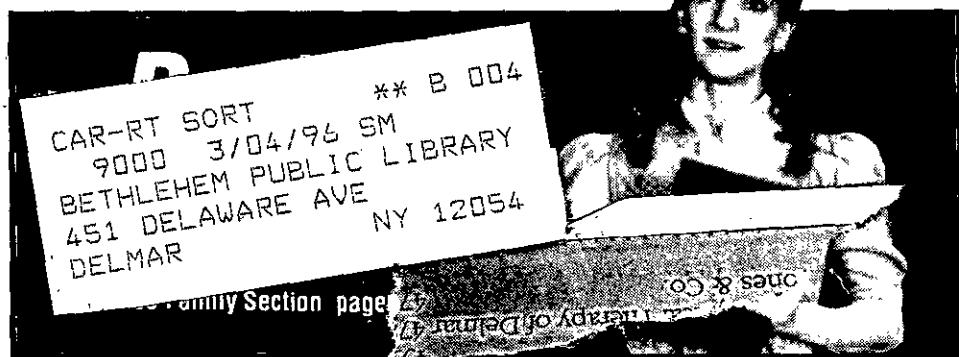


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Marie Rose building under way

Project expected to be completed by June

By Mel Hyman

The Marie Rose Manor senior housing development survived several lawsuits aimed at its heart, so there's no reason why a little cold and snow should deter it.

Despite an unseasonably cold and snowy winter, construction on the 50-unit, low-income apartment complex began in late October and has continued unabated throughout the ensuing months.

Sister Grace Diaz, executive director of DePaul Management Corp., the housing subsidiary of the Catholic Diocese of Albany, said the goal of opening the North Bethlehem complex by early summer is still within reach.

"We're still on schedule to open in June," she said. "The workmen are out there right now taking snow off the roofs."

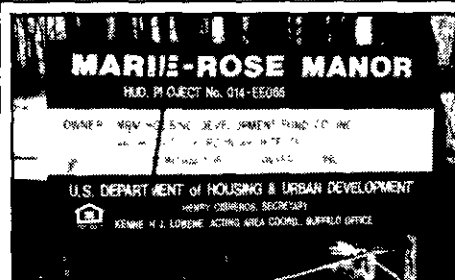
Applications will be sent to all those on the mailing list on Feb. 26, and it is important to return them as soon as possible, Sister Grace said. "We'll be processing them and adding them to the waiting list on a first-come, first-serve basis."

Marie Rose Manor was the subject of several lawsuits last year filed by resi-



Construction of Marie Rose Manor in North Bethlehem is proceeding at a fast pace despite the inclement weather. *Hugh Hewitt*

dents of Marquis Drive in the Dutchbrook subdivision who were unhappy about an expected increase in traffic. Residents also complained that the senior complex, at the end of Marquis Drive, would drive down real estate prices.



Sister Grace said she was confident all along that the project would survive. Bethlehem town board members, who rezoned the Marie Rose Manor parcel in 1992 from residential to senior housing district, never wavered in their support.

Final site plan approval was granted last July, but construction could not begin until pending litigation was decided. Neighbors still upset about the development have threatened to go after the builders of Dutchbrook, Charlew Development Corp. of Schenectady, for allegedly telling them that the area where Marie Rose Manor is being built would remain forever

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Students wary of gun-totin' cops at school

By Dev Tobin

Parents and administrators love the idea, but the Bethlehem Central school board got an earful from a handful of high school students uneasy with having an armed police officer stationed in the school.

The district began a pilot school resource officer program earlier this month, with police officer Mike McMillen serving at the middle school and officer Vince Rinaldi at the high school, in addition to their duties as Drug Abuse Resistance Education officers.

The gun is the big issue; it thickens the air in the school.

Debbi Kerness

"Here's an innovative program, and it seemed like the right time to get it off the ground," said board member Happy Scherer.

"If the school resource officer helps us to avoid problems" with violence that plague urban schools, then "it's exactly the right step," said board member Dennis Stevens.

Bill Cushing, president of the high school's parent organization, said he had talked to many parents about the program and their response had been overwhelmingly positive.

The school resource officers are

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No picnic



If you happen to see about 15 picnic tables floating down the Hudson River this week, they probably came from the Henry Hudson Town Park in Bethlehem. That's what Bethlehem Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Dave Austin thinks. They disappeared after the Hudson River overflowed during the weekend rainstorms along with parts of the 1,000-foot-long chain link fence that separated the park from the water. The flooding was the worst he's ever seen, Austin said. There was quite a bit of damage. The fence was destroyed by huge chunks of ice that knocked it down. Besides the missing picnic tables, the caretaker's house in the park sustained significant damage, he said, and the flag pole in the park was bent.

Hugh Hewitt

Hannaford high on siting supermarket in Bethlehem

By Mel Hyman

How would a new Shop 'n Save supermarket in Delmar grab you?

Well, it's on top of the priority list for Hannaford Bros. Inc., owners of the Shop 'n Save supermarket chain, which has made significant inroads in the Capital District over the past decade.

Now the company wants to build in Bethlehem. All it needs is a site.

"We'd very much like to have a supermarket in the Bethlehem/Delmar area," said Michael Brescia, manager of real estate development for Hannaford. "We've talked with supervisor (Sheila) Fuller and

expressed our interest on several occasions."

Brescia said he has heard about plans by Price Chopper to build a 63,000-square-foot supermarket in Slingerlands and that has not dampened his company's enthusiasm.

"If we could locate somewhere along Delaware Avenue, that would be the right place,"

Brescia said. "But we have been unable to find an appropriate site. That's been our dilemma."

If a suitable site in the tri-village area could be found, Brescia said, "We'd very much like to work with town planners on

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Contractor cautions against likely scams

Delmar contractor Steve Bolduc is concerned about out-of-towners, who may have taken advantage of residents in the wake of several severe winter storms.

Bolduc of Keystone Builders in Delmar said that before the temporary thaw last week, an out of town outfit, possibly from Corinth, were going to shovel office-laden roofs. "I think they're the most part," he said.

He said people should never hire door-to-door. And aware of any recent complaints, Lt. Frederick Holligan said, it is not a good idea to contract for door sales person. "People should call the police when something like that happens. Most reputable contractors don't go door-to-door."

Bolduc said that the roof shovelers were allegedly charging \$600, and that was way out of line.

An added pitfall for homeowners is that many of the out of town "contractors" are not insured. "Without insurance, they're (the homeowners) are liable," said Bolduc.

Bolduc advises people to check into a local contractor for work to avoid being overcharged.

"The key is for people to just be aware of it," he said.

To Bolduc, an unscrupulous contractors is "just as much of a thief as a guy that holds up a bank."

Susan Graves



Bolduc

Local theater group to perform

Theater Voices of Albany will present a staged reading of "Mrs. Klein," Nicholas Wright's compelling play about Melanie Klein, the pioneering psychoanalyst who exploded the sentimental image of children as little bundles of love.

Performances are on Friday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 27, at 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. at the Albany City Gallery, upper floor, Chapel and Orange streets in Albany. Admission is free.

"Mrs. Klein" is an emotional tug-of-war between Mrs. Klein and her daughter Melitta, a rival analyst, taking place shortly after the mysterious death of Mrs. Klein's 27-year-old son. The daughter suggests the death was a suicide.

A third analyst who is present completes this bruising encounter group in which the participants throttle each other with dialogue that careens around guilt, blame and regret.

The play was a hit in London, where it opened in 1988. Nicholas Wright, who is the literary manager for the National Theater in England, has had a long career as a writer and director. In "Mrs. Klein" he has created a role that will be coveted by actresses who seek to play a character that will fascinate, repel and overwhelm audiences. He has created the archetype monster mom.

Theater Voices of Albany, which is producing this presentation of the play, is a group of dedicated performers and directors who perform the best of American and English 20th Century plays and new works in staged readings. Following four on stage per-



Carolyn Salt, Sue Caputo and Eileen Schuyler of Delmar rehearse for the latest production of Theater Voices. Joe Schuyler

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce elects new officers, board members

The following people were recently elected as officers on the board of directors of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce: chairperson, Cathy Griffin, manager of Prudential Manor Homes in Delmar; vice chair, Frank Venezia, C.P.A., of Marvin and Co. in Albany; treasurer, Elaine Loder, owner of Tri City Beepers in Delmar.



Havens

Also elected were: Louise Havens, sales manager for the *The Spotlight*; Dennis O'Shaughnessy, owner of the Glenmont and Delmar Car Wash; Janine Goliber, branch manager of Key Bank in Glenmont; Judy Hartley, executive director of School's Out Inc. in Delmar; and Mark Bryant, owner of Bryant Asset Protection in Slingerlands.

Officers and board members will be installed on Friday, March 8, at the chamber's annual awards dinner at Fleet Bank headquarters in the Peter Kiernan Plaza on Broadway in Albany.

Sleeping man nabbed for stealing rental van

A 31-year-old Nassau man was arrested for stealing a Ryder rental truck last week.

Victor J. Manley, 31, of Nantasket Road was sleeping in the cab of a 1995 GMC truck behind Uncle Milt's Glenmont Diner off Route

9W on Jan. 16, police said.

He was arrested after a computer check of the vehicle revealed that it had been reported stolen from the city of Albany the day before, police said.

Manley was charged with third-

degree criminal possession of stolen property. The van was worth about \$35,000, police said.

Manley was sent to the Albany County jail without bail.

Officer Brian Hughes made the arrest.

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Setting sail on the Pinafore



Preparing for next weekend's production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* at Bethlehem Central Middle School are, from left, Anthony Lasacco, Stephanie Sherman, Matthew Treadgold, Krissy Bennett, Dan Cohen, Jeff Barnett, Sloan Grenz and Molly Spooner. The classic Gilbert & Sullivan operetta will be performed Thursday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. (free dress rehearsal), and Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m. Elaine McLain

Delmar Village opponent changes tune

By Mel Hyman

Will the new, revised plan for Delmar Village engender as much controversy as the old one?

Probably not, according to John Smolinsky, someone who should know.

As chairman of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, he spearheaded the opposition to Delmar Village during the 1980s when it was reviewed, dissected and finally altered sufficiently to meet town board approval in December 1989.

Much of the often contentious debate focused on the project's density, Smolinsky said, which neighbors thought was too great. Originally, when the plan was unveiled in the early 1980s, it called for 85 single-family homes, and that was it.

But the developers (HMC Associates) revised the project in 1985, proposing 56 single-family homes and 232 apartments. This huge increase in density caused some people to seer, Smolinsky said, and a long battle ensued.



John Smolinsky

The latest plan put forward by HMC Associates, which was prompted by the recent discovery that a significant portion of the approved project involved federal wetlands, contains far fewer living units.

Instead of 288 dwellings, former state Sen. Howard Nolan, Mark Heller and Norris MacFarland are proposing 41 single-family homes, 54 townhouses and 32 apartments for a total of 127 units.

"In terms of density, I think this is a good move," Smolinsky said. "We're seeing a return to a density that was closer to the original, and my gut reaction is that it's probably fairly reasonable."

"I don't think there will be the same level of opposition this time around simply because the extension of Fisher Boulevard out to Delaware Avenue" is a required infrastructure improvement, he added.

Construction of a one-mile

extension of Fisher Boulevard from its intersection with Orchard Street out to Delaware Avenue was a hot topic during the mid-1980s because of the huge cost attached to it.

But it was made a condition of site plan approval, and Smolinsky said it's crucial that the road extension be built in its entirety before any homes are constructed.

"That is a must," he remarked. "You can see what's happening now with Cedar Ridge (a subdivision located off Orchard Street). Fisher Boulevard out to New Scotland is woefully inadequate, and it really limits how well the people there can get in and out."

The other crucial condition attached to Delmar Village by the town board, Smolinsky said, is that there must be a 50-foot buffer around the perimeter of the development.

In terms of density, I think this is a good move.

John Smolinsky

"We always thought this was a vital area because we're so close to Five Rivers (Environmental Center). As you eat up the buffer zones (around Five Rivers), there is going to be a definite impact on the environment," he said.

A formal application on the revised site plan for Delmar Village, which is a planned residential district, is expected within the next few months.

There will be a public hearing before the planning board and a full environmental review will be conducted before the town board makes its decision.

BC offers first peek at budget numbers

Basic spending to rise 3.75 percent

By Dev Tobin

In January 1995, the Bethlehem Central school board started off the year by asking administrators to find 3 percent in cuts from their previous year's allocation.

After strong public support in 1995's budget and bond issue votes, the board decided last week not to request another round of pre-emptive cuts, while suggesting that the district try to keep budget-to-budget growth to about 3.75 percent.

That's the preliminary number Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, said would result from the normal year-to-year expenditure increase, mostly due to collective bargaining agreements with district teachers and support staff.

"The past two years have been difficult, and next year is not much better," said Zwicklbauer, noting that staff salaries and benefits represent 75 percent of the district's approximately \$37 million budget this year.

Zwicklbauer cautioned that the 3.75 percent figure does not include potential staff increases due to higher enrollment.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said that the expected 2.4 percent enrollment increase should require five to six more teachers (at more than \$45,000 each) at the middle and high school levels in the 1996-97 school year.

Loomis added that it "took a lot

of work to get to" last year's 4.15 percent budget-to-budget increase.

Loomis also noted that Gov. George Pataki's preliminary budget contains a \$400 million statewide cut in aid to school districts, although the Legislature will probably increase education aid in the final state budget.

While not insisting on a repeat of last year's attempt to cut 3 percent, several board members urged a continued search for cost-cutting ideas.

"I'd like administrators to look long and hard at potential cost-savings," said board member Dennis Stevens. "There's no target amount this year, but last year's effort achieved some savings."

"I'd like to see something different in the FOB (fundamental operating budget, i.e., what it would cost to provide this year's program next year)," said board president Pamela Williams. "We got some creative stuff last year."

Board member William Collins noted that the exit poll following December's bond issue vote found 60 percent of respondents in general agreement with the district's budget.

"I think we're hitting a pretty good middle line," Collins said.

Loomis said that this year's fundamental operating budget, along with priority additions, will be presented at the Feb. 7 board meeting.

V'ville planners consider St. Matthew's addition

By Katherine McCarthy

The proposed addition to St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road was the major topic at the Voorheesville Planning Commission's monthly meeting on Jan. 17.

Representing St. Matthew's, John Egan and Bob Vollaro presented the current rendering of the addition, and Dominic Arico of Capital Engineers and Construction explained the site plan to the four board members present.

The proposed addition of 7700 square feet will consist of classrooms, offices, kitchen, and a seniors/activities lounge.

Egan stressed that the rendering was not a definite architectural plan. The project will go to a number of bidders in February with proposals to come back four to six weeks later. The church hopes to be ready for final commission approval in April.

Commission members agreed that St. Matthew's could continue its planning, but requested that more extensive engineering studies be provided to village engineering consultant Hank LaBarba.

The project needs two approvals. The first is an amendment to the village's zoning law to add church as a permitted use in the Residential B zone.

The second is a special use permit needed for construction at the site.

Commission chairwoman Kathryn Scharl expected both matters to be approved at the village Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for last night, Jan. 23.

In other business, Claremont Estates was on the agenda twice, as the commission approved Keith Mable's request to purchase a lot from the subdivision to provide access and utilities to his neighboring home, and subdivision owner Kate Froman was granted an extension for completion of the development's infrastructure.

In another matter, commission member Barbara Jeffers noted the high rate of absenteeism at planning commission meetings, and wondered if a minimum attendance record should be met by members of the commission.

Scharl acknowledged the need for such a measure, and said she will bring it up with the village board.

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Dog bites Clarksville boy

A 3-year-old Clarksville boy was bit in the face last week while being babysat on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Kenneth Albright was at his babysitter's house last Wednesday morning when a mixed-breed dog (Rottweiler/German shepherd) bit him around his right eye, causing severe damage to the eyelid, police said.

The child was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital where he was treated and later released. The 2-year-old dog, which had all his shots, was taken to the Albany Humane Society for a 10-day observation period.

"It happened very quickly, just before lunch," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan. The babysitter "heard the dog growl and the child scream" before realizing what had happened.

No other incidents had occurred during the nine months that the child had been cared for at the residence, Holligan said. "We're speculating that (the child) may have had a piece of turkey

CHP is organizing 'Stressbusters' class

Community Health Plan will present "Stressbusters: Balancing Work and Home" on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the CHP Delmar Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

This one-session class will provide participants with tools they can use to identify stress-provoking situations and personal stress warning signs. Relaxation techniques will also be taught, and opportunities for practice will be provided.

The cost for the class is \$10. Registration can be made by contacting the CHP health education department at 783-1864, ext. 4444.

Powhatan Swift Eagle to share Indian lore

Native American Powhatan Swift Eagle will present a program of stories and music on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The son of a Tewa-Apache father and Chickahominy mother, Powhatan shares his Native American heritage with new generations.

Powhatan Swift Eagle is accomplished in voice, flute and guitar. He features traditional hand-made flutes in his presentation.

For information, contact the children's department at 439-9314.

Managing stress to be focus of library talk

"Managing Stress During Times of Change and Transition" will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Margaret Kaufman, the founder of Venture Inward in East Greenbush and a certified clinical medical hypnotherapist, will discuss some of the effective techniques that can be used to deal with stress, such as deep breathing, progressive relaxation, energization and meditation.

For information, call the library reference desk at 439-9314.

BC board will leave Trent seat vacant

Citing business responsibilities that have made it difficult for him to attend meetings, Peter Trent has resigned from the Bethlehem Central school board.

"He would have wanted to continue, but his business takes him to the Philadelphia area, and he found he was not able to put the time in or keep in touch with his constituency," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

Trent, who was first elected to the board following his activities in local parent-teacher and youth sports groups, was in the last year of his second three-year term.

With the budget season about to begin in earnest, school board members decided at last week's meeting not to appoint a replacement position.

"The best thing is to leave it vacant," said board member Happy Scherer. "There's always a lot of interest when there is a va-



Peter Trent

Trent's seat, along with those of Scherer and board president Pamela Williams, will be on the ballot for the May 8 budget vote.

Dev Tobin

Teen-ager arrested for arson in Colonial golf course fire

A former resident of Colonial Acres in Glenmont has been charged with arson in connection with the fire that caused more than \$60,000 worth of damage to the Colonial Acres Golf Course in late 1993.

David Y. Webb, 19, was arrested on a warrant last week by the Bethlehem Police and charged with third-degree arson, second-degree criminal mischief and third-degree burglary. He was incarcerated at the Albany County jail at the time of his arrest on a violation of probation charge.

Webb is accused of setting a fire during the early morning hours of Oct. 11, 1993, which destroyed a storage building containing golf course maintenance equipment.

Also arrested in connection

with the incident, police said, was Jonathan A. Pesnel, 19, of Voyage Drive, Glenmont. He was arrested last Thursday on a warrant and charged with second-degree criminal mischief, a felony. He was released pending a Feb. 26 appearance in Bethlehem Town Court.

The arrests came as the result of an extensive investigation by Bethlehem police detectives John Ccx and Joseph Mastriano.

Correction

In *The Spotlight*' article about the Jan. 8 Voorheesville school board meeting, C. James Coffin was the board member who said the board negotiating team would be here "till hell freezes over."

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Village gears up for 100th b-day

The Village of Voorheesville Centennial Committee is busy laying the groundwork for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the village's incorporation.

Most of the festivities are being planned for May. The committee encourages businesses and organizations to begin planning for the centennial. It will coordinate events and offer advice and assistance.

A larger community project, to result in a lasting memorial has also been proposed. The committee welcomes ideas and suggestions from the community. Kathy Martin is the chairperson.

Susan Rockmore is liaison with the village board, and Barbara Vink is publicity coordinator.

The committee meets tonight, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave. For information, call the village office at 765-2692.

Village updating directory

Voorheesville is updating its village directory.

Officers of local clubs and organizations who want to be listed should contact the village office at 765-2692 with current information and phone numbers.

Historian to read at Kiwanis meeting

Dennis Sullivan, the Voorheesville historian and author, will share his insights and read excerpts from his latest manuscript "Crime and Punishment in Albany in the 17th Century" at a meeting of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club.

The meeting is set for Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Route 85.

New members are always welcome. Contact any current member or Warren Schlickerieder at 765-4356.

Nursery school sets information night

The Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold an information night for parents on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall. Registration forms for the 1996-97 school year will be available.

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PTA plans night at River Rats game

The elementary school PTA is planning a night with the Albany River Rats on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. when the Rats play the Senators at the Knickerbocker Arena.

Reduced rate tickets cost \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children.

There will be a free raffle, pictures with Rowdy and choice seating. The PTA is sponsoring a draw "Rowdy" contest. The winner will receive two tickets to the game.

The contest is open to any pupil at the elementary school. Entries must be placed in the PTA mailbox at the school by Feb. 2. The winner will display their winning entry on center ice between periods of the hockey game in an inter-school competition.

The deadline for ticket orders is Friday, Feb. 2. Tickets will be delivered by Feb. 8. Ticket order forms have been sent home with all pupils.

School group to meet Jan. 29

The school improvement council at the high school has set its next meeting for Monday, Jan. 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the school library.

Church women elect officers for 1996

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville recently elected officers for 1996.

They are: Lynne Hart, president; Evelyn Berger, vice president; Katherine Crounse, secretary; Ruth Matrese, treasurer; Evelyn Berger, secretary of program resources; Millie Zimmerman and Peg Flanders, nominations; Barbara Cureau and Hope Griffith, spiritual growth; Lettie Pinney, educational interpretation; Kathy Bryden, membership; Sue Bell, social action; Grace Lewis and Florence Hallenbeck, hospitality; and Marlene Vunk and Millie McCartney, local church activity.

Session talk to focus on Adirondack novels

The third program of the series "Adirondack Aspects" will be presented on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Dr. Jack VanDerhoof will speak on novelists who have set their work in the Adirondack region.

VanDerhoof is a professor emeritus of history at Russell Sage College. The history and legends of the area have been a subject of his study, lectures and writings for many years.

For information, contact the library at 439-9314.

Meeting on diversity rescheduled for Feb. 10

The community meeting on diversity has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10.

The entire community, including all Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk faculty and staff are invited to attend. Workshops on Appreciating the Diversity of Cultures, Building a Strong Community and Anger Management will be held.

For information, call the high school at 756-2155.

Woman named to fill library seat

Kathy Kelleher-Assael, a Selkirk resident, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the RCS Community Library.

Kelleher-Assael will fill the one-year unexpired term of Mary Koonz who left the area.

Kelleher-Assael is a speech and language pathologist.

Rudolph accepted at Southampton College

Luann Rudolph, a senior at RCS, has been accepted at Southampton College, one of the top institutions for the study of Marine Biology. Rudolph also received scholarship awards for academic merit and youth leadership.

PTSA to discuss college preparation

The RCS senior high PTSA will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

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Selkirk
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Linda Marshall
756-3520



The topic of the meeting is "Preparing for College."

PARP program begins at Coeymans school

On Monday, Jan. 29, the annual Pieter B. Coeymans "Parents As Reading Partners" program begins. The program will continue through March 18. The program emphasizes the importance of parents and children reading together.

Coinciding with the beginning of the PARP program is the annual school Book Fair, which runs from Monday through Friday, Feb. 2.

RCS alumna tackles member services post

Shannon Herrick, a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, has been promoted to the position of member services representative at the Capital Communications Federal Credit Union. She previously worked as a financial services representative/loan clerk.

Herrick, who lives in Albany, received a paralegal certificate from the Mildred Elley Business School in March 1993.

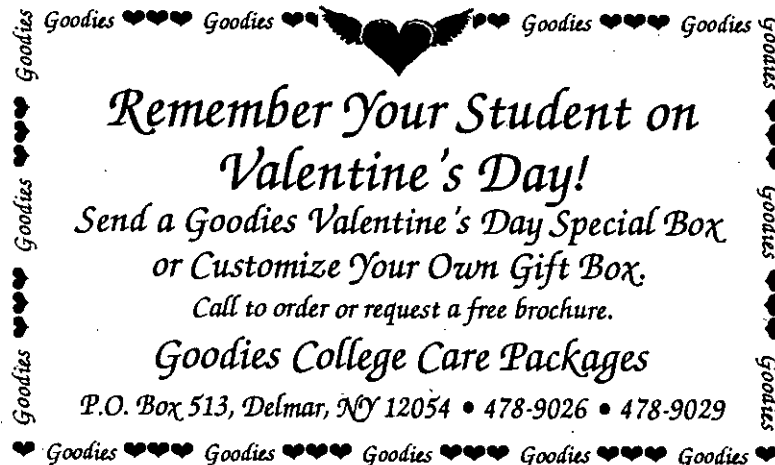
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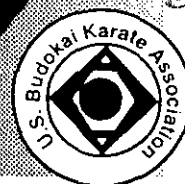
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Matters of Opinion

Business sees progress

Despite the general retail downturn at Christmas, small business people remain optimistic about the coming year. Stories in our Update '96 supplement in this issue pinpoint the difficulties facing small business people. But, they remain upbeat.

We are seeing the larger all-inclusive "box" stores slowing the expansion that virtually smothered small retailers in the '90s. As giant retailers step back to re-evaluate their economic downturn, smaller retailers are concentrating on efficiency while enhancing hometown service.

We are encouraged by the entrepreneurship which pervades our economy and by promises of state officials to remove regulatory burdens which unnecessarily impede growth and slow the economy.

Hopefully, the Washington budget squabble will be settled soon to reduce taxes and put more money into consumers' pockets. Then, Congress can work at relieving businesses of federal mandates that increase the cost of doing business. Reduction of these government burdens is needed to really help small business.

Kmart nixes Super K

This past week Kmart said it will not build the proposed Super Kmart store in Latham. It's not a surprise. The Latham area now appears saturated with retail outlets, including the Latham Circle shopping center and the Latham Farms complex.

With the Kmart announcement there's news that Walmart, with an outlet located in Latham Farms, failed to increase earnings nationally last month after 99 consecutive months of increases.

The Walmart setback may have resulted from the Christmas slowdown suffered by most retailers. Still, there's a growing indication nationwide the days of proliferation of "big box" stores (Super Kmart and Walmarts) are over.

Statistics released this week show there are 19 square feet of retail space available for every resident of the United States, the largest percentage in the industrial world.

Trial by peers

The first Youth Court in this area was started last year in Colonie and the idea has quickly spread to Bethlehem. The concept is simple but effective. Young people sit as jurors for youngsters who have committed a crime or an offense. Once a youth has admitted guilt, his or her peers mete out the sentence, usually restitution or community service. Last week, Bethlehem teens held their first "court date."

A recent \$20,000 donation to the local umbrella group — Youth Courts of the Capital District — included \$5,000 for the Bethlehem program.

This is a welcome contribution to a worthy cause.

The donation, fostered by State Sen. Michael Hoblock, came from the Charitable Venture Foundation, a Rensselaer County-based group.

Movie caveat emptor

Movie marketing is a fluid art. Consider the Hoyt's Corporation's Cine 10 theaters which carved a niche for themselves with second run features for less than \$3

Now Cine 10 has joined the first-run crowd, at least partially. Currently, three of the theaters in the complex are running first run features at over \$7 per ticket while the other seven have what they term "sub-run" features at \$2.99. First run matinees are \$4.75.

The blend of the first-run movies with the older films may be good business, but moviegoers at Cine 10 better be prepared for a higher tariff for the picture they want to see unless they check first.

Editorials

Capital District can remain strong, competitive

Flexibility the key to region's survival

By Wallace Altes

The writer is president of the Albany/Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce.

We in the Capital Region and particularly Albany County have been very fortunate.

Government and retail employment have grown steadily over the years. In addition, as an educational and medical center, the Capital District is blessed with a large number of high-paying jobs in these non-profit areas. The total impact on our local economy is staggering. About one in four individuals employed in the region works for a governmental entity. Another 15 percent work in a non-profit setting, such as a non-public college or university, a hospital or related facility; a human service organization; an association; or any of dozens of other non-profits.

The growth of jobs in the governmental, medical and educational sectors—many seen as high-paying, all seen as quite secure—masked a significant change in our localeconomy. Since 1970 we have lost some 40 percent of our manufacturing jobs. This loss was hidden from view as the total number of individuals employed kept increasing and as the unemployment rate remained very low.

What does the future hold? In the short term we can expect government at all levels to continue to downsize. We can also expect medical and educational institutions to downsize as federal and state budgets face continuing pressures. Ripple effects will be felt as well. Real estate markets have slowed and will continue slowing; retail sales will remain weak; consumer confidence will remain at low levels.

The longer-term future can be bright. Ridding ourselves of the dependency on government employment and government-related spending can lead us to diversify

Point of View

our economic base. Our challenge, then, is to reinvent our economy.

There are basically four steps required. First, we must do all we can to encourage and assist entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship. Business incubators, such as RPI's Tech Park, must be replicated in as many locations as possible. Technical assistance and mentoring, as a business develops, are crucial components of success. Non-bank financing, such as venture capital or bank lending pools, where risk is shared, must be created. Tax policies which encourage wealth creation and job development must be enacted. Entrepreneurship opportunities occur in a creative environment, with each success, more success is encouraged. The synergistic effects are clear.

We are all familiar with Map-Info, developed by several RPI students, and which has just gone public. Comfortex, begun in Cohoes by Tom Marusak, is an example of a successful start-up manufacturer now employing nearly 200 people.

What does the future hold? In the short term we can expect government at all levels to continue to downsize.

Secondly, we must build upon the strengths of our area. These include the very high quality of the work force and the high level of education attainment of residents of our area.

Our strengths include the medical and educational facilities and institutions scattered throughout our region. These assets can form the basis for many research and technology-based entrepreneurial opportunities. Certainly, location and transportation access are major assets as well.

Thirdly, we must develop policies which incentivize economic

development most appropriately. We read every day that some local government will agree to abate property taxes if an industry agrees to locate in that community. Such actions frequently create resentment and always create inequities; yet, these kinds of actions take place throughout the United States. If our community does not "compete" we will be left behind.

But there are ways to incentivize economic development and minimize or avoid resentment and inequities. Tax policies which fail to reward the creation of wealth must be rescinded. An enlightened tax code which rewards entrepreneurs must be enacted. Ancillary costs, such as workers compensation, must be controlled to keep New York competitive with the rest of the country. It is not unusual for these ancillary costs to be anywhere from three to five times greater in New York than other states. "Money" makes rational decisions and will seek opportunities to maximize return. "States which control these ancillary costs have already lured many jobs from New York. We must bring these costs under control to avoid further job loss and to build the foundation for attracting new jobs.

Virtually every manufacturer in our area receives correspondence weekly from other states urging the firm to move. The tragedy is that through lower taxes, cheaper labor, and reduced related costs or financial incentives those states have succeeded in taking away companies.

Ohio has undertaken tax abatements on jobs created. This is an approach that should be followed in our region.

Finally, we must begin to assemble land suitable for development; to insure appropriate zoning and to build the necessary infrastructures on that land including water, sewer and transportation.

This is literally the only way our area can respond quickly to

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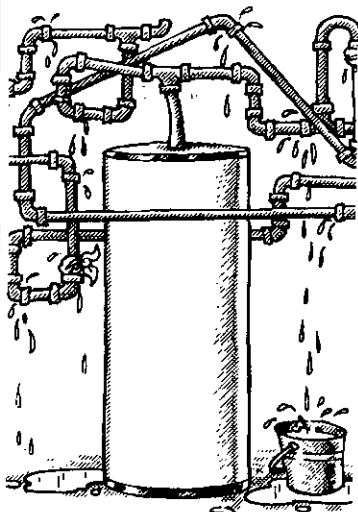
opportunities such as the GM-Super Steel location. Other states have done so, as have other areas in New York. It is difficult to compete with areas which have reduced approval and construction time to months, while in our area, years may be involved.

Reinventing our economy will not be easy, but it is possible. What is required is a commitment to do so, the willingness to develop creative and innovative solutions, and the ability to move forward now. The opportunity is at hand.

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

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Universal decorations possible instead of tree

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is written in response to all of the letters and articles that have appeared concerning the lack of Christmas decorations at the Bethlehem Public Library.

I am one of "those people," as one letter writer referred to non-Christians. Although decorated trees, wreaths, colored lights and Santa Claus are not inherently religious, they are the recognized symbols of the celebration of Christmas.

Yes, there is a certain feeling and spirit that goes along with the holiday, but let's be honest, Christmas is a religious holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, which not all Bethlehem residents observe.

Some people have recommended the addition of decorations of other holidays in the library for other, "more important" holidays throughout the year? This would mean Sukkot in October, Purim in March, Passover in April, Shavuot in June, etc.

That would be silly and still more people would feel excluded. I can appreciate the beauty of the decorations on people's homes and private property, but I feel it is inappropriate to display symbols of a particular religion in public places such as the library, elementary schools, town hall and even grocery stores and malls.

There is a definite need at this the darkest and coldest time of the year for a celebration of warmth

and light, love and peace and hope for the future.

Perhaps we could decorate public places with universal symbols such as hearts and flowers, stars and suns and pictures of and by children. This is a time when we need to make everyone aware of our common dreams, hopes and

spirit, not our differences.

We need to especially show our children how we can work and play together and not make anyone feel left out. Let's try to get along and be a community in our togetherness.

Micki Groper

Selkirk

Lighten up on Christmas tree

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in answer to the letter responding to Richard J. Harte's letter regarding the decorations and removal of same at the library by the trustees.

I hope it will be the last letter ever written by anyone, anywhere re decorations at Christmas. Sorry, I mean Xmas.

Please, lady—get a dictionary. Look up the word satire. Call Richard J. Harte and apologize. Send a letter to that other Bethlehem's library Board of Trustees and ask if they allow decorations, or only in the manger? You know, the original.

Margaret A. Nolan

Albany

The Bethlehem Community Partnership is Sponsoring a Contest to Select the Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families

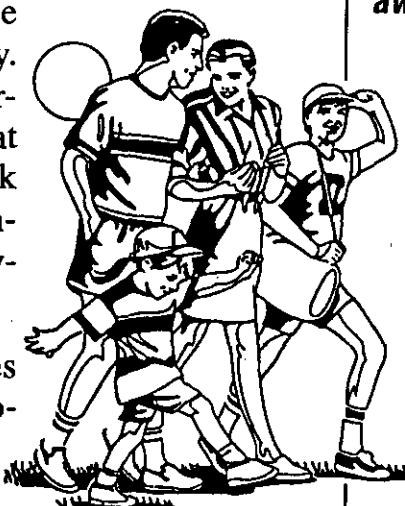
The contest is open to all families residing in the Town of Bethlehem, and will publicize the best suggestions to improve family life in our community. The entire Family is encouraged to come up with ideas that work for them and might work for other families to make family life supportive and enjoyable.

What kinds of things does your family like to do together that are special?

The Top 10 List will be widely circulated in our community, in schools and throughout the Capital District.

The deadline for submission of entries is Thursday, February 29, 1996. Winners will be announced in the March 6 issue of The Spotlight.

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Matters of Opinion

Library decision supported

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have read with interest the recent article concerning the library's decision to forego Christmas decorations this year and the number of surprised residents who have written to you expressing their disappointment by this decision. As a resident of the town and with children who frequent the library I applaud this decision.

Throughout this recent holiday season, there was certainly no lack of Christmas decorations in stores in the town of Bethlehem and in the Capital District.

The library as a public institution supported by our taxes should not be the site of Christmas decorations and a tree. The festivity of the holiday season or its true meaning is certainly not affected by the lack of a Christmas tree in the town library.

All residents of the town should feel comfortable in their library, and as the library board correctly decided, the library needs to be sensitive to the entire community.

What surprises me about the letters you have received is a reflection of our society in general. It seems to me that these people have forgotten what the true meaning of the Christmas season really is.

Warren Breisblatt

Delmar

NS errs on water installation charges

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a taxpayer, I am concerned about the town of New Scotland's failure to comply with the state Town Law and the town's water ordinance in charging recipients for water service installation costs.

At the October 1995 town board meeting, my complaint was brushed aside by Supervisor Herb Reilly, who stated the town could not legally bill recipients for water service installation costs.

My subsequent investigation, presented at the November board meeting, produced not only the Town Law sections that require that recipients of water service be charged installation costs, but also a letter dated Sept. 12, 1994, from Town Attorney John Biscone to Reilly stating recipients must be charged the costs of installation per the Town Law.

At the November meeting, my

protest was again brushed aside with the excuse that Biscone was absent and that Reilly felt that there was a water ordinance that had a flat \$250 charge which superceded sections 199 and 202.

My further investigation produced a town water ordinance which made no mention of a \$250 fee, but did state clearly, as in sections 199 and 202, that recipients of water service installation must be charged costs plus 10 percent.

When I presented copies of the ordinance and relative letters at the January town board meeting, I was again brushed off and handed a letter from Biscone (dated Dec. 18, 1995) contradicting his letter of Sept. 12, 1994, and using vague and side-stepping terms such as "I believe" or "It is my understanding."

I cannot understand why Reilly, Highway Superintendent Darrell

Duncan and the town board will not comply with the documented laws, sections 199 and 202, and the town water ordinance, both of which state clearly what and how the water service installation charges should be.

Although this matter is not of earth-shattering importance, perhaps it is a microcosm of town officials' ineptness and incompetence in handling the town's water problems.

Ted Boluch

Clarksville

Bus prices rise, service declines

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once again CDTA is waging war on working people and the poor. Less than a year after an increase in the base fare from 75 cents to \$1, weekend service is being slashed on over 25 lines and four weekday routes are being eliminated.

Of course ridership is down, due to the fare increase and already inadequate service. Further cuts in service will further reduce ridership which will result in further service cuts, increased zone charges, no free transfers, increased "Swiper" card cost etc. Are they trying to eliminate bus service altogether?

The way to increase ridership is to make the service cheap, convenient and reliable. If the fare were 25 cents (or free!) and you could get a bus every 10 minutes, who wouldn't leave the car home?

How could this be paid for? Institute a tax on all households with more than one car; add a tax on all public parking spaces, including those in malls; and greatly increase the gasoline tax. Make those who insist on driving pay for it.

Dan Wilcox

Albany

BC's anti-racism program promising

Editor, The Spotlight:

As concerned parents with students in the Bethlehem Central school system, we read with interest *The Spotlight's* recent article concerning the suspension of Thomas Straw, a teacher at the high school. Such serious allegations deserve careful scrutiny.

It is interesting to note that Bethlehem Central superintendent Leslie Loomis was "not in agreement with all the language and reasoning" in hearing officer William Babiskin's opinion. The








silver lining of this cloud has been the establishment of the "World of Difference" program in the high school in response to this incident.

This program holds great promise in combating the racism, anti-semitism and intolerance that exists in the Bethlehem Central school system. We will continue to follow closely the progress of these issues.

Janis Engelstein

Martin Engelstein








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- Most welcome donations are local history materials, recent publications (within 10 years), cur-



rent best-sellers, cookbooks, clean copies of the classics, audiovisual materials, and children's books (especially paperbacks in good condition).

- Unneeded are books in poor condition (yellowed pages, broken bindings, or musty), textbooks, *Reader's Digest* Condensed Books, magazines, or dated information (old travel guides, encyclopedias, etc.). Items in poor condition can usually be recycled at curbside, or may be acceptable at nursing homes, prisons or shelters.

- Donations must be contained, preferably in boxes, but bags are acceptable. Limit donations to one or two boxes at a time.

- Donations of less than 10 books may be left at the circulation desk. Larger donations should be checked in at the circulation desk, then brought to the garage door along the driveway.

- Donations will be accepted into the week before the sale.

- If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, count your donations by type (e.g., hardcover, paperback, audiovisual). The library

can vouch for donated materials, but cannot assess value.

The sale will be the weekend of March 16 and 17 during regular library hours in the community room and the board room.

The library appreciates the support of the Progress Club in sorting and setting up for the sale.

Library events this week include "A Moment in Time with Powhatan Swift Eagle" Sunday at 2 p.m., and "Managing Stress During Times of Change and Transition" Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Call 439-9314 to register for these free programs.

Louise Grieco

Ohav Shalom planning auction fun day

Congregation Ohav Shalom, located on Krumkill Road in Albany, will hold a "Tricky Tray Auction Fund Day" on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will feature face painting, children's crafts, games, an auction of items donated to the congregation, clowns and a continental brunch.

For information call 489-4894.

Historical lecture on crime and punishment

Historian Dennis Sullivan will present a lecture on criminal punishment in New Netherlands before it was captured by the English in 1644.

The talk will take place at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m.

The presentation will address the development of law in Albany during the 17th century.

Refreshments will be available after the lecture.

For information, call 765-2468.

Delmar church offers vacation child care

The Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will offer a child care service during school vacation from Tuesday to Friday, Feb. 20 to 23.

The program, "New Beginnings," is open to children in kindergarten through grade six, and will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. Full- and half-day openings are available.

Kids will enjoy stories, songs, games, sports, and arts and crafts activities.

For information or to register a child, call the church at 439-9929.

Learn how to avoid using animal-tested make-up

"For Beauty's Sake," a living earth learning project for teens with veterinarian Holly Cheever is set for tonight, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Cheever will discuss the use of animal testing in cosmetics and how to avoid animal-tested beauty products.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

bany in the 20th century. The research, interviews and photographs reveal a slice of the world through Jewish, Italian, black and Irish cultures.

The first exhibit in the community room will be the Jewish Experience.

A display of the New York Times Best Books of 1995 and a selection of best first novels by new authors is on display this month.

There is a change in format for the CD and video displays. Patrons can now browse through the actual videos and CDs to help make their selections for check out. Most videos are now on the shelf next to the old video bin, and the CDs have a new color-coded carousel.

Income tax forms and instructions are available on the table next to the copier.

Barbara Vink



Writers are encouraged to bring a poem or a short prose piece to share with the group.

From Tuesday, Jan. 23, through Thursday, Feb. 8, the library will host a portion of the traveling exhibit, "City Neighbors" from the Albany Institute of History & Art.

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Sports

V'ville wrestlers hit stone wall

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville varsity wrestling team, having beaten two good opponents in the Colonial Council this year, ran into a stone wall against the Averill Park Warriors last week.

Voorheesville brought a 2-1 record into the key contest with the Warriors. The Blackbirds had previously beaten Albany Academy and Watervliet, while losing a tough match to undefeated Schalmont.

But the 'Birds were no match for the overpowering Warriors, who proved too much to handle in their own gym as they rolled to a 67-6 victory. The only one to win

for the Blackbirds was Ryan Spanswick, who registered a technical fall at 119 pounds.

The 'Birds are going with a relatively young group of athletes this year. They only have four seniors on the team — Bryce Fortran, Kevin Burns, Griffin King and Dave Stapf. The team found out last week, however, that Fortran will be out for a few weeks after contracting mononucleosis.

Also on the team are Todd Dombrowski, Brandon Holcomb, Josh Alvarez, Jim Coffin, Chris Horan, Spanswick, Joe Cotazino, Nick Gaudio, Mike Cavanaugh and Mike McCune.

"I think the team is really progressing well," said first-year coach John Lopez. "We started the year with a real lack of experience, but that will change as the season progresses. It's hard when the kids have to come out and wrestle a team like Averill Park or Schalmont early in the year. But, hopefully, we will learn from this and apply it later on."

Last Saturday, the Blackbirds traveled to Mount Anthony, Vt. to take part in a tournament. They went up against top teams and wrestlers from across the area in the 10-school event. Stapf ended the day with a fourth-place finish, while Gaudio took fifth in his weight class.

RCS hoopsters now 7-3 in league

By Danielle Hummel

It was an up-and-down week for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team, which topped the Averill Park Warriors 65-39, but dropped a 61-45 decision to Schalmont.

The Indians' defense, led by Ryan Manning and Brandt Sebring, held the Warriors to only two points in the second quarter,

as RCS sped to a 32-13 lead at halftime. On the offensive end, senior Jed Sherman racked up a game-high 21 points along with 12 rebounds. Manning chipped in with 10, and Sebring contributed eight.

Last Friday, the boys put forth a valiant effort against an unbeaten Schalmont team in a Colonial Council matchup, but fell short.

Schalmont came out strong in the first quarter scoring 22 points, while holding RCS to only four. The Indians tried crawling out of that hole by outscoring Schalmont 18-11 in the second quarter, but it was not meant to be.

Junior Corey Blaksley led the Indians' attack with 11 points, while Sebring added 10. Manning, the leading scorer for the Indians this year, was held to only five points.

RCS is now 7-3 in the league and 9-3 overall. This Friday the Indians face Albany Academy at home.

BBC back in action

The Bethlehem Basketball Club returned to action Sunday at the Bethlehem Middle School gym.

In NBA activity, Louis Ambrosio's spinning and slashing moves to the hoop for eight points electrified the middle school crowd during crunch time, but his Nuggets squad lost a hard-fought contest to the Suns, 58-48. Brenden Hoole netted five for the losers. The Bulls thrashed the Knicks, 56-25, with Philip Slingerland scoring a team-high 11 to lead the charge, and Russ Pryba contributing 10 in the loss.

Tim Corson's all-around sparkling effort, highlighted by eight key points proved to be the difference in the Sonics 46-41 victory over the Magic. Brad Glass had four in the loss. Mike Campbell's radar-like jump shots hit the target for 13 points as the Rockets cruised past the Spurs, 51-34.

In ACC action, Dan Kohler's hustle and inspiring defense led Wake Forest over Georgia Tech, 43-28. Dave Gutterman swished in nine in defeat. Evan Cammisa-Frost was all over the court, but his Maryland team was beaten by Clemson, 43-24.

Nathan Crouse had eight to lead the Tigers. Paul Wolfert's playmaking led the way in Florida State's 48-24 victory over Duke. Dan Royo's four was not enough in defeat. Kevin Gerighty bulled his way through the paint for three points at a critical point in the game as the North Carolina Tarheels upset the Virginia Cavaliers, 28-19. John Horgan swept the glass for eight rebounds in defeat.

Robert Ambros scored seven to lead Ohio State past Iowa, 38-31 to lead off Big Ten action. Brad Bailey was a defensive mainstay for Iowa. Padraic Reagan's five critical points and explosive rebounding was all Northwestern needed in its 34-30 win over Michigan. Byran Mannarino had six in defeat.

Dan Dugas combined a multitude of assists with a strong defensive effort as Penn State upended Indiana, 32-21. Nick Russo swished in a pair of jumpers for the losers. Despite Brian Geurtze's long range jumpers, Purdue bested Michigan State, 28-21. Seth Odell had four in defeat. Minnesota, behind Eric Hunter's nine points, beat Wisconsin, 36-18. Matt Drislane had eight in the loss.

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Shortell helps BC top Columbia

By Jennifer Hahn

The Bethlehem girls basketball team improved its record to 11-2 last week with wins over Niskayuna and Columbia.

Last Wednesday the girls had a tremendous first quarter, outscoring Niskayuna, 18-4. The Eagles continued to dominate as they posted a 22-point lead at halftime. The Bethlehem defense was up to the task as well as the Eagles soared to a 52-29 victory.

"Everyone on the team played hard," said coach Kim Zornow. "We played four good quarters. I was happy with the good teamwork."

Basketball

The Eagles' balanced scoring attack was led by Nicole Conway with nine points. Katie Sherwin contributed eight and Laura Delvecchio pitched in with seven, including a three-point goal.

The game against Columbia last Friday was tight until the fourth quarter when the Eagles broke away on their way to a 50-34 win.

Kiley Shortell hit three, three-pointers in the second half on her way to a 21-point effort for the

evening. Conway scored 10.

BC's superb defense also contributed to the Eagles victory. Sherwin had four steals and Shortell cleaned the boards for 14 rebounds.

"The team was able to make adjustments and play good defense in the second half," Zornow said. "Kiley (Shortell) was able to open up our outside game, and this helped our offense."

"Kiley broke the school record by scoring five, three-point goals."

The team will try to keep its four-game winning streak alive against Burnt Hills on Saturday.

The pickings seem easy for V'ville girls

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls basketball team continued to make its regular season look easy last week with another impressive win over a Colonial Council opponent.

With a win over Cohoes last Tuesday, the Blackbirds improved their record to 9-0 in the league, and 12-0 overall.

The Blackbirds came out early and took the lead as they almost always do. They used a tough zone press to cause many Cohoes turnovers. They led 8-2 after the first period, and by 12 points at the half. Cohoes played Voorheesville

evenly in the second half, but in the end, it was not enough, as the 'Birds won by a score of 44-33.

Becky Dawson was the catalyst for Voorheesville, as she poured in 14 points to go along with 14 rebounds. High-scoring Jane Meade was held to only 10 points, while Kristin Person and Jen Adams chipped in with eight and seven points, respectively.

The girls are now three games ahead of their nearest rival in the Colonial Council. They are entering a stretch that includes tough games against Averill Park, Holy Names, and Schalmont.

Cosmos win another tournament

The Bethlehem Cosmos Under-10 boys soccer team captured their second consecutive title, finishing first in the Colonie Indoor Soccer Tournament held recently at Colonie High School.

The tournament, which consisted of five teams, was structured in a round-robin format. The Cosmos had little difficulty defeating Greenbush in the tournament opener, 4-0. Goals were scored by Seth Reinhardt, Jamie Collins and Stephen Strait, who had a pair of goals. Matt Kidd has several saves in goal.

The Cosmos went on to defeat Clifton Park in their second game, 2-1. Clifton Park scored first on a loose ball in front of the Cosmos' goal. Strait tied the game with about five minutes remaining. Soon after, Matt Narode scored the winning goal with a few minutes remaining. David Brewster made several saves in goal for the Cosmos.

"This game had me worried," said coach Jeff Gonzalez. "We had plenty of opportunities to score but were simply unlucky."

In the third game, the Cosmos defeated Colonie, 3-0. Reinhardt

put the Cosmos on the scoreboard, and Narode followed with a pair of goals. Kidd earned the shutout in goal.

The Cosmos defeated the Clifton Park "E" team, 3-0, in their final game. Goals were scored by Kidd and Narode. Brewster earned the shutout in goal. Assisting the Cosmos on offense were Kyle Batchelor, Nathaniel Drake, Philip Kovac and Chris McGann.

Gonzalez credited the tournament victory in large part to the defensive efforts put forth by Collins and Luke Sullivan.

A mixed bag for boys

By Adam Cole

The Voorheesville boys basketball team jumped out to a first-quarter lead against Cohoes last week and hung on for a 61-56 victory.

The Blackbirds benefitted from a career night from senior forward Andy Bayus who poured in 21 points and pulled down 17 rebounds.

Seniors Michael Beadnell and Joe Robichaud added 13 and 11 points respectively.

Coach Bill Logan said moving Bayus "down low" helped him step up his game.

"Andy played great, and he loves it inside. It was a great game. All five starters are playing great

together."

The Blackbirds moved on to Averill Park last Saturday where they lost a tough game, 64-60.

Logan said the main problem was a lack of production from his bench.

Beadnell was the top scorer with 17, while John Christianson scored 13. Robichaud and Bayus each chipped in 11.

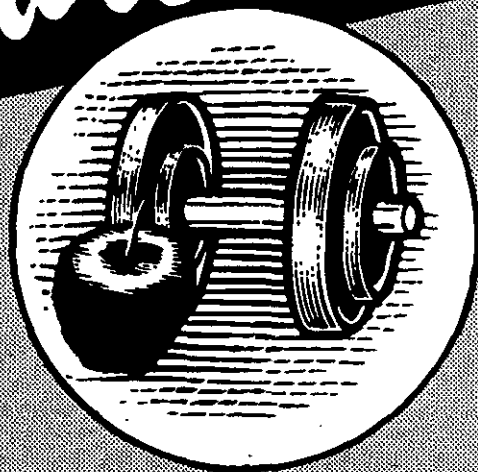
Logan praised senior center Jason Patterson who had eight points, eight assists and five rebounds against Averill Park.

"Jason had his career night," Logan said. "I like what he does with the ball."

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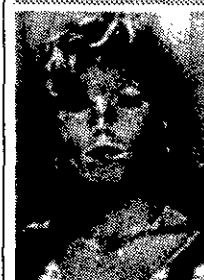
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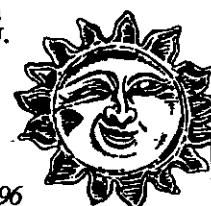
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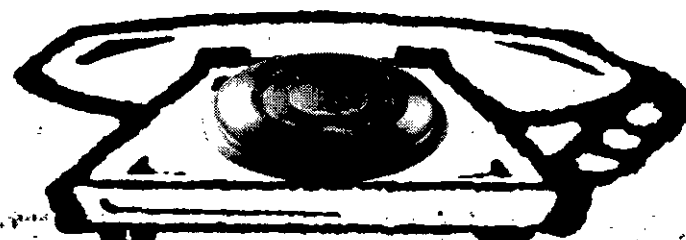
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Cops

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"trained professionals who work daily with youth, and can help us, especially with at-risk students," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

Students who attend school board meetings as a requirement of their Participation in Government class usually do not participate in the meeting, but after board member Dr. Stuart Lyman asked what they thought of the new school resource officer, the response was immediate and negative.

"The gun is the big issue; it thickens the air in the school,"

Gardening calendar shares tips, classes

The 1996 Capital Regional Gardening Calendar is now available. The calendar includes many horticulture tips, programs and classes, as well as a list of area professional horticulture suppliers and services.

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said Debbi Kerness.

"This is not a particularly violent school," said Anna Groper. "I'm uneasy that he's carrying a gun. I feel that it's unnecessary."

Groper added that the in-school police officer, plus a new "campus supervisor/hall monitor," have added to the atmosphere of "being under constant supervision... an endless Gestapo in school."

"I'm skeptical about the program, about how many students will consult with the school resource officer," said John Kuta, adding that neither the student body nor the shared decision-making committee were "made aware to the extent they should have been" prior to the program's start.

High school Principal Jon Hunter said that Rinaldi has "been in a number of classes and has worked with teachers" in his first two weeks on the job.

Hunter added that Rinaldi has a desk in the main office.

"There will be a decrease in tension as students get to know" Rinaldi, board president Pamela Williams said.

Learn snowshoeing at Five Rivers

A snowshoe workshop will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The indoor portion of the program will focus on the history of snowshoes, snowshoe types and where to buy them. The session will be followed by an outdoor demonstration of snowshoe techniques, followed by a walk on snowshoes.

Pre-registration is required. The center has some snowshoes for use.

For information, contact Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Business group meets

The February meeting of the Bethlehem Business Women's Club will be held at the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a presentation by John Pelizza of Russell Sage College.

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Area nursery school to hold open house

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Supermarket

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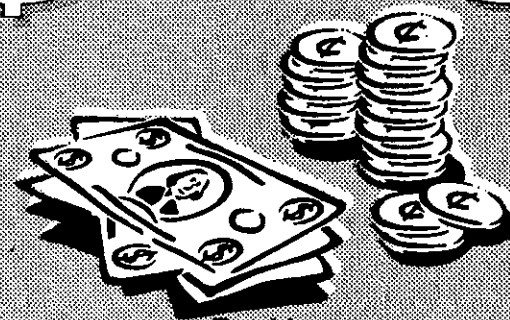
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- First lady Nancy Reagan wrote a letter commending Voorheesville Girl Scouts Susan Arthur, Jennifer Timmis and Sharon Smith for their booklet outlining the dangers of drug abuse.

- Kenneth Connolly resigned as chairman of the New Scotland Republican Party and announced his intention to run for Voorheesville village justice. Connolly had been New Scotland town justice for four years until he was upset by Democrat Cynthia LaFave in 1983.

- The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce honored local McDonald's franchisees Dan and Andrea Formica as business persons of the year and active volunteer Lillian Weiler as citizen of the year.

- A state fact-finder recommended an 18 percent salary hike over two years for teachers in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district. The teachers had been seeking 16 percent annual raises.

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Nature walkers to look for winter blue jays

A guided walk will be offered on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead the group on an outdoor walk focusing on the lifestyle of the blue jay. Other birds will also be noted.

Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, contact Five Rivers at 475-0291.



Kristen Jones and Jamison Hawthorne

Jones, Hawthorne to marry

Kristen Mackenzie Jones, daughter of Craig and Eileen Jones of Slingerlands, and Jamison L. Hawthorne, son of Suellen Hawthorne of Lufkin, Texas, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Illinois, where she was a varsity tennis

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Making a difference

Take time to check out the large bulletin board at the Bethlehem Public Library. The "World of Difference" program at Bethlehem Central High School is featured. The "World of Difference" is a peer leadership program that focuses on ways to combat prejudice and promote student awareness of and sensitivity to cultural, racial and religious issues. The goals of the training are to provide an understanding of prejudice and discrimination and the harm they inflict on society, to provide techniques for challenging prejudice and discrimination, and to encourage each person to take personal responsibility for combatting prejudice. The "World of Difference" peer leaders at the high school are planning many worthwhile projects.

One "World of Difference" initiative is a day-long interactive workshop for every ninth grade homeroom. All ninth graders will have the opportunity to develop new insights about their own culture, examine differences and develop a sense of appreciation, respect and value for others.

Students who have gone through the training have said it is a very important program, and that they will use strategies they learned to convince others about their biases.



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Tracy and Thomas Keppler

Tucker, Keppler marry

Tracy Ann Tucker, daughter of Thomas and Judy Tucker of Ravena, and Thomas John Keppler, son of John Keppler of Westerlo and Joan Keppler of Glenmont, were married Sept. 16.

The Rev. Vincent Ciotoli performed the ceremony in St. Patrick's Church in Ravena, with the reception following at the Pegasus restaurant in West Cossackie.

The matron of honor was Marsha Deragon, and bridesmaids were Jennifer Tucker, the bride's sister, and Terri Woolford.

The best man was Joseph Conway, the groom's cousin, and ushers were Christopher Jacques and Kenneth McNeile.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Columbia-Greene Community College. She is employed as a receptionist by the W.B. Macomber Group in Albany.

The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is part-owner of K and F Construction in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple lives in Feura Bush.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Sydney Nicole Snyder, to Stacey and Curtis Snyder, Voorheesville, Nov. 10.

Girl, Alexandra Doniger MacAffer, to Pamela and John MacAffer, Slingerlands, Nov. 18.

Boy, Nathan A. Swyer, to Debra and Mark Swyer, Slingerlands, Nov. 19.

St. Clare's Hospital

Boy, Matthew Jonathan Walsh, to Marcia and Tom Walsh, Elmsmere, Nov. 30.

Correction

Due to a transcription error, the parents of a newborn were misidentified in last week's edition. The correct information is:

Boy, Owen Caverly Pace, to Susan Wooster and David Pace, Delmar, Dec. 28.

Dean's List

The following local college students were recently named to the fall semester dean's lists at their respective schools.

Johnson State College — Kelley Newell of Delmar.

SUNY Potsdam — Jennifer Mallery (president's list) and Nina Teresi, both of Delmar.



Leann and Slade Warner

Stokoe, Warner marry

Leann Stokoe, daughter of former Delmar residents John Barbara Stokoe of Bristol, N.H., and Slade Warner, son of Joseph Warner of Millbrook, Dutchess County, and the late Joella Warner, were married July 15.

The Rev. Susan Hoffman performed the ceremony in the Sunset Hill Inn in Sugar Hill, N.H., where the reception followed.

The matron of honor was Lynda Wade, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Lisa Barrett, the bride's sister, and Rachel Phelps, the groom's sister.

The best man was Daniel Brown, and ushers were Christopher Shotwell and Joseph Friedericks.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Plymouth State College. She is a teacher at Plymouth Elementary School in Plymouth, N.H.

The groom, also a graduate of Plymouth State, is a recreational specialist at Waterville Valley resort in Waterville Valley, N.H.

After a wedding trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands, the couple lives in Plymouth.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Anti-smokers launch teenage crackdown

The Capital District Tobacco-Free Coalition has started its "No Ifs, Ands or Butts" campaign to urge tobacco vendors to comply with New York State's Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act. The act requires that vendors obtain positive proof of age from all persons attempting to purchase tobacco products.

For information regarding the campaign, call 459-4197.

Volunteers needed to deliver senior meals

The St. Peter's Hospital Mobile Meals Program is seeking volunteers who can spend 90 minutes a week delivering meals to home-bound seniors.

A flexible schedule between 10:30 a.m. and noon is available, as well as a choice of days.

To register, call the hospital's volunteer office at 454-1515.



Snowflake Carnival set for Saturday

The Glenmont School Snowflake Carnival will take place on Saturday, Jan. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. at the school on Route 9W.

The event offers visitors a chance to play games such as Hockey Slapshot, Tip the Cat, Smack a Pooch and Birthday Cube.

There will also be a raffle featuring a grand prize trip to St. Croix. For information, call 434-3473.

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Obituaries

Richard French Sr.

Richard W. French Sr., 84, of Delmar died Friday, Jan. 19, at his home.

Born in Winthrop, Mass., he received a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University. He moved to Delmar six years ago.

Mr. French retired in 1974 as treasurer of the Harvard Trust Co., now the Bay-Bank/Harvard Trust, in Cambridge, Mass.

He was a member of the Winchester Unitarian Church in Winthrop and Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

He was husband of the late Anne Sundvall French.

Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth F. Loomis of Glenmont; a son, the Rev. Richard W. French Jr. of Sudbury, Ontario; and three grandchildren.

Mr. French was the father-in-law of Leslie Loomis, superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial will be in Lynnfield, Mass.

Jessie Slingerland

Jessie Slingerland, 94, of Melrose, Mass., and a former Selkirk resident, died Friday, Jan. 19, at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital.

Born in Broughty Ferry, Scotland, she came to the United States when she was 17-years-old. She lived in Selkirk for more than 40 years and in Albany for seven years before moving to Melrose.

Mrs. Slingerland was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Arthur V. Slingerland.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria B. Hummer of Glenmont; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Robinson Funeral Home in Melrose.

Local arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home. Today, Jan. 24, a service is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Evelyn M. Farny

Evelyn M. Farny, 76, of Western Avenue in Slingerlands, died Monday, Jan. 15, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Green Island, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

From 1940 to 1943, Mrs. Farny served in the U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Valentin P. Farny; two daughters, Kathleen Connell of Litchfield Park, Ariz., and Peggy Ann McGee of Webster City, Iowa; a son, Val P. Farny of Doylestown, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

Services were private.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Van Owen Wilkie

Van Owen Wilkie, 41, of Upper Flat Rock Road in Clarksville, died Monday, Jan. 15, at his home.

Born in Watertown, Jefferson County, he was a longtime resident of Clarksville.

Mr. Wilkie served in the Army from 1981 to 1992, when he retired because of a disability.

He participated in many area bowling leagues.

Survivors include his mother, Beverly Cisco Wilkie of Clarksville; a brother, DeWayne Wilkie of Homestead, Fla.; and a sister, Wendy Wilkie of Clarksville.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial will be in the spring.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad, Clarksville 12041.

Florence Maugere

Florence Maugere of Glenmont died Sunday, Jan. 21, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Athens, Greene County, she was the owner of the Lark Tavern on Madison Avenue in Albany since 1974.

Survivors include her husband,

John Maugere, and a daughter, Gail Maugere of Florida.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today, Jan. 24, at the Chicorelli Funeral Home, 311 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Coxsackie.

Contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Northeastern New York Chapter, 132 State St., Albany 12207.

Reaction welcomed on transportation draft

Groups and individuals will have an opportunity to react to proposed File 5.2.1 dealing with the transportation of students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District prior to its recommendation at the board of education meeting on Monday, Feb. 26.

Written comments should be addressed to William Schwartz, superintendent of schools, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk 12158.

Nature center hosting outdoor bird walk

A bird walk will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead the group on an outdoor walk on center grounds looking for evidence of birds that are active during the season.

Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, contact Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Session to focus on Adirondack novels

The third program of the series "Adirondack Aspects" will be presented on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Dr. Jack VanDerhoof will speak on novelists who have set their work in the Adirondack region.

VanDerhoof is a professor emeritus of history at Russell Sage College. The history and legends of the area have been a subject of his study, lectures and writings for many years.

For information, contact the library at 439-9314.

Hamagrael Preschool planning open house

Parents interested in enrolling their 3- and 4-year-olds in the Hamagrael Preschool, located in the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, are invited to attend an open house on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from noon to 1 p.m.

For information, call 439-5254 or 439-8515.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Paperboard box recycling is very popular with town residents. The bin will be utilized in February and March for other items and return in April to collection of the single-layer boxes. Please continue to save them for the next collection.

The Town of Bethlehem is planning an experimental collection of worn-out, paperback books and outdated hardcover textbooks from Thursday, Feb. 1, through Friday, Feb. 23.

The bin will be at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The town has had a recycling bin for outdated textbooks at the Rupert Road Transfer Station since 1993.

The paperbacks will be sent to Kruger Recycling Inc. in the Port of Albany. The hardcover books are recycled at Ash Trading Co. in Menands.

In 1992 and '93, Bethlehem Work on Waste had two recycling, reuse days when a half ton of pa-

perbacks and 4.8 tons of hardcover books were recycled and an equal or greater number of books were donated to various organizations.

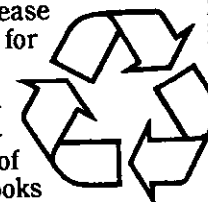
Many charities and second-hand bookstores are seeking reading materials. The town bin is a recycling-only receptacle.

Books with gold or silver edgings are not acceptable. The metallic coating is a contaminant in the recycling process. If there is metal or plastic binding on softcover books or document, remove the binding.

Acceptable books include: manuals, atlases, crossword puzzle books, school review books, elementary workbooks, worn-out books, outdated textbooks and encyclopedias.

Magazines, catalogues, telephone directories and metallic-edged publications are unacceptable.

Telephone books will be collected in March and again in July.



Troy Junior Museum slates workshops and classes

The Junior Museum, located at 282 Fifth Ave. in Troy, will host several workshops during the upcoming months.

"American Girls Dolls," geared towards children ages 7 and up, will focus on different periods in American history and crafts associated with them. Classes will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on March 23 and 30, April 13 and 27, and May 11. The cost for all five classes is \$50, or \$10 per class.

The "American Girls Writing Series" will concentrate on developing writing skills for children ages 8 and up through the use of journals, brainstorming, research, library media, drafting, and peer discussion. The \$55 program will be held on Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on March 9 and 23, April 6 and 20, and May 4 and 18. Participants will receive a certificate of achievement after completing the program.

The museum will hold several workshops each day from 9:30 to 11 a.m. during Presidents' Week.

On Feb. 19, "The Days of George Washington" will focus on the president's life; on Feb. 20, "Dinosaur Defenses: Teeth, Spikes, Horns and Claws!" will concentrate on the extinct creatures.

A family bus trip to the Metropolitan Museum in Manhattan, costing \$34 for adults and \$32 for children, will take place on Feb. 21. The bus will leave the Troy museum at 7 a.m.

A treasure hunt for preschoolers will take place on Feb. 22. The week will cap off with "Bird Brains" on Feb. 23. The workshops cost \$7 per person (\$5 for members).

Admission to the museum, which is open Mondays through Fridays from noon to 5 p.m., is included with admission to the workshops.

On Friday, Feb. 6, storyteller Mary Murphy will teach parents how to enchant their children with stories at the museum from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop costs \$10 per person.

Pre-registration is required for all programs. For information, the museum can be reached at 235-6836.

Kindergarten signups slated for RCS

Registration for all children in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District entering kindergarten in September will be held at the A.W. Becker Elementary School this Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 1 to 3:05 p.m. and at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 1:05 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

To be eligible to enter kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 1996. Parents are asked to bring a birth certificate with them on registration day. Health records are not necessary at this time.

Two registration sessions will be held. Parents and children should attend session I if their

child's last name begins with A-L, or session II if their child's last name begins with M-Z.

For information, call 756-8190.

Mothers' Time Out to meet on Monday

Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Monday, Jan. 29, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Child care will be provided. For more information, call 439-9929.

Death Notices

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

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

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

'Prairie' tales hit Egg stage for first time

By Joshua Kagan

The classic children's tales of the "Little House on the Prairie" series will be brought to life in a Broadway-style musical adaptation this week at the Egg Center at the Egg.

ArtsPower National Touring Theatre will present "Laura Ingalls Wilder — Growing Up on the Prairie" on Friday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. A show for school groups will be performed at 10:30 a.m., Friday.

"The production reflects a real Broadway feel," Mark Blackman, co-founder of ArtsPower, said. "It has a powerful story. The sets and costumes are excellent. The show is top-notch."

Blackman said the show is "a separate and unique production" from Wilder's books. It is based on biographies of the popular author, but also bears similarities to her books, which are semi-autobiographical. The show chronicles the adventures of Wilder and her family as they traveled across the frontier. Those experiences led the author to write the series of books which made her famous.

"Growing Up on the Prairie" is a new show and is on tour for the first time this winter. This is also the first time the ArtsPower troupe, based in Ridgewood, N.J., will perform at the Egg.

The play features music by Richard DeRosa and lyrics by Greg Gunning. "It's Broadway-quality music," Blackman said. "(DeRosa) is a wonderful composer. The music is really special in this production. It enhances the production in general and emphasizes parts of the show we want to bring forth. Music really adds emotion to the show."

The ArtsPower musical theater group was founded in 1985 by Blackman and his identical twin brother, Gary. The brothers, who are both jazz musicians, began it as a music production company. They began producing plays in 1989, including "Anne of Green Gables," "Hans Brinker & the Silver Skates," "Fourscore



Holly Goldman is Laura Ingalls and Ken Bolander plays her father, Charles "Pa" Ingalls in, "Laura Ingalls Wilder: Growing Up On The Prairie," the stage version of the classic children's series. The show runs at the Egg at the Empire State Plaza Friday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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and Seven Years Ago," "Beyond the Miracle" and "Olympic Spirit: The Jesse Owens Story."

"They're productions for young people and their families," Mark Blackman said. "You and I will enjoy it too, whether we

bring the kids or not."

He said the newest musical is appropriate for children ages 7 and older.

During its 1995-96 season, the company's 10th anniversary season, ArtsPower will give 500 performances

and hands-on workshops to almost 300,000 people.

Tickets to the evening show cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. Tickets for the morning show cost \$5. Kim Engel, marketing and event manager for the Egg, said tickets may not be available much longer.

"Tickets are going really fast," she said. "They will eventually sell out, it's just a matter of when."

For information or to buy tickets, call the Egg box office at 473-1845.

New musical debuts at NYS Theater with production of *The Silver Skates*

The second of five musicals commissioned by Warner Music Group will be presented by the New York State Theatre Institute Sunday, Feb. 4 for a two-week premiere run.

Based on the book by Mary Mapes Dodge about the Dutch boy who seeks to win a skating race to help his father, the musical takes place on the frozen canals of Holland in a late 19th century town.

Playwright Lanie Robertson has adapted this book with the music of Byron Janis and George David Weiss and lyrics by Weiss. If Weiss sounds familiar, he's the Broadway and Hollywood lyricist who wrote the lyrics for last year's premiere of *A Tale of Cinderella* at the New York State Theatre. It too was financed by the Warner Music Group's grant.

English director Colin Graham is staging this musical at the Schacht Theater on the Russell Sage College campus in Troy. Graham staged more than 350 productions in his native England and was an artistic director of Benjamin Britten's English Opera Group. He now lives in the United States.

A recent Carnegie Mellon University theater graduate, Matthew Stocke, plays the lead role of Hans Brinker. Kate Hettesheimer, a ninth-grader at Albany High School, plays his sister. She played Helen Keller in a the Theatre Institute's production of *The Miracle Worker* in 1994. The Theatre Institute acting company play supporting roles in this production as New York actors have been recruited for the major roles. Most of the local resident actors played leads in *A Tale of Cinderella* in December and will be performing in larger roles in later spring productions.

The *Silver Skates* continues through February 17.

Info and reservations are available at 274-3256.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Pulitzer Prize play by Beth Henley opens at Schenectady Civic Theater

Beth Henley's play about small town residents in Mississippi opens Friday, (Jan. 26) at the Schenectady Civic Playhouse with Kathryn Poppino staging the play.

Crimes of the Heart deals with three sisters caught up in their own eccentric relationship when one is on trial for shooting her husband.

Patricia Kerton, Sara Stasko and Eva Dolan play the sisters. Kerton has worked previously with the Schenectady Civic Players but the other two actresses are making their Schenectady debuts. Stasko appeared in productions at Russell Sage College in Troy where she minored in theater. Dolan has worked in three productions for the Home Made Theater in Saratoga Springs.

The production continues through February 4 with 5 p.m. matinees on both Sundays of the run.

Information and reservations available at 382-2081.

Three-character play offered by Theater Voices in Albany

This weekend, Eleanor Koblenz, one of the founders of Theater Voices will direct a staged reading of the three-character Nicholas Wright play, *Mrs. Klein*, at the Albany City Arts Building at Chapel and Orange Street.

These performances will be presented Friday (Jan. 26) at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3:30 and 8 p.m., and Sun. at 3 p.m.

The play features Eileen Schuyler as Mrs. Klein, a celebrated and controversial German child psychiatrist who emigrated to London in the 1930s. A Freudian disciple, in the play she must contend with her daughter's disagreement with her methods.

Sue Caputo and Carolyn Salt play the daughter and a third analyst.

Theater Voices produces plays as staged readings four times a year and follows them with a broadcast over WAMC, the public radio station with a four-state range.

Admission is free.

Albany Civic Theater adds performances of *Jeffrey*

The production of the romantic comedy, *Jeffrey*, about sex in the age of AIDS has been extended two more performances by the Albany Civic Theater this weekend after a run which was sold out the previous three weekends.

Jeffrey by Paul Rudnick will be presented Friday and Saturday nights (Jan. 26-27) at 8 p.m. at the converted Second Avenue firehouse. The production is staged by Doug deLisle. Reservations at 462-1297.

Around Theaters!

State Fair, stage adaptation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's movie musical at Proctor's Theater on Jan. 30 and 31 (346-6204). *Talley's Folly*, two-character play at Capital Repertory Company in Albany through Feb. 4. (462-4534).



Martin P. Kelly

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THEATER

"TALLEY'S FOLLY"
romance by Lanford Wilson, The Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 4, tickets \$18 to \$32. Information, 462-4531.

"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.

A SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL

evening of short plays, Foy Theatre, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Friday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

"STATE FAIR"

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 30 and 31, 8 p.m., \$29.50. Information, 346-1083.

"MRS. KLEIN"

staged reading by Theater Voices of Albany, Albany City Gallery, upper floor, Chapel and Orange Streets, Albany, Jan. 26 through 28, 3 and 8 p.m. Information, 439-6404.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER

guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 7 to 11 p.m.

VIRGINIA TRAYER AND CATHERINE MILLER

violin and piano music, Barnes and Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Thursday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

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Barnes and Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

CARLOS CHAVEZ STRING QUARTET

SUNYA Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, Friday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

MAHALIA

music presented by Troupe America, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., \$23. Information, 473-1845.

MICHAEL ECK

singer/songwriter, Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

OUT OF CONTROL RHYTHM AND BLUES BAND

The Metro, Maple Street, Saratoga Springs, Friday, Jan. 26, 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

CAMILLE WEST

songwriter-comedian, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, Jan. 26, \$10. Information, 434-1703.

IRENA JAROCKA

pop singer, The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, Jan. 27, \$10. Information, 434-1703.

MANHATTAN STRING QUARTET

Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Avenue, Troy, Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., \$14. Information, 273-8135.

OLD SONGS SAMPLER CONCERT

Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 765-2815.

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., Sisterville, W.Va. 26175. Information, 304-652-149.

THEATER AUDITIONS

for "The Secret Garden," auditions for children on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m., adults Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Thursday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m., Opera House, 826 State St., Schenectady. Information, 374-9566.

CLASSES

DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. 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.

CREATIVITY AND COLLAGE: ART WORKSHOP

New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 to 4 p.m., \$18. Information, 474-5801.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

"KNOW SNOW AS ART"

family program, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 to 4 p.m., \$15. Information, 463-4478.

"GROWING UP ON THE PRAIRIE"

new play depicting the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Friday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Information, 473-1845.

FILM

SHORT FILMS

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

LITERATURE

OPEN-MIC POETRY

hosted by Bob Comenole, Barnes and Noble, 25 Wolf Road, Colonie, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

POETS' OPEN MIC

QE2, 12 Central Ave., Albany, Monday, Jan. 29, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., suggested donation of \$2. Information, 438-6314.

GALWAY KINNELL

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet to read from his work, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, on the University at Albany's uptown campus, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Information, 372-0785.

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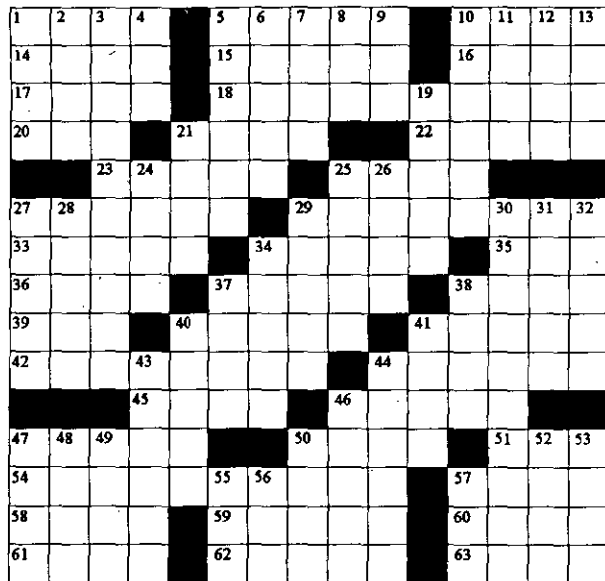
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- 22 View
- 23 Monsters
- 25 Half a locomotive sound
- 27 Dropped
- 29 1995 Ms. America
- 33 Finished
- 34 Venetian blind parts
- 35 Wood sorrel
- 36 Coin
- 37 Form
- 38 Book of the Bible
- 39 Lizard
- 40 Cowboys garb
- 41 Cavalry communicator
- 42 1995 new NFL team
- 44 Actress Bette
- 45 Sham
- 46 Ms. Callas
- 47 Flower
- 50 Agent 007
- 51 TV tape player
- 54 1995 Tony Winner
- 57 Track event
- 58 Peruse
- 59 West Point resident
- 60 Soon
- 61 Pointed tools
- 62 Garnish
- 63 1995 US Open Winner

DOWN

- 1 1995 cinema Forrest
- 2 Ron Howard role
- 3 1995 trial subject
- 4 Compass point



- 5 1995 baseball record setter
- 6 Aromas
- 7 Ten:Prefix
- 8 Bible ref.
- 9 Word with degree
- 10 Auto part
- 11 Scads
- 12 Rat- -
- 13 Space agcy.
- 19 Admits
- 21 Mined
- 24 Gaiety
- 25 Cowboy garb
- 26 Detest
- 27 Disgusted:2 wds
- 28 Singer Baker
- 29 Hits
- 30 1995 Series MVP
- 31 Parisian school
- 32 Word with disk or printer
- 34 Portion
- 37 Mother cats
- 38 Car

- 40 Seethe
- 41 Wren
- 43 Crazes
- 44 Painter Edouard & family
- 46 Hebrew prophet
- 47 City in India
- 48 Large amount
- 49 Bluish green
- 50 Omen
- 52 Congeal
- 53 Ms. Russo
- 55 WPA kin
- 56 Roman spirit
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AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 24
ALBANY COUNTY
BEREAVEMENT EDUCATION
SERIES

for all who have lost a loved one, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-1686.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

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

FARMERS' MARKET

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS
MEETING

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

THURSDAY
JANUARY 25
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.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP
Office of Doctors Jacobs & Lee, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 783-5656.

THE QUEST

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

FARMERS' MARKET

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

SENIOR CHORALE

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

SARATOGA COUNTY
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
FOR MOTHERS ONLY

Informal support group discussing the transition into parenthood, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

FRIDAY
JANUARY 26
ALBANY COUNTY
BROOK'S BARBECUE

chicken barbecue, Altamont Elementary School, Grand Street, Altamont, 4 to 7 p.m. snow date Feb. 2. Information, 356-5878.

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

"A Sermon for Ramadan," B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

"PATRICIA BELLAN-GILLEN: PAINTINGS AND PRINTS"

Jan. 26 through Feb. 18, The College of Saint Rose Art Gallery, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., closed Saturday. Information, 454-5102.

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.

SHAKER CHAIR TAPING WORKSHOP

pre-registration required by Jan. 26 for Feb. 10 event, participants need to provide their own past and rung chair with the seat removed, New York State Museum, Madison Avenue, Albany, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost, \$62 per person, \$57 for museum members. Information, 474-5842.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 27
ALBANY COUNTY
COMMUNITY FIRST AID AND SAFETY

9 hour course to teach basic first aid skills, pre-registration required, Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost, \$45. Information, 433-0151.

"THE DOGS OF DESIRE"

Albany Symphony Orchestra's Multi-Media Orchestra to perform new works, St. Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Cost, \$10 for the public, \$8 with St. Rose I.D. Information, 465-4663.

SUNDAY
JANUARY 28
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 Avenue, Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

DISTANCE RACES

5, 15 and 30 K races, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 286-3070.

MONDAY
JANUARY 29
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

WELLNESS GROUP

counseling and support for adults with life-threatening illnesses, lead by Rev. John J. Malecki, Ph.D., C.A.C., Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., Albany, Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Cost, \$15 per session. Information, 489-4431.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

TUESDAY
JANUARY 30
ALBANY COUNTY
DOANE STUART OPEN HOUSE

for parents of prospective students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 465-5222, ext. 209.

TRUE FRIENDS

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

BINGO

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

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.

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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 24, 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 in addition to the events 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 24, 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 re-

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Wilson Properties, LLC.

SECOND: The County of the office of the Company in this State is Albany.

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. Hart, Organizer;
Harold S. Wilson, Jr., Organizer.
(January 24, 1996)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF

HAROLD W. WILSON, JR., D.D.S. AND JOSEPH J. HART, D.M.D., LLP

UNDER SECTION 121-1500(A) OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: HAROLD W. WILSON, JR., D.D.S. AND JOSEPH J. HART, D.M.D., LLP

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership is: 840 Kenwood Avenue, Slingerlands, New York 12159.

THIRD: The profession to be practiced by such partnership is dentistry and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: 840 Kenwood Ave., Slingerlands, New York 12159-0189.

FIFTH: The future effective date of this registration is: January 1, 1996.

SIXTH: The partnership, which is without limited partners, is filing this registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

SEVENTH: All partners are to be liable in their capacity as partners for all debts, obligations or

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liability partnership.

DATED: November 24, 1995.

s/Harold W. Wilson, Jr., D.D.S., Partner
s/Joseph J. Hart, D.M.D., Partner
(January 24, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Lightening Legal Services, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 19, 1995, effective date January 1, 1996. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o P.O. Box 9132, Albany, NY 12209. The latest date the LLC is to dissolve is: 12/31/2034. 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 LLC Law.
(January 24, 1996)

CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OF CUSICK, HACKER & MURPHY, LLP
UNDER SECTION 121-1500(A) OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: CUSICK, HACKER & MURPHY, LLP

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is: 7 Airport Park Boulevard, PO Box 104, Latham, County of Albany, NY 12110.

THIRD: The profession to be practiced by such partnership without limited partners is: the practice of law and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: 7 Airport Park Boulevard, PO Box 104, Latham, NY 12110.

FIFTH: The registration was effective on January 9, 1996.

SIXTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registered for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

s/James E. Hacker
CUSICK, HACKER & MURPHY
7 Airport Park Boulevard
PO Box 104
Latham, NY 12110
(518) 783-3843

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CONTRACTORS ALLIANCE, LLC
UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: CONTRACTORS ALLIANCE, LLC.

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

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: December 31, 2025.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process served against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o BREAKELL & COUCH P.C.

11 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by: A Board of Managers consisting of one Manager appointed by each Member.

SIXTH: The members of the limited liability company will not be liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company by reason of their membership.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 2nd day of January, 1996, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
s/MARK W. COUCH, Organizer
(January 24, 1996)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF CLOUGH, HARBOUR & ASSOCIATES, LLP
Under Section 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Clough, Harbour & Associates, LLP.
SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is 111 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205-0269.

THIRD: The professions to be practiced by such partnership without limited partners is professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to Section 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the

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ship upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 111 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205-0269.

FIFTH: The future effective date of the registration is January 1, 1996.

SIXTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

William A. Harbour,
President
(January 24, 1996)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY STATEWOOD REALTY, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above named Limited Liability Company has been formed for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Statewood Realty, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on December 21, 1995.

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

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as the agent for the Limited Liability Company upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served and the address within the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process in any action or proceeding against the Limited Liability Company which may be served upon him is 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. The Limited Liability Company does not have a registered agent within the State of New York.

5. The character of the business to be transacted by the Limited Liability Company is the ownership and management of real estate.
(January 24, 1996)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WOODSTATE APARTMENTS, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above named Limited Liability Company has been formed for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Woodstate Apartments, LLC.

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were filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on December 21, 1995.

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

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as the agent for the Limited Liability Company upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served and the address within the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process in any action or proceeding against the Limited Liability Company which may be served upon him is 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. The Limited Liability Company does not have a registered agent within the State of New York.

5. The character of the business to be transacted by the Limited Liability Company is the ownership and management of real estate.
(January 24, 1996)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District agree to bid jointly with other school districts and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Putnam/Northern Westchester Counties and respectively invite the submission of Sealed Bids as follows:

SCHOOL VANS & BUSES

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 14, 1996 at the office of the Purchasing Agent, School Services Building, Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Putnam/Northern Westchester, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Specifications and bid forms, including Notice to Bidders, General conditions, Special Instructions, Bid Proposal Certification, Bid Form and Detailed Specifications may be obtained at the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Purchasing Department, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598 or by calling (914) 248-2317.

The bids will be analyzed by a Steering Committee of School Business Officials which reserves the right to recommend acceptance of each bid by item, as a group, or as a whole, or in its discretion to reject all bids and to readvertise. Bids opened and read shall remain irrevocable for a period of sixty days. The award of contracts, if at all, shall be made as soon as practicable after the bid opening.

Board of Education
FRANZ K. ZWICKLBAUER
District Clerk

The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 24

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

Fellowship Hall, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

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.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

"FOR BEAUTY'S SAKE"

teen program at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 479-6469.

FAITH TEMPLE

bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

MOUNTAINVIEW

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

THURSDAY
JANUARY 25

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Elsmere 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 26

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

STORY HOUR

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

SATURDAY
JANUARY 27

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

COFFEEHOUSE

live music, gourmet coffees/fruit drinks, Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. \$3 donation.

NEW SCOTLAND

LIFESTORIES WRITING WORKSHOP

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

SUNDAY
JANUARY 28

BETHLEHEM

"A MOMENT IN TIME WITH THE POWHATAN SWIFT EAGLE"

Chief Powhatan will tell stories with music, pre-registration required, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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.

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.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

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

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

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., adult classes, 11 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

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.

THE DRAGON'S EGG

Welsh language group of the Saint David's Society of the Capital District, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 861-4274.

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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

MONDAY
JANUARY 29

BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

TUESDAY
JANUARY 30

BETHLEHEM

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.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OPEN HOUSE light lunch, Coldwell Banker Prime Properties, 214 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 439-9600.

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR

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

NIMBLEFINGERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 1 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 31

BETHLEHEM

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.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 479-6469.

FAITH TEMPLE

bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

STORY HOUR

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

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

AA MEETINGS

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

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB TRAVEL GROUP

"Unique Beauty of Ireland," Bethlehem Public Library Community Room, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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 FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7 to 8 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

HELDEBERG GARDEN CLUB

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

BETHLEHEM

PRESCHOOL FILMS

"There's An Alligator Under My Bed," "Hug Me," and "Norman the Doodman" will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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 FEBRUARY 3

BETHLEHEM

SNOWSHOE WALK

lessons provided, dress warmly, pre-registration required, snowshoes available, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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New Salem Reformed Church, New Scotland Avenue, New Salem, 7:30 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$4 per person, under 5 free. Information, 765-2354.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

BETHLEHEM

SLINGERLANDS COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

for parents of 3 and 4 year olds, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Information, 439-1014.

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.

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SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

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

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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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., adult classes, 11 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

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Pre-registration must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling the YWCA at 438-6608.

Delmar journalist listed in *Who's Who*

Celeste Morga of Delmar, editor of *Narc Officer* and *The International Drug Report* published by the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, has been named to the 50th edition of Marquis' "Who's Who in America." She is also listed in the current editions of "Who's Who of American Women" and "Who's Who in the World."

Morga is one of four journalists from the Albany area in the current issue of "Who's Who in America."

Town library to screen three childrens films

Three films, "There's An Alligator Under My Bed," "Hug Me," and "Norman the Doorman," will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, on Friday, Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m.

The free, drop-in event is open to children ages 3 to 6. The program will last approximately 30 minutes.

For information, contact Polly Hartman at 439-9314.

Bethlehem chamber to hold open house

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold an open house and light luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will be hosted by Coldwell Banker Prime Properties, 214 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

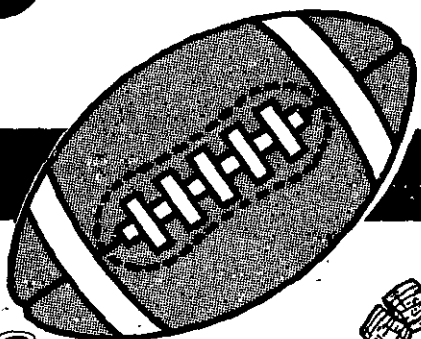
For information, contact the chamber office at 439-0512.

Literary legacies



Susan Riback, far right, coordinator of the Voorheesville Public Library Lifestories Workshop, stands next to Legacies contest winner Todd Swett of Delmar. Other local writers offering congratulations are Murray Block, far left, Simone Schaefer and Janet Pedersen.

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A P R O G R E S S E D I T I O N

Update

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SIX

Good neighbor policy is Spotlight top goal

By Richard Ahlstrom

We have more fun than a barrel of monkeys putting out three newspapers each week and juggling a dozen balls in the air at the same time.

We often ask ourselves, "What are we doing and how are we doing it?" The answers often surprise us.



Ahlstrom

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The regular editorial staff for the Spotlight Newspapers is a blend of veteran reporters and editors, with younger writers who are making their mark in journalism. We take pride in that many of these young women and men have gone on to larger newspapers and

other media where they have excelled. We also are happy that men and women who have spent years in journalism have joined us.

In addition to our staff, high school students report much of the school sports news. These valued writers and photographers allow us to cover school sports in the five high schools in our area. Their parents often contribute by delivering the stories written by the students to the paper, making it a family endeavor.

We strongly believe that youth should have work experience, and so we have three high school students on the staff writing stories, typing copy, and preparing calendar listings. Two middle school interns work in the front office several afternoons during the week. The quality of work of these young people is high calibre, and their contribution is substantial.

We put a lot of effort into community service. We do this in many ways, gathering church, club and association announcements and printing short news items and listing events in the calendars.

We also support teams in Little Leagues and other sports activities with cash contributions.

Since we are in the communications business, one of the places we work with the greatest pleasure is with the Community Partnerships.

Community Partnerships involve small groups of people working on projects that can be accomplished in a short period of time to improve family relationships, provide activities for youth and reduce use of alcohol and drugs. Its ultimate goal is to help make our communities better and safer places to live.

We try to help by printing stories in our papers about the successes of our youth and the partnership.

We also believe that we must



"The Helping Hand," an illustration by nationally-recognized staff cartoonist Hy Rosen, recently netted a media award from the Albany County STOP-DWI program. Editorial cartoons are but one way the Spotlight newspapers support community partnerships to keep youth off drugs.

print stories about the troubles our youth get into so that the community will know that all is not perfect in our towns.

Because the partnerships consist of people from schools, town government, business and parents, activities have been created that weren't possible before. Working together, schools provide the facilities, towns the supervision, making night basketball and places for youth to gather a reality. Police supervise sports in a private health clubs. Business people provide guidance and financial assistance. Parental training classes are made possible. No good idea gets lost or ignored.

Drug and alcohol awareness is a major concern to us since use of these substances causes serious

problems.

Because drunken driving is so deadly, we print a list of all those who are arrested for DWI. Our policy is firm. If you are arrested, your name will appear in the paper. This rule applies to everyone including the publisher of this paper. I have received many a call, even at home, pleading that a name be withheld from publication. None has, even though a few businesses have withdrawn their advertising.

We hope this policy has helped to discourage driving after drinking alcohol.

Our senior editors are also devoted to securing writers for the Point of View column for the edito-

rial pages of *The Spotlight*.

Men and women including the governor of New York state, clergymen, professional people, municipal and arts leaders and citizens of the community offer our readers the benefit of their expertise in their fields and their thoughts on everyday events.

These writers represent the broad range of topical thought that we feel is vital in our mission—to inform our readers.

The many letters we receive each week from our readers for our editorial pages are a tribute to our readers' concern with events that affect all of us.

We find that the opinions in the letters often crystallize the matters at hand. Reader involvement adds vitality to our efforts.

Update

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Bethlehem champions local business

By Susan Graves

The president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is optimistic about the local business climate in 1996.

Marty DeLaney said the chamber has joined with community members and town officials in a grass-roots effort to promote the town and its offerings.

The new group of about 40 chamber members, government officials and residents is called Bethlehem First and has been meeting for several months brainstorming ways to create a more

positive attitude about the local business community.

Part of Bethlehem First's efforts involve "raising people's consciousness about looking to local business before they drive off to the malls of America," DeLaney said.

"There's a growing feeling that many local residents forget about looking in our own back yard," to not only shop but for professional services such as doctors, dentists and lawyers, DeLaney added.

She said the chamber will work to educate the community in the

hopes of drawing more business to local establishments. "You have to be in people's faces. ... You have to try to make residents realize, that they should at least try to stay local," she said.

Bethlehem First will continue to try to create a winning business atmosphere in the town. DeLaney said the group is growing "because people want to promote our community and its businesses and organizations."

"We need to be more positive and upbeat about our community," DeLaney said.

'Who done it' set for Latham chamber

The Latham Area Chamber of Commerce is trying to keep its 11th anniversary a bit of a mystery.

This Friday, Jan. 26, the chamber will celebrate at its annual dinner at the Century House with a murder mystery dinner theater in which members can take part.

"Murder Under the Big Top" will have diners hunting for clues and taking a stab at solving the murderous crime. A trip to Las Vegas will await the grand prize winner.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner and the show will follow at 7 p.m.

Entering its second decade, the

Latham Area Chamber of Commerce serves the needs of hundreds of member businesses. Services include competitive cost health insurance through a choice of providers, dental insurance, a member-to-member discount program, monthly mixers and seminars aimed directly at small businesses.

The chamber staff, headed by Executive Director Nancy Krueger, also advocates on behalf of member businesses at the local, regional and state level. A bi-monthly newsletter keeps members abreast of ongoing developments vital to the chamber membership.

The chamber recently announced its board of directors for this year. Bryan Fox of MLB Industries will take over as chairman and Jeff Schwartz of Statewide Lighting was named chairman-elect. Rounding out the 1996 officers are Lynn Huntington, Land Title Research, secretary; Barry M. Poppel, Poppel and Corey CPA, treasurer; and Gus Berger, Marine Midland Bank, immediate past-chairman.

Cost for the annual dinner is \$42 per person, and is payable to Latham Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 752, Latham 12110. For information or RSVPs, call 785-6995.

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At KingsWay, seniors are treated like royalty

By Cecilia Marquis

For more than two decades KingsWay Senior Residential Community has been catering to the needs of senior citizens.

KingsWay has three facilities on one campus: a nursing center, an adult home and a senior citizen apartment complex at the facility at 323 Kings Road in Schenectady.

"Most people say they are happy here because they're secure knowing that there are other levels of care here on the same campus," said Jean Barnoski, director of marketing and public relations.

Twenty-one years ago the company opened its nursing center for people who need 24-hour skilled nursing care. Currently the nursing center has 160 residents.

A senior citizen apartment complex was opened 10 years ago, for those who want to live independently. Apartment dwellers have on-site activities to keep them busy, and meals at a community dining room are also offered, as are housekeeping services. About 70 residents live in the apartments.

Five years ago, the adult home was opened. This facility is tailored to people who need personal care assistance, for example someone who needs help getting dressed, but is on their own otherwise. About 110 residents live in the adult home.

"If they come to the apartments and then they find that they can't do everything they want to do anymore, they can move next door to the adult home," Barnoski said. "Then if some health problems should arise and they need skilled nursing care, that's right next door. It's all very convenient for them."

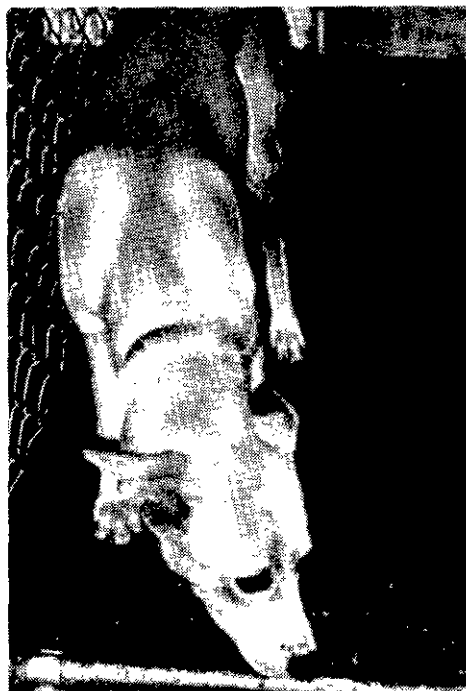
KingsWay is planning a number of projects for this year. The resident rooms at the nursing center are slated to be renovated, with new paint, wallpaper, window coverings and new heaters.

The facility also plans to expand its rehabilitation services to allow more residents to be seen by physical therapists.

People say they are happy here because they're secure knowing that there are other levels of care here on the same campus.

Jean Barnoski

Safe haven



Lady (at left), a 6-month-old female, and Chopper, a 4-month-old house-broken potbellied pig, are two of the orphans currently waiting for homes at the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society. If you're interested in adopting either animal — or any of the many others in the care of the Oakland Avenue, Menands, facility's care — call 434-5501. *Hugh Hewitt*

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Plastic surgeons tackle more than tucks and lifts

By Cecilia Marquis

The quest for eternal youth can take many forms. For some people plastic surgery is the route, but the medical specialty is concerned with much more than just a pretty face.

The Albany Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Center handles a wide range of plastic surgery procedures.

"We do a lot of hand surgery," said Dr. James Edmond, a plastic surgeon and one of four physicians in the practice. The doctors also work to repair congenital defects in children, such as cleft palates.

"We do reconstruction following burns and many reconstructions of the lower extremities following automobile accidents and skiing accidents," said Edmond, who has been practicing for 17 years.

In addition to the four physicians, the practice employs eight people. The office is located at 1 Executive Park Drive in Albany.

In the area of cosmetic surgery the doctors perform a variety of procedures including face lifts and

breast surgeries. One of the cosmetic procedures available is laser facial rejuvenation. It removes wrinkles around the mouth and eyes.

"Prior to the laser we were applying chemicals to the skin in an attempt to take off surface layers of the skin," Edmond said. "But you can't control them very well."

Edmond said patients who needed a bit more than the chemical could respond well to the laser. The procedure is done in the office. It is non-invasive, Edmond added, and can be used by patients with health problems who were unable to undergo more invasive procedures.

The doctors at the Albany Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Center are involved with teaching at Albany Medical College.

"We are very academically oriented," Edmond said. "We're very interested in treating people more on a scientific basis. We have young people looking over our shoulders daily, and we're trying to teach them the right things. I think that makes a lot of difference."

Kinderlane kids



Kinderlane Daycare at 299 Schoolhouse Road in Albany heads into 1996 fresh from recent renovation and expansion work, according to Alison Brehm of Schoolhouse Road Associates, which owns the center. Brehm said that Kinderlane children — like the four pictured above — enjoy the center's large, fenced playground and snack and lunch service; their parents to focus more on its convenient location and New York State-certified staff. For information, call 456-4097.

Hugh Hewitt

Kugler's specializes in family-style warmth

After 18 years in business, Kugler's Red Barn in Schenectady knows the rewards of a commitment to customer service. Kugler's offers top-quality furniture and a wide array of gifts, said co-owner Karen Kugler.

Kugler vowed that the store will continue its tradition of excellence through 1996, noting that the number of repeat customers they see is testimony to the store's quality.

"We're just a 'mom-and-pop' operation, but our motto has always been that you don't have to travel to Vermont to get quality country furniture when we've got it right here," Kugler said.

The "pop" of the operation is Karen's husband, Alan, but the family connections don't end there. The business is managed by Karen's son, Scott Henderson, who got involved about seven years ago.

Kugler said that for the first eight years she ran the business by herself. Her husband got involved when the business became too busy for one person to handle, she said. Alan continues to take a hands-on approach to the operation, while Karen makes most of the business decisions.

Though Kugler's is flourishing, the store remains small enough to preserve its comfortable, cozy atmosphere. Keeping overhead expenses to a minimum, the Kuglers have been able to pass on the savings to their customers.

The Kuglers are active in the community and contribute to local police and fire department fund-raisers. They have also sponsored race cars and bowling teams in the community.

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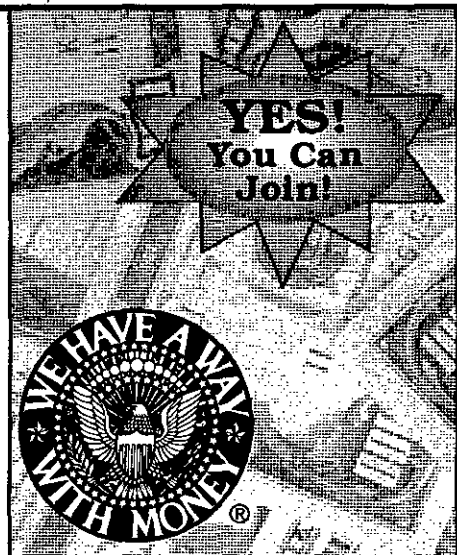
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Open MRI eases patient fears

By Eric Bryant

Taking technology to a higher level is the aim of Albany Open MRI, a unique magnetic resonance imaging facility which provides the only fully open MRI machine in the Capital District.

"We feel what is most important is that we provide the best possible service, quality and comfort," said Dr. Leonard F. Gordon, Albany Open MRI medical director.

Unlike enclosed or partially opened units, Albany Open MRI unit has a revolutionary open air design first made available in the Capital District in 1994. The unit looks something like an oversized canopy bead or a Greek temple, and yet because of its design, greatly reduces the feeling of confinement and space limitations that come with "closed" MRI units.

Thanks to the open design, Albany Open MRI is able to do MRIs for claustrophobic, wide-shouldered and larger patients. "If you can imagine someone with a man's size 48 jacket, that person's shoulders would touch the sides on a closed unit," said Laura Rozelsky,

the company's regional director of marketing.

Rozelsky said many patients come to Albany Open MRI frightened or skeptical after trying other MRI units. "But once they see the unit, much of their anxiety melts

are much less fearful in an open MRI environment," said Rozelsky.

An added benefit of the Albany Open MRI system, Hawkins said, is its silent operation. Unlike some MRI units which can have a "jackhammer-like" pounding, the Al-

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away," said technologist Cindy Hawkins.

Often, "a friend, relative or one of our staff will sit right beside the patient during the scan, hold their hand and talk to them," said technologist Bret Young.

That close contact is especially important when younger patients need to undergo a MRI. "Children

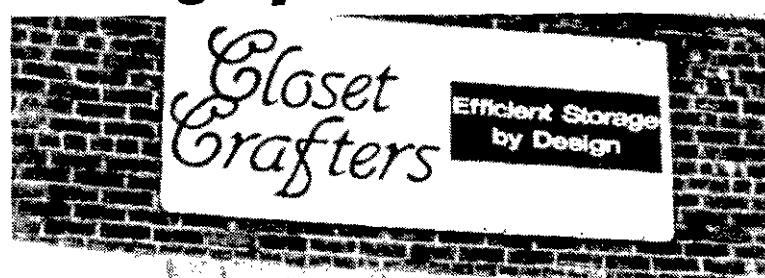
bany unit makes no sound during the examination. "We have actually had patients doze off," she said.

The diagnostic image quality and accuracy from the MRI unit at the 199 Wolf Road location is comparable to that provided in a closed unit, said Rozelsky.

Gordon said fellow doctors are impressed by Albany Open MRI's image quality. "Our technology and skill exceed their expectations," thanks to the facility's ACCESS unit, manufactured by Toshiba. With "advanced technology and our specially-trained staff, we produce outstanding diagnostic quality images," the doctor said. "We've turned MRI inside out."

For information about Albany Open MRI, call 435-1234.

Storage pros



Tom and Diane Barber, owners of Closet Crafters on Exchange Street in Albany, are in their ninth year of business that has expanded into more services, including a subsidiary company Albany Shower Doors. The Barbers are very service oriented, who offer to visit patrons's homes, give free estimates and guarantee for both closets and shower doors.

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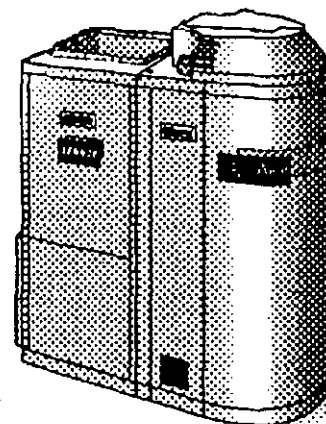
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Randy Rowe recently bought the Farrell Bros., Inc. plumbing and heating company housed at 30 Delaware Ave. in Albany. The business, in operation for 75 years, specializes in service work and parts. Rowe says customer service and quick response -- same day service -- are the primary goals of the company. This spring, Farrell's will open a new showroom. Watch for details of their open house.

Elaine McLain

Girls Academy grads set to tackle world

By Katherine McCarthy

Graduates of the Albany Academy for Girls are poised to take their place in the global village of

One of the key measures of our continuing progress is how well we prepare students to compete in a global economy and be contributing citizens of the world.

Joan Lewis

At the academy, this means increased emphasis in science and math, traditional male strongholds. With \$15,000 worth of equipment borrowed from SUNY Albany, biology students last fall conducted DNA experiments such as those done to match the blood found at a crime scene to a suspect, and to study why humans develop resistance to antibiotics.

"Our arts program is also strong," said Lewis, "and I would say all of our students participate in both."

Creative accomplishments at the school include a ballerina who recently performed in the Nutcracker with the Albany Symphony and members of the New York City Ballet, a nationally-ranked gymnast, an exceptional ice skater and a musician who performed with the Boston Pops at Tanglewood last summer.

In 1996, the school will begin working on a building campaign, which will include expansion of the media center and computer labs. A curriculum for rapid learners, allowing teachers to individualize for each child, is also planned. The technology program will continue to be expanded, keeping the students linked with the future.

the future as their school keeps pace with a changing world.

"One of the key measures of our continuing progress," said spokeswoman Joan Lewis, "is how well we prepare students to compete in a global economy and be contributing citizens of the world. We are unwavering in our commitment to academic rigor and offer an intellectual atmosphere that fosters critical thinking, risk-taking and the wisdom and desire to apply knowledge."

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North Bethlehem community enters second phase

Beverwyck to add 85 units in '96

The area's first and leading full-service independent living retirement community will complete a major expansion in 1996.

Beverwyck, off Krumkill Road in North Bethlehem, plans to add 85 one- and two-bedrooms apartments this year.

Beverwyck, off Krumkill Road in North Bethlehem, plans to add 85 one- and two-bedrooms apartments this year, to complement the 101 apartments and cottages built in 1993 and 1994 in the community's first phase.

To help prepare new residents for their move to Beverwyck, the

community will sponsor a series of workshops this spring on topics like "How to Sell Your Home," "Selecting Moving Companies," and "Scaling Down — Selling Antiques," according to Tammy Hauck, director of marketing for The Eddy's housing division.

Hauck noted that more than 70 percent of the new apartments are already reserved.

H. Craig Sipe of Glenmont, who will be moving into one of the new apartments, called the "How to Sell Your Home" workshop he attended last week "a good example of the effort Beverwyck makes to accommodate the needs of new

residents."

To accommodate its current residents, Beverwyck offers services such as 24-hour security, maintenance, dining, transportation, housekeeping, social and cultural programs, health care coordination, library, a country store/cafe, barber/beauty salon, arts studio, gardening, putting green, shuffleboard, guest suites and garages.

The retirement community is a joint project of the Albany Guardian Society and The Eddy, local sponsors who have more than 200 years of commitment to long-term care and community service to senior adults in the Capital District.

A taste of country living



Marlene Brookens of the Little Country Store at 410 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, is hoping to expand the shop's line of specialty merchandise in the coming year. The family-owned business, established in 1989, provides discriminating shoppers with high-quality gifts and home accessories. The Brookens family hopes to expand the shop's merchandise to include more accent furniture pieces, lighting and folk art.

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Photo restoration firm invests in high tech **Studio Associates enters digital age**

By John Thorpe

Today's technology waits for no one, not even those in the business of copying and restoring old photographs, like Gene and Yvonne Bigaouette, owners of Studio Associates at 15 Sandalwood Drive in Loudonville.

To keep up with the times, Gene has recently taken courses and online training that enables him to run the business's new digital retouching and restoration programs. In other words, Studio Associates has gone state of the art.

"This allows us to be more efficient and increases our production," said Gene. "Doing it the old way, by hand, obviously takes more time. And now, everything is done in-house, which is great for those people who don't want their photographs leaving the premises."

With his new equipment, Gene now also has the ability to do micro-retouching of negatives, and proof those negatives for corrections by checking the computer. Using old methods, prints would have to be made before errors would be noticed.

Business has been on the rise during the past year, according to the owners. Yvonne Bigaouette said the many facets of their customers' family histories, as well as their personal historic connection to distant family members, make the job unique.

"The restoration work may include taking a person from one photograph and inserting him or her into another," she said. "Or it may involve just removing people or backgrounds totally. And the work can be done in either black and white or color."

It has been so rewarding, seeing some of our customers' family history being restored. We try to give new life to these old photographs.

Yvonne Bigaouette

Gene Bigaouette's professional background covers some 35 years of various forms of photography. He has worked in child portraiture, commercial and industrial photography and, of course, his favorite — restoration.

Bigaouette's extensive background, as well as his unique artistic ability, enables him to be classified as a Photographic Artisan.

Yvonne also added that the work sometimes is just as gratifying for her and her husband as it is for the customers.

"Working with people has been a true learning experience for us," she said. "It has been so rewarding, seeing some of our customers' family history being restored. We try to give new life to these old photographs."

Gene continues to do all of his own darkroom work to maintain the quality and hands-on control of processing excellence.

Perhaps that is why Kodak has awarded Studio Associates with a "Professional Excellence" seal, which affirms the quality of the studio's darkroom processing and guarantees the work for the life of the photograph.

Gene also guarantees all of his restoration work.



The body specialists



Havill's Auto Body owner Robert Havill, above, recently moved his business to a new and larger location at 694 Delaware Avenue, just over the Normanskill Bridge in Albany. Havill has been joined by John Hoenig, left, who is also operating his business, Ultra Reconditioning Center, at the 694 Delaware Avenue site. Ultra Reconditioning offers professional auto detailing as well as cosmetic car care. "Your satisfaction is our full-time job," said Hoenig.

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Painter Services owner bets quality will always remain fashionable

By Eric Bryant

Kevin Pope, the owner of Painter Services, is betting quality workmanship never goes out of style.

"We never claimed to be the least expensive guy in town, but when we do the job, we do it right the first time," said Pope, who has operated the full-service painting business for four years. "I said it a few years ago when we did a similar story, our motto is 'Quality, quality, quality.'"

This year, Pope hopes to venture into another off-shoot of the business — deck cleaning and refinishing. He is currently taking a course offered by the Wolman Co., which provides specific techniques for the work. "It's a certification process. There is a system

developed by Wolman specifically for their products."

Pope said one of his main goals in 1996 is to move into the Loudonville and Colonie market. The Selkirk resident specializes in painting larger homes and believes

When we do the job, we do it right the first time...our motto is "Quality, quality, quality."

Kevin Pope

the town of Colonie could be a lucrative market. He also hopes to venture up north for more painting jobs this coming year.

With icy roofs creating havoc for some homeowners, this sea-

son should also be a hot time for another of Pope's specialties — storm damaged ceilings. "We do it all, including the sheet rock repair," he said.

Pope makes a point of supporting local merchants in the hopes that they in turn will support his business. "I buy my gas locally, get my insurance and my supplies locally. It's a philosophy that many of the local merchants here are trying to bring back. I support the community that I live in, in hopes that they support my business."

Although he honestly admits the market is tough right now, Pope sees a brighter future for Painter Services. "Hey, I've got to be an optimist. My glass is always half full. Painter Services will continue to strive to grow this year. We are looking to expand."

High-tech fence keeps pets safe

By Susan Graves

If your pet dog or cat is out of control in the great outdoors, a new Delmar business might be the perfect solution for keeping Rover from roaming.

Invisible Fencing® of the Capital District offers everything from a to-go package with written and videotaped instructions to a system that includes complete installation and help with training, said owner Karen McCaffrey.

She said Invisible Fencing® has offices in all 50 states and that about 750,000 animals nationwide are on the system.

Invisible Fencing® can also install indoor systems that replace "gates" to keep pets out of certain rooms or off furniture. "Indoors, it

negates the need for baby gates," McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey said she and her husband Tim, who has been in the landscaping business for 18 years, decided pet fencing would be the perfect complement to their work.

"It's our business to make people's homes beautiful," and the pet systems can help to do just that, she said. In addition to protecting animals, the system can also protect the owners' flower gardens and prevent cats from climbing trees, she said.

McCaffrey said she did a lot of research into Invisible Fencing® "to make sure it works," before signing on with the company. She said the technology — a concealed wire that transmits a signal to a

device on the pet's collar — is supported by many local breeders, veterinarians and groomers.

"Right now, the business is really starting to blast off," she said.

Depending on the nature of the animal, a radio system field of up to 8 feet in all directions can be installed "so dogs can't jump or dig their way over or under it," she said. The system is equipped with a battery backup to ensure the animal's safety should a power failure occur.

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And, she added, "Everything we use is American made."

Circles is the store



Sharon Fenno displays one of her many outfits at Circles, in Delaware Plaza in Delmar. Circles offers personalized wardrobing, an extensive line of jewelry and clothing for many occasions. Fenno said she is looking to add new clothing lines this year and that "I look forward to a robust and vibrant 1996."

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McCarroll's has the beef

By Cecilia Marquis

Wondering where the beef is, not to mention the veal, lamb, poultry and fish? You can find all that and more at McCarroll's - The Village Butcher.

After a five year absence from Delmar the butcher shop is back.

"We specialize in customer service," said Jim McCarroll, president of the corporation. The butcher shop opened last July and is located in the Delmar Marketplace, at 406 Kenwood Avenue, at the Four Corners in Delmar.

McCarroll said his grandfather began the business in the 1920s in Albany. His grandfather and father opened a shop in Delmar in the early 1970s. That store went out of business in 1990.

The newest incarnation of the butcher shop is carrying on the family tradition, with Jim and his wife, Christine, working side by side. The business also employs a full-time and two part-time workers.

The shop features a full range of meat and fish. The shop sells milk-fed veal, and gets fresh fish four times a week from Boston. In the swim of things are salmon, haddock, cod, shrimp and scallops.

Main Care can warm up your January chills

Five offices serve 10-county region

By Cecilia Marquis

As the cold and snowy winter of 1996 continues, one thing on everyone's mind is keeping warm. For 65 years that's been the principal focus of Main-Care.

The Main Brothers Oil Co. was founded in 1930 by Art and Spencer Main. The company distributes a variety of different petroleum products including heating oil, kerosene, liquid petroleum gas, diesel and gasoline.

The company employs about 120 people in five different offices. The main office is at 1 Booth Lane in Albany.

In 1995, Main Care acquired R.E. Smith Fuels of Catskill and Lutz Oil of Roxbury. This expanded the company's distribution and servicing areas in Greene and Delaware counties.

Judy Cartwright, manager of customer relations, marketing and residential sales, said the company now serves 10 counties.

Cartwright said Main-Care is also the area's first company to offer a type of service contract to help cover the cleanup costs of an accidental oil spill.

"Heating oil is an important

energy source for heating homes in this area," Cartwright said. "When people have home heating oil, they also have storage tanks. There can be a problem eventually from just normal wear and tear and rusting where an oil tank can spring a leak."

Most leaks are usually minor, she added, but "if there's an undetected leak for any period of time, cleanup costs can be extensive."

The Homeowners Environmental Loss Protection program, nicknamed HEIP provides money for cleanup costs and repair or replacement of the tank.

The program covers oil tanks that hold up to 2,000 gallons. Cartwright said the tank must be used for space heating and the fuel customer must be on automatic fuel delivery.

Main-Care is an employee owned company. In addition to its petroleum delivery, the company services and installs home heating and air-conditioning equipment. Main Care is open 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

The company is actively involved in community service, supporting local DARE programs and the Center for the Disabled.

Carpets on the rise



Montgomery R. Flagg, owner and president of Carpet Network of Latham, added a second van to his company last year and looks to add two or three more in the next few years. Carpet Network, which sells a wide variety of carpeting, floor coverings, window blinds and related products, has grown steadily since opening in 1994.



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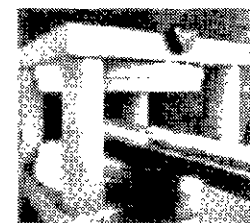
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"Will my size be
a problem?"

Fitness for Her in step with times

By Mel Hyman

When Fitness for Her started out about a year-and-a-half ago in relatively small quarters at 239 Delaware Ave., owner D.J. Taylor was thinking just about making it.

It appears now that she has little to worry about because she

Part of the reason I chose the building I'm in is that we have the ability to expand. "We've grown tremendously. Things have been going really well and I think our advertising in The Spotlight has done a lot for us."

D.J. Taylor

has already moved to a much more spacious location at 333 Delaware Ave. (former home of the Tri-Village Hardware store), and things seem to be going really well.

She has expanded class offerings, hired new instructors and is even thinking about a future expansion in empty space adjacent to the studio.

"Part of the reason I chose the building I'm in is that we have the ability to expand," she said. "We've grown tremendously. Things have been going really well and I think our advertising in The Spotlight has done a lot for us."

The idea of a workout studio run by women for women remains as valid today as it was in August 1994, she said. "We're committed to offering women a clean, non-competitive and caring atmosphere where they can feel comfortable exercising."

There is always someone available to assist the newcomer, whether it's a paid staff member or volunteer.

Two recent additions to the Fitness for Her lineup are yoga and t'ai chi. There is also a self-defense class that meets once a month. It is led by Barbara Jones, who holds a black belt in karate and is an expert in self defense for women.

Taylor said she tries to keep

her fees low so that everyone who is interested can participate. Classes are open to nonmembers as well as members.

Among the other classes offered are step aerobics, isometrics, free weights and body sculpting.

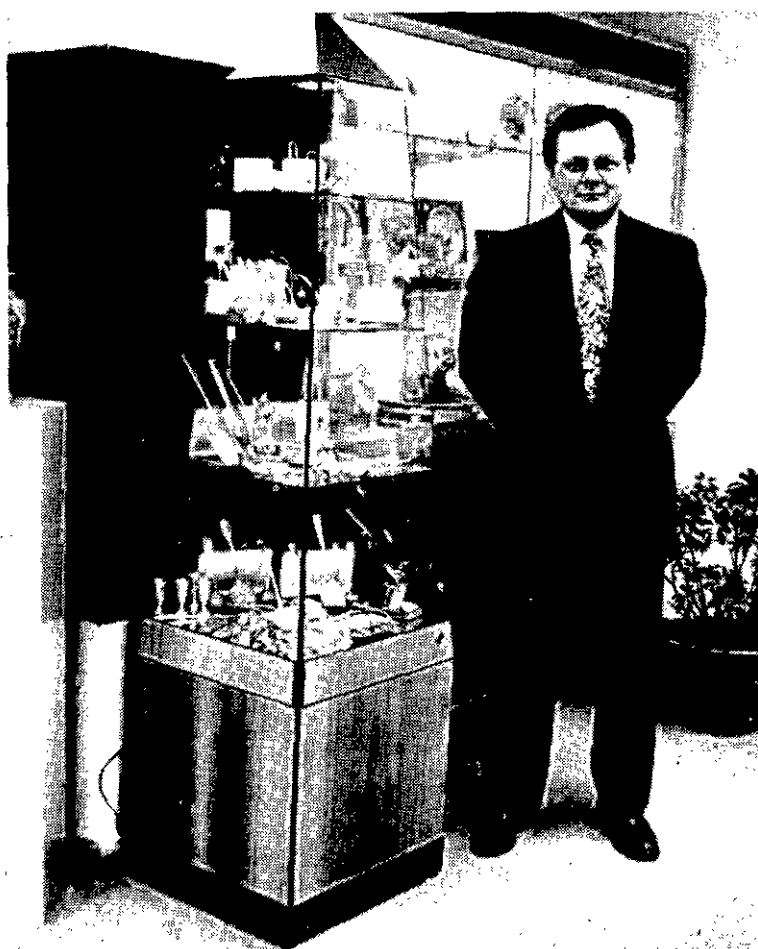
Taylor's own interest in the fitness field goes back to college days when she obtained a bachelor's degree in sports medicine. She is a nationally certified aerobics instructor and worked as a personal trainer for two years before her current venture.

She is also a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and first aid instructor.

Taylor will be aided by new staff member Bernice Kochan, who has a degree in sports medicine from Russell Sage College and is A.C.E. certified.

"I want to express my gratitude to our members," Taylor added. "I'm always open to suggestions and judging by everyone's response, the concept has worked well."

One of a kind



David Smith, manager of Vince Kendrick Jewelers at 475 Albany Shaker Road in Colonie, stands beside a case displaying some of the firm's prize offerings. Kendrick's sells antique and estate jewelry along with a wide selection of modern pieces. The store also specializes in repair work and estate appraisals.

Elaine McLain

Credit union provides alternative to banks

By John Thorpe

For those who think there are no alternatives to the world of megabanks when it comes to managing your finances, take a look at Excelsior Credit Union on New Karner Road in Albany.

"We offer a full-service alternative to banks, with both savings and checking accounts, with no monthly fees or minimum balances," said Excelsior's controller, Daniel Gonzalez. "Consumers are getting frustrated with increased bank fees and the lack of personal service at bigger banks."

"We hope to inform the Capital District that Excelsior can provide everyone with an alternative," he said.

Everyone, you ask? Yes. Although Excelsior does serve employees of more than 200 local companies and municipalities, unlike other area credit unions it is an open-charter organization, meaning anyone can join, regardless of their place of employment.

"We are the only open-charter credit union in upstate, as far as I know," Gonzalez said. "Members are our owners, and we've got them in our best interest. We're here to serve them, and tend to look more to the individual, as opposed to just at the numbers."

Serving the Capital District since 1978, Excelsior has recently moved from its old Washington Square location to a new building, conveniently located on New Karner Road. The credit union currently employs about nine staff members.

One other recent change that the credit union has instituted is the issuing of VISA credit cards at a fixed interest rate of 12.9 percent.

"We've gotten a really good response to the card," said Gonzalez. "People appreciate the fixed rate instead of the usual gimmick rates they receive at some banks, which eventually go up."

Also in the works for 1996 is an Automated Teller Machine, to be located at the New Karner Road site. "The ATM would most likely be a drive-up," the controller said, "and would be very convenient, for members and nonmembers alike."



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New Pizza Baron owner to cater to more patrons

By Tom Murnane

Look for Pizza Baron's owner at Delaware Plaza in Delmar to make some changes in the coming months to compete with other local businesses.

Owner Tom Burt's family has been operating businesses in town for more than 70 years.

Burt, who only last year purchased the Pizza Baron, said he wants to keep his restaurant a place where the entire family can go for a pizza or subs on the weekend. But he also said he will apply for a beer and wine license in the hopes of luring more of the Off Track Betting crowd from next door.

"I think it's something that can help our business a great deal, so we're going to shoot for Saratoga time in August," said Burt, who worked for the store's previous owner before he bought the business.

Not only is Burt trying to capture some of the bar crowd, but smokers as well, who in recent years have been finding fewer dining establishments that allow smoking.

While the front dining area (six booths, four tables) is non-smoking, given the proximity to the Space Maze where the kids play, the rear dining room, which contains nine tables, allows people to light up to their heart's content.

In the meantime, Pizza Baron

is going to continue doing what it does best: making great pizzas with homemade dough (not frozen) and sauce, as well as made-to-order subs, calzones, chicken wings, salads and more, he said. He and his wife, Barbara, along with 10 part-time workers, grate their own cheeses and chop their own onions as well. You'll get "None of that packaged, frozen stuff" with Pizza Baron, he said.

What convinced Burt, a former aircraft mechanic, to buy Pizza Baron? He said it was a combination of wanting to have his own business in the town he knew intimately, as well as wanting to become more involved in the community. (He already sponsors a Little League, basketball and soccer teams, and helps out with a string of school events each year.)

"I think it's really important to help the community you're in, because we're part of it too, so we have a stake in it," Burt said, adding that many local families hold their children's birthday parties at his restaurant.

Plus, as the owner, he gets to eat as much pizza as he likes.

"I get to try everything," Burt said with a laugh, noting that while his personal favorite is the "Deluxe," the store's big seller these days is the "veggie pizza."

Pizza Baron's pizza hotline is 462-2222.

Owens marks 20th b-day

Owens-Corning is celebrating 20 years of operation in Delmar. The plant began with one production line and expanded to two in 1987 and is one of nine Owens-Corning insulation facilities in North America.

About 385 employees produce about 55 truckloads of high quality pink building insulation on a daily basis in Delmar.

Plant Manager Craig Burroughs said the company is investing more than \$3 million to rebuild one of its production lines that will resume production next month. The plant will spend more than \$8 million on capital improvements to the facility in 1996.

In 1997, the plant will rebuild the second production line at a cost of about \$5 million.

Montessori celebrates service to children

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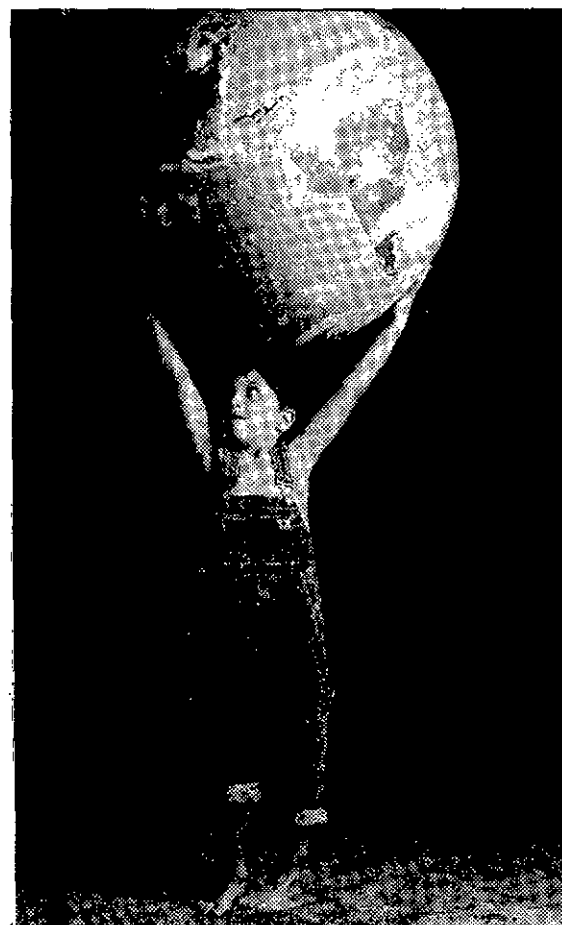
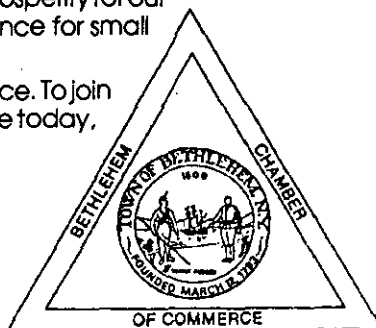
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Candlewood's care has human touch

By Tom Murnane

For families with older relatives who are in need of medical care but don't qualify for nursing homes, take heart, help is closer than one might think.

Located at 514 Old Loudon Road in Latham is Candlewood Gardens, a small, privately owned 28-bed adult-care center where people who cannot take care of themselves (but who are not ready for the nursing home level of care) can find help, said facility manager Dick Hertzell.

With 24-hour on-duty service, which includes hourly checks, residents are monitored constantly. The \$65 to \$70 daily room fee also includes three meals, grooming care and activities, Hertzell said.

"This is something our main

competition, home health care aides, cannot compete with," he said. "You never know if one of them will show up on time or even at all. But with us, we're always there. You never have to worry about this."

The fact that the small center is owner-operated is another difference from the larger, corporate-owned centers.

The facility, owned by Georgia Calamaras for a decade, employs 13 people, including cooks, dietitians, housekeepers, residential aides and a licensed nurse.

The fact that the small center is owner-operated is another differ-

ence from the larger, corporate-owned centers. "This is what allows us to give that special, individual attention, because we stay small and community-oriented," said Hertzell.

While most of the residents eventually do end up being moved to nursing homes, a move into Candlewood is not a one-way ticket, he said.

"Sometimes, it's just a matter of someone recuperating from a bad injury, like a broken hip or something.

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Cohoes Savings bank prizes hometown appeal

By Cecilia Marquis

As merger mania sweeps through the banking industry, one local bank is counting on the value of personal service.

Cohoes Savings Bank has been around since 1853, said Harry L. Robinson, president and chief executive officer, and it's the hometown service that makes the bank stand out in the crowd.

"Some of the other banks that are mega banks, they just can't deliver the kind of service that we can," he said. "Every customer means something to us. We have such a small customer base compared to the Keys and the Fleets and the large banks, the Chemicals, Chases..." he said.

"We have a local presence," he said. "If we do things wrong, then we can't just say well, we won't have to worry about that because we have good business over here in Idaho. Our reputation is made at home."

Cohoes offers a full range of services including checking, savings and a variety of different loans. The bank is also lends money to small local businesses.

The savings bank has 10 branches, with its main office is at 75 Remsen St., Cohoes. Its newest branch opened late last year on Western Avenue in Guelderland, just east of Route 155.

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Cohoes Savings Bank was recognized for having one of the lowest fee structures in New York state for checking accounts. And, Robinson said Cohoes is the first local bank to hit the Internet. It has a home site and a number of pages filled with information on the bank.

"It tells you what our services are," he said. "You can ask questions and leave messages, and we get back to you."

In 1996, Cohoes Savings plans to open more branches and increase the number of automatic teller machines it has available for customers, Robinson said. The bank is also looking into telebanking and PC banking, where customers would be able to complete transactions either over the phone or by using their personal computer.

Currently the savings bank has a telebanking center where customers can call in and conduct their bank business over the phone, with the aid of a bank employee.

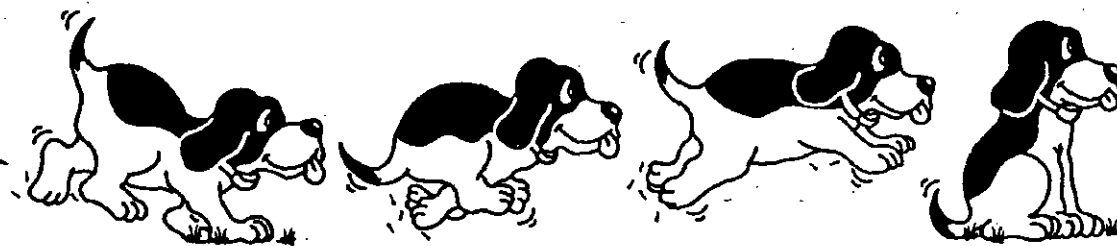
Physical attention



1996 is shaping up to be a wet year for Bethlehem Physical Therapy, where plans call for the addition of an aquatic exercise program for arthritis and lower-back injuries and a full-body whirlpool (plus some additional exercise equipment.) According to physical therapist Nick Valenze, the facility's focus is on one-on-one, hands-on quality service. Bethlehem Physical Therapy's office is located at 365 Feura Bush Road and Route 9W in Glenmont. For information, call 436-3954.

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Better performances in sight

Firm vice president sees market growth

By Katherine McCarthy

John P. Hastings, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. vice president, sees stock and bond markets reaching new highs with slow steady growth

I think we will see somewhat better performances on the world markets in Japan, the pacific Basin and a recovery in Europe especially in England, Germany France and the emerging markets.

John P. Hastings

in U.S. corporate profits and strong worldwide investing markets this year.

And even though 1995 was the year when all existing records were broken on U.S. markets, "Hastings said, "I think we will see somewhat better performances on the world markets in Japan, the pacific Basin and a recovery in

Europe especially in England, Germany France and the emerging markets."

Hastings said so far this year, there has been a great deal of profit taking in the high technology stocks that has yet to run its course, and when this occurs there should be a shift to consumer non-durables companies such as Proctor & Gamble, McDonald's, Johnson & Johnson and the well-managed companies.

He said that in general it appears 1996 will be a year of modest inflation, somewhat slower growth in American companies and very steady interest rates. "Once again it appears that well-managed equities will provide solid total return for patient investors," Hastings said.

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Table talk



Residents of the Colonie Manor Adult Care Residence on Watervliet Shaker Road in Latham enjoy all sorts of activities. The directors of the home strive to maintain, improve and develop personal, recreational and social potential by supporting current interests, rekindling old pastimes and skills and developing new relationships.

Doug Persons

Professional auto here for long run

By Joshua Kagan

This auto shop isn't around just to make a quick buck.

"We are here for the long run," Professional Auto Solutions owner Miriam E. Fiato said. "We take great pride in our work and hope that will provide us with long term customers."

Fiato and her husband Brian Lainhart, an Automotive Service Excellence Certified master technician, run the shop, which specializes in diagnostic repairs and imported cars. Lainhart is also a factory trained Honda technician.

"It's a family type atmosphere," Fiato said. "We try to help people out, give them rides home, whatever we can do to give personalized service." "We like to maintain the corner garage atmosphere, and we work on anything from lawn mowers to RVs," Lainhart said.

"It's definitely a more personal business," he added. "It's a small town garage. You can talk directly to the guy working on the car."

Lainhart said he has worked with cars "all my life," but only went into business with his wife two years ago. "I've worked for many people," he said. "The opportunity presented itself, and we decided to go for it."

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"We thought it would be great to set our own vacations, set our own schedules and for him to stop making everyone else rich," said Fiato.

The couple is also pleased with the shop's locations, at 1970 New Scotland Road in Voorheesville, because Fiato grew up very close by. "I get to meet a lot of people I haven't seen in a while," she said.

Fiato and Lainhart run the shop on their own, but Fiato said they might hire someone else sometime in the future.

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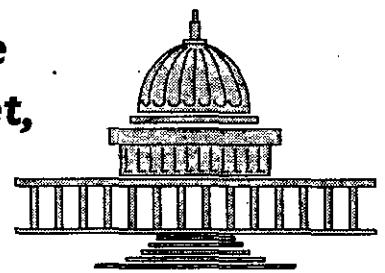
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Marks 126th year of doing business

Engel's Farm & Market still offering the best in produce

By Cecilia Marquis

For more than 100 years folks have been heading out to Engel's Farm and Market to buy their produce. Ed Engel, the company's president, said it's a tradition that's here to stay.

The business has been at 681 Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie since 1870. In fact, Engel's farm was honored as the town's oldest business during Colonie's recent centennial celebration.

"We will continue to grow the freshest vegetables and sweetest corn," said Engel.

The farm and market, which is run by Ed and his brother John, is open from May to November.

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in the mood for, Engel's probably has it.

"Sweet corn is number one, followed by tomatoes," Engel said. "Then the crop goes cabbage, peppers, eggplant, our own carrots, our own parsnips." The farm also grows peas and different types of lettuce.

Engel's also carries fruit delivered from other farms.

The farm and market also offers something to tempt the sweet tooth, much of which comes from a bakery near Ballston Spa. The rest is produced a lot closer to home.

"My wife bakes brownies, chocolate chip cookies, and raisin oatmeal cookies," he said. In the

fall a popular German dish, apple kuchen, is available. At the height of the season the family-run business employs nine people, Engel said.

He attributes the business's success to service, the goods offered and the location of farm and market on a busy Colonie street.

"We haven't given in to development," Engel said. "We've had many offers and declined to accept any. This is our home."

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By John Thorpe

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Thomas Abele

"We are a family practice that enthusiastically stresses public awareness about dental health and the latest in dental technology and procedures," said Abele. "We strive to make all patients feel at

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While Abele specializes in surgical implants and Edmunds in orthodontics, both dentists are general practitioners who strive to serve and inform their patients.

The Delmar office also employs four full-time hygienists, four dental assistants and three lab technicians, according to office administrator Kim Cirillo. And, Cirillo said, many customers are pleasantly surprised that Delmar Dental has lab facilities on the premises.

"The lab enables us to do crown and bridge work, dentures, orthodontic appliances and more, and do it all more quickly than other offices can," said Cirillo. "It also helps us work more closely with our patients, and allows the doctors to double check things like color and fit without having to leave

the office."

Among the services offered at the Delmar office are oral reconstruction, periodontal therapy, cosmetic bonding and complete family dentistry. Senior citizens always receive a discount, and Delmar Dental also accepts all major credit cards.

Cirillo said the practice recently added a new computer system to help the Delmar staff better monitor patients' histories and insurance tracking. "It also helps patients understand their bills a lot more easily," Cirillo added.

In 1996, Abele and Edmunds hope to update some of the office's equipment and possibly redecorate the interior. The doctors also plan to add one or two more staff members if business continues to grow at its current rapid pace.



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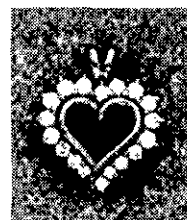
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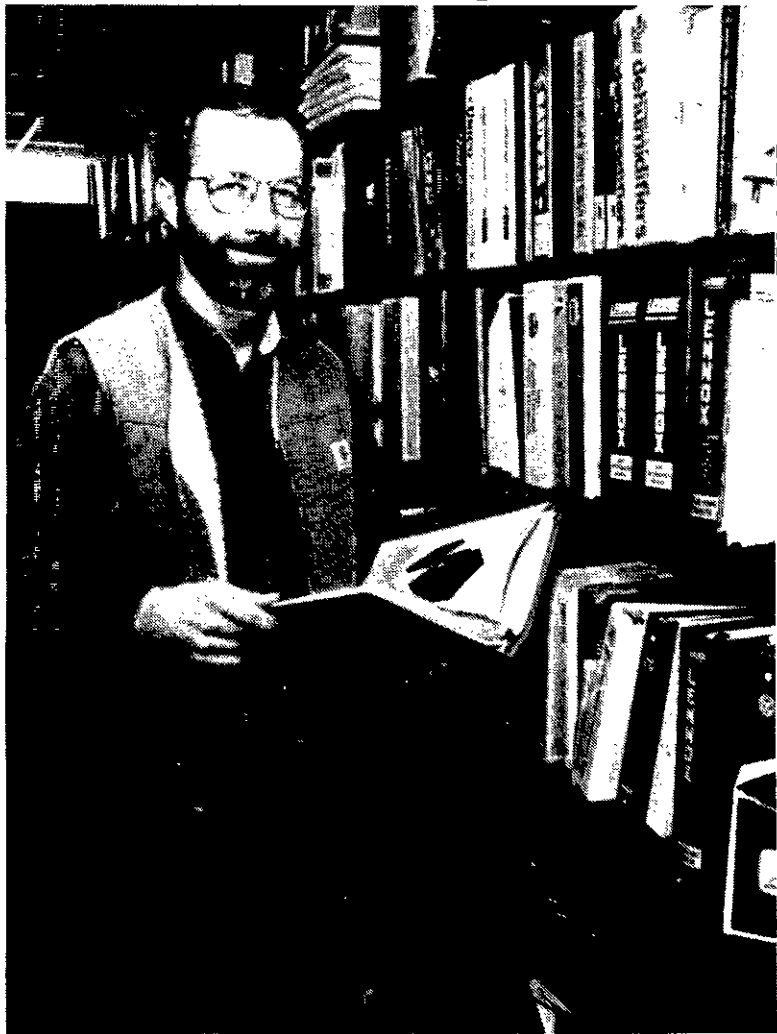
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OnBank gives service to seniors

By Katherine McCarthy

"We'll all be seniors someday," Jean Krokenberger, vice president of OnBank & Trust Co., said as she outlined the benefits offered by the ONYX Club to people over 55. OnBank has 10 branches in Albany and Rensselaer counties, among them 80 State St. in Albany and in Guiderland's 20 Mall.

"Our primary purpose is to offer financial services," Krokenberger said. "But we also offer social activities for seniors, like our travel club."

Recently, the travel club went to Bermuda, with special prices and free traveller's checks available to members. Regular senior luncheons offer door prizes like round-trip tickets to New York City on Amtrak.

Krokenberger is particularly excited about the Home Equity

Conversion Mortgage, a reverse mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

"Following World War II," Krokenberger said, "this country saw great expansion, and people were able to leave a lot to their children when they died. Now the economy has changed, and many people find it difficult to save. I think most adult children would rather see their parents live out their lives in their own homes than be left something after their deaths."

"With a reverse mortgage, where the bank pays the homeowner, they are able to do this."

The reverse mortgage is available to those 62 or older who own and reside in a single-family home and have significant equity in that home.

Krokenberger explained that the homeowners who opt for the mortgage retain ownership and are not required to repay the loan as long as the home remains the primary residence. The loan only has to be paid upon the death of the borrower or if the borrower no longer occupies the property as a principal residence. The borrower will never owe more than the loan balance or the value of the property, whichever is less.

The borrower's income, or ability to repay the loan, is not a deciding factor in issuing the reverse mortgage. A number of factors are used to determine how much can be borrowed, as well as closing costs.

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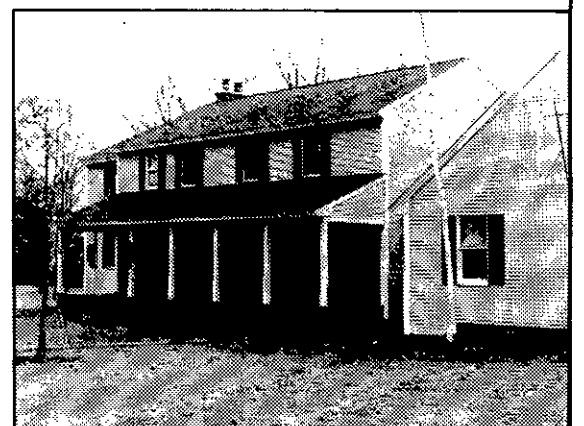
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Look out for new look at Quality Inn

By Mel Hyman

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The hotel was redone to meet the specifications of Choice Hotels International, which owns the franchise rights to all of the nation's

opened as The New Quality Inn-Airport on Dec. 1.

As an independent, "You had to beat 'em or join 'em," she remarked. And it had reached the point where it simply made more sense to choose a nationally known chain, because that's where the majority of business bookings are made.

"So much of the traveling public, business people especially, book by using 800-reservation lines, and they usually go with one particular brand of hotel," she said. "That's where an independent loses out."

Olsen said she has tried to make her new operation as upscale as possible, while at the same time maintaining reasonable rates.

"We're trying to be full service like a lot of the Wolf Road hotels, but at a much more reasonable

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Another amenity being offered is a free, guest pass to one of the local health clubs. The average corporate rate for business customers is \$55 a day, which includes all amenities.

With most of the business bookings made for weekdays, the Quality Inn reserves much of its space for wedding parties and other local events on weekends.

"We provide a lot of amenities for wedding groups," Olsen said, including holding on-site rehearsal dinners.

Since the former Lookout Inn Hotel was such a familiar part of the landscape, Olsen said, "many people have asked whether the (Lookout Inn) restaurant is open.

"Absolutely," she said. It's located right next to the Quality Inn and a new and more diverse menu has been made up for lunch and dinner patrons.

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For beginning exercisers, a less strenuous work-out on figure-shaping equipment originally designed for polio victims is in order. "We begin with stretching, some slow movement, and advance clients at their own rate," said Hodorowski.

At the advanced level, there is aerobic equipment like treadmills and exercycles, as well as aerobics classes. "Someone works with the client each and every time she comes in," said Hodorowski. "It's very individualized, and the rates are determined by what each person decides they need." Inches-A-Weigh is currently located at 501 New Karner Road in Albany, and a second center will open on Western Avenue this fall. The telephone number is 862-9124.

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Cathryn Olsen

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"We purchased a franchise from them," she said.

The hotel business has become so competitive that it became difficult for an independent operation to survive, she said. The hotel, which was built in 1980, was purchased in 1983 and officially

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By Mel Hyman

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During the winter months, I try to keep current with new turf practices.

John Rees

"During the winter months, I try to keep current with new turf practices," he said, by taking turf management courses and attending trade shows."

Rees employs four workers during the busy summer months and circulates mostly in Delmar, Slingerlands and Glenmont. Great Estates is a member of the New York State Turfgrass Association, and Rees is a certified pesticide applicator registered with the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Rees said he takes a cautious approach to using pesticides.

"If your lawn doesn't suffer from weeds, there's absolutely no reason to apply lawn pesticides, whether by yourself or a professional. All you're doing is adding chemicals to the environment that don't need to be there."

"That's also the reason I specialize in aeration," he said. "It's a way of cutting back on the use of chemical fertilizers and watering."

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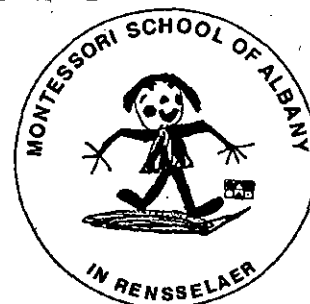
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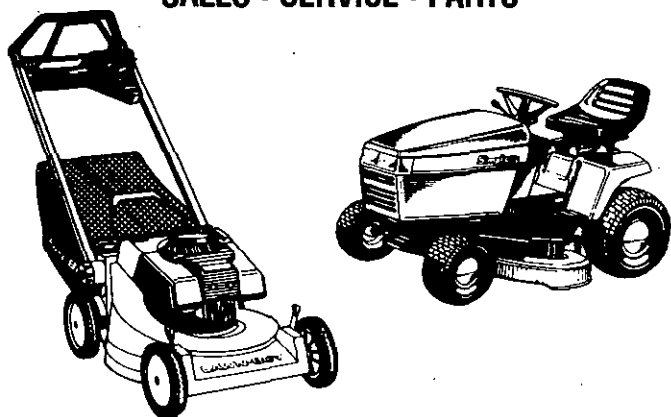
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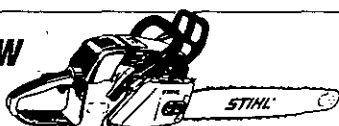
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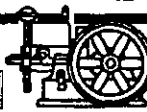


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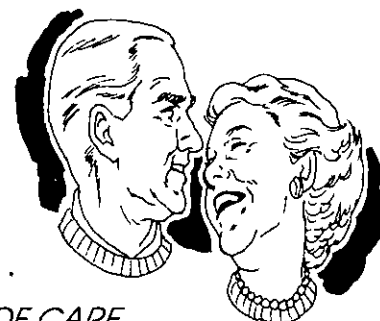
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Berke's been a lawyer for the past decade. The last seven years she's been practicing under the shingle of Law Offices of Alice K. Berke. The office is at 177 Quail Street, in Albany.

In addition to Berke, there are two other attorneys in the practice. Interns from local colleges and Albany Law School also help out.

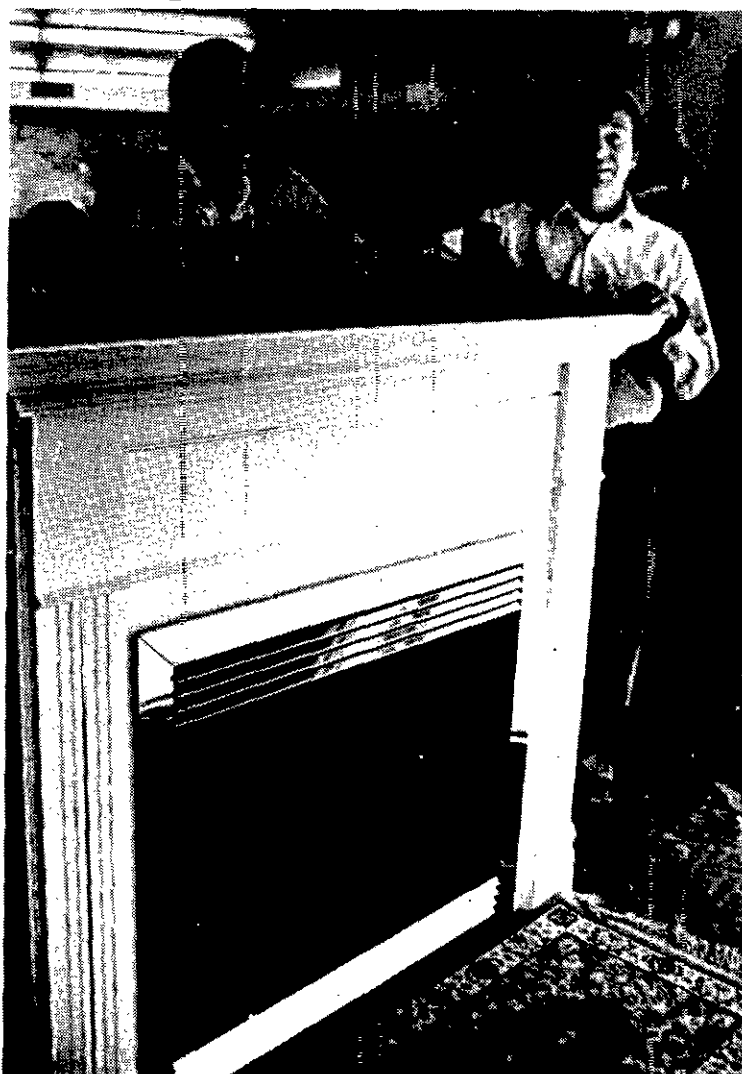
In 1996, Berke says the firm is focusing on its technological abilities. All three lawyers have their own computers that are networked. Berke said the computers help her to keep up with the workload and increase efficiency.

"It allows us all to work on documents together," she said. "Instead of one attorney working on a document all alone, all three of us work on a document together. Any of us can pull it up on the screen and edit it and put our ideas into it. Our clients are paying for one lawyer, and they're getting the services of three."

Berke said not specializing in just one field of law keeps the job more exciting.

"Sometimes somebody comes in and their story is so touching, I really want to help them," Berke said.

Eighty years of experience



D.A. Bennett Inc. at 341 Delaware Ave., Delmar, has been in the heating and cooling business since 1915. That would likely make them one of the oldest businesses (if not the oldest) in the town of Bethlehem. For the third consecutive year, the licensed Lennox dealer has received that company's Lennox D5 Award for outstanding customer service and customer satisfaction. New products offered by Lennox include the Lennox Complete Heat - a highly efficient combined hot water and home heater; and the Lennox gas fire place. Above, Doug Barrone, left, and Tom Drake show off one of the products they service and sell.

Elaine McLain

Bennett Contracting focusing on renovation

By Dev Tobin

The sluggish local economy and a growing concern about the environment combine to make home renovation more appealing than ever, according to Greg Jackson of Bennett Contracting Inc. at 699 S. Pearl St., Albany.

"The 1990s will continue to see more recycling and reuse of the area's resources," Jackson said. "Existing buildings are a prime resource, so it makes sense to fix them."

The Bennett firm is a general contractor spun off from the venerable D.A. Bennett heating and air conditioning company of Delmar in 1977.

"We can handle all aspects of residential and commercial construction, but we specialize in renovation and remodeling," Jackson said.

New construction, with attendant installation of utilities like water, sewer and roads, has become more costly both for builders and for homebuyers, Jackson said.

"We just can't keep building bigger houses further and further away" from where people work, Jackson said.

Plus, "It's increasingly difficult to put up new homes — you can battle a planning department for 20 years" over a controversial project, Jackson said.

Compared to buying a larger home, most people can save money and gain the extra space they need with an addition, Jackson said.

One new trend Jackson sees is the increased popularity of patio rooms, which enclosures for decks or porches that permit three-season all-weather use.

"People want to be outdoors, but not inconvenienced," Jackson said.

Many homeowners have added on backyard decks, but have found that rain, wind, sun and/or insects can substantially lessen enjoyment of their decks.

The pre-engineered aluminum rooms come with screens, windows and/or patio doors, he said.

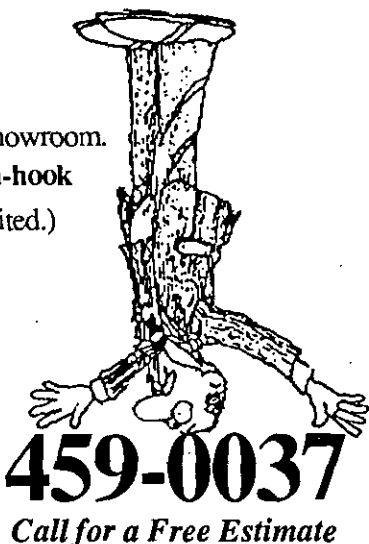
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Bill Weisheit

Weisheit set for snow

By Katherine McCarthy

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Weisheit Engine Works, on Weisheit Road in Glenmont, is a lawn and garden equipment store. "We're one of the few stores that do strictly power equipment, like snow blowers, lawn mowers, string trimmers, chain saws and ride-on mowers," said Weisheit.

Asked whether he can stay competitive with larger stores, Weisheit responded with the age old adage, "You get what you pay for."

"A lot of mass merchants sell cheaper power equipment as a sideline. We sell premium brands of equipment," he said.

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ment, and they will pick up and deliver equipment.

"We operate a lot like a car dealership," Weisheit explained, "only smaller. We honor all our manufacturer's warranties, and we recommend that our customers bring their equipment in for annual servicing. In addition to our parts and services departments, we even offer financing. That sounds funny, but some of the larger garden tractors sell for close to \$10,000."

Weisheit has more than 25 years of experience in the power equipment business. He and his wife, Rose, opened their own business in 1985, after the hardware store that employed Weisheit became part of a larger chain. He also has two full-time and three part-time employees.

Last week's rains may have taken away the need for a snow blower, but rain does make the grass grow and Weisheit Engine Works has the machine to trim it.

Brown School aims to expand grade levels

By John Thorpe

The board of trustees at the Brown School in Schenectady recently approved a plan to expand the 103-year-old school through grade eight.

The nonsectarian, independent school presently educates children from nursery age to grade five. Under the new plan, a grade will be added each year of the next three years, beginning with the 1996-97 school year and ending with the project's completion in 1998-99.

"An expansion to include middle school grades is a natural progression for the school, and comes in answer to parents' requests," said board of trustees Chairperson Amy Vegter. "Our families are so pleased with the quality of the education, and the unique learning environment, that they wish to continue educating their children at the Brown School."

Obviously, staff members at the school must be doing something right. Take fifth-grade teacher

Patricia Reeves.

"I enjoy and understand this age group," said Reeves, who will add sixth grade to her repertoire next year. "Preadolescence is an exciting time for youngsters, and Brown School addresses the needs of these young people by providing a challenging but nurturing environment."

A board-appointed middle school committee, composed of parents, teachers and board members, worked diligently since its initial formation in August to put the plan together. The committee found a definite need for an alternative within the educational marketplace.

"While we will be recruiting students from outside the school, our current fifth-graders will be given priority," said the school's director, Dorothy Macdonald.

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By Cecilia Marquis

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Corey started the business, then called Critter Care, about three years ago. Last summer, the name of the business, based at 121 Old Loudon Road in Latham, was changed.

Critters Choice is a family affair. Corey runs the business with help from his wife Mary and during busy times, like during the holidays, Corey's father helps out.

The pet care service isn't just for people who are on vacation. Corey said more than half his customers are people who work long hours and don't want their pets to

get lonesome, or worse, have an accident on the carpet.

Typically, he visits the pets a couple of times a day. A normal visit can run about 45 minutes, during which time the pet is fed, taken for a walk, and gets a chance to play with a two-legged friend. The base fee for the service is \$10 plus tax per visit.

The Coreys have plans to expand the business this year. Mary Corey is spinning off her own business, called Feline Fantasies, which will cater just to cats. Another area of expansion is in providing and delivering pet food to customers.

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Cap Com plans Century Hill Drive office

Local credit union plans to open Latham office

The new year brings a new office for one of the oldest and strongest credit unions in upstate New York.

Capital Communications Federal Credit Union plans to open a second office on Century Hill Drive in Latham early this year, to add to its main office at 18 Computer Drive East, off Wolf Road in Colonie.

The credit union also recently installed a deposit-taking ATM at Clifton Country Mall.

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Capital Communications, founded originally to provide New York Telephone workers with an alternative to traditional banking as an employee benefit, is 43-years-old this year and has more than 34,000 members/owners nationwide.

More than 90 employer groups besides NYNEX provide Capital Communications credit union services for their workers, and once someone joins Capital Communi-

cations, he or she has the right to lifetime membership, regardless of job change or relocation.

The credit union has grown into a full-service financial institution, boasting \$160 million in assets and more than 100 employees (including 10 new employees at the Latham office).

At a time when many banks are relentlessly increasing fees for basic services, non-profit member-owned Capital Communications offers its members a full spectrum of accounts and services, including low-cost checking, low loan rates, high certificate of deposit yields, mortgages and auto loans.

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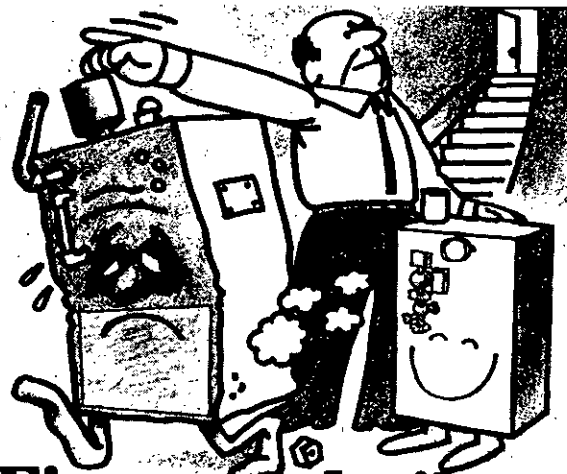


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Capital Region Tennis & Fitness offers a full range of activities

By Katherine McCarthy

John Pinto is loquacious about the facilities at Capital Region Tennis & Fitness, located just behind the Howard Johnson's on Route 9W at the border of

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There are two personal trainers on site, and Pinto is proud of being a clean, family-oriented place with nursery service available.

Tennis remains as important a part of Capital Region Tennis & Fitness as it has been for the last 20 years.

Men's and women's tennis leagues keep the club busy, and tennis lessons are provided by the Delmar Tennis Academy, under the leadership of head pro Linda Burtis.

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Coldwell Banker arrives in Delmar

By Tom Murnane

The field of real estate firms in the town of Bethlehem got a bit more crowded recently with the opening of Coldwell Banker Prime Properties' first Delmar branch at 214 Delaware Ave.

The nationally affiliated firm, which has its local headquarters on Central Avenue in Albany, deals in commercial, residential and new home sales, said Delmar office manager Estelle Momrow.

In Bethlehem, however, the emphasis will be on the new home and residential markets.

"We want to offer a good mix of inventory. The people we hire are from this area, so they know their communities inside and out," Momrow said, noting the firm also has branches in other parts of the Capital District, including Colonie, employing a total of 150 people.

As a result, Coldwell Banker offers potential customers the best of both worlds: a locally grown sales staff coupled with the advertising and training clout of a real estate giant with 2,400 branches nationwide, Momrow said.

"After all, how many real estate firms have their own university (in San Francisco), where employees are sent for training programs and various classes for credit?" she said.

Running against the current trend of other local and national companies that are downsizing their workforces, Coldwell Banker is looking to hire at least eight sales associates for its Delmar office.

And Coldwell Banker is also on the leading edge of incorporating technology into its sales strategy, using the Internet to make its listings accessible via computer.

While Coldwell Banker's office sign might be a new addition to Delmar, its sales staff is no stranger to the area, having sold homes in town for a number of years, she said.

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Low key & relaxed denotes Marshall's

By Cecilia Marquis

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But the people at Marshall's Auto Exchange in Ravena say it doesn't have to be that way.

"We're very, very low key, low pressure," said John Sterrett, sales manager. The sales people are paid on a base commission, he said, so they don't make more money if a customer pays more for a car.

"None of the service department personnel are on commission," Sterrett said. "If you come back in for service, they're not always trying to sell you something."

The company has been on Route 9W since 1932. In the early 1970s the company split into two entities. The Auto Exchange sells GMC trucks and Subarus, along with used vehicles. Its sister business, Marshall's Garage, sells Chrysler-Plymouth, Jeep and Eagle vehicles.

Marshall's Auto Exchange recently expanded its showroom, doubling the size to more than 2,600 square feet.

If you come back in for service, they're not always trying to sell you something.

John Sterrett

"They took the existing showroom, gutted it, and totally re-did the inside," he said. That's where the GMC trucks are displayed.

Another showroom was built adjoining the old one. The Subarus are on

display in the new portion.

Marshall's Auto Exchange employs about 40 people, including sales personnel and mechanics. Sterrett said it's the attitude that makes Marshall's different from other dealerships.

"We work real hard at trying to maintain that non-high pressure dealership. Cars are very expensive today. That puts people under a lot of stress, the amount of money they're spending. We don't try to push anybody into anything."

Major accomplishments mark 1995 at Mike Mashuta's gym

By Katherine McCarthy

Mike Mashuta's Training Center has been in business for 11 years, and 1995 was one of its most fulfilling, according to owner Mike Mashuta, who recounted with pride some of his clients' successes.

"Our clients won medals in the senior games for archery and the Empire State Games for sprinting," he said. "We used flexibility and strength training to help one client embark upon a ladies pro golf career."

"We are especially proud of one young man who started exercising when he was 12 and six years later earned a full athletic scholarship to a major university."

"Perhaps the most remarkable

accomplishment has been the mother of three who lost 67 pounds and inspired all of us with her positive, can-do attitude."

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Mike Mashuta

Last year, nearly a dozen women exercised throughout their pregnancy and gave birth to happy, healthy, beautiful children.

The babysitting provided will help these women continue to stay in shape, Mashuta said.

Personalized training is a specialty at Mashuta's Training Center. The facility's staff was expanded by 25 percent last year, including three to four women trainers, who Mashuta said have been a wonderful addition.

Mashuta has "a lot of equipment," all of it up-to-date, and he expects to add more in 1996.

"Our cardiovascular equipment monitors the heart rate, then self-adjusts its difficulty, letting our clients reach their target heart rate," Mashuta said, adding that he hopes to expand even more into one-on-one training in the coming year.

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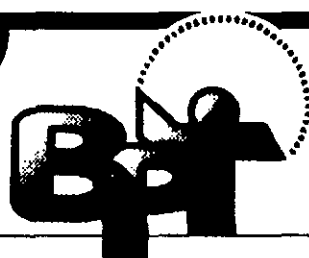
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Local practice keeps its eye on latest medical advances

By Katherine McCarthy

"Troy Eye Associates has been serving the Capital District for over 30 years now," said Dr. Zieker, who bought the established practice in 1987. Today it has expanded, in name and geography, with offices on Sixth Avenue in Troy, Western Avenue in Albany and Pond View Road in Schodack.

"Our goal," said Dr. Zieker, "is to provide the highest quality staff along with very comfortable and accessible facilities."

The practice is covered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by our Board Certified Ophthalmologists. Emergency, evening and weekend appointments are always available."

Four other ophthalmologists work with Dr. Zieker. To stay competitive in today's market, everyone at Troy Eye Associates/Albany Cataract and Laser Associates stays educated on the most up-to-date equipment and procedures.

"We are fellowship-trained specialists," Zieker explained, "which means that following four years of regular study, we specialize even more specifically, for instance in the area of the cornea."

The specialties among the doctors encompasses a broad

spectrum of visual needs: cataract and glaucoma surgery, medical retina, laser surgery, diseases of the cornea and cornea transplants, radial keratotomy and all aspects of pediatric ophthalmology.

Two surgeons are also being certified at the New England Eye Center in Boston to perform photorefractive keratectomy, or laser refractive surgery, which the FDA has recently approved for correcting nearsightedness.

The Albany ophthalmic community is working to bring the first laser to the area, and Troy Eye Associates and Albany Cataract and Laser Associates will be one of the first practices able to offer this service to their patients.

Troy Eye Associates also employs ophthalmic technicians who stay up to date in their field through continuing education and by attaining high levels of certification.

The Troy facility also dispenses eyewear. The optical division there is staffed by New York State licensed opticians, who, in keeping with the rest of the practice, have many years of experience.

Troy Eye Associates/Albany Cataract and Laser Associates welcomes new patients and they are providers for most insurance carriers. They can be reached at 274-3123.

SPARC teaches a range of skills for helping people stay sober

By Katherine McCarthy

St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center, or SPARC as it's most commonly known, is a not-for-profit alcohol and chemical addiction treatment center. It is a subsidiary of MercyCare Corporation, which includes St. Peter's hospital.

It is important that a person understands the triggers that lead to abuse, and then develop living skills to maintain sobriety.

Anita Ramundo

"We have been here for 24 years," said Anita Ramundo, SPARC's community liaison. "We provide both in- and outpatient treatment to men and women over 18 at five different locations in Albany County."

"Someone's first contact to us is usually through a centralized phone number," Ramundo explained, where a triage system saves time and money as an initial assessment is made.

"We then schedule an evaluation at the appropriate treatment site. If the individual needs treatment, a recommendation will be made to SPARC or a facility in our network."

Ramundo stressed that not many of SPARC's clients fit the stereotype of a Skid Row bum. "A high number of people seeking treatment are employed, and often come in with their employer's blessing."

"Treatment is either as an inpatient or outpatient. Typically, inpatient rehabilitation lasts about 28 days. It is an intensive daily regimen using clinical therapy and teaching skills to help a client remain sober."

An after-treatment plan is included, and a big component of both in- and outpatient treatment is relapse prevention."

Outpatient treatment consists of individual or weekly counseling with a strong educational element that helps to reassess the pattern of substance abuse and take steps to correct it.

"It is important that a person understands the triggers that lead to abuse, and then develop living skills to maintain sobriety," Ramundo said, adding that 12-step programs are frequently used.

SPARC also offers seminars and workshops to professionals who encounter addiction, be they addiction counselors, hospital workers, parole officers or school counselors.

SPARC keeps pace with changes in health care, most recently by negotiating agreements with HMOs to hold down treatment costs and to create regional networks among other addiction treatment providers.

SPARC strives to meet the dual challenge of keeping costs down while providing good treatment. They are currently studying the use of acupuncture in addiction treatment, providing van pickup service to get patients to a treatment site and looking to establish a program to treat mentally ill people who are also substance abusers.

Roberts broker says Hughes commits to old-time service

houses are selling

By Mel Hyman

The real estate business has been a bit slack over the past year, but Lois Dorman is nevertheless

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Lois Dorman

satisfied she made the right career choice.

An associate broker with Roberts Real Estate in Delmar, Dorman embarked on her career in real estate eight years ago after several years as a teacher.

And she has no regrets about changing her profession. "I think this is a fascinating field," she said. "I enjoy my work tremendously. I work with people from all walks of life. Not just with those from one income group."

For her first three years as a broker, Dorman might have had

some second thoughts, but fortunately things have turned around since then.

"I started in '88, just after the stock market crash," she said, "and things seemed to come to a screeching halt. From 1988 to 1991 it was not wonderful."

The real estate market has improved gradually since then, she said, until last year when things started to slack off.

"I think we're fairly reflective of what's going on countywide. There is still some uncertainty among people about job security."

But "houses are selling. Sellers just have to be realistic" as far as what their property can fetch, Dorman said.

Both new construction and re-sales are currently in demand, she said. The average selling price of a new home in Delmar or Slingerlands is about \$250,000.

Dorman said she receives about 75 percent of her customers from referrals. When someone comes to her, she said she "really tries to match people with the type of house they're interested in."

"I try to listen very carefully to what their needs are."

By Dev Tobin

In its ninth year, Hughes Opticians at 411 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar is committed to old-fashioned service and low prices on quality eyewear, according to Tom Hughes Jr.

The family-owned operation was founded by Tom Hughes Sr., his son said.

Hughes Opticians features quality merchandise at extremely competitive prices, Hughes said. The walls of their bright store are lined with eyewear styles from the traditional to the stylish.

"You may see ads for \$49 glasses at mall stores, but they are low-quality products," Hughes said. "For the higher quality glasses, price-wise, we're better than the malls."

As befits a smaller, community-based store, Hughes Opticians offers personal service that can-

not be found in larger stores.

"You're always dealing with the same people here, but the staff is always different at the mall stores," Hughes said.

"We also offer convenience and flexibility with appointments,"

You're always dealing with the same people here, but the staff is always different at the mall stores.

Tom Hughes

Hughes said, adding that his staff is "fully licensed and highly knowledgeable."

Hughes also has a pickup and delivery service for senior citizens.

"We'll go to a patient's home,

before, during or after office hours, if there's a problem," he added.

Unlike large stores outside of town, Hughes Opticians is an active participant in the Bethlehem community, supporting school and youth athletic programs and local service organizations.

New in 1996 at Hughes Opticians will be a major update of the refracting equipment and furniture in the exam room, Hughes said.

More progress in 1996 includes full computerization of records, and the new line of fashionable Calvin Klein eyewear, Hughes added.

Hughes said he grew up in the family business, and found that he liked it.

So much so that, already a licensed optician, the younger Hughes plans to attend optometry school next year.

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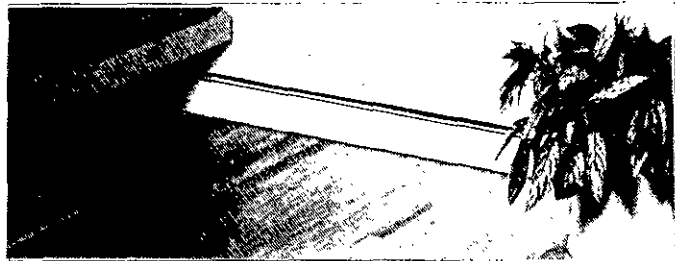
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The Academy of the Holy Names, a recognized School of Excellence, is planning three performing arts events in its "Series for the Seasons" at the Campus Arts Center at 1069 New Scotland Road in Albany.

Dave McKenna returns to the campus on Friday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. to capture the hearts of jazz lovers with his smooth, thematic approach and natural talent and enthusiasm. McKenna will present an evening of musical innovation as he creatively brings the keyboard to life.

The Mendelssohn Club, a unique male chorus, will appear on Friday March 1, at 8 p.m.

The club's repertoire includes classical, contemporary, folk, Broadway music and spirituals, each exemplifying the rich sound



A group of Holy Names students works on a fund-raiser for the Ronald McDonald House recently.

Doug Persons

of male choral singing.

"Gardening for Everyone" will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m.

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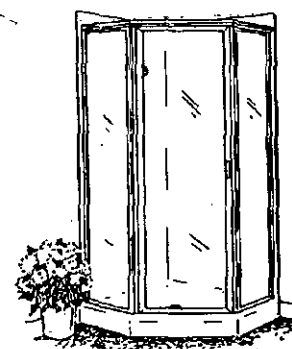
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Crossroads cites effective results

By Joshua Kagan

There are answers to chemical dependency.

Some of those answers are found at Crossroads, an outpatient chemical dependency center at 4

addictions," Ellen L. Halligan, a co-owner of Crossroads, said. "Just coming in for treatment is very helpful."

The clinic provides a range of services, from evaluation to vari-

counseling and psychological testing, in addition to basic addiction treatment. Halligan said the specialized services "makes us unique."

Crossroads opened a new clinic last June in Ravena that offers the same services. Halligan said the county government asked the clinic to expand to Ravena because of a shortage of addiction services there. The clinic's Delmar office has been open since 1989. The clinic now employs 16 people.

Halligan said the most important part of Crossroads' formula is the personal touch.

"It's a small, very intimate and confidential program," she said. "We're very individualized."

I think we're highly effective, because we address the need for people to understand and accept treatment for alcoholism and other addictions.

Ellen Halligan

Normanskill Blvd. in Delmar, across from Delaware Plaza.

"I think we're highly effective, because we address the need for people to understand and accept treatment for alcoholism and other

ous levels of treatment. It has expanded to offer specialized services including family therapy, anger management, groups for couples, support groups especially for women, acupuncture, career

Doane Stuart pushes students to succeed

By John Thorpe

Doane Stuart School's commitment to excellence helped members of its Class of 1995 win acceptance into such prestigious universities as Georgetown, Cornell, Colgate, Johns Hopkins and NYU. And Dr. Edward Dougherty, head of the Route 9W, Albany, school, thinks that kind of commitment can help virtually any student achieve his or her dreams.

"We are the only coeducational private school in the Capital District offering college-preparatory curriculum from prekindergarten right through grade 12," he said. "We have an exceptional faculty, teaching small classes and giving abundant personal attention to each student."

Certainly, no prekindergarten students will be in classrooms learning calculus, but at Doane Stuart the emphasis is put on learning right from the start, according to Dougherty.

We have an exceptional faculty, teaching small classes and giving abundant personal attention to each student.

Edward Dougherty

"Basically, our focus is on giving students a solid academic foundation from which they can continue to grow," he said. "In middle school they can take accelerated courses; and in high school we have a great number of advanced placement courses available."

Some of those AP courses include English, American History, Macroeconomics, Calculus, Physics, Biology, French and Spanish. If any of these courses is followed by a successfully completed placement exam, students may earn college credits.

Most classes range in size from 12 to 20 students, according to Dougherty, and the approximate student/teacher ratio is 8 to 1.

Doane Stuart is also part of an international exchange program for students and educators. In the past, students have visited from as far away as Russia and Australia. One member of this year's class is from Korea, and more potential exchanges could be made with institutions from South America, Japan, France and Spain, to name a few.

"We hope to expand our international program, both in sending students abroad and bringing visitors here," Dougherty said. "Our unique facilities allow many opportunities for development in this area."

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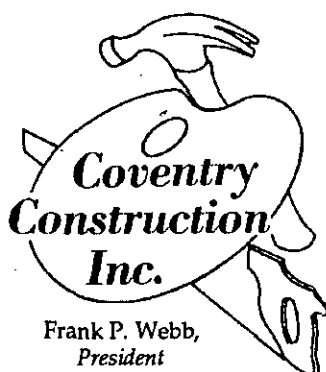
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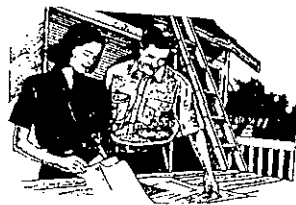
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