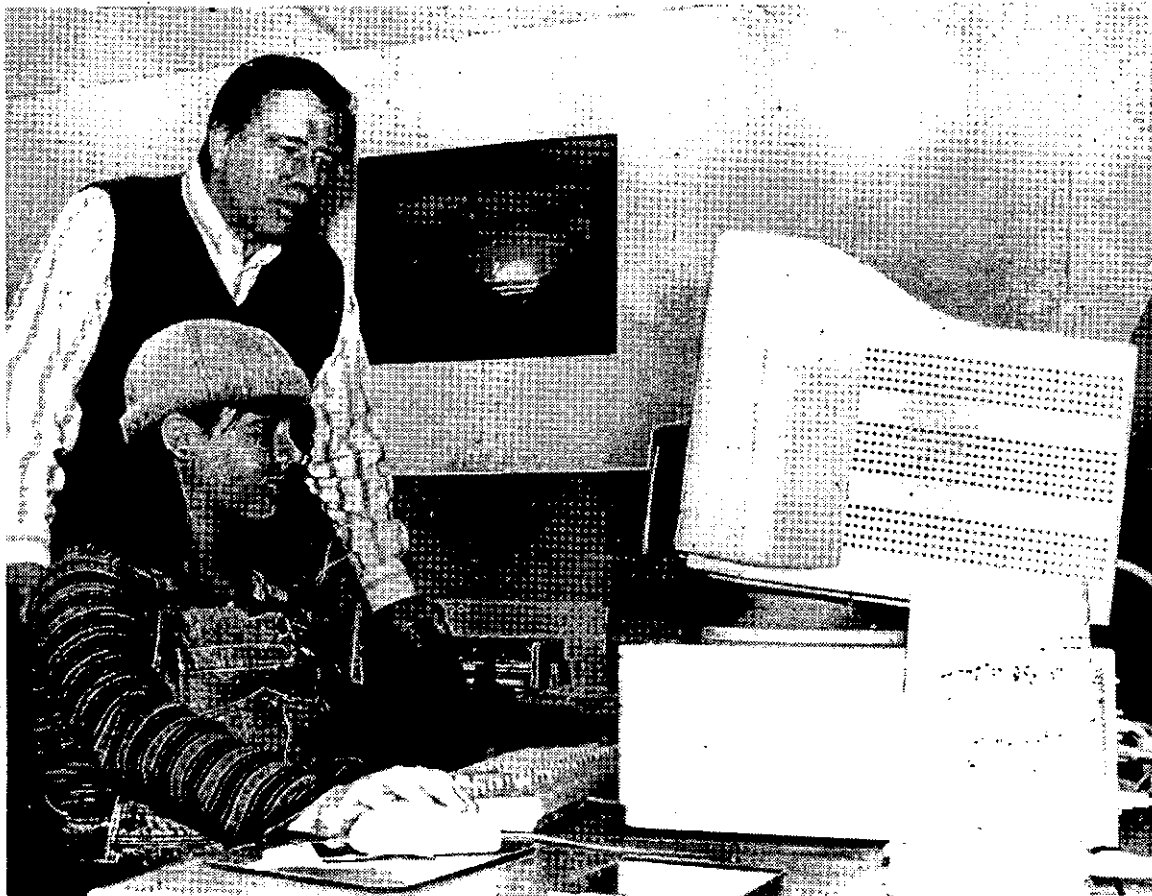
as a real opportunity," he said, adding, "My wife's job as a physician (she now works at the Albany Medical Center Hospital) played a part in all our decisions."

After several years at Skidmore, Houghton said the "commute on the Northway (from the family home in Slingerlands) wore me down."

That, combined with the desire to teach "what people actually wanted to know about computers" as opposed to the theory behind them, led him to his current venture.

Houghton plans to focus on the software applications that most people tend to use at home, school or the workplace — whether it's for taxes, finances, legal documents, spreadsheets, graphics, desktop publishing or word processing.

The classroom setup will be non-traditional, Houghton said. Instead of horizontal rows of computers, the machines are arranged in two semicircles of four computers each to encourage a hands-on experience and lots of instructor



Ray Houghton, owner of Cyber Haus, works on a new program with his daughter Amy.

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other is for parents who want to guide and control their children's access to areas on the Worldwide Web.

Houghton plans to offer guided tours of the information superhighway with the focus on popular themes like Europe, classical music, golf and cooking.

Students could benefit greatly, he added, since there will be pro-

grams available on academic subjects such as algebra, social studies and music.

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Substance abuse programs slated

Michael Nerney, an internationally known lecturer and consultant in substance abuse prevention, will conduct an informational meeting followed by a question-and-answer period on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Parents, teachers, students and community members are invited to learn more about the problem, explore the reasons for the increase in substance abuse, discuss new drug trends and explore prevention strategies. The program is sponsored by the high school PTA/Forum.

PTA to conduct business meeting Jan. 16

The elementary school PTA will hold its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

Schools to observe Martin Luther King Day

Voorheesville schools will be closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 15.

Friday, Jan. 19 is a staff development day at the elementary school. Pupils will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m.

Auditions under way for drama club production

The elementary school drama club will perform "Bye-Bye Birdie" on Friday, March 15. Fifth and sixth grade pupils are eligible to audition for the play this month.

Students inducted into honor society

The high school honor society has inducted 24 new members.

They are: Jennifer Adams, Todd Dombrowski, Lisa Dunbar, Katherine Gleason, Michael Halpin, Brandon Holcomb, Christopher Horan, Christopher Horn, Erikka Jackstadt, Emily Kohler, David Koltai, Britta Lukowski, Matthew McKenna, Janelle Murray, Kristen Penson, Stephen Pilatzke, Nicole Schallehn, Magdalena Spencer, Jennifer Taglione, Denise Throop, Kathleen Tyrell, Jessica Veeder, Anastasia Warner and Amy Welker.

NEWS NOTES

Voorheesville

Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen
765-2813



Committee spots open to community

The School Improvement Council at the high school invites students, parents, faculty, staff and community members to join the character education committee.

The committee will develop a comprehensive program aimed at helping students know and do what is right.

For information or to volunteer, contact Carol Kadamus or Mary Lynn Williams at 765-3314, ext. 313.

Keep hydrants shoveled out

The Voorheesville Fire Department reminds anyone with a fire hydrant on their property to shovel it out so it will be accessible in the event of a fire.

Tree removal delayed by winter snowstorms

Highway department workers in New Scotland and Voorheesville have been busy plowing but will

remove Christmas trees left at the curb as soon as possible.

New committee to work on business climate

The New Scotland town board has established a new Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee. The committee will prepare an overall infrastructure development plan to attract light industry and commercial business to appropriate areas of the town.

To arrange to serve on the seven-member panel, call the town clerk at 439-4865.

Delmar Fire District names new officials

The 1996 board of fire commissioners for the Delmar Fire District are: Gerald J. Day, chairman; William E. Wright Jr., deputy chairman; James F. Shanley, deputy treasurer; LeRoy J. Cooke, secretary; Kurt Uhl, safety officer; and John F. Angerame, treasurer and administrative assistant.

Commissioners' meetings will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 and 16, Feb. 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 27, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

For information, contact the board at 439-5702.

Children as artists

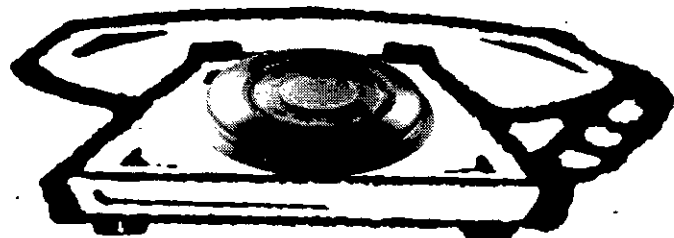


Jonathan Beer, 7, shows his artwork to his sister Emily and his parents Paul and Cindy Beer of Slingerlands. Emily, 5, also had a painting on display in the Bethlehem Public Library's "Children as Artists" exhibit.
Elaine McLain

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Matters of Opinion

Breslin takes charge

There's no question that Michael Breslin has taken charge of Albany County government. Elected to his first full four-year term in November after serving for a year as an appointee, Breslin is taking the new Albany County charter at its word and using the appointive powers it grants the county executive. Previously, the county legislature made appointments.

Since his swearing in, he has served notice that county government is going to be run in a business-like manner. His first move was to drop nine department heads, five of whom are Democrats, the party that elected him to the county executive post. The other four are Republicans originally appointed by Michael Hoblock Jr who left the county executive's post to serve as state senator.

People shouldn't be surprised at Breslin's actions. When he first was appointed, he indicated he meant business, cutting back on county employee staffing and searching out welfare cheats.

Long a refuge for Democrat patronage jobs, county government now appears to be in the hands of a man who views public service as reserved for those pledged to run government as efficiently as possible, no matter party affiliation.

We laud Delmar resident Mike Breslin for his fast start toward whipping Albany county government into a trim, slim machine. He's displaying the tenacity and toughness that helped him survive forays as an infantry officer along the Cambodian border during the Vietnam War.

Budget battle begins

We take heart that the state legislature is moving to the pace set by Gov. George Pataki when he revealed his 1996-97 budget in mid-December.

Last Thursday, Jan. 4, the first of 11 planned joint legislative meetings was held by the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. Local officials from around the state, both Democrat and Republican, voiced their reactions to budget items affecting their constituents. Most found the cuts severe, particularly in Medicaid funding, and they didn't hold back their complaints.

What's important is that state legislators and local officials are talking and not mincing words about the budget earlier than they have in recent memory. There's a chance the budget will be finalized and passed by March 31 but it will take keeping the collective legislative noses to the grindstone.

Super Kmart dumped

The financial crunch on Kmart nationally has reached into our community. Plans to build a Super Kmart at the proposed Southgate Commons on Route 9 in Glenmont have been dropped. The news was not a surprise to Bethlehem town officials and could actually mean the plaza will be developed as a site with several smaller stores instead of one large one.

The Philadelphia-based developers of Southgate, while admitting a setback, are aware that there were objections to such a large facility. The door is open to a smaller project but one that needs to be large enough to justify the expense by the developers for studies and improvements required by the town.

Good neighbors

The onslaught of heavy snow makes it important for residents to clear snow from water hydrants so fire personnel will have access.

Neighbors should also be aware of nearby residents living alone, who might suffer an emergency during a heavy snowstorm and not be able to contact anyone. Good neighbors are important always but particularly during severe winters.

Editorials

Balanced budget blueprint for future

By Michael G. Breslin

The writer of this Point of View is the Albany County Executive.

I can think of no better way to ring in the new year than with a county budget that reduces expenditures and cuts property taxes 8.5 percent. This year's budget is responsibly balanced and is a blueprint for further cost savings.

I accepted the office of Albany County Executive with one goal in mind: to provide taxpayers with the highest quality services at the lowest possible cost. Over the past year, I have worked hard to reduce the size and cost of government while preserving essential programs—particularly those that serve the elderly, our children and disabled citizens.

Our success in 1995 is measured by more than \$5 million in savings over the course of last year. The 1996 county budget injects another dose of fiscal responsibility. It is a formula for success. Over the next four years we will continue to cut spending, maximize resources and modernize the way the county does business to bring Albany County into the 21st century. The 1996 budget reduces



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the county work force by 100 positions, without a single layoff. This was accomplished by carefully reviewing every job vacated through attrition or retirement to see how that function could most effectively be performed without refilling the position.

County employees are working harder and smarter. We've dedicated \$1.3 million to new technology to maximize the productivity of our personnel and improve service to residents. This includes an investment of \$500,000, the equivalent of \$165 per person, in training and education for county employees. This investment will ensure that our work force is equipped to perform at peak efficiency so that fewer people can provide the quality services for which Albany County is so well-known.

Albany County's 1996 budget amounts to \$321.8 million. That's \$4.7 million less than the 1995 adjusted budget. In fact, this is the first time in recent memory that spending has actually declined from one year to the next. More importantly, we have reduced the cost of county government without abandoning our responsibilities to those who need our help the most. I am strongly committed to providing

the residents of Albany County, particularly children, senior citizens and people with disabilities, with the services they need and deserve.

We can and will continue to do our part to protect children at risk, to provide housing and opportunities for seniors, and to promote a safe and healthy environment for all. If we continue to implement effective management practices, we can do all this and more.

Last May, I promised to reduce county property taxes by at least five percent. Through savings achieved last year, we were able to deliver a tax cut of 8.5 percent in the 1996 budget. Achieving this reduction was not an easy task. Before reducing taxes one cent, we had to first overcome the negative impact of the New York state budget on Albany County. State funding was cut \$7 million, nearly 10 percent last year.

State layoffs and job moves in the public and private sectors have also affected the level of economic activity in the county. Gov. Pataki's determination to move jobs out of Albany County has resulted in a loss of consumer confidence which translates directly into a decreasing rate of sales tax collections.

While there is no denying

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Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

By H. Carl McCall

The writer of this guest editorial is the state comptroller.

The celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday has special significance this year. Our nation continues to confront an environment of hatred and misunderstanding. The reaction to the O.J. Simpson trial is only an indicator of the racial division in America.

King's message is more rele-



McCall

vant today than ever. His vision of an America where everyone can make a difference is a vision that can be realized only if we remember his message.

King would have been saddened by the current racial atmosphere. The violent culture our young people live in, the seemingly endless tragedy of young men and women killed in a society that does not seem to care, would have weighed heavy on his heart.

I'm certain he would have hoped for more progress in the 28 years since his death. But I'm also certain he would not have given up. I'm certain that, rather than being discouraged, he

would have worked that much harder to bring about change.

He was a man of great conviction and dignity and even greater courage. The message remains unchanged, hope, understanding, non-violence and respect for one another. King's belief that we are all brothers and sisters, each equally deserving, is a belief that our nation must embrace. We must all find some of that courage that King showed us and work that much harder to bring about change and understanding.

The best commemoration of King's life is to work for his vision of a better America and a better world.

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that governments at all levels must "rightsized," I will continue to fight to keep state jobs in the Capital District where they belong.

We are aggressively pursuing economic development strategies to bring new private sector businesses to the area. Our first step involves increasing cooperation with local governments to identify, develop and catalogue commercial and industrial business-ready sites.

Municipalities within Albany County are now partners in our comprehensive business development strategy. Bethlehem Town Supervisor, Sheila Fuller and I worked together to forge a regional approach to economic development last summer.

I look forward to developing similar relationships with other municipalities. I will also look to our cities, towns and villages for cooperation and collaboration in formulating a response to state and federal block grant proposals. These funding schemes will change the way many local programs are administered, for better or for worse.

A cooperative effort between the county and municipalities

will enable us to prepare for funding cuts and preserve needed services.

A strong alliance will also enable us to take advantage of the new flexibility so that we administer programs better.

Together, we will meet these challenges head on. We will find new ways to provide services more effectively.

We will continue to reduce the size and cost of government and deliver tax relief honestly by cutting spending this year, next year and into the 21st century.

Library makes Christmas blue

Editor: The Spotlight

Probably the biggest disappointment I had this Christmas, was stepping into the the "unfestive" Bethlehem Public Library. How disappointing it is to find out that one or two people can rule an entire community by their likes and dislikes.

Funny thing, the name Bethlehem itself is a Christian name, the town was founded on Christian principles and the majority of its citizens are celebrants of the birth of Christ. If you are really serious about the decision you have made to

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remove Christmas (and Hanukkah and Kwanzaa) decorations from the library, perhaps you should change the name too.

I am hereby protesting your decision to remove these holiday decorations from the library. Surely, there is enough space to share with Christians, Jews and Muslims. If someone has a problem, let them buy their books and remove their

contributions. If this practice continues, the word will be spread and large contributions will be lost anyway.

If you do intend to stick with your decision, you had better also remove St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and "Halloween" decorations, since they too have a religious significance.

In a small town like the "little town of Bethlehem," it is a sad state of affairs.

June M. Hebert

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Matters of Opinion

Rezoning lacks values

Editor, The Spotlight:

The decision to rezone a residential area of New Scotland Road makes a statement about Bethlehem's community values.

Over the objections of residents who would be most affected adversely, a decision was made in support of locating a traffic-generating commercial enterprise in the midst of their neighborhood.

There's talk these days about a decline in "family values." Many people believe that a lack of family values and the "break up" of the family are at the root of many of society's ills. I can't help but wonder if a decline in community values and the break up of neighborhoods have a similar effect.

In many areas, traffic volume has already served to alter lifestyles and "break up" the neighborhood, divide us as a community and set us apart, neighbor from neighbor, undermining a way of life and "family value" of great importance to many residents.

Residents of Delaware, Kenwood and Cherry avenues and New Scotland Road, for instance, can no longer enjoy the simplest of neighborhood pleasures such as calling across the street to greet a neighbor. Voices cannot be heard over traffic.

Neighborhood living has already been eroded and displaced by traffic. Yet votes were cast in favor of this decline, in favor of increasing traffic volume and widening the chasm on the same streets, in the same neighborhoods, further setting neighbor apart from neighbor and further eroding our family value of "neighborhood."

Lost to the decision to rezone is a way of life that has been valued and enjoyed by generations of residents in communities

everywhere, since the founding of their communities.

It is being able to teach a child to ride a bike on the sidewalk in front of his/her home; playing in the front yard; teaching a child to cross the street safely, walk to a neighborhood school, or "go around the block, all by myself," under the watchful eyes of caring neighbors; congregating on the sidewalk with neighbors; pushing a baby carriage or walking a pet in safety.

It is doing all the things that those who live in less heavily-trafficked residential areas are free to do without concern over safety and traffic.

In the affected areas, our children and theirs are growing up without benefit of the nurturing, support and encouragement of neighborhood living or the sense of "belonging" to the extended family of neighborhood.

Instead, they will learn what our example teaches: an impersonal, drive-by way of life is favored here. It is a place where residents are faceless, nameless, unimportant strangers, not "our neighbors."

The decision to rezone makes a powerful statement. Neighborhoods are not important. Controlling traffic for residents' safety in their neighborhoods is not important. Shopping convenience for others has more value than neighbors or neighborhoods.

The future is not important. Preserving neighborhoods as a safe and nurturing environment is not important. People are not important. The quality of their lives is not important. Apparently, these are our community values. These are the lessons that we teach our children.

Nancy Relyea

Slingerlands

Ignored safety rule injures child

Editor, The Spotlight:

I've just come back from the orthopedic folks, having had a full leg cast put on my four-year old. I still can't believe it.

It was two days after Christmas and we were the only ones on the hill at Normanside golf course. At about 10 o'clock a bunch of other families showed up. It was perfect sledding weather, and my two little ones were screaming and laughing with me all the way down the hill.

At the bottom of the run I heard my four-year old son screaming, lying face down next to his sled, and a girl, who looked to be about 13 and at least 130 pounds, was standing next to him holding her head. I knew she hadn't been there

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when we started, and she hadn't been coming down our way. Where had she come from?

We had always taught our children to look up hill when walking back up. Always wait until everyone else is out of the way before going down (even those teenagers who feel they have to walk right up the path defying you to go). If all else fails and it looks like you are going to crash, roll off the sled.

I can only assume that this girl had not looked before she went down the hill, that she came from the opposite side that everyone was sledding, about

the same as driving north in the southbound lane, and that she had not have the sense to roll off or even yell a warning.

Had her parents taught her anything? I've relived the scene of this big girl crashing into my little tyke a thousand times. I was only five feet away, and we were completely stopped.

The worst part is trying to answer my son's questions. Why did that girl run into me, daddy? Why didn't she try to stop? Maybe we can work out the answer as we pass the six weeks inside watching the other kids have snowball fights, play hockey and help their dads shovel the snow.

You know this girl never said a thing, she just walked away to join her friends.

All I can do is shake my head. I didn't think they made crutches this small.

John McKee

Slingerlands

A commuter suggestion

Editor, The Spotlight:

As to the Canadian Pacific (D&H) rail line from Delanson to the Kenwood yard in Albany, my suggestion is that the Capital District Transportation Authority assume responsibility for the property by lease or purchase.

The Capital District Transportation Authority could modify two intra/inter city buses with train wheels front and rear. Two other buses would insure a back-up vehicle in case of breakdown. These buses could be operated by a private operator such as Marsh, Milroc, or K&K.

The bus route could start in Cobleskill, proceed to Delanson, Altamont, Voorheesville, Slingerlands, Delmar continuing into the Kenwood yard where it would lift the train wheels and proceed, on I-787 to the Empire State Plaza, the A.E. Smith building, then via State Street and Broadway to the Clinton Avenue

ramp to I-787 to the state campus.

The bus would be equipped with a detachable snow plow to be used while on rails. The rail signal system at all crossings would operate as they do now. Parking facilities would be available at all stops.

Transfer tickets would be accepted by all Capital District Transportation Authority buses.

The rail line could be used by Canadian Pacific to service the Guilderland Industrial Park and used also by the National Railroad Historical Society or other associations to run excursion trains.

For those people desiring a bike/foot path it would be simple enough to widen the road bed to accommodate a five foot wide macadam path.

William Tesch

Voorheesville

Decorations reflect season

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to Richard J. Harte's insensitive letter on Jan. 3, I do not support the library trustees. The Christmas decorations that were in the library did not reflect any particular religion.

They were a symbol of the season, which I believe to be appreciated by most residents and taxpayers.

I would hope that the library trustees will not eliminate its recognition of any season, including St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

I do not think that most residents feel they suffer because town facilities decorate for the seasons.

Trish Asprion-Holden

Glenmont

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'Guiding Eyes' pup makes progress

Editor, The Spotlight

We want to take this opportunity to share news about our "Guiding Eyes for the Blind" puppy, Wagner, since so many people in the community have been asking about his progress.

After spending 14 months in "pre-training" with our family, Wagner went down in early December to the Guiding Eyes National Headquarters and Training Center in Yorktown Heights, New York. We recently received the news that he has been accepted into the formal guide dog training program! This is quite an honor for Wagner and our family, as only about half the dogs who are evaluated "pass" the training suitability assessment.

For the next four months, Wagner will be working with a trainer and progress from working on basic obedience on the training school grounds, to work on quiet roads and introduction to the harness, to more advanced work involving curb stops, turns, obstacle avoidance and traffic training. The last part of training teaches the dog to take responsibility for the instructor and make decisions while working in complex environments.

Wagner could be ready for placement with a blind person in four months, although this could take longer if he requires additional training. There is still the possibility that he may not be successful as a guide dog; some dogs encounter difficulty as the demands placed on them become more challenging.

Raising Wagner was truly a "whole village" experience.

We'd like to thank all of the businesses in and around Delmar who were so accommodating in allowing Wagner to visit, especially the wonderful staff at the Bethlehem Public Library who showed so much interest in his progress, as well as those who attended the several school board meetings he visited (including the one during which he repeatedly yawned.)

We are also grateful to the Girl Scout Troops and Church

Youth groups who invited Robyn to bring Wagner and explain about the Guiding Eyes program.

We will update all of you on Wagner's continued progress. For anyone interested in information about raising a Guiding Eyes puppy, please contact Sue Nadeau, area coordinator, at 456-5337.

Happy Scherer, Robyn Scherer
Delmar

Attorney wins praise

Editor, The Spotlight

With the New Year came the passing of some public officials due to the change in political realities. Certainly Roger Fritts would acknowledge that as a fact of life, political and otherwise. The changing of the guard in the public defender's office comes as no surprise to those who even casually observe the scene, but his passing from office ought not go unnoticed.

Fritts acquitted himself with distinction as a quality lawyer committed to the public he served as their public defender. His office was noted for its competence and effective compassion.

Fritts himself quietly administered the many faceted functions of the office while maintaining his personal interest in the quali-

ty and efficiency of his staff. The end product is a tribute to his dedication and competence. Fritts' successor will find it no easy task to maintain this high quality of legal representation for those unable to afford it themselves. We all wish his unnamed successor well in their discharge of the duties of that office.

Fritts, unnoticed and unheralded, did a terrific job with a difficult assignment and should be hailed by all the residents of this county for the fine representation he provided in our names. He is a talented public servant who should not be allowed to pass with the change of politics without recognizing his contribution with gratitude from us.

Robert Roche
Albany

New ambulance makes debut

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service will show off its newstate-of-the-art ambulance on Sunday, Jan. 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at its headquarters on Route 9W.



Pratt

The new vehicle will replace an older model and is "custom designed and more compatible and up-to-date and comfortable," said David Pratt, an Emergency Medical Technician and member of the squad's board of directors.

He said squad members spent two years on the design and specifications for the vehicle which will

likely be used even more than the squad's other vehicles are. The new vehicle was made by Road Rescue and cost \$103,000, Pratt said.

In 1995, the 120 volunteers responded to 631 calls, said Pratt. The squad is responding "to a record number of calls," he said.

Pratt believes service will also be enhanced by Bethlehem's new paid paramedic service. "I think it's a great improvement to the community and the higher level of care," he said.

Pratt, who has been on the all-volunteer service for 21 years, invites the public to the open house "to see what tax dollars do."

Refreshments will be served during the open house.
Susan Graves

Bethlehem library offers workshops

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will host several workshops in January.

On Monday, Jan. 15, local recruiter Peg Cerutti will present, "Preparing For Your Job Interview" at 10 a.m. Cerutti will offer advice on making a good first impression, including appropriate interview attire and behavior.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, registered nurse Celia Wellman will present, "Preventive Health Benefits Under Medicare" at 7:30 p.m. The discussion on preventive health issues for senior citizens will include information on vaccinations, screenings, nutrition and depression.

For information, contact the library at 439-9314.

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In New York State, one must graduate from an accredited dental hygiene program at either a two year or four year college and must pass the Northeast Regional Board exam and a National Board Exam in order to become a (licensed) registered dental hygienist.

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Family movie night scheduled at Becker

A district-wide family movie night is set for Friday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at Becker Elementary School.

Upcoming districtwide events include an evening of line dancing in march to celebrate the coming of spring.

PTO sets program on preparing for high school

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, the middle school PTO will meet and present a program on "How to Prepare for High School."

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the middle school large group room.

Music pupils to present concert

Pupils in grades five through 12 will present a Small Ensemble Music Concert on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

RCS receives grant

Congratulations to the RCS district for receiving a grant to provide improved electronic networking, teacher training workshops on school improvement initiatives, developing digital portfolios, initiatives implementing the philosophy of the New Contract and teamed classrooms that demonstrate integrated curricula.

Kudos to all involved on senior citizen event

Thanks to the members of the RCS student government, the cafeteria crew, the transportation department and the janitorial staff for their hard work in preparing the annual Senior Citizen Breakfast.

Students participants included: Athena Buffardi, Luann Randolph, Leandra Slater, Jennifer Jones, Mark Deyo, Mae Lincoln, Lisa Petropoli, Kim Boehlke, Kim Brown, Vicki Hutton, Rene Hillman, Rober Nieves, Krista

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Diversity meeting set for students

A community-wide meeting on diversity is being planned for Saturday, Jan. 13. A number of RCS students will be trained by Margaret Diggs as facilitators.

For information, call the high school at 765-2155.

Thanks to club for holiday toy drive

The RCS Spanish Club deserves a big thank you for the success of its holiday toy drive.

Kindergarten registration

Parents with children who turned 5 by Dec. 1 can register their children for kindergarten. There will be two registration sessions: Thursday, Jan. 18, from 1 to 3:05 p.m. at A.W. Becker School, and Thursday, Jan. 25, from 1:05 to 2:45 p.m. at Pieter B. Coeymans School.

Both sessions will include a welcome by the principal and activities for pupils and parents.

Parents of children whose last name begins with A-L should attend the first registration session and those with names in the second half of the alphabet should attend the second session.

For information, call Becker school at 767-2511 or Pieter Coeymans School at 756-8190.

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Taking the oath



Former Bethlehem Town Justice Roger Fritts, left, and the Honorable Edward S. Conway, swear in newly elected Receiver of Taxes Nancy Karins, Councilman Robert Johnson, Councilwoman Doris Davis and Supervisor Sheila Fuller at the town's annual reorganizational meeting.

Elaine McLain

Navy officer returns from overseas tour

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Brian G. Rollins, son of M. Knight of Delmar, recently returned from a six-month overseas deployment with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One.

Rollins is one of 610 Seabees who departed in early April for Naval Station Rota in Spain. In Spain, his unit completed projects to help improve the quality of life for military personnel living on bases there.

While on deployment, the Seabees also worked with forces

from Tunisia to build an aircraft bombing range.

Traveling to the Black Sea, sailors from Rollins' battalion also worked alongside the U.S. National Guard and Marine Corps Reserve units to improve Albania's only trauma hospital.

Overall, Rollins and his battalion traveled more than 6,000 miles.

Rollins' unit was selected as the Atlantic Fleet's Best of Type. The award is reserved for outstanding Seabee battalions, and is an indi-

cation of hard work and dedication.

Rollins joined the Navy in July 1990.

Missionary to visit Bethlehem Lutheran

The Rev. John Palka, a missionary who has served in the West African nation of Togo, will visit the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 and 14.

The congregation has provided financial support for Palka's activities. This is the first time Palka and his family will be able to visit the congregation.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, Palka will attend a men's breakfast, a women's tea and a potluck supper. On Sunday, Jan. 14, Palka will address the Sunday school and Bible classes, as well as preach at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services.

For information, call the church at 439-4328.



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Caldecott winner to present program

Award-winning author and illustrator Ann Grifalconi will read from her work on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. Grifalconi will appear as part of the library's celebration of African-American History month. She has been



honored for her authentic, loving portrayals of African-American and Latin-American life and culture.

Grifalconi will read from her Caldecott book, *The Village of Round and Square Houses*.

Some of her other books will also be available for signing and purchase.

A New York City native, she attended Cooper Union and received a bachelor's degree from New York University. In addition to the Caldecott prize, her numerous honors include the Newbery Award for *The Jazz Man* and the Coretta Scott King Award for *Everett Anderson's Goodbye*.

The list of authors for whom she has illustrated include Anton Chekhov, Elizabeth Bishop, Langston Hughes, Lucille Clifton and William Styron. *The Jazz Man* was written by her mother, Mary Hays Weik and *The Village of Round and Square Houses* is one of eight children's books Grifalconi wrote herself.

She is a pioneer in the realistic illustration of other cultures, and her work is backed up by exhaustive research and extensive travel in Africa, Haiti and Central America.

She was also active in the civil rights movement from its beginnings. Her multi-faceted career has included teaching at New York City's School of Fashion Industry and designing multimedia materials for Media Plus, Inc., a company she co-founded in the 1960s.

The program is suitable for ages 6 to adult. Call the youth services department at 439-9314 to register.

Louise Grieco

'Super Bowl' open to toddlers at library

Children ages 22 to 35 months old are invited to participate in ball games and stories at the Bethlehem Public Library's "Toddler Super Bowl" on Friday, Jan. 19.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Concert scheduled Sunday

A family concert performance, sponsored by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library, with members of the Capitol Chamber Artists will be Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m., at Coeymans Reformed Church.

Performers include Irvin E. Gilman, flute; Mary Lou Saetta, violin/viola; and Helene Annas, cello, will present dances and other trios by Beethoven, Hayden and Mozart. In spirit and length, this program has been chosen to interest children, as well as adults. Join musicians and library trustees and staff for a reception with refresh-

ments after the performance.

Coeymans Reformed Church is on Route 143 in Coeymans. It is between Pieter B. Coeymans School and Route 144. Parking will be on the boulevard and behind the Coeymans Medical Building, a few doors west of the church on Route 143. For information or directions, call the library at 756-2053.

This concert is one of a series of chamber concerts at local public libraries funded by Upper Hudson Library System, Cohoes Savings Bank and the state Council on the Arts.

Winter survival camp slated

The YMCA's Camp Chingachgook will offer a winter wilderness program for teens ages 14 through 18 from Feb. 18 through 23.

The five-day program will teach winter survival skills and apply them on snowshoe and cross-country ski excursions, as well as mountain ascents. Day trips may include skiing to Shelving Rock Falls, Climbing Buck or Black Mountain, and an ascent of the 4,000

foot High Peak. The Rockwell Lodge at Chingachgook will serve as the base camp, and participants will share the cooking and chores.

The cost for the program is \$265 and includes food, lodging, transportation and instruction. Participants should provide their own gear, including snowshoes, skis, sleeping bags and boots. For information or to register for the program, call the camp office at 373-0160.

Local Elks Lodge offers scholarships

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 is participating in the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student scholarship competition this academic year.

Twenty-four awards will be offered to New York state high school seniors based on scholarship and leadership. Awards range

from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year for four years.

Applications can be obtained at high schools or from the Elks lodge. Applications must be returned to the Bethlehem lodge by Jan. 15.

For information, call Kenneth Hunter at 765-3628.

Snuggle in for comfy program on folk tales

"Pillow and PJ Night" is set for tonight, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. Folk tales from many lands will be featured on the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

Bring the whole family for evening stories, make a craft from another culture and taste a food, you might never have eaten.

fine arts.

The sketch club might be expanded to include a variety of pursuits including museum and gallery trips.

The February meeting will include a video on Edward Hopper. No sign-up is necessary, just come for some informal art fun.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, the Princeton Review SAT preview for high school juniors and seniors will be presented at 7 p.m. The preview covers strategies to help test-takers recognize traps and avoid incorrect answers, increase verbal scores using analogy technologies and more.

Parents are invited to attend. Call 765-2791 to register, as participation is limited.

The January-February issue of the library newsletter should be in homes right now. If you did not receive a copy of the Bookworm, send us your name and request to be on the mailing list. Check the new issue for some good programs coming up.

Remember that winter story hours have started with an additional morning session on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Barbara Vink



The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. New members are welcome. Call the library for information.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Art Expression, a sketch club for artists and non-artists, will meet for the first time. Regardless of the level of proficiency, artists are invited to bring their own materials for two hours of drawing or painting with others from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Artists Barbara Vink and Diane Wozniak will be there to offer advice and encouragement. The library would like to develop a support group for teen-agers and adults who are interested in the

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Sports

RCS girls set themselves right

By Danielle Hummel

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls basketball team posted its first win of the season by defeating the Knights of Lansinburgh last week, 39-15.

RCS, leading 13-4 at the half, broke the game open in the third quarter as Danielle Hummel's five points gave the Indians a 30-9 advantage. This seemed to put the game away. Hummel led the team with 18 points, while Krista Perinne added nine and Jenn Jones six.

The Lady Indians, who are now 2-5 in the league and 3-6 overall, then continued their winning ways by upsetting neighboring Cossackie-Athens in the opener

Basketball

of the Gold Medal Tournament.

After a head-to-head battle through three quarters, Melissa Eissing dumped in eight points at crucial points toward the end. Costly turnovers by Cossackie allowed the Indians to pull away for a 45-35 victory.

Jones led RCS with 13, while Hummel and Eissing added 11 each. In the championship game, the Indians faced an aggressive Maple Hill team. After continuous lead changes, the Indians went into halftime down by eight points.

When it seemed like the Indians were coming back, costly fouls sent Maple Hill to the free throw line, and RCS eventually succumbed.

Hummel led the way with 14 points and Jones added 10. Hummel was named to the all-tournament team while Eissing was given the sportmanship award.

"It's hard to lose to teams when I know these girls have the talent to beat them," said coach Jackie Hotaling. "They need confidence in themselves."

Last Friday, Ravena continued its league success with a 43-40 win over Watervliet. Hummel led the scoring with 13. Perinne added nine and Eissing seven.

Tournament title goes to Indians

By Danielle Hummel

Over the holidays, the boys basketball team took first place in the annual Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Gold Medal Tournament.

The Indians (5-2, 7-2) faced Chatham in the opening game of the tournament. The Indians were led by Ryan Manning, who had 17 points and seven assists.

Russ Wolfe added 15 points, Jevron Sebring 11, and Adam McMullen added 10.

The Indians' defense kept the

game out of reach for Chatham. Manning had five steals, and Rob Nieves added a great effort, as the Indians won 75-35, and advanced to the championship game the following night.

In the championship game the Indians faced a tough Cairo-Durham club. The Indians used a 33-15 halftime lead to coast by Cairo, 70-42.

The offensive attack was led by Manning with 17 points, Nieves who had 16 and Wolfe with 11

points. Tournament MVP honors went to Manning, while Nieves and Wolfe were selected to the all-tournament team.

Last Friday night, the Indians faced the Cannoneers of Watervliet. RCS jumped out to a 22-13 lead at halftime and were able to hold on to this lead, as the Cannoneers outscored them 31-24 in the second half.

The offensive attack of the Indians was led by Manning with 15, and Sebring, who added eight.

Nail-biters mark BBC

In Big Ten action from the Bethlehem Basketball Club Sunday, Minnesota edged Michigan, 33-28.

Aaron Griffin netted 21 for the victors, while Sean Myrtle had nine in defeat. Ohio State beat Penn State, 27-26, with Dan Kidera the high-scorer for the winners. Mike Schwab's defense and rebounding sparked the losers.

In another nail-biter, Iowa edged Purdue. Josh Rucinski had seven for the winners, and Gary Ting nine for the losers. Northwestern bounced Indiana, 44-23, with Justin Lavelle's 16 leading the way. Trevor Collins had eight in the loss.

In NBA action, Jenna Grant's clutch baskets down the stretch keyed the Sonics 46-38 victory over the Bulls. Eamon McNiff's strong game was not enough for the Bulls.

Sparked by Ryan Sweeney's 17, the Suns upended the Rockets, 46-43. Tara Gerber threw in five, as the Spurs outdueled the Nuggets, 49-35. Tim Hwang led all scorers with 12 in defeat.

The Knicks outlasted the Magic, 29-27. Dan Rosenthal's last-minute bucket provided the winning margin despite Kevin Carroll's 10 points for the losers.

In ACC action, Emily Riegal controlled the boards to pave the way for Wake Forest in its 30-20 victory over Maryland. T.J. Drucker's all-around, strong performance keyed the victors.

Virginia posted a 35-24 win over Duke, with Andrew Bratrud netting 14 for the victors, and Peter Buckley six for the losers. Good defense by Steve Triano sparked North Carolina as the Tarheels tripped up Georgia Tech, 35-25. Matt Perazzelli had eight for the losers.

Finally, Clemson squeaked by Florida State, 37-36. John Mooney had six clutch points for the winners and Greg Pilon 14 for the victors.

In the annual BBC raffle, six players were recognized for their special effort in selling tickets: Steve Borzykowski, Adam Jusino, Brendan Venter, Sweeney, Mark Bulger and Kevin Gerighty. Collectively these players sold more than nine hundred tickets.

Walton and Cornell roll perfect games

Two local men, Joe Walton and Bill Cornell, rolled perfect games recently at Del Lanes.

Others earning bowling honors at Del Lanes the week of Dec. 31 include:

Senior Circuit Men: Frank Papp 255 and 867 four games; Bob Eberle 243; and Bernie Teriele 212 and 563 triple.

Senior Circuit Women: Helen Ragotzkie 175; and Elinor Kawczak 463 triple.

Men: Walton 300; Cornell 300 and 918 four games; and Dan Carson 757 triple.

Burnt Hills girls burn Bethlehem

By Jennifer Hahn

The Bethlehem girls basketball team suffered a tough loss to Burnt Hills last Friday.

Coach Kim Zornow believes the team played down a level, and Burnt Hills was able to take advantage of that, winning a 35-31 decision. The Eagles led by two going into the fourth quarter, but fell short of pulling off the victory.

"Overall the team has to rebound better," Zornow said. "We had a weak defensive game."

In the fourth quarter Burnt Hills posted 14 points and Bethlehem couldn't match it.

"When (Kristin) Culpepper scored the three (point shot) late in the fourth, we were in a tough situation," Zornow said.

Katie Sherwin led the BC attack with nine points, including a three-pointer. Kiley Shortell and Krissy Westfall also sank some important shots.

The girls must bounce back quickly, as they have two big games this week against Colonie and Shaker. "Shaker is improving every day," Zornow said. "We must be prepared, or it will be a tough game."

Pop Warner sets meetings

Bethlehem Pop Warner has slated four meetings to review and rewrite its bylaws.

Meetings are scheduled on Sundays, Jan. 14, 21 and 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the town hall.

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Wedding Guide

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A bride's checklist

The details involved in wedding planning may seem overwhelming at times. Here is a helpful checklist to keep you on track.

6-12 months before the wedding

- Select a wedding date and time.
- Make a preliminary budget.
- Determine the type of wedding you want.
- Reserve your ceremony and reception location.
- Determine who will officiate at the ceremony.
- Determine the size of the guest list.
- Start compiling names and addresses of guests.
- Select bridal attendants.
- Have fiance select attendants.
- Plan reception.
- Check catering facilities, if at a club or hotel.
- Select a caterer, if one is necessary.
- Select a professional photographer.
- Select a reliable, creative florist.
- Select your dress and headpiece.
- Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
- Select bridesmaids dresses.

Four months before

- Make final arrangement for ceremony (deposits should be paid, contracts signed).
- Make sure all bridal attire is ordered.
- Order invitations and personal stationery.
- Complete the guest lists and compile them in order.
- Select the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- Check requirements for blood test and marriage license in your state.
- Shop for wedding rings.
- Start planning the honeymoon.

Two months before

- Address invitations and announcements. They should be mailed four to six weeks before the wedding.
- Finalize all details with caterer, photographer, florist, reception hall manager, musicians, etc.

A groom's checklist

The bride is not the only one with planning to do. Here's what the groom should do before the big day.

6 to 12 months before the wedding

- Purchase the bride's engagement ring.
- Discuss with fiancee the date and type of wedding.
- Start on your guest list.
- Choose best man and ushers.
- Start planning and making necessary arrangements for the honeymoon.
- Discuss and plan with fiancee your new home together. If fiancee is moving in with you, start cleaning out closets, cupboards, and drawers to make room for your bride and wedding gifts.

Four months before

- Shop with fiancee for wedding rings.
- Complete your guest list, including full names, addresses and zip codes with phone numbers.
- Check requirements for blood test and marriage license in your state, or the state in which you are being married.
- Select and order men's wedding attire with your fiancee.
- Finalize all honeymoon plans and send in deposits if required (don't delay, some resorts fill up fast in popular months.)

Two months before

- Meet with officiant to finalize ceremony details.
- Assist parents with plans for the rehearsal dinner party.
- Discuss the amount and the financial arrangements for the flowers which are the groom's responsibility.
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants.

One month before

- See that all attendants have been fitted and wedding attire has been ordered.
- Purchase gifts for best man and ushers.
- Pick up wedding rings. Make sure they fit.
- Take care of business and legal affairs (add bride's name to insurance policies and medical plans, make a new will, add her name to joint checking account or joint charge cards.)
- If you have both agreed to a prenuptial agreement, have it drawn up and signed.

Two weeks before

- Together with fiancee, gather necessary documents and get your marriage license.
- Arrange wedding day transportation.
- Reconfirm accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- If moving, give change of address card to post office; arrange to have utilities and phone service turned on in new home.

To trim costs trim guest list, seek bargains

Having a wedding has become extremely expensive. It is difficult for the bridal couple to overcome the high cost of getting married in the '90s.

Once upon a time, it was just assumed that the bride's family was to pay for "everything" (including the ceremony and reception), while the groom's family paid for the rehearsal dinner.

But things have changed. No longer are the parents of the couple required to pay for anything. The bridal couple pays for most of the cost themselves, and the parents contribute whatever they can.

Before booking a reception hall, ordering flowers and buying gowns, the couple must create a budget. First, they must decide how much they are planning to spend and, then, how the expenses are going to be divided.

To help keep costs down, consider some simple ways to save on wedding expenses:

- Trim the guest list — shaving off five-to-10 names can save a lot of money.
- Consider having fewer attendants in your bridal party.
- Make your honeymoon plans when special air-fare programs are advertised.

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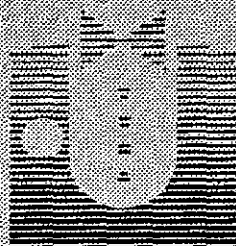
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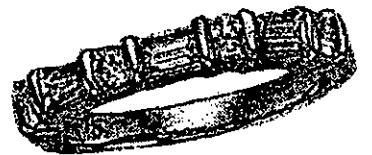
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- Order wedding cake, if not supplied by caterer.
- Finalize ceremony details with officiant.
- Make rehearsal arrangements.
- Plan rehearsal dinner.
- Plan bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Make appointment with hairdresser.
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants or guests.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.
- Have a final fitting for your gown and bridal attendants' dresses.
- Have a formal bridal portrait done.
- Get blood test and marriage license.
- Make transportation arrangements for wedding day.
- Purchase gifts for attendants.
- Purchase gift for fiance, if gifts are being exchanged.
- Have the bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Purchase going away outfit.
- Keep a careful record of all gifts received (write thank-you notes immediately instead of letting them pile up).
- Make sure you have all accessories, toasting goblets, ring pillow, garter, candles, etc.
- Prepare wedding announcements to be sent to the newspaper.
- Reconfirm accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- Arrange to have possessions and gifts moved to your new home. Give a change-of-address card to the post office.
- Finish addressing announcements to be mailed on the wedding day.

One week before

- Contact guests who have not responded.
- Give the final count to the caterer and review details.
- Go over final details with all professional services you have engaged. Inform them of any changes.
- Give photographer the list of pictures you want.
- Give all musicians the lists of music for the ceremony and reception.
- Plan the seating arrangements.
- Arrange for someone to assist with last minute seating errands and to help you dress.
- Practice using your make-up in the same type of lighting you will have on the wedding date.
- Keep up with the writing of your thank you notes.
- Pack your suitcase for the honeymoon.
- Make sure you have the marriage license.
- Make sure you have the wedding rings, and they fit.
- Make sure all wedding attire is picked up and fits.
- Have a rehearsal with all participants, reviewing their duties.
- Attend a rehearsal dinner party.
- Stay calm and enjoy yourself.

Fashion shows set for this weekend

Crossgates to host Bridal Fantasy

Crossgates Mall will host its annual Bridal Fantasy show this weekend, Jan. 12-14.

The event will include two bridal fashion shows, both to begin at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 13, and Sunday, Jan. 14. The fashion shows will be on the mall's lower level, near Jordan Marsh.

Each of the fashion shows will be broken into three segments, with the Appel Inn Boutique showing traditional and contemporary bridal wear and attendant dresses and gowns; a bridal trousseau wear show, with clothing appropriate for a variety of honeymoons; and offerings from the Bridal Rose Boutique, which will include wedding gowns as well as bridesmaids dresses.

The annual bridal show will include 40 exhibitors including: The Patty Cake Shoppe, Bavarian Chalet, Marquee Catering, Blumen Florist, Portrait Place,

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Groom's checklist

If not moving, finish cleaning and reorganizing your home; help your fiancee move her things.
Have your hair cut.

The week before

- Discuss all final details with fiancee, offer to assist if needed.
- Pick up and try on wedding attire. See that attendants get their wedding attire.
- Pack clothes for honeymoon.
- Reconfirm all honeymoon reservations.
- If flying, make sure you have plane tickets.
- See to it that you and your attendants are at the rehearsal and that they know their duties.
- Go over special seating or pew cards with ushers.
- Make sure luggage is in the car or the hotel where you will stay your first night.
- Relax and enjoy yourself.

Keep thy eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterwards.

-- Benjamin Franklin

Marriage is not just spiritual communion and passionate embraces; marriage is also three-meals-a-day and remembering to carry out the trash.

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Four 'C's still rule in buying diamonds

The diamond engagement ring has been a symbol of love and romance since 1477 when Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave Mary of Burgundy a gold ring set with a diamond as a token of his love. Today, according to a new consumer survey, 70 percent of all brides-to-be receive one.

A little knowledge can go a long way to help unearth the best-quality diamond within a budget. Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight. These four variables are key to answering the elusive question as to why two diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

- **Cut** — Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes, like oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut that gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly proportioned.

- **Color** — The best color is no color. A totally colorless diamond best allows white light to pass effortlessly through it and be dispersed as rainbows of color.

- **Clarity** — The term "clarity" refers to a diamond's lack of naturally occurring inclusions, often called "nature's fingerprints," most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions, the more valuable the diamond.

- **Carat** — Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a carat. Therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one-half of a carat.

For a free booklet, "How to Buy Diamonds You'll Be Proud to Give," call the American Gem Society at 1-800-341-6214.

Colored gemstones gaining favor

As always, brides today make sure that they are wearing something blue when they walk down that aisle. However, for more brides than ever before, the blue is contributed by a sapphire engagement ring.

Although colored stone engagement and wedding rings are still unusual today, ruby, sapphire and emerald have been treasured for thousands of years, longer than any other gemstones. Many royal families have had a long tradition of colored gemstone engagement and wedding rings.

"Women all over the world who are looking for something unique are choosing colored gemstone rings instead of the conventional diamond solitaires," says Cheryl Kremkow, the director of the Gem Bureau, a gemstone information service in New York. "A colored gemstone makes a classic ring style unique. Gemstones are among the most individual of nature's creations: perfect crystals in every color of the rainbow with no two alike."

Gemstone wedding rings are often the choice for couples who marry later and have more sophisticated tastes. Ted Turner

gave Jane Fonda an opal and diamond engagement ring. "I've been married twice, but I've never had one before," she told reporters when she showed them her opal. Women are more often the ones who decide that they want something different.

The wide selection of gemstones available makes it possible for every bride to find something that suits her taste and budget. Colored gemstones are also now adding interest to men's wedding bands, particularly blue sapphires and black onyx.

The International Colored Gemstone Association offers some tips for selecting the right gemstone for your wedding rings.

First, decide on one gemstone variety from the dozens available: Find a store that can show you a wide selection. The most popular choices for gemstone engagement and wedding rings are sapphire, ruby and emerald, which are the most well-known colored gemstones. Other, more exotic gemstones are also beautiful and rare and can be surprisingly affordable. Consider gems like spinel, garnet, tourmaline and aquamarine.

Within each variety, quality dramatically affects price: A ruby can sell for \$10 or \$1,000,000. In fact, fine rubies are the most valuable gemstone, selling for more per carat than the largest white diamond.

Buy the best-quality gemstone you can afford. In general, smaller gemstones of higher quality appreciate more over time than larger stones of lower quality. Quality and value are evaluated according to the "four C's": color, clarity, cut and carat weight.

Within each gemstone variety, a clear, medium-tone, very intense and saturated primary color is usually the most preferred. The next most important factor affecting value is clarity, with clear, transparent gemstones with no visible flaws being the most valued.

A good cut is something that may not cost more, but can add or subtract a lot of beauty. A well-cut faceted gemstone reflects light back evenly across its surface area when held face up. If the stone is too deep and narrow, areas will be dark. If it is too shallow and wide, parts of the stone will be washed out and lifeless. The carat weight also affects the price: Large gemstones are more rare, so the price per carat is higher.

In general, gemstone pricing within each variety follows common sense: The more beautiful the gemstone, with the final visual effect of all the quality factors, the more valuable it is. Don't be afraid to choose what looks best to you!



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Keeping planning under control No. 1 on to do list

By Maria Lanides

Worry and stress do not have to go along with planning a wedding. The pre-nuptial period, whether it be four months or one year, can mean wonderful memories in the future.

Your wedding day is a very special day to share with family and friends and quickly becomes a treasured memory. Planning an affordable, elegant wedding day can be fun.

Avoid the pitfall of getting upset over what will seem trivial in the future. Put your best effort into not letting the planning overcome you to the point that you are impossible to live with. Many brides begin their planning adventure by purchasing one of those accordion-type stringed folders, the kind that offices use to make alphabetical filing easier. Use a wide tipped felt marker to label each section for all your ordering needs.

Announcements, bakers, bands, bridal shops, budget, ceremony, engravers, favors, invitations, invitation list can be arranged accordingly. The sturdy folder acts as an easily accessible portable mini-file for all planning records and conveniently stores all reminders, receipts and contracts.

It is best to contact established businesses when planning for an important event such as your wedding day. A contract for all services is a must, and all charges should be made up front. The Capital District offers a marvelous selection of established wedding experts that are ready to offer their services.

Guest List

• Making up a "guest list" starting with family members on both sides and a separate list for friends and business acquaintan-

wedding. Deciding on how many guests and how many friends each side of the family to invite is a difficult decision. Invitation lists always seem to expand, and it is best to complete this project early. If your reception facility can accommodate extra seating, it is appropriate to accept financial help from family (either side) if they request additional guests.

Bad feelings and arguments can be avoided if you mention to family that a certain number of extra guests can be included if they are willing to assist you with the cost.

With good planning, your reception doesn't have to become larger than you expected. The invitation list has a large influence on the wedding budget, and everyone goes through the difficult task of "whom do we eliminate."

Reception

• The reception usually takes the biggest slice out of the total wedding budget.

Coordinating ceremony time with reception location availability can be stressful. Receptions held on a Sunday often cost less than Friday or Saturday weddings. Locally, an elegant reception of light hors d'oeuvres and cake and champagne costs between \$7 and \$30 per person, depending on the season and location.

This type of reception easily fits into most budgets.

Local banquet houses and hotels also offer an abundance of menu choices for sit down dinners and buffet receptions to fit any budget. Make appointments and tour the area to find your ideal reception location that also "fits" your budget.

Wedding gown

• Many guide books suggest brides order their gowns anywhere from six-to-12 months before the wedding date. "No bride should feel that a gown can not be obtained in a shorter period of time. A shorter order period only means an extra phone call on the part of the bridal shop to try to locate the dress selected by the bride.

All bridal shops have the ability to call a manufacturer to ask if they have a particular dress "hanging," says Barbara Van Schoick, owner of Bridal Rose Boutique in Delmar. (Hanging means the manufacturer may have a few dresses available that can be purchased by bridal shops.)

Formal Wear

• It is wise for grooms to go "tux shopping" at least three to six months before the wedding. Grooms can eliminate many problems by working with a professional formal wear dealer who stocks and sews the tuxedos on premises.

Many groomsmen live out of town, and that means the groom must arrange for them to be measured for tuxes. Measurement forms can be obtained from the groom's formal wear store and sent early enough to the groomsmen so that adequate time is available to arrange for a complementary measurement.

These forms should be quickly mailed back to the groom's formal wear store. William Kelliher, owner of Gingiss Formal Wear in Colonie and Clifton Park suggests, "The groom phone his formal wear store and verify receipt of measurements for all groomsmen at least six weeks prior to the wedding"

Finalizing arrangements

• Since I am often called upon to give bridal etiquette advice, as the owner of A Touch of Class Limousine Service and a promoter many bridal shows, I has often questioned the accuracy of time frames suggested in wedding guides for ordering items and services for the wedding day.

Certain seasons are busier than others, and this affects cost and availability. Ask suppliers of services and shops their suggested the requirements for finalizing arrangements. Do not cut yourself too short of time.

Transportation

• The heaviest bridal season is September and October followed by the time period in May, August and June.

Limos should ordered at least one or two months before the wedding, according to most wedding planning books. (But as the owner of a limo service, I think six months is a safer bet.) The need and priority guide of your budget should also influence number of limousines.

Transportation can be accomplished with just one limo for most weddings if your company is creative. One limo can shuttle groomsmen first, and then the bridesmaids to the ceremony before going back for the mother, father and bride.

Bridesmaids spend a lot of money on their dresses and enjoy the compliments and attention received when they arrive at the ceremony before the bride.

Since 1988, newlyweds have often commented to me how much they enjoyed "their only quiet time of the whole day" during the short trip to the reception, alone in the limo with their new partner.

(Maria Lanides is the owner of A Touch of Class limousines in Albany.)

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Rehearsal dinners cheaper at home

The rehearsal dinner provides an opportunity for the bride, groom and attendants to rehearse the wedding ceremony and then join in a celebratory dinner. Few people know that the actual rehearsal is not really necessary unless the wedding party numbers more than 20 people.

Many wedding processions are practiced just before the guests arrive for the ceremony.

Whether or not the bridal couple chooses to have a "rehearsal," a dinner with family and friends marks the beginning of the wedding festivities. Dinner provides the perfect opportunity to entertain out-of-town guests, family members and the attendants' significant others. It also provides the bride and groom time to give thank-you gifts to their attendants for playing an important part in the wedding. Often, guests "use this occasion to 'roast' the twosome," says Kirsch.

The first step in planning the dinner is to figure out a guest list. The length of the list often is determined by the budget allotted by the couple for this gathering. It used to be that the groom's parents paid for the rehearsal dinner, but that doesn't always hold true. More often than not, the couple pays for the cost of the wedding, including the rehearsal dinner, with the parents contributing what they can.

If the guest list is extremely long or the budget is limited, a casual setting, such as an extended cocktail party—with plenty of hors d'oeuvres and bite-size desserts.

The most cost-efficient way to hold the rehearsal dinner is to have it in a home, rather than a restaurant or catering hall. An important thing to remember is that the dinner should not upstage the wedding. The food and decor should in no way

resemble that of the wedding. Whatever will be done at the wedding should be done opposite at the dinner; for example, if the wedding colors are black and white, make the color scheme for the rehearsal dinner electric blue and white.

Just as there is no such thing as a typical wedding, there is no such thing as a typical rehearsal dinner. Whether it is casual or more upscale, the dinner should reflect the couple's individuality.

The rehearsal dinner should be a relaxing time for both the bride and groom. It should provide time for the couple to relax with their guests before the busyness of the wedding-day festivities. The most important thing to remember when planning the dinner is that the love and warmth experienced at rehearsal dinners make jittery brides and grooms begin to realize that there is really nothing to be nervous about.

Going casual is another option for brides

If you're having an informal wedding or marrying again, great bridal looks are everywhere.

Chic options include:

- Coordinates — an ensemble or brocade jacket over a soft chiffon skirt or fluid pants or a

long lace tunic over a short skirt.

- The lavish movie-star look — a long satiny, body-skimming column dress in matte jersey or chiffon, reminiscent of the '30s and '40s Hollywood glamour.

- The leggy look — a short A-line dress or a flared A-line skirt topped with a short fitted suit jacket.

Do guests big favor with personalized gift

Make your wedding day memorable for your guests, with special favors. There are many different favors you can give your guests, including personalized bud vases, picture frames and silk flowers in vases. It is wonderful for guests to receive wedding favors to help keep the memory alive.

Because it takes a lot of time to find the right favor for your wedding, choose something that the guests will want to take home. There is no sense in buying favors that will be left at the end of the night.

Some couples prefer to give something a little more unusual. One way to help ensure that all favors will be appreciated is to order unique gifts.

Creative favors do not necessarily mean expensive favors. There are plenty out there that you and your guests will enjoy and, surprisingly, cost very little.

Giving out creative favors not only improves the chances that every guest will leave with a gift, but that your wedding will be remembered for a long time to come.

Because most couples need to buy between 50 and 100 favors, keeping down the amount spent on them is important. The money you save on favors is money that can be spent on some other aspect of the wedding.

The following favors are fun items that your guests are sure to enjoy.

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The following list of makeup tricks will ensure that you are a vision of loveliness on your special day.

Covering all bases

Start with a clean, moisturized face. Go for the natural look. Many people mistake the term "natural look" for no makeup at all, but it actually means that you wear basic shades of makeup that enhance your best features.

The secret to natural-looking makeup is wearing a foundation and concealer that exactly matches your skin. Always test a shade on your forehead or jawline and not on the back of your hand. If you can't see it, then you've got the right one. Make sure that your makeup is blended into your neck, so there is no line of demarcation. If one appears, smooth it out with a sponge, then buff.

After applying foundation and concealer, use a cotton puff to touch translucent powder all over the face to set the foundation and to absorb excess oils.

All about eyes

Keep the eyes looking "natural." Start off with the brows: Use a bit of eyebrow makeup to fill in wherever the hair growth is sparse. Never reshape a brow with color, or you might end up looking really artificial.

Apply a light shade of eye shadow on the area between your brows and your upper lashes, then apply a darker shade along the upper lash line to enlarge and emphasize the eye shape.

For added definition, apply a smudge of brown/black eye liner between the lower lashes. Finish off with two coats of black/brown mascara.

The blushing bride

When blush is properly applied, you barely notice it, yet it makes your eyes brighter and your whole face come alive.

Using a good brush is the key to a picture-perfect application. Once you've used a good brush, you'll never want to be without it. The ideal brush is round, so its sides can be used to blend the blush.

Choosing the right color is also important. For most skin tones, nutmeg and rose shades

are great.

Now that you selected the right brush and shade, the only concern is to get it on the right part of your face. Apply your blusher to your brush, put the brush right on the center of your cheek, then lightly stroke outward toward the center of the ear, covering the entire cheekbone area. Take a look in the mirror: If your attention goes straight to your cheeks, you have too much on. Your eyes should always be the focus. A little translucent powder can correct this problem.

Sealed with a kiss

To get the appearance of fuller, more sensuous lips, line the lips with a pencil toned to your natural lip color. With your mouth open, start lining at the cupid's bow as close as possible to your natural lip line. Close mouth to check the shape. Fill in with lipstick.

As your wedding day approaches, you may feel overwhelmed, since you will be dealing with so many decisions. After all, you'll be the star at your own wedding and, like all stars, you should definitely look the part. After you receive a little help, you'll be surprised that choosing makeup for your wedding is not too stressful.

The goal is not to create a new you, but simply to find a look that is unmistakably you!

A Touch of Class sets bridal shows

A Touch of Class limousine service will sponsor four Spring '96 Champagne Bridal Shows in March.

The shows throughout the Capital District provide an opportunity for prospective brides to meet experts on how to make the wedding day special all at one location.

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V'ville girls on top of the heap

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls basketball team is now in sole possession of first place in the Colonial Council after a 59-40 win over Schalmont last week.

Last Friday, Voorheesville traveled to Schalmont to play the unbeaten Sabres. Schalmont came into the game 6-0 in the league, and 7-2 overall. It was a battle for first place that the Blackbirds won.

The girls jumped out to another early lead as they outscored Schalmont 17-8 in the first quarter. The Sabres regained their composure in the second period, but Voorheesville still led by eight at the half.

In the second half, the girls pulled away as the Sabres seemed to tire from the defensive pressure.

Becky Dawson led the 'Birds with 16 points, including 10 in the

first quarter. Also chipping in were Jane Meade with 16 and Kristin Person with eight.

"This was a huge win for these girls," said coach Jack Adams. "To come off two weeks of not playing any teams in the league, and to have to travel to a gym like Schalmont's, it's definitely a high point in our season."

"Our defense has really been playing well lately," he said, "and that sets the tone for the rest of our game. Now we have to look ahead to the upcoming games because teams will be looking to knock us off."

On Thursday, Dec. 28, Voorheesville defeated the Hoosick Falls Panthers in the first round of the Capital Region Hoopfest. This was a new tournament started this year with 12 area schools playing in three divisions.

In the championship game against Bishop Ludden High

School, Voorheesville came out of the gates quickly and scored 16, first-quarter points.

They used their pressure zone defense to throw Bishop Ludden out of its rhythm early on.

Meade led Voorheesville with 23 points, while Person added 17.

Bishop Ludden stayed even with the Blackbirds in the second half, but the outcome was never in doubt as the girls rolled to a 54-34 win and the Green Division title.

"These were two good wins for our team," said Adams. "I didn't know how we would come out and play because of the large crowds that have been here."

"It was also good because the girls got to see some other teams outside of our league, and that helps them prepare for sectionals."

Voorheesville this week faces Holy Names in a league game.



Voorheesville's Joe Robichaud has been a potent offensive weapon for the Blackbirds this year.

Blackbirds nearly topple Schalmont

By Adam Cole

The Voorheesville Blackbirds came close last week to accomplishing a first for the Colonial Council basketball season.

They nearly toppled the undefeated Schalmont Sabres, but a last-second shot fell short and they lost a heart-breaking 51-49 decision.

Voorheesville coach Bill Logan said the Blackbirds' focus going into the game was to stop Schalmont's offensive rebounding. "I noticed on film that they scored most of their points from offensive rebounds, so I started Karl Meier and Ryan Foster together, and that took rebounds away from them."

Logan also cited his team's defensive intensity as a reason why Voorheesville was able to compete evenly.

"They only scored one field goal in the fourth quarter," he said. "We were down 15 points and we fought back. It was standing room only in the gym and that helped us a great deal also....Foster played the best game of his career. He had eight points, but he pulled down nine big rebounds. He played very well."

Michael Beadnell led the Blackbirds with 15 points and Joe Robichaud added 14.

Cosmos capture title

The Bethlehem Cosmos Under-10 boys soccer team finished first in Afrim's Indoor Soccer Tournament held recently at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany.

The tournament was divided into two divisions. The Cosmos beat the Greenbush Fireballs in the first game of regular play, 2-1.

"It was a close game that could have gone either way," said coach Jeff Gonzalez. "Greenbush had a lot of close shots, which were just off. It's always nice to start off with a win."

The Cosmos dropped their second game, 1-0, to Guilderland. "It's bad enough losing a game," said Gonzalez, "but losing 1-0 is even more difficult. We had our opportunities to score, but could not convert."

In the third game, the Cosmos tied Colonie 1-1 and in the fourth game they defeated the Bethlehem Electric Company, 5-1. The Cosmos finished second in their division.

"After the Colonie game I encouraged the kids to take more shots on goal," said Gonzalez. "In our last three games we scored 14 goals as opposed to scoring only two in our first three games. We always tend to start off slow and build our way up. That's an area we need to address."

The Cosmos went on to face the Bethlehem Bandits, winners of the second division, in the play-off round. The Cosmos defeated the Bandits, 5-1.

The Cosmos then knocked off Guilderland, 4-1, in the title game. "We were glad to have had the opportunity to play Guilderland again — the only team which we lost to," Gonzalez said. "The kids really responded to the earlier loss to Guilderland."

In all six games the Cosmos did not give up more than one goal per game. Gonzalez credited this to the superior efforts put forth by Jamie Collins and Luke Sullivan on defense and Matt Kidd and David Brewster in goal.

Scoring for the Cosmos was led by Matt Narod, who tallied seven goals during the tournament. Contributions were also made by Nathaniel Drake, Kidd, Collins, Stephen Strait, Sullivan and Kyle Batchelor. Chris McGann had two assists for the Cosmos.

The Cosmos will play their next indoor tournament, the 1996 Colonie Indoor Soccer Tournament, at Colonie High School on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Sharks devour competition

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's Under-12 boys team, the Sharks, emerged victorious from a vacation tournament at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany.

The Sharks' title run began with a 4-1 win over Guilderland and continued with victories over teams from Bennington and Cambridge. The Sharks completed their tournament sweep with a 4-1 victory over the Bethlehem Bombers in the championship game.

Outstanding goaltending by Michael Nuttall and Erik Turner backed up the strong defensive play of Michael Hoghe, Tom Stewart and Andrew Swiatowicz.

The Sharks' potent offense was keyed by Chris Abbott, Dan Dugas, Steve Hoghe and Steve Maltzman.

The Sharks return to play at the Village Soccer Club's tournament on Saturday, Jan. 13.

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Southgate

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For the Rubin Organization, which is in the process of preparing a final environmental impact statement for the project, the loss of its anchor tenant is not good news.

"Absolutely, it's a setback," Grayson said. "But it means we can start talking to supermarkets again now that we don't have a superstore."

Without the huge chunk of space that a Super K (a Kmart discount store combined with a supermarket) would have eaten up, Grayson said it was possible the size of the shopping center would shrink.

Back in October, Grayson told *The Spotlight* that the company would probably reduce the shopping center area in response to concerns expressed by the planning board and Glenmont resident, although he did not provide specifics.

Several members of the Bethlehem town board, which must approve the project, have previously said that a regional shopping center along the lines of the original proposal would never be approved. The door was left open for a smaller-scale project, however.

Grayson said there was a limit as to how much Southgate could be shrunk given the cost of provid-

ing the environmental mitigations requested by the town, particularly road improvements to Route 9W.

"It costs money to make the kind of road improvements that have been suggested," Grayson said, although with a smaller center the amount of mitigation should be less.

Without an anchor tenant, the Rubin Organization, which has owned the 75-acre Southgate site since the early 1970s, may no longer be on a fast track as far as the site plan approval process goes, Grayson added.

Originally, when the contract with Kmart was still intact, the developers were looking to open the center by Thanksgiving 1996.

"I was curious as to why we hadn't heard from (the developers)," Hasbrouck said. "I thought they were anxious to keep this thing moving by completing their FEIS."

Firefighters to host Sunday breakfast

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company will hold a home-style breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Clarksville Fire House.

Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Kids under 5 years old eat for free.

Bid

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word "budget" in their submissions.

"The term 'budget' does not mean a cap in the legal world," said Councilwoman Victoria Ramundo, an attorney. "I'm concerned about the integrity of the process. We asked for quotes and awarded a contract. This is really appalling."

At issue is the land on which the district's wellfield sits—about six acres between the end of Smith Lane and the D&H railroad tracks.

For more than two years, representatives of the town have tried to negotiate a mutually agreeable price with representatives of the landowner, the estate of Meriah Hilton.

The land has been valued at about \$5,000 an acre by two independent appraisers, but an attorney for the estate has suggested a price of about \$19,000 an acre.

The condemnation itself, and therefore construction of the district, will proceed on schedule this year, and should not be delayed by expected legal wrangling over the price, Reilly said.

But Reilly said that substantially higher land costs could have endangered the approval the project recently received from the state comptroller's office.

The new bids for the legal work

were due back in Reilly's office by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

In a related matter, Reilly reported that test results on the district's second well were "excellent."

Embroidery group to study making lace

The Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

The meeting topic will be "Pulled Thread Lace."

The chapter's evening division will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar. Anita Ford will discuss "Color Theory" at the meeting.

For information, call 477-4511.

Town walkers group to exercise at BCMS

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor an evening walkers program for adults beginning Monday, Jan. 22.

The group will walk the main floor loop of Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday evenings.

All participants must be residents of the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District. The program is free, but participants must register by calling the parks and recreation department at 439-4131.

QUILT group to meet

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) will meet Friday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Kathy Greenwold will be the guest lecturer.

Visitors are welcome.

Trim

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a Christmas tree with "twinkling lights," Read said, "but this is a situation affecting libraries and public buildings across the country. Not just in the town of Bethlehem. We decided that it was not appropriate to put up a lot of decorations that might seem like one religion was being favored over another, or that might be upsetting to visitors or staff."

The new policy does not entirely rule out decorating the lobby or library interior during the holidays, Read added, as evidenced by the large wreath that adorned the library this past season.

"I think people were disappointed that the tradition (of putting up a tree) had ended," said Progress Club president Muriel Welch. "This was something that was jointly funded by the Progress Club and the library."

At the same time, Progress Club officials understood the concerns expressed by the library last spring, and decided to go along with the new policy.

"We were told this is a multicultural community and that nothing should be done that could be considered an affront to someone," Welch recalled. "I feel the law is on their side because it is a public building, although I do feel sad about it."

Some club members may still be harboring some ill feelings about the change in library policy, Welch noted.

"Certain members believe it's one more loss of tradition at this time of the year, and that it's a loss to the community," she added, but people should remember that "This is part of trend of downplaying the Christmas celebration in public places that's occurring all over the country, and is a fact of life that needs to be dealt with."

Susan Birkhead, president of the library board of trustees, said it was important to remember that "our library is a school district library and the school district has gone the route of toning down Christmas decorations."

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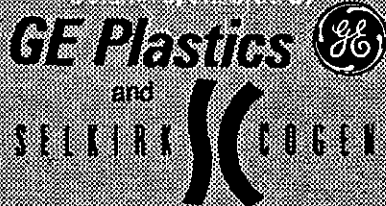
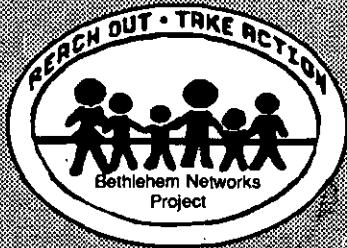
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Boy, Andrew Damion Hammond, to Christine Haight of Clarksville and Millard Hammond of Albany, Nov. 9

Girl, Mary Clark Bisgrove, to Deborah Clark-Bisgrove and Steven Bisgrove, Delmar, Nov. 24.

BOU grants to fund BC school programs

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited recently approved two applications for grants.

Slingerlands Elementary School will receive money to fund a program that will provide students with an opportunity to meet positive role models. Speakers will be invited to discuss how they have overcome various adversities in their lives. A video series will also be used in the program.

Hamagrael Elementary School will receive money to initiate a service learning program for some third-, fourth- and fifth-grade classes. Service learning occurs when students participate in community service activities. The project will culminate with a service learning fair and a service learning celebration at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center at the Egg in Albany.

BOU grant applications are available in all Bethlehem Central schools and from BOU board members.

Normanside women elect slate of officers

The Women's Organization of Normanside Country Club will have its first board meeting of the year at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the country club's clubhouse on Salisbury Road in Delmar.

The organization recently elected officers for 1996. They are: Mabel Farrow, president; Judy Gilligan, vice president; Susan Redmond, secretary; Ann Deitz, treasurer; Jackie Allgaier, 18-hole golf chairwoman; Betty J. Williams, nine-hole golf chairwoman; Pam Stamfli, Wednesday Night League Golf chairwoman; and Helene Wasson, bridge chairwoman.

The following committee chairwomen were also chosen: Betsy Hamel, special projects; Eileen Brown, social; Angela DeFranco, hospitality-sunshine; Bonnie Waters, greens; Joan Thompson, house; and Christine Prudente, publicity.



Stephen Rockhill and Stacie Blackmer

Blackmer, Rockhill to marry

Stacie Ann Blackmer, daughter of Edward and Margaret Blackmer of Voorheesville, and Stephen A. Rockhill, son of William and Diana Rockhill of Oswego, are engaged to be married.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and

SUNY Oswego. She attends the University at Albany.

The groom is also a graduate of SUNY Oswego. He is employed by Wildwood programs in Latham.

The couple plans a September wedding.

Stephen, Allanson to wed in August

Amie Beth Stephen, daughter of Al and Linda Stephen of Allentown, Pa., and Jon Kristopher George Allanson, son of Lars and Linda Allanson of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Muhlenburg College and Villanova University, is employed as a

counseling therapist in Philadelphia.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Muhlenburg College. He is an English teacher at Edison High School in Philadelphia.

The couple plans an August wedding.

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Thomas and Katherine Denham

Thomas, Denham marry

Katherine L. Thomas, daughter of Didier and Susan Thomas of Newton, Mass., and Thomas J. Denham, son of Maud Denham and the late Edgar Denham of Delmar, were married June 24.

The Rev Edward Mark performed the ceremony in the Memorial Church in Harvard Yard, with the reception following at Harvard's Center for European Studies, both in Cambridge, Mass.

The maid of honor was Sarah Lieberman, and bridesmaids were Julie Mintz and Kathleen Gray.

The best man was James Fer-

rari, and ushers were Stuart Baker and Donald Haviland.

The bride is a graduate of Wooster College and Syracuse University. She is employed as a medical social worker by Albany Medical Center.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, St. Lawrence University and Boston University. He is employed as assistant director of the Career Development Center at Union College in Schenectady.

After a wedding trip to British Columbia, the couple lives in Guilderland.

Community Corner

Christian child care is offered

New Beginnings, a Christian child care program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, will be in session from Tuesday, Feb. 20, through Friday, Feb. 23, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Full and half-day enrollments are available. To register, call 439-9929.

Obituaries

Marla Tamburro Terry

Marla M. Tamburro Terry, 33, of Glenmont Road in Glenmont, died Saturday, Jan. 6, at her home.

Born in Albany, she graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, where she was president of her class. She was a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and secretary of the student senate, and the State University at Buffalo, where she had been a representative on the student senate. She earned a post-graduate degree at Union College.

At the time of her death, she was a senior engineering technician for the state Department of Transportation in Albany.

Mrs. Terry was a member of the New York State Association of Transportation Engineers, the Mohawk-Hudson Power Squadron, the United Presbyterian Church of Amsterdam, the Girl Scouts and the Teenage Curling Club of Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Robert J. Terry; her mother, Mary Tamburro Noble of Poultney, Vt.; a sister, Lisa Tamburro of Albany; and a brother, Anthony Tamburro Jr. of Ravena.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Jan. 10, from the United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St. in Amsterdam. Burial will be at 1 p.m. in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements are by the Rockefeller Funeral Home in East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Joseph Bessenbacher

Joseph A. Bessenbacher, 79, of Slingerlands died Saturday, Dec. 30, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., he had lived in Slingerlands for 17 years, and in Guilderland for 13 years before that.

Mr. Bessenbacher was proprietor of a newsstand in the state office building housing the Department of Taxation and Finance for 17 years, until he retired in 1982. Previously, he sold farm equipment.

He was a former member of the Edmeston Rotary Club and a past president and member of the Al-

bany Blind and Visually Impaired Lions Club.

He was husband of the late Mildred Mapes Bessenbacher and Beatrice Rose Bessenbacher.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Emhof of Windsor, Broome County, and JoAnn Koenig of Glenville; three sons, Lynn Bessenbacher of Miami, Fla., and Robert Bessenbacher and Joseph Bessenbacher, both of Kansas City; and four grandchildren.

James M. McGann

James M. McGann of Delmar died Monday, Jan. 1, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., he graduated from Boston College. He had lived in Delmar for 34 years.

Mr. McGann was an inspector for the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C., Poughkeepsie and Albany before he retired in 1971.

He was a member of the Boston College Alumni Association and Normanside Country Club. He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Burke McGann; three daughters, Catherine M. O'Shea of LaGrange, Dutchess County, Mary F. Spiak of Williamsville, Erie County, and Sara J. Renovitch of Poughkeepsie; a sister, Helen S. McGann of Waltham, Mass.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 505 N. Parkway, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

George Wriston Jr.

George William Wriston Jr., 83, of Delmar died Sunday, Dec. 31, at Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albany.

Born in Plainsville, N.J., he had lived in Delmar for 44 years. He was a graduate of Stanton Military School and attended Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

Mr. Wriston was an Army veteran of World War II. He attained the rank of captain.

He was associated with the investment firm of Spencer-Task for 30 years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar, the Onesquethaw Masonic Lodge and the Nathaniel A. Blanchard American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys M. Wriston; a son, George William Wriston III of Delmar; a daughter, Wendy Wriston Adamson of Minneapolis; a sister, Jane A. Wriston of Columbus, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Stratton VA Radiation Center, or the Nathaniel A. Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 W. Poplar Drive, Delmar 12054.

Mildred Smith Plue

Mildred Smith Plue, 73, of Foundry Road in Voorheesville, died Sunday, Dec. 31, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she had lived in Voorheesville since 1949.

Mrs. Plue was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Robert G. Plue; a daughter, Carol Rooney of Rensselaer; a son, Robert Plue of Voorheesville; four sisters, Hilda McQuide of New Scotland, Helen Sitterly of Rensselaer, Gladys Otonowski of Troy and Joan Slaver of Feura Bush; two brothers, Ralph Smith of Glens Falls and Raymond Smith of Nassau; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Spring burial will be in New Scotland Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance.

Henry A. Kraievski

Henry A. Kraievski, 82, of Delmar died Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albany.

Born in Albany, he had lived in Delmar since 1951.

He had worked for the former Tobin Packing Co. for 14 years.

Mr. Kraievski was an Army infantryman in World War II. He received a Bronze Star and a Silver Star for combat heroism. He also received a Purple Heart. He retired from the Army after 20 years of service.

Mr. Kraievski was a former commander of the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post in Albany and a Legion member for more than 50 years. He was also a member of the Retired Officers Association.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Kozlowski Kraievski; two brothers, Thomas Krajewski of Albany and Raymond Krajewski

of Kettering, Ohio; and two sisters, Gean Pallone of Albany and Veronica Madlin of Middletown, Orange County.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Entombment will be in St. Agnes Community Mausoleum in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Stratton Veteran Affairs Medical Center, 4A Nursing Home Care Unit, 113 Holland Ave., Albany 12208.

Reuben Lazar

Reuben Lazar, 73, of St. Johnsville Nursing Home and formerly of Slingerlands, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Little Falls Hospital.

Born in New York City, he had lived in the Capital District for more than 30 years.

Mr. Lazar was manager of Young's Auto Store in Schenectady and Alfred's Fabric Store in Scotia for many years.

Survivors include three sisters, Edith Kallman of Saratoga, Calif., Alice Gouldin of Queens and Frances Kaufman of Rosemont, Calif.

Service were from Beth Abraham Jacob Cemetery in Guilderland.

Arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Abraham Jacob, 380 Whitehall Road, Albany 12208.

Elliott A. Carlson

Elliott A. Carlson, 76, of West Bayberry Road in Glenmont, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, he had lived in the Albany area since 1948.

He had been a meteorologist at the Albany County Airport. In 1952, he began working for the Albany school system as an industrial arts and driver education instructor, retiring in 1983. He had the longest career as a driver education instructor in New York.

Mr. Carlson was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a former member of the Daly American Legion Post in Buffalo, a lifetime member of the Buffalo State Alumni Association, a member of the Albany Teachers Association, the Industrial Arts Association, the United States Power Squadron, and a member and past commander of the Mohawk-Hudson Power Squadron.

Survivors include his wife, Corrine Beber Carlson; a son, Eric A. Carlson of Canyon Lake, Calif.; and a sister, Donna Arnold of Windsor, Broome County.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Mohawk & Hudson River Hu-

mane Society, Oakland Avenue, Menands 12204.

Kathryn Quattlebaum

Kathryn Ziehm Quattlebaum, of Decatur, Ala., and formerly of Slingerlands and Voorheesville, died Thursday, Jan. 4, at Huntsville Hospital.

Born in Albany, she lived in Slingerlands before moving to Alabama in 1958. She was a graduate of Voorheesville High School.

Mrs. Quattlebaum was a secretary for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Huntsville for 24 years.

She was a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Jack Quattlebaum; a son, James E. Quattlebaum; a daughter, Teresa A. Quattlebaum of Athens, Ala.; and three brothers, Charles Ziehm of Richmond, Calif., Richard Ziehm of Webster, Monroe County, and Jon Ziehm of Albany.

Arrangements were by the Roselawn Funeral Home.

Services were in St. Ann's Church. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery.

Eugene C. Mader

Eugene Charles Mader, 85, of North Greenbush and formerly of Voorheesville, died Thursday, Jan. 4, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Albany, he lived in the Voorheesville area for many years before moving to North Greenbush three years ago.

Mr. Mader worked as an electrician for the former New York Central Railroad in West Albany for 27 years. From 1955 to 1975, he repaired audio-visual equipment for the Bethlehem Central School District.

He served on the consistory of the New Salem Reformed Church for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Moch Mader; a son, Peter C. Mader of Greenville, S.C.; two daughters, Marilyn Reeves of East Greenbush and Emily Mattox of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the New Salem Reformed Church, Route 85, Voorheesville 12186

Iris society program on Victorian gardens

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society will meet on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Dr. John Heinke, a botanical geneticist, will present a talk on "The Victorian Garden."

Refreshments will be served. For information, call Katherine Mohr at 393-8205 or Janice Haney at 587-2834.

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.

PRECIOUS IN HER SIGHT



Children's Defense Fund founder Marian Wright Edelman will appear at Siena College Wednesday, Jan. 17.

By Joshua Kagan

Siena College will continue its tradition of bringing well-known lecturers to the Capital District when Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund, speaks at the college's ninth annual Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King Lecture on Race and Non-violent Social Change next week.

Edelman will speak Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Recreation Center.

Past King lectures have featured Harvard professor and essayist Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Nobel Prize winning author Elie Wiesel, among others, and have attracted around 1,000 people.

mortality, and government support for children in single parent homes.

"She's an excellent speaker," Simon said. "It should be an interesting event."

Edelman also has roots in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. She participated in sit-ins at Atlanta City Hall in 1960. After graduating from Yale Law School, Edelman joined the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, where she worked on cases involving desegregation, student civil rights demonstrations and the federal government's Head Start programs.

She is the author of several books, including "Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change" and "Portrait of Inequality: Black and White Children in America." She will sign books and meet the public from 4:45 to 5:40 p.m. on Jan. 17 at Borders Books and Music on Wolf Road in Colonie.

As part of the lecture series, more than 450 students from 47 local schools have

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The lecture series was "started to perpetuate the teaching of Martin Luther King — especially nonviolence and peace," said Stephanie Simon of Siena College. "She's been a lifelong advocate for children and disadvantaged people."

Edelman will focus on the theme "How Do We Reach Our Children? Educational Strategies and Community Connections." Through the Children's Defense Fund, which she founded two decades ago, Edelman has lobbied for foster care reform and proper childhood immunizations as well as increased research in prenatal care, teen pregnancy, infant

submitted pieces of art and writing with themes about diversity, equality and peace.

The works will be exhibited at the college's Alumni Recreation Center from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 17 during a reception for the artists and their families. Siena President, Father William E. McConville, O.F.M., will present the artists with certificate of appreciation.

The exhibit will include works by students at Bethlehem Central Middle School, Loudonville Elementary School, Southgate Elementary School, St. Thomas the Apostle School and Shaker High School.

The artwork will also be on display at Latham Circle Mall Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 and 14, and at the central offices of the University at Albany in February.

Edelman's lecture is free. The college is on Route 9 in Loudonville.

Capital Rep reaches back for 1980 Pulitzer Prize play

The captivating two-person play by Lanford Wilson, *Talley's Folly*, was first produced in 1980 but has the atmosphere and attitude of many romantic movies made 50 years previously.

Set during World War 2 in Missouri, it's a real time meeting and courtship between the spinster daughter of a farm family and a middle-aged urban Jew.

The light comic touch and the endearing quality of the by-play between the characters has made it a favorite in regional theater since it first was produced off-Broadway by the Circle Repertory Company with Judd Hirsch in the male role.

For the Capital Rep production, a director who has never worked with the local theater or even visited Albany, is staging the production which opens tonight (Jan.10) at the Market Theater on North Pearl Street.

Director Joe Brancato is also working on his first Wilson play although he serves as artistic director of the Penquin Repertory in Rockland County downstate.

As the couple Claire Beckman is matched with Sam Guncler in the courtship dance that takes as long as the time involved to do the play. The playwright has observed that he wrote it as a mating dance and Brancato is using that point to stage the play.

Talley's Folly is the second in a series of plays about Lebanon, Missouri. The series was termed by Wilson as *The Wars in Lebanon*.



Martin P. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Following tonight's performance, *Talley's Folly* will be presented Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Reservations available at 462-4534.

Broadway stage manager on board as Williamstown Festival producer

The Williamstown Theater Festival's board of trustees got lucky this past week when they found Michael Ritchie who agreed to come on board as producer for next summer's season.

After having their first choice, John Jory of the Louisville Theater, turn them down after he seemed set to do the season, the board scrambled and with luck, found Ritchie.

The crisis began in September when the nationally-renowned summer theater dismissed artistic director Peter Hunt summarily without having a successor in sight.

At the holiday season, the theater had no artistic director of this 41-year old prestigious theater.

Hunt succeeded the late Nikos Psacharopoulos for five years but his tenure resulted in a loss of almost \$260,000. The theater, the board claimed, lacked cohesion as Hunt attempted to balance his own career in Hollywood, commuting to the East Coast and then moving during the summer to the Berkshires.

For his part, the 38-year old Ritchie is a veteran of more than 50 Broadway and regional productions and will be expected to choose plays for Williamstown, hire directors, help audition actors, do fund-raising and generally oversee productions. He will not direct any of the shows.

Signed to a one-year contract, Ritchie begins his duties immediately and is now playing catch-up, particularly in fund-raising which consumed a lot of time during the fall for the late Nikos Psacharopoulos.

The board did say that they are looking for candidates for future seasons so Ritchie appears to be a stop gap producer.

Writer's Institute presents reading of Bill Kennedy play at The Egg

Prior to production by the Capital Repertory Company in May, local Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist's play, *Grand View*, will be given a reading Saturday at 7 p.m. at The Egg in the Empire Plaza in Albany.

Kennedy with playwright Romulus Linney has written a play based on the novelist's observations of the local political scene. The play takes place in 1944 in Saratoga between a fictional Albany political leader (read Dan O'Connell) and an equally fictional Republican governor (read Thomas E. Dewey).

Seating is limited for this reading and is first come, first served. For information call 462-4534.

Around Theaters!

Jeffrey, romantic comedy about romance despite AIDS, at the Albany Civic Theater, through Jan. 21 (462-1297) ... *Crimes of the Heart*, at Schenectady Civic Theater through Jan. 14 (382-2081) ... *Shining Time Station-Live*, children's production from PBS at Proctor's Theater Jan. 13 (346-6204) ... *La Traviata*, famed opera by NYC Opera Company at Proctor's Theater Jan. 16 (3846-6204).

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"JEFFREY"
comedy by Paul Rudnick, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, playing through Jan. 21. Fridays, 4 and 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 3 p.m., \$10. Information, 462-1297.

"TALLEY'S FOLLY"
romance by Lanford Wilson, The Market Theatre, Albany, Jan. 10 through Feb. 4, tickets \$18 to \$32. Information, 462-4531.

PENTIMENTO PLAYBACK THEATRE
monthly public performance, Center for Body Mind Awareness, 286 Central Ave., Albany, Friday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m. Information, 674-2154.

"JUNK BONDS"
play by Lucy Wang, The Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 24, \$18 to \$28, call for times. Information, 462-4534.

"OF I.E.E. I SING"
based on poetry of e.e. Cummings, Yulman Theater, Union College, Schenectady, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13, 8:02 p.m., \$15. Information, 346-1083.

"SHINING TIME STATION—LIVE"
live musical show, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Jan. 13, 1 and 4 p.m., \$12.50. Information, 382-5392.

MUSIC

MICHAEL ECK
with guests David Malachowski and Rosanne Raneri, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m., \$7. Information, 438-5503.

"SING IN/SING-ALONG"

held by the Mendelssohn Club of Albany for prospective members, New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, Jan. 10 and 17, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8701.

JODY SHANE TRIO

with Peg Delaney and Otto Gardner, Londonberry Cafe, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, Saturday, Jan. 13, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 489-4288.

ERIK JOHNSON AND JOE CONNELL

Jazz artists, Barnes and Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Jan. 12, 8 to 9 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

"LA TRAVIATA"

Verdi's classic opera, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 8 p.m., \$36.50. Information, 382-5392.

MUSIC FROM SALEM

featuring pianist Diane Walsh, Hubbard Hall, Cambridge, Friday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 677-2495.

BLUEGRASS AND COUNTRY SHOWCASE

featuring the Burnt Hills Bluegrass and the Hilltown Ramblers, The Parting Glass, 40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, Sunday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m., \$6. Information, 489-2369.

LOU AND PETER BERRYMAN

folk duo, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 434-1703.

DANCE

CONTRADANCE
First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Albany, Friday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., \$6. Information, 489-9066.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

POETRY CONTEST
\$500 grand prize, deadline Jan. 31, 20 lines or less, any style, Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. N, 203 Diamond St., Sistriville, W.Va. 26175. Information, 304-652-149.

THEATER AUDITIONS

"Jake's Women," Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church Street, Schenectady, Thursday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m. Information, 382-2081.

CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES
watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, Kristin Woodward, Information, 783-1828.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES
ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$25. Information, 463-4478.

DANCE CLASSES
winter session of classes, eba Center for Dance and Movement, corner of Lark and Hudson streets, Albany. Information, 465-9916.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

STORY HOUR
Barnes and Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m. Information, 459-8183.

FILM

SHORT FILMS
wide variety of "Off Hollywood" films, Professor Java's, 217 Wolf Road, Albany, every Sunday and Monday, 8 p.m., \$5. Information, 453-1000.

LECTURES

HISTORY OF CERAMICS
presented by authors Warren Broderick and William Bouck, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, Saturday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m. Information, 272-7232.

"FEELINGS! THE SUBJECTIVE RESPONSE"
art discussion, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

LITERATURE

BOOK SIGNING
local author Mary Vigilante Szydlowski to sign her children's book, "I Can't Talk, I've Got Fables In My Mouth," Waldenbooks, Latham Circle Mall, Friday, Jan. 12, 6 to 8 p.m., Mohawk Mall store, Saturday, Jan. 13, 12 to 2 p.m., Rotterdam Square store, 3 to 5 p.m.

"AUTHOR'S THEATRE"

reading of William Kennedy's play "Grand View," Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. Information, 462-4534.

VISUAL ARTS

AMERICAN ART WORKS
works from the Murray Collection by Roy Lichtenstein, Ronnie Elliot, Joseph Albers, Peter Max, Stuart Davis, and Lyonel Feininger, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, through Jan. 24. Information, 792-1761.

"PEOPLE AND PLACE"

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

"ICON INFLUENCES"

Visions Gallery, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, through Feb. 20. Information, 453-6645.

"PASSAGE IX"

exhibition of artwork by incarcerated Vietnam-era veterans, state Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Empire State Plaza Justice Building, State Street, Albany, through Jan. 29. Information, 473-5546.

LYNN PALUMBO

paintings and drawings, Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady, through Feb. 25. Information, 382-7890.

SUIKANG ZHAO WEILU

RCCA: The Arts Center, 189 2nd St., Troy, through Feb. 6. Information, 273-0552.

"SCHOONER AMERICA 1851/1995"

documentation by Joseph Schuyler and Dahl Taylor, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Jan. 10 to March 3. Information, 463-4478.

BURNS STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHS

state-of-the-art photographs from the 1950's, New York State Museum, Albany, through April 1. Information, 474-5877.

"FABRICS AND FIBERS"

assorted quilted and woven pieces, Canterbury Gallery, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, through Jan. 31. Information, 439-2955.

"ACTS OF NATURE"

recent print and paintings by Li-Yun Wen, Leslie Urbach Gallery, 23 Monroe St., Albany, Jan. 12 through Feb. 23. Information, 462-4775.

"PAPER AND FIRE"

sculpture and assemblages by Stephen Diemann, Upstairs Gallery, 23 Monroe St., Albany, Jan. 12 through Feb. 23. Information, 462-4775.

MASTER PRINTS

wide span of printmaker's art, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Jan. 12 through Feb. 25. Information, 463-4478.

TOM BREITENBACH

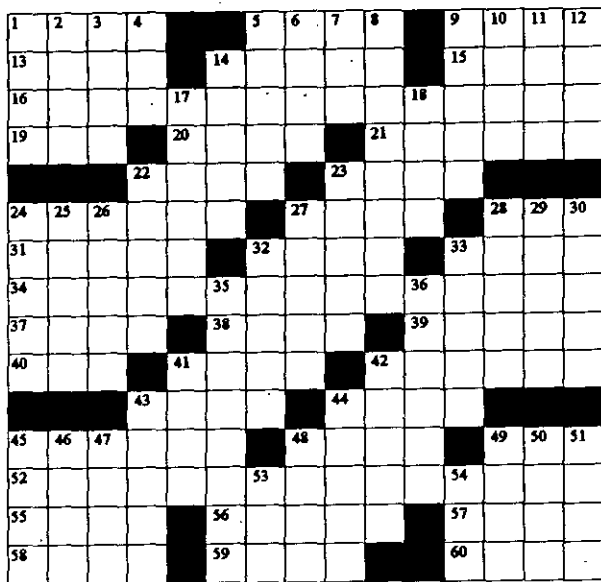
display of paintings, Dietel Art Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, Jan. 15 through March 8. Information, 274-4440.

Weekly Crossword

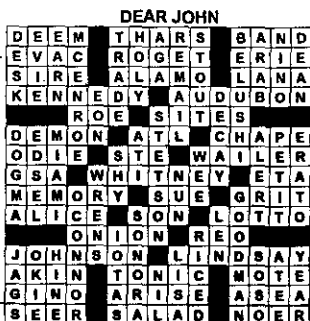
"Patent People"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flith
 - 5 Foreman
 - 9 Ms. Strelsand
 - 13 Switz neighbor
 - 14 the table
 - 15 Region
 - 16 W. H. Carrier's 1911 invention
 - 19 Compass initials
 - 20 Angler's needs
 - 21 Soup spoons
 - 22 Mr. Cooper
 - 23 Wagers
 - 24 Seafaring plunderer
 - 27 Adam's son
 - 28 Aves. cousins
 - 31 Airplane lavatory sign
 - 32 Chair
 - 33 USPO's concern
 - 34 Electric battery inventor
 - 37 Not one
 - 38 Deceased
 - 39 Mature
 - 40 Painful interjections
 - 41 Indy Gov. Bayh
 - 42 Mountain crests
 - 43 Word before rain
 - 44 Precedes flam
 - 45 Houston players
 - 48 French pronoun
 - 49 Cot
 - 52 Vulcanized rubber inventor
 - 55 Dorothy's dog
 - 56 Friar Club's specialty
 - 57 Ms. Maxwell
 - 58 Fret
 - 59 Beer Slang
 - 60 Let it stand



- 6 This inventor had his ups and downs
- 7 College ent. test
- 8 Dagger
- 9 Groups of musicians
- 10 Seed covering
- 11 Actress Russo
- 12 Bellhops concerns
- 14 Night sound
- 17 Speaks
- 18 Curse
- 22 Boastful Slang
- 23 Facial tuft
- 24 Bartolomeo Cristofori's 1709 invention
- 25 Follows Father or Mother
- 26 Those who feel sorry
- 27 Car type
- 28 Toast word
- 29 Book name
- 30 Venetian blind parts
- 32 Golfer Sammy
- 33 E-mail necessity
- 35 Counselors
- 36 Multifarious
- 41 Environmental sci.
- 42 Apportion
- 43 Tell's missile
- 44 Teeth cleaner
- 45 Play parts
- 46 Follows jump or buck
- 47 London art gallery
- 48 Mild oath
- 49 Girdle
- 50 Naturalness
- 51 Mild expletive
- 53 Former French coin
- 54 Aye



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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10

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.

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 11

ALBANY COUNTY CHORUS REHEARSAL
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

LEGAL NOTICE
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NOTICE OF FILING
CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

1. Hoffman II Family Limited Partnership.
2. Certificate filed with Secretary of State on December 4, 1995.
3. LP located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is: 8 East Newton Road, Newtonville, NY 12128.
5. The purposes for which the Company is formed is as follows: To purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, sell devise, bequest or otherwise, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated; To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability company may be organized under LLCL of the State of New York. The Company is not formed to engage in any act requiring the consent of any state agency without such consent first being obtained.
6. The duration of existence is until 12/31/2037.
(January 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The name of the limited liability company (the "Company") is APR DATAPAY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on November 21, 1995. The office of the Company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 1218 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. The specific date of dissolution set forth by law is November 21, 2015. The Company was formed to engage in any lawful business purpose under the LLC Law.
(January 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY GREENBERG CONSULTANTS L.L.C. (HEREIN, LLC)
Articles of Organization of Greenberg Consultants LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (herein, SSNY), on November 30, 1995. The office is located in the County of Albany. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process

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

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

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

SENIORS LUNCHE
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.

ALBANY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITING DAY
parents of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten age are invited to visit the school. The Albany Academy, Academy Road, Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 465-1461.

LEGAL NOTICE
against the LLC served upon him is Greenberg Consultants L.L.C., 1084 Madison Avenue, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY 12208. The latest date the LLC is to dissolve is: 12/31/2045. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
(January 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY RIOS INTERNATIONAL L.L.C. (HEREIN, LLC)
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MORLEY OVERSEAS TRADING L.L.C. (HEREIN, LLC)
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(January 10, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF HART-WILSON PROPERTIES, LLC
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law The undersigned, being authorized to execute and file these Articles, hereby certifies that:
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is Heart-Wilson Properties, LLC.
SECOND: The County of the office of the Company in this State is Albany.

FRIDAY JANUARY 12

CAPITAL DISTRICT CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
David J. Carhart will discuss the Watervliet Arsenal's role in the Civil War, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE
and Hebrew naming service, 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 LUNCHE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

"TRADE SILVER: JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP"
silver artist Olof Jonsson to lead day-long Jan. 27 workshop, registration by Jan. 12, New York State Museum, Madison Avenue, Albany. Information, 474-5801.

LEGAL NOTICE
THIRD: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is P.O. Box 189, Slingerlands, New York 12159-0189.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by its members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed this 24th day of November, 1995 by the undersigned who affirm that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury.
Joseph J. Heart, Organizer;
Harold S. Wilson, Jr., Organizer.
(January 10, 1996)

TAX NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes and Assessments for the Town of Bethlehem, have received tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes and will receive payments thereon Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York for the properties assessed upon such roll.
NO COLLECTION FEE DURING JANUARY
1% collection fee during February
2% collection fee during March
Unpaid taxes will be turned over to Albany Director of Finance on April 1, 1996.
Nanct G. Karins
Receiver of Taxes & Assessments
Dated January 1, 1996
(January 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 17, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-66 & 68, and Article XVIII, Rear Yards, Section 128-54, and Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-22, Regulations to off street parking, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, for the construction of additions to the church, rectory and school, and request relief from compliance with off street parking at premises 35 Adams Place, Delmar New York.
Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(January 10, 1996)

SUNDAY JANUARY 14

ALBANY COUNTY

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 JANUARY 15

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHE
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 JANUARY 16

ALBANY COUNTY

"ARBITRATION: THE BASICS OF ADVOCACY"
sessions to deal with preparation for an arbitration hearing, registration by Jan. 10, 146 State St., Albany, 6 to 9 p.m., continued Jan. 23, and 30. Cost, \$150. Information, 449-4161.

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

BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP
Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 449-4019.

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

SAMARITANS SUPPORT GROUP
for suicide survivors, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

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

SAFE PLACE
support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide, St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

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

PERSON TO PERSON
support group for kidney patients and families, meets National Kidney Foundation, 4 Airline Dr., Suite 102, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4666.

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

"NEW BEGINNINGS: MOVING BEYOND THE LOSS"
program to discuss the emotional impact of miscarriage or perinatal loss, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

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

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

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP
group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

SARATOGA COUNTY

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP
Prince of Peace Church, opposite Clifton Country Mall, Clifton Park, 7 p.m. Information, 371-7659.

ADOPTION ORIENTATION
singles or couples ages 35 to 50 interested in adopting infant girls, reservation required, Family Tree, 1743 Route 9, Clifton Park, 7 p.m. Cost, \$25 per couple or single. Information, 426-2600.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

ALBANY COUNTY

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

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10

BETHLEHEM TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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

RED MEN
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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

STORY HOURS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, morning, 10:30 a.m.; evening, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

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

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 11

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY
firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 6:30 p.m.

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., child care available for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

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

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

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT POETS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

FRIDAY JANUARY 12

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

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

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

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

SATURDAY JANUARY 13

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

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

SUNDAY JANUARY 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-2016.

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

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

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

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

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

FAITH TEMPLE
Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY JANUARY 15

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

"PREPARING FOR YOUR JOB INTERVIEW"
local recruiter to speak on attire and behavior at an interview, registration required, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY JANUARY 16

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

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

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

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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

ONESQUETHAW LODGE 1096 F&M
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

BECOMING A WOMAN OF FREEDOM
women's bible study, Emmanuel Christian Church, Retreat House Road, Glenmont, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-3873.

NEW SCOTLAND VOORHEESVILLE PTA
in the elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

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

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

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

BETHLEHEM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

"PREVENTIVE HEALTH BENEFITS UNDER MEDICARE"
Celia Wellman, R.N., will lead discussion on preventive health issues for seniors, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

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BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

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

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

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NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

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ADULT SKETCH CLUB
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there is a hidden agenda here. It sticks in the craw of the board that the teachers won't continue to work for slave wages."

Frank Carr, a Spanish teacher for ten years, said he left the November board meeting, which drew a large and vocal number of teachers and residents, with a feeling of optimism. "One board member even asked us to put away our pickets and buttons. Now that optimism has flown down the tubes."

Kathy Odell, a 17-year resident of Voorheesville, said she left the November meeting feeling the board was negotiating with the community, not the teachers.

Bill Dodge, a science teacher for 15 years, said he came to the Voorheesville school district after 14 years teaching in another district. "When I came here, I had never seen such high quality in a faculty, so much passion. I'm disappointed to see that passion disappear."

Board members were vehement in their response. Steven Schreiber responded that he also had come away from November's meeting feeling optimistic.

"I thought the VTA realized that there were economic realities they had been ignoring. I am very disappointed that your and our understandings of the situations are so different," Schreiber said. "We heard the concerns of taxpayers who are in painful and often difficult situations. That didn't get into the VTA. We will be here until that gets into their minds."

William Parmelee echoed

Schreiber's interpretation of the November meeting.

"I was also approached by people who could not attend the meeting, and their message was to hold the line," Parmelee said. "People can't afford the high price; some of them are taking cuts in pay or losing jobs. I wish that you could understand that. We need to make it so we can all afford to live here and still get a quality education. Some teachers may need to leave to earn more elsewhere. I hate to say that, but maybe it's so. You need to get back to the table with a proposal the community can afford."

Parmelee concluded his remarks by thanking the teachers for the good education his own children had received in the Voorheesville schools.

C. James Coffin's statement that "this board and the negotiating team have done everything in their power to get the VTA to negotiate" drew laughter from the teachers. Coffin accused the VTA of being more interested in taking their case to the public and demonstrating at board meetings than in "sitting down, going head-to-head on issues and recognizing that they must give something up."

Mele and Cole went head-to-head themselves when Mele cracked that the board had put its proposal on a transparency instead of the table, referring to the board's elaborate salary outlines presented on an overhead projector at the November meeting.

"The board came prepared," Cole said. "We looked at the contract and examined the issues of

management and compensation. We are willing to provide a reasonable level of compensation, but then we're going to have to have some changes. You can't always say, 'No, it won't work.' We were operating on good faith, trying to get something moving. Then we put forward something discouraging to you, and your response is a legal action."

Cole concluded his remarks agreeing with Schreiber that they would be here "till hell freezes over."

Cole denied that the board violated the negotiating ground rules.

"We sent you a request to tell us what you felt was in violation. We said, 'Let's get together,' and got no response," Cole said. "The board doesn't want to settle in court, we want to negotiate."

Mele accused Cole of perpetually bringing in new issues not in

the original negotiating document. He particularly wanted to know whose idea it was to bring in the issue of sabbaticals, feeling this was a thinly veiled attack against him personally.

"There are no attacks; nothing is thinly veiled," Cole responded, explaining that to move up beyond the current salary proposal, the district would need some concessions.

Historical association to study Erie Canal

The Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Hill schoolhouse in Selkirk.

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