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Christmas book author releases prequel

Three years ago, a Salt Lake City advertising executive named Richard Paul Evans wrote a Christmas story. He never intended to publish his tale; it was just an expression of love for his two young daughters.

When finished, Evans made 20 photocopy editions and handed them out to family and friends. Within days, his book, "The Christmas Box," had been read hundreds of times, and bookstores were calling with orders for the unpublished book.

Last year, in a fierce bidding war between publishing giants, Evans sold the book's hardcover rights, and the rights to a second book, to Simon & Shuster for \$4.2 million — one of the highest first-novel advances in history.

"The Christmas Box" has now spread throughout the world, been translated into more than a dozen languages and sold millions of copies. It also inspired a hit television movie starring Maureen O'Hara and



Richard Paul Evans

Richard Thomas.

Evans' novella went on to make publishing history as the first book to simultaneously hit No. 1 on the *New York Times* hardcover and paperback best-seller lists, prompting *Newsweek* magazine to proclaim "The Christmas Box" "the most popular holiday tale since Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'."

Now a full-time writer, Evans has released "The Christmas Box" prequel — "Timepiece."

"Timepiece" answers most of the questions "The Christmas Box" left unanswered," said Evans, who admits to being a little surprised that the most common response he receives regarding "Timepiece" is that the readers like it even more than his first book.

According to Evans, "One

woman said she went through a box of Kleenex with 'The Christmas Box,' but with 'Timepiece,' she went for the paper towels."

Evans sold the motion-picture rights of this second book to Hallmark Hall of Fame productions, which plans to air it as a TV special this December.

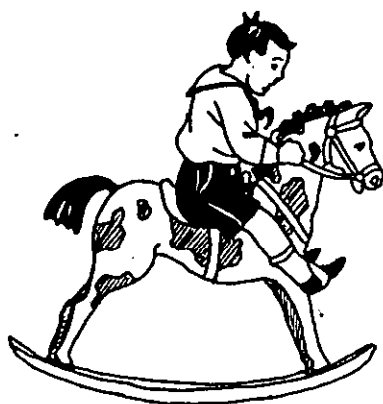
Toys can teach lessons, too

This holiday season, there will be more than 100,000 toys on the market for children to wish for — and parents to sift through. How can parents choose toys that will meet the fun quotient for children, yet still serve as good learning tools? Kathleen Alfano, director of the Play Laboratory at Fisher-Price, said if parents choose the right toys, both objectives can be met easily.

"Children learn through play," Alfano said, "and while playing, preschoolers explore their

world, figure out how things work and learn how to get along with others. These activities all help develop basic skills that are the foundation for future learning." Experts agree that good toys don't perform for children, but rather invite them to create their own play situations.

They say it is important to provide both girls and boys with opportunities that allow them to try on a variety of roles. Johnny will likely help dad fix dinner, and Suzy will be as adept with a screwdriver as mom!



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Season proves some toys are timeless

By Mel Hyman

From what Ruth Hoffman can see, people are returning to more traditional toys this holiday season rather than going for the latest super heroes being promoted on television.

As the owner of Iron Horse Gifts and Antiques in Latham, Hoffman doesn't normally stock the types of toys that fill the superstores. All the same, she says, she can tell from the boost in business lately that "people are trying to hold on to tradition a little more."

Some of the classic toys parents are asking for include Playmobil sets that allow children to use sturdy plastic pieces to create a variety of scenes from cowboy life on the range to dueling pirates on the high seas to medieval life around the time of King Arthur.

There's also a demand for the ever-popular Brio wooden train sets, as well as a wide variety of Winnie the Pooh items such as stuffed animals, puppets and figurines.

A big advantage to giving classic toys is that they tend to have lasting value. "You don't need to replace them every year," Hoffman said.

Another old standby said to be in demand is "The Snowman," a very soft velveteen figure with a storybook that goes along with it.

"There are a lot of artsy-type items on the market this year," Hoffman noted, which indicate that children (and parents for that matter) are "going back to being creative."

One of the more enduring lines of toys is the Breyer horse series — ranging in price from \$14 to \$40 — which come with a complete line of accessories.

And even in this age of computers and video games, dolls and doll houses still warm young hearts despite what's advertised on TV, Hoffman said.

More traditional toys also appear to be making a comeback at The Toy Maker in Stuyvesant Plaza. There is quite a call for the line of characters manufactured by The Learning Curve Co., said store manager Kevin Murphy. The line is based on the same characters featured in *Shining Times Station*, a popular children's show on PBS.

The animated railroad cars in the TV series are on the same scale as the Brio train sets and fit right in with this line of toys.



"It seems like the best-selling toy in the country is called Beanie Babies," Murphy said.

Demand for the little stuffed animals — more than 50 different species — in "some parts of the country has reached Cabbage Patch (doll) proportions. It hasn't really reached that fervor here yet, but we do sell a lot of them," he said.

What about the once-mighty Power Rangers who were the rage just a year or two ago? "I think they've seen their day," Murphy said.

High-technology video games have not disappeared from the scene, however, and if you can

afford the \$199.95 price tag, your son or daughter will probably be delighted with the Nintendo 64 video game series, which is the hottest item on the market in this category, according to Raili Filion, public relations coordinator for Kay-Bee toy stores.

"It's almost like a virtual reality home entertainment system," she said.

For those not of this ilk, the hot-sellers at Kay-Bee stores like the one in Delaware Plaza in Elsmere are expected to be a veterinarian Barbie doll called Pet Doctor and Tackle Me Elmo, which is a "cute little stuffed toy based on the popular *Sesame Street* character," Filion said.



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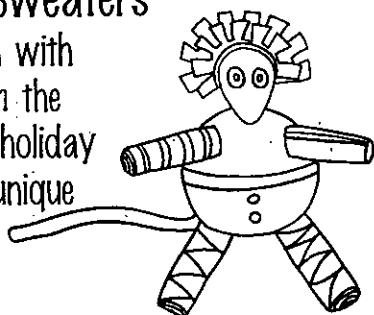
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Celebrate a "Merry Mortal Kombat Christmas" this year with explosive releases that expand upon the phenomenally successful Mortal Kombat series, Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 (Saturn, SNES, Genesis) and Mortal Kombat Trilogy

(PlayStation, N64).

Impending "doom" is inevitable this holiday season with the home video-game introduction of the latest chapter in id Software's Doom series, Final Doom (PlayStation).

New titles and systems, as well as arcade classics, are available in stores.

Score high with the sports fans on your holiday shopping list with The NHLPA and NHL Present Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey (N64) and NHL Open Ice (PlayStation).

Another great sports title coming to stores this holiday season is the "slammin'" fantasy basketball game, NBA Hang Time (SNES, Genesis, PlayStation, N64).

Bring home the most popular video games from arcade's golden age with Williams Arcade's Greatest Hits, the definitive collection of classic games, including Joust, Defender,

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Beware of aliens this holiday season when Area 51 (Saturn, PlayStation) blows you into next Christmas with this chilling sci-fi shooting game inspired by the infamous Area 51 U.S. Air Force base in Nevada.

With these new titles available for holiday gift-giving, the 1996 season promises to be a jolly one for gamers everywhere.

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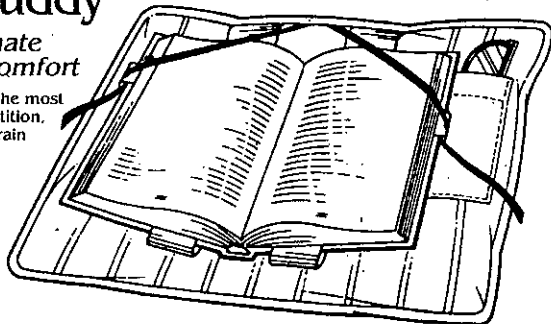
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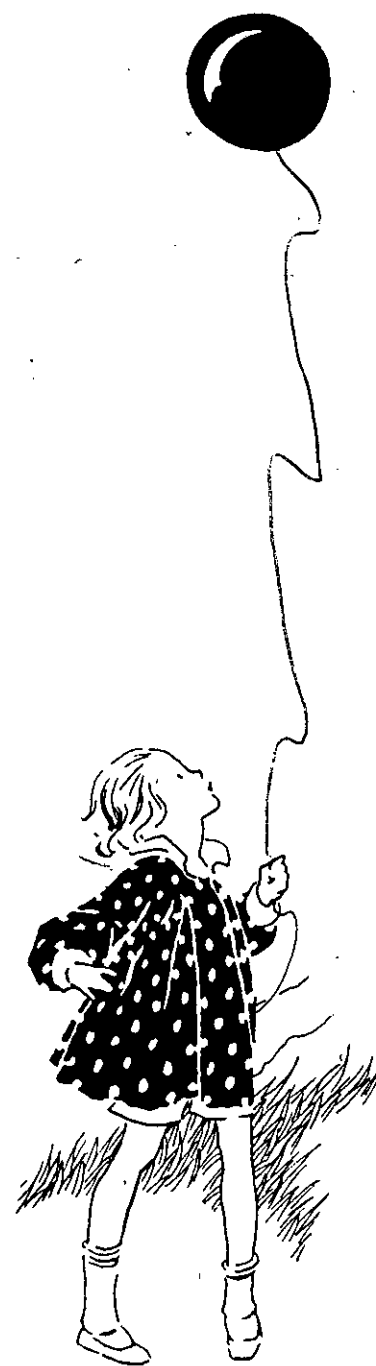
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People have even sent in their original drawings and other flat artwork to reproduce in calendars, mousepads, shirts and

puzzles. New this year from Dundee Printing are calendars featuring one laminated photo and 12 tear-off calendar sheets for people who want to use just one picture or don't have time to find more. You can ask your local print shop if they can make this type of calendar for you. The cost for this calendar is usually between \$10 and \$15.



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When meals and medication are taken on time, when usual sleep patterns are maintained, the care receiver tends to be happier and more cooperative and the day goes smoothly for everyone concerned, including visitors.

Here are caregivers' suggestions for family and friends who may come to visit:

- Respect the caregiving schedule. If the daily routine and your usual holiday schedule clash, the daily routine takes precedent. Meals, medications and rest are most important.

- Call ahead. Certain times of day will be fine, others may be disastrous. Call ahead and ask the caregiving family member what time is best, then follow their recommendation. Don't offer advice. Spending a few hours in the home on a holiday is very different from being responsible for care seven days a

week. Simply listen and be supportive.

- Keep visits short. How short? You could ask the caregiver, but many, in any effort to be gracious, will be reluctant to ask you to leave, so use your own discretion. If you think the visit has been long enough, it has. Say goodbye, thanks, and leave.

- Don't insist on maintaining traditions. A traditional schedule or activity may not fit into the current situation. If the caregiver wants to do things differently, respect his/her wishes. The traditions of past years may be impossible or upsetting to

maintain this year.

- Educate yourself. If someone in the home you are visiting has Alzheimer's disease or Parkinson's disease, or has suffered a stroke or other illness, find out about their situation. Contact a care resource center, library, or ask the family caregiver to explain things to you.

Spending a few hours in the home on a holiday is very different from being responsible for care seven days a week.

- Avoid a big crowd. If the elderly person is used to only three or four people being in the home, stagger visits with other relatives so the house doesn't become too crowded, noisy or hectic. Consider leaving children at home, if possible.

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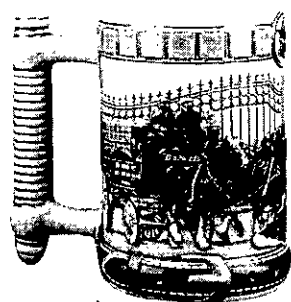
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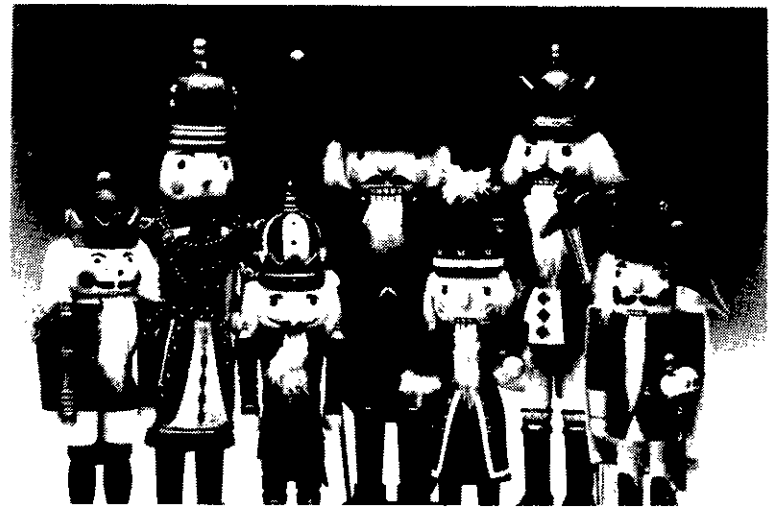
Revco recently announced that each of the more than 2,200 stores in the chain will once again offer the nutcrackers for sale at \$5.99 and \$9.99, \$2.50 of which goes directly to the Ronald McDonald House in the area where the store operates.

"This promotion has been a phenomenal success since we started it in 1990," said D. Dwayne Hoven, president and chief executive officer of Revco. "We are very appreciative of the

thousands of customers who have supported the program by purchasing a nutcracker, and our vendor partners who also contribute to make the program successful."

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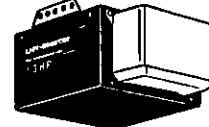
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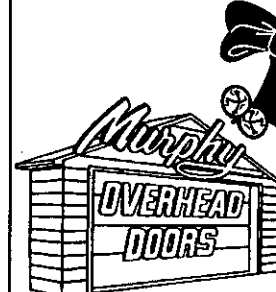
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Get in the holiday game with sports gifts

By John Thorpe

Forget that football, Phil. Put down the baseball, Bob. These are the '90s, and when it comes to buying gifts for the sports enthusiast on your Christmas list, times have changed.

Snowboarding, mountain biking, hockey and lacrosse are just a few of the sports today's youth is choosing to take up.

"Snowboarding is even hotter than last year," says Shannon Skerritt of Steiner's Sports, at 243 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. "The trend is not letting up at all. People don't even need to know how to ski to get involved with it."

Although many of today's snowboarders do ski, they are crossing over to more "radical" sports, along with skateboarders and mountain bikers.

"The sport is becoming more acceptable, even among skiers," he said. "The bad blood between the two is diminishing."

Steiner's carries boards for both hard-core freestylers (more spins and jumps) and straight free riders (straight down the mountain), with a knowledgeable staff to fit customers by both weight and style.

The store also has plenty of skis, still hot this holiday season, with one new product leading the way. "The carver skis, or parabolic skis, are the hottest thing going in skiing right now," Skerritt said. "They have a shorter turning radius, and hold their speed through turns."

Steiner's also carries a wide range of mountain bikes (GT, Specialized, Cannondale, Serotta), as well as BMX bikes. "BMX is making a very strong comeback," Skerritt explained.

George Meyers of Meyers Bicycle and Lawn Mower Center on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands agrees. "That's for sure," he says of BMX

racing's comeback. "These 20-inch bikes were the origin of mountain biking in the '70s, and now kids are getting back into the sport."

BMX bikes have just a straight single speed, unlike their mountain bike counterparts, which often have as many as 21 gears. Meyers sees children from ages 5 right through to 18 getting into BMX racing.

His store carries brand names GT and Red Line, as well as select parts for all bikes, such as wheels, handlebars, grips and cranks. "The parts to upgrade a BMX bike are big Christmas sellers," he said. Meyers also carries a small line of mountain bikes, but is stocked with about 80 percent BMX-style bikes.

For less specialized sports equipment at prices that are hard to beat, Play It Again Sports on Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham sells not only new sporting goods, but also buys and sells used sports equipment and

offers trade for old equipment.

"We'll make three offers on used equipment," explains owner Dottie Vonk. "We can buy it outright, trade it for something in the store, or offer consignment."

With the third option, Play It Again keeps 40 percent of the estimated retail value of the item, while the customer keeps 60 percent and can opt to sell it elsewhere if it hasn't sold after 90 days.

The store carries all kinds of hockey and lacrosse equipment, from sticks to gloves, along with tennis racquets and golf clubs, as well as plenty of skis, both downhill and cross country. Play It Again also has in-line skates, still a popular gift item.

About 60 percent of the store's inventory is new, according to Vonk. "Business has been good since our grand opening (Nov. 15)," she said. "Trading in what you're not using is a great way to get new equipment as Christmas gifts."



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First, you will want to locate a



good dealer in your area. If you have a friend who has an aquarium, ask for a reference; otherwise, the phone book lists most tropical-fish retailers.

One basic rule to follow is to buy the largest aquarium possible, since the greater the

water environment, the less chance of water problems.

When determining where to put your new aquarium, you should consider several factors. You will not want to put it in direct sunlight, since this will cause algae to grow on the glass and accessories.

You also will not want to put it on your best carpeting, since it is possible for some water to splash on the floor during water changes. And, you also should be sure to put your aquarium on a firm stand, since water is heavy.

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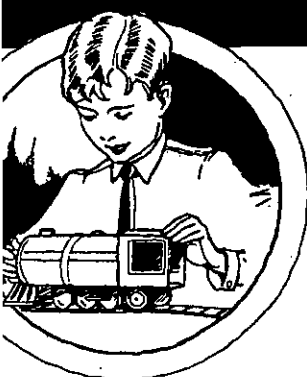


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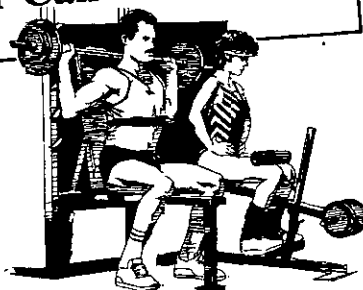
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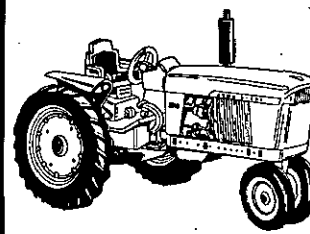
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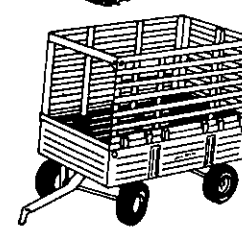
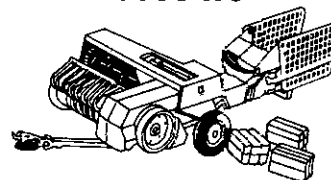
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Bookstores feature variety of treasures

By Dev Tobin

From best-sellers to coffee-table books to the latest in children's literature, books can be all things to all holiday gift-givers.

As with most retailers, the December holiday season is the busiest time of the year, and each season brings with it a different cast of popular books.

But one thing remains the same. Local bookstore owners and managers agree that the essential quality of book gift-giving is that there is something

in their stores for everyone.

"If you're looking for a gift for someone with a particular interest or hobby, a book about that subject, either for reference or for entertainment, is a great gift," said Chris Madden, owner of the Bookworm in Delmar, a used book store.

For children, "Books are more substantial than a toy that may be discarded quickly," she added.

Madden noted that many used books in her store are practically indistinguishable from new books, and that people can find books in her store that have gone out of print.

The vast variety of books available, more than 1 million in print, means that gift-givers have "so many choices it's easy to get something no one else will get," said Melissa Stein, owner of I Love Books in Delmar.

Generally, "Nothing is hotter than books Oprah is recommending," Stein said. "We sell more books she recommends, like the *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison, than we do of her own diet and exercise book.

"Anything with dalmatians in it is also hot," she added.

Among children's books, *Falling Up* by Shel Silverstein ("funny poetry that parents and children can enjoy together") and *Comet's Nine Lives* by Jan Brett ("with very colorful and ornate illustrations") are best-sellers at I Love Books, Stein said.

Adult non-fiction favorites this year include Harold Kushner's *How Good Do We Have to Be* ("a new understanding of guilt and forgiveness") and *Down in the Garden* by Jane Geddes ("photos of super-cute babies in a garden"), Stein added.

Giving a book is "more personal than giving a blender," noted Alison Randolph, manager

of Friar Tuck Bookstore in Delaware Plaza in Elsmere.

Also, "Books are inexpensive entertainment, and can take you places that you can't afford to go," she added.

Randolph said many perennially best-selling writers have new releases on the shelves now, so "If you know someone likes a particular author, it will be easy to purchase a gift for them."

In fiction, new releases include *Executive Orders* by Tom Clancy, *My Gal Sunday* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Silent Honor* by Danielle Steele, *Horse Whisperer* by Nicholas Evans and *Regulator* and *Desperation* by Stephen King.

Popular non-fiction titles included *Making the Connection* by Oprah Winfrey, *Sarah, Duchess of York: My Story* by Sarah Ferguson, *Don't Block the Blessing* by Patti LaBelle, *Simple Abundance* by Sarah Breathnach and *The Small One* by Alex Walsh with an introduction by Kathy Lee Gifford.

Randolph added that Friar Tuck has hundreds of calendars and thousands of magazines, "which make great gifts as subscriptions."

Besides national best-sellers, area book stores also feature titles of local interest or by local writers, noted Denise McCoy, owner of The Bookmark in Newton Plaza on Route 9 in Latham.

McCoy recommended *Great Camps of the Adirondacks* by Harvey Kaiser ("a really nice coffee-table book about the history of the camps and the eccentric personalities who built them"), *Sweetfeed* by R. Austin Healy ("a mystery set in Saratoga, a real page-turner"), and *Flyers* by Daniel Hayes ("for young adults, a mystery that's also a wonderful story about family relationships").

The Bookmark has signed copies of *Sweetfeed* and *Flyers* available, she noted.

"We have many more books with a local theme — people should come in and browse," she added.

McCoy said books are great gifts because they are "an extension of the recipient and the giver; there's something for everyone; and they're generally under \$25."



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Give a gift, get a gift: Non-profit options

By Martin P. Kelly

How do you give a gift that also gives? Well, you could do your holiday shopping this year with some of the region's non-profit social agencies or merchants willing to help others.

For example, the Northeast Parent and Child Society of Schenectady obtained the services of Latham resident Christine Masi-Layden to design a 1996 Christmas card to be sold at a number of area stores and by mail order. All of the proceeds will go to the Northeast Parent and Child Society.

The cards are being sold at all Price Chopper outlets by Super Samples demonstrators from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. They may also be purchased at two area businesses: Faddegon's Nursery on Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham and the Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland.

Proceeds from the cards support Northeast's work with abused, neglected and troubled children. A package of 12 cards costs \$5. Mail order information may be obtained at 346-5224.

If flowers are needed to make the holiday festive, the Arthritis Foundation, located in Colonie, will be selling a dozen roses for \$15 as part of its eighth annual "Rose Day" on Friday, Dec. 20.

The medium-stemmed, red roses will be for sale through the holiday season until Dec. 20.

Proceeds will go toward continued research and education into America's number one crippling disease, arthritis.

Customers can call 456-1203 for instructions on how to pre-order and pay for the roses, as well as a list of pick-up sites.

A trip to the seventh annual Shaker Christmas Shop will also provide an opportunity to purchase quality items from more than 35 local craftspeople who excel in woodenware, quilting, woven items, herbal decorations, pottery, tole painting, copper crafting, jewelry, pet gifts and many other unique hand-crafted Christmas items to be given as gifts or used for decorating the home.

The shop is located on the grounds of the Ann Lee Nursing Home on Albany-Shaker Road, near Albany Airport and Heritage Park. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, until Dec. 21.

As part of the Christmas season, LensCrafters in Colonie Center will give free eye exams and eyeglasses to needy people in the Capital District on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"We want to help in the best way we can, and that's by giving the gift of sight," said Rachelle Pinkowski, general



Latham artist Christine Masi-Layden holds the Northeast Parent and Child Society Christmas cards she designed.

manager of LensCrafters in Colonie Center.

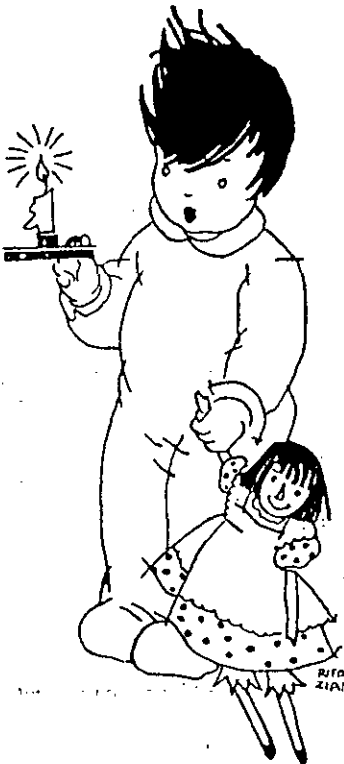
United Way of Northeastern New York is working with local non-profit agencies and area school nurses to identify potential recipients. LensCrafters will also be collecting old eyeglasses to dispense to people in developing countries.

A new book to help children read is being distributed by the Wildwood Creative Enterprises to

raise funds for the Wildwood Program for the learning disabled in Niskayuna.

I Wish I Could Fly Like a Bird is a colorful and poignant book about a young bird who doesn't fly as well as other birds, but finds he can trust his other talents and do well.

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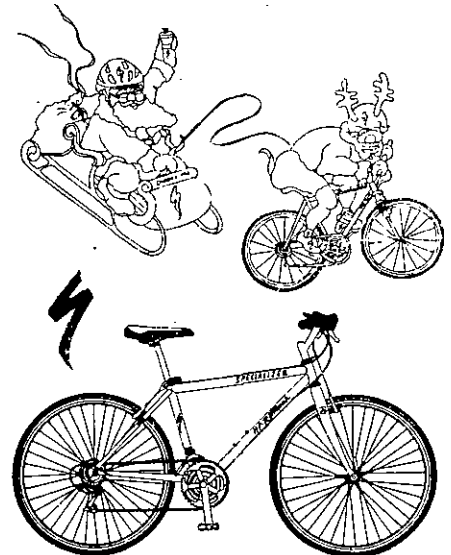
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Country collectibles abound in stores

By Tom Murnane

Imagine being able to find unique gifts, stocking stuffers, Christmas tree ornaments or decorations in just one or two stores.

Now think, The Country Store in Delmar or Grandma's Gift Shop in Colonie, to name just two stores that specialize in such items.

At The Country Store at 410 Kenwood Ave., the pleasant aroma of incense greets visitors as they open the front door.

Once inside, owners Marlene and Gill Brookins have fulfilled their dream of creating a world that harkens back to the more simple era that Norman Rockwell immortalized in his classic paintings. In other words, a real country store.

A proud point of distinction for the couple is that they sell only American-made crafts.

"When people find an item depicting something that is typically American and then turn that item over and see that the piece was made in China, it's kind of a let-down for them. We want them to trust that what they are buying is really American," she said.

In the front room next to the cash register, there are the big jars of "penny candies" such as Mary Janes, fireballs and necklace candy. A concession to changing times, however, is that the candy now costs five cents a piece, she said sheepishly.

Afghans rest in one corner, and hanging from the opposite wall, a window that has been converted into a mirror. On the floor are old wooden spindles that have been painted with Santa Claus faces.

"That is something that we sell a lot of, items that have been recycled into something else," Brookins said.

The store features a line of Yankee Candle Factory goods, and beeswax ornaments hang from the doorway that leads into the back room, where gourmet foods from jellies to soups line the shelves against the wall.

In a side room, most of the Christmas items can be found, such as wooden toy blocks (made by Marlene) and handcarved wooden Santa Claus figurines.

While the Brookins' store focuses on handmade crafts,



Marlene Brookins of The Country Store in Delmar shows off some American-made craft items. *Tom Murnane*

Grandma's Gift Shop, at 1275 Central Ave. (next to Grandma's Restaurant), has evolved into one of the area's premier collectibles stores.

Lines ranging from Disney to Boyd's are featured in the four-year-old store, which is run by partners Debi Drouin and Joe Danaher.

"Clearly the most popular collection this year is the Heritage Village line," Drouin said, noting that some starter pieces are sold as a package for \$65.

"This is really taking off, and the beauty of it is you can buy as few or as many as you want," she said.

In addition to the Heritage Village line, dozens of other figurine collectible lines can be found, including Santa's Crystal Valley winter scenes found inside the front door.

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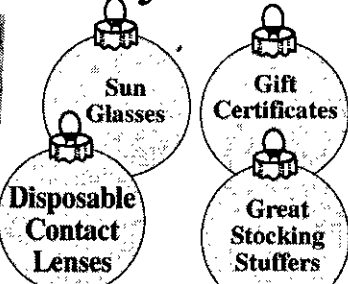


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Consumer Credit Counseling Service has the following hints to

organize your shopping and get back in control of your holiday spending:

- Make a plan. Create a holiday budget and set limits on the amount you plan to spend. Include all holiday expenses: decorations, cards, postage and gift wrapping paper. Call Consumer Credit Counseling Service at 1-800-479-6026 for a free holiday budget worksheet.

- Make lists. After you've set up your budget, make a list of gifts, decorations and food items which you need to buy.

Do everything possible to stick to this list!

- If you're using credit cards for holiday spending, use only one or two low-interest cards. Keep track of your purchases, and avoid spending more than you can afford to pay off in two to four months. Ask yourself if you would buy the item if you had to pay cash for it versus credit.

- If you're using cash, take a pre-determined amount of money with you to keep from overspending.

- Plan a time to shop. If possible, arrange for a day or half-

day to do your shopping. You may be able to trade childcare with a friend to give you more time.

- Don't get exhausted. Running around on lunch hours and evenings after work or shopping with young children is exhausting and not very productive. You are more likely to buy anything when you are tired!

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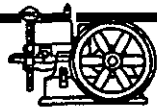
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Help children understand holiday spirit

Christmas lists seem to start earlier and get longer every year. To make it worse, as children grow, so do the price tags of their desired gifts. Instead of a \$5 action figure, children may want the latest designer duds or expensive electronics.

Where does it all end?

Holiday time consumerism can be like a seasonal cyclone, escalating until it wreaks havoc on the holidays, said Radford University psychology professor Jeffrey Chase. But how can a parent rein in what seems to be a progressive and powerful trend?

Chase suggests a heart-to-heart talk about the true meaning of the holidays as a celebration of sharing and caring. Besides talking, you should involve children in acts of kindness, he says, such as baking cookies and bringing them to a neighbor.

It helps to get children involved in providing gifts for children who are less fortunate through holiday projects or charities that are devoted to helping others, particularly disadvantaged children.

In keeping with a giving

theme, older children might be required to earn money so that they can buy presents for others. Earning money for gifts, instead of just picking out something that parents pay for, reminds children that money is not limitless and that there's a relationship between work and money.

"When you make a purchase, involve children in the decision-making process," Chase said. "Make them aware of variables. Do we have the money? What will we get for the money? How long will it last? If we get one thing, what other thing will we have to give up? These are lessons you can teach children throughout the year."

When you try to combat commercialism, "You're swimming against the tide of millions of dollars in advertising," Chase said. He recommends educating children about advertising techniques such as "Action figure shown is not actual size." Also, remind them about past items that were deceptively portrayed or disappointing.

Ironically, it's often those who can least afford it who are driven

by guilt to overspend, Chase said. "In that case, you have to weigh the transient pleasure of opening a gift vs. the stress of a bill that won't go away. Children may want something desperately, but they get bored with things quickly. The long-term financial stress probably isn't worth the short-term pleasure."

If money isn't a major factor, care should be taken to provide children with precisely what they ask for, Chase said. For example, if a child expects a specific doll, just any doll can be disappointing.

"Children are often more discriminating than people give them credit for," he said, "but it's also important to help children be sensitive to the feelings of others and realize that the most important thing is the spirit in which the gift is given."

It might help to have children prioritize their gifts, indicating which gifts mean the most to

them. If one gift is so expensive that it would prohibit getting other gifts, you might offer the child a choice of either one major present or more numerous less expensive gifts, Chase said.

"Play out the scenario for them," he said. "How would they feel getting one big present while other children open more gifts? Then they can decide if that's what they really want to do."

Younger children sometimes like opening gifts without much regard for what's inside, but "Once children get in school, comparisons start and there's more pressure to acquire as much as others," he said. "It's more difficult, but it can also be an opportunity to teach children about limited funds, the consequence of choices and the more important things you value as a family."



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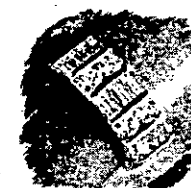
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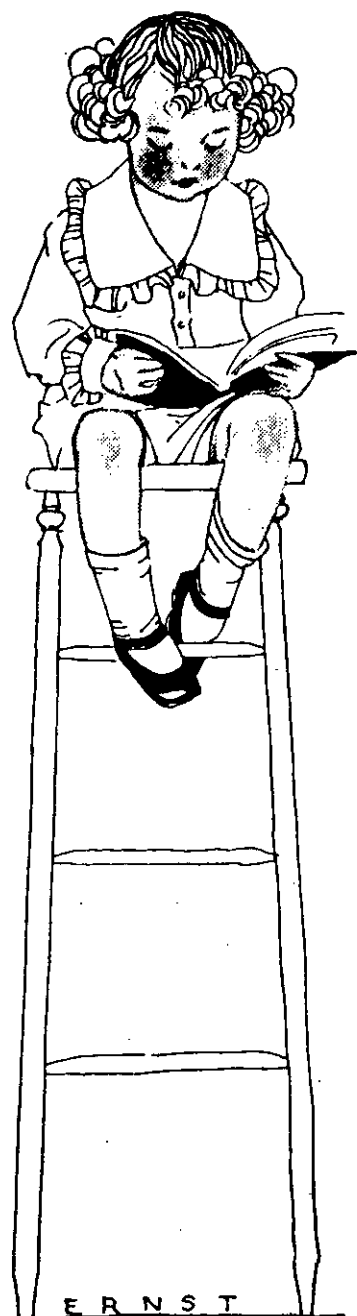
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Corn flour power



Danielle Carl of Slingerlands and Lara Norman of Voorheesville get an idea of how much work went into the first Thanksgiving 375 years ago as they handgrind corn at the New York State Museum during a Beth Emeth Nursery School field trip.

Katherine McCarthy

Spurlock must adhere to tough EnCon rules

By Mel Hyman

The cancer risk to people living in the vicinity of the proposed formaldehyde production plant for Route 144 in Glenmont will be no greater than one in a million after a lifetime of exposure.

That's a fairly rigorous standard, according to Marcia Ellis, an air resources engineer for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

But Spurlock Adhesives will not be issued an air quality control permit unless it demonstrates that it can adhere to the

guidelines, which are established by the state Department of Health.

The emission levels that Spurlock must adhere to for the release of formaldehyde

I don't think the regular population realizes that New York's requirements are as stringent as they are.

Philip Sumpter

fall into two categories — short-term concentrations (over a period of one hour), and annual concentrations (over a one-year period).

The maximum amount of

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Town Squire in hot water

Plaza staves off foreclosure again

By Mel Hyman

The foreclosure sale of the Town Squire Plaza scheduled for this week has been temporarily stayed, but that doesn't mean the troubled shopping center is out of the woods.

Far from it, according to a spokesman for Rochester Community Savings Bank, holder of the mortgage on the Route 9W shopping Plaza in Glenmont.

The bank started a foreclosure action in August 1994 seeking to collect on the \$1.7 million loan made to Country Squire Associates of Carle Place LP in 1979. But

in December 1994, Country Squire filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy laws so they could reorganize and pay off their debts.

But that never happened, said Jeff Parker, commercial mortgage officer with Rochester Savings.

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Wiggand

Pedestrian deaths spark formation of safety group

By Mel Hyman

An ad hoc citizens group concerned about pedestrian safety in Bethlehem is recommending a multi-pronged approach to prevent future tragedies like the death of two teenagers this year on local roadways.

Residents agreed during a meeting last week that some type of educational outreach was needed to bring parents and children up to date on how best to survive the danger that exists on local streets.

Lindsey Baron, 16, was walking on Rowland Avenue this summer

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Finley

Reilly prods contractor to finish work

By Dev Tobin

Six weeks after the general contractor for the New Scotland town hall addition promised to work full speed ahead to finish the seriously behind schedule project, town officials again had to threaten him with dismissal last week.

In a letter to the company that holds the surety bond for the approximately \$300,000 project, Supervisor Herb Reilly stated, "The project is far from complete, and the town is unable to conduct official business in a large portion" of the building.

"Over the last three weeks, there has been almost no construction activity on the project. My patience has run out," Reilly said. "I am setting a deadline of a full crew on the project by Monday, Nov. 25,

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Andy Shaw and Jay Hoefs install carpet at New Scotland town hall Tuesday. Doug Persons

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Reilly renounces own budget plan

By Dev Tobin

Despite the often bitter political divisions in New Scotland, town budgets usually receive consensus support from the five town board members.

But not this year, as the budget's author, Supervisor Herb Reilly, surprised his colleagues last Wednesday by casting the lone no vote against the \$3.8 million spending plan for 1997.

Reilly had tried and failed to win any support for using a potential surplus of approximately \$50,000 in the highway fund to reduce taxes paid by town residents outside the village of Voorheesville, who would otherwise face their first, albeit small, tax rate hike in six years.

The other four board members — Democrats Scott Houghtaling and Victoria Ramundo and Republicans Mark Dempf and Michael Fields — argued that the highway surplus should be retained by the town, at least until it was clear that the surplus was real and not just leftover disaster relief funds that may have to be returned to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The surplus developed because town highway crews spent so much time working on emergency repair projects related to disaster-level storms that they were unable to complete maintenance and repair projects scheduled for 1996, Reilly said.

The town has been reimbursed more than \$300,000 for storm-related work by FEMA. But the estimated surplus represents maintenance work that still needs to be done, even if it could not be done this year, the other board members argued.

"The only way there is a surplus is if we don't catch up on projects," Dempf said.

Houghtaling said the town may have to reimburse some of the FEMA aid if an expected audit were to conclude that the town used FEMA money indirectly to cut taxes.

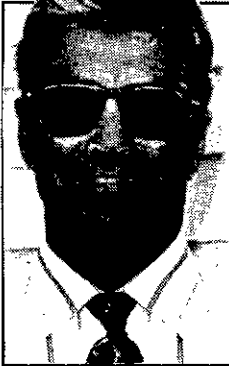
Houghtaling said the final budget was so close to Reilly's original proposal, "I don't know how he couldn't support it."

Dempf called Reilly's no vote "a political move — the rest of the board is raising your taxes and I'm not. If he didn't like the budget on Wednesday, why did he vote for it on Monday" at the board's final budget workshop.

Houghtaling noted that the 4.3 percent tax hike for non-village town residents is relatively modest in real terms, about \$5 a year for the average assessed property of \$100,000. The budget is good news for village residents, with their town taxes due to drop by 11.8 percent, he added.

"Overall, this is a good budget, and after this small jump in 1997, the tax rate is still well below the rate of 1995," Houghtaling said. "This covers all the bases without setting the town back."

"I definitely support the budget — it's the right thing, the prudent thing to do," Dempf said.



Reilly



Kevin Mooney relaxes with Buddy, but looks forward to having his own service dog.

Hugh Hewitt

Family fund-raises for service dog

By Susan Graves

A 12-year-old Delmar youth is hoping to pair up with a boy's best friend.

Kevin Mooney, who suffered a head injury in a car-pedestrian accident when he was a 3, has been waiting for the opportunity to have a service dog for about the last three years.

The accident "left him with severe disabilities — it's a miracle that he's here," at all, said Kevin's father Brendan.

Mooney said the family has applied to the National Education Assistance for Dog Services (NEADS), and that the chances of getting one of the specially trained animals by spring look good.

One of the obstacles, however, is the nearly \$6,000 that must be raised for the animal and training for him and Kevin and the family, Mooney said.

So far he's contacted several local fraternal organizations to help with the fund-raising effort.

"They (NEADS) require community involvement," Mooney

said. The local Hibernians have already pledged \$500 and Mooney is optimistic about raising whatever is necessary to acquire the dog.

Once the money is raised, Kevin and Brendan will travel to NEADS headquarters in West Boylston, Mass., where the boy and his future companion will receive special training, along with dad, who will act as a "supervisor."

"I'm hoping he will go out there and a match will be made," said Mooney.

While the Mooneys already have dog, Buddy, he is not trained to provide the specialized services that a NEADS animal would, Mooney said.

The NEADS dog will help Kevin increase his sense of self-worth and also be an unconditional friend "who will always be there," his father explained.

The dog will also help Kevin, who has a problem walking, maneuver at home and at school.

"The dog will give him assistance in walking and help integrate him into the community at large," Mooney said.

Mooney said the entire family's life has changed radically since Kevin was injured. "When you have a child with a disability, you've got to go the extra mile."

To make a contribution, send checks in care of Kevin Mooney to NEADS, PO Box 213, West Boylston, Mass. 01583-0213.

Bethlehem traffic committee recommends 2 more stop signs

By Mel Hyman

It seems like there is no part of Bethlehem immune from traffic problems, and the Kenholm Gardens section of Delmar is no exception.

Reacting to concerns expressed by residents of this neighborhood, a residential development south of Kenwood Avenue near Dumbarton Drive, the town's traffic safety committee last week decided to recommend that a stop sign be placed on Gladwish Road at the intersection with Montrose Drive.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard

Vanderbilt, chairman of the traffic safety committee, said the stop sign would hopefully deter speeders and provide better traffic control at this intersection.

At the same time, town police will step up traffic enforcement in the area, particularly on Oakwood Road, because traffic counters recently indicated that a significant number of cars were exceeding 40 mph in an area where the speed limit is 30 mph.

The committee also decided to recommend to the town board that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Erie Drive and Googas Road in the Indian Hills section of North Bethlehem.

There is currently no traffic control at this "T" intersection, Vanderbilt said, and the stop sign is aimed at eliminating confusion for motorists driving on these roads.

While traffic counters have not uncovered any significant speeding problem on either of these streets, Vanderbilt said new counters will be put out next summer when residents say the volume of cars is much heavier.

Both recommendations will be presented to the town board, which will then schedule public hearings.

Bethlehem sets hearing on raising senior exemptions

The Bethlehem town board next month will be asked to raise the income levels for seniors seeking partial property tax exemptions.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11,

on a local law increasing the income eligibility levels for people 65 or older. If enacted by the town board, the new income levels would go into effect Jan. 1 and apply to school, town and county property taxes.

The new maximum income level for seniors seeking a 5 percent tax break would be \$26,900.

The new maximum income level for seniors seeking a 50 percent property tax exemption would be \$18,500, which is \$1,000 more than current ceiling.

The other levels being proposed are as follows:

- \$18,500 to \$19,500 for those seeking a 45 percent exemption.
- \$19,500 to \$20,500 for those seeking a 40 percent exemption.
- \$20,500 to \$21,500 for those seeking a 35 percent exemption.
- \$21,500 to \$22,400 for those seeking a 30 percent exemption.
- \$22,400 to \$23,300 for those seeking a 25 percent exemption.
- \$23,300 to \$24,200 for those seeking a 20 percent exemption.

• \$24,200 to \$25,100 for those seeking a 15 percent exemption.

• \$25,100 to \$26,000 for those seeking a 10 percent exemption.

The town board will also consider a local law that allows medical and prescription drug expenses that are not reimbursed or paid for by insurance to be deducted from an applicant's income.

NS planners schedule hearing on Route 85 storage project

The New Scotland planning board will hold a public hearing Tuesday at 7:05 p.m. on Donald and Joan Wagner's site plan application for a self-storage facility on Route 85 at the corner of New Scotland South Road.

The Wagners' plan has drawn heated opposition from neighbors concerned with traffic and screening.

The board will also review Alfred Cook's special use and variance applications for a 250-foot two-way radio communications tower on Dunbar Hollow Road.

The board will meet in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

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Campbell will seek 3rd term as sheriff

Albany County Sheriff James L. Campbell announced he will seek a third, three-year term next year.

Campbell, 56, has been sheriff since 1990, after serving 24 years with the State Police.

In a prepared statement, Campbell said he has implemented a number of important programs in his department.

"In the past six years, I have worked very hard to improve the quality of services in both the Law Enforcement and Correctional Services Divisions of my department," Campbell said.

At the Albany County Correctional Facility on Albany-Shaker Road, Campbell said the work alternative program and the boarder revenue program have reaped thousands of dollars in savings for the county.

Campbell said he also began a county-wide drug interdiction unit that has made numerous arrests and seizures, including the arrest two weeks ago of a Colonie man in connection with sale of the infamous "date rape" sedative Rohypnol.

During his first six years in of-



Sheriff James Campbell

fice, he started a K-9 unit, a scuba team and a search and rescue team.

This year, he also implemented an advanced life support program in Albany County, helped organize the county Emergency 911 program and computerized his civil department, according to the statement.

Campbell lives in Watervliet with his wife Patricia.

In good company



Donald DeAngelis, chairman of Albany Law School board of trustees, left, and Thomas Sponsler, dean, present the Trustees' Gold Medal Award to Hon. John J. Clyne of Delmar. The award is the law school's highest tribute.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1986, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Developers of a proposed psychiatric hospital on Route 9W in Glenmont filed suit against the town of Bethlehem, after the town board voted to deny site plan approval for the controversial project. "We're trying to keep all our options open," said **Amber Jones** of Albany Medical Center, a partner in the development.

- After turning it down earlier in the year, the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals granted a variance to allow McDonald's in Elmsmere to build a drive-through window. ZBA member **Robert Wiggand** called the window "a much-needed service that will be a benefit to the elderly and the handicapped."

- **Dick Leach**, health education coordinator at Clayton A. Bouton High School, was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the state Federation of Professional Health Educators.

- The Rev. **David Nuss** was installed as assistant pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

County rank and file to get raises

Rank-and-file county workers will get bigger raises next year, under a proposal by county legislators that was agreed to by County Executive Michael Breslin.

A change in the county budget was supported by both Republican and Democratic legislators as a bipartisan effort at a public hearing on the budget last Thursday.

According to the finance committee's ranking Republican, James Darbyshire of Colonie, county workers will get a 3 percent raise in 1997 instead of the 2.25 percent proposed by Breslin.

The extra \$600,000 will be shifted, according to the legislative finance committee, from portions of proposed merit raises for some county staffers, amounting to \$300,000, while another \$300,000 would be taken from the

county's \$800,000 contingency fund.

After discussion with the finance committee, Breslin agreed to these merit raise cuts to up the raises for regular county workers. As a result, his deputy, Arthur Brown, for example would lose more than \$9000 in a merit raise, as would Budget Director Joseph Pennisi.

This shift in raises for the county workers will not change the final figure for the proposed \$320 million budget for 1997, which represents a cut of one-half of one percent in the property tax rate.

The budget changes made last Thursday also added \$90,000 to District Attorney Sol Greenberg's budget for two more assistant district attorneys. They will work on

the increased appeals and a larger caseload in City Court.

With raises and pay scales the prime discussion point at the public hearing last week, Republican legislators proposed again that a pay equity study be established with a seven-member task force, including a union representative, to review proper pay for work done by county employees. The results of the study would be due by March 1.

Mountainview church holding Bible sessions

The Mountainview Evangelical Free Church on Route 155 in Voorheesville will hold a Bible hour at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday.

The session will be followed by a 10:30 a.m. morning worship service. Nursery care will be provided, as well as a junior church service.

At 6:30 p.m., there will be small group Bible studies.

On Wednesdays, there will be Bible study and prayer programs at 7 p.m.

On Thursdays at 9:15 a.m., women's Bible study programs are scheduled. Child care will be provided.

For information, call 765-4297.

Retirement planner opens new office

Delmar resident Scott S. Griffin recently opened Griffin Financial Services at 4 Normanskill Blvd., Suite 406, in Delmar. Griffin, who is affiliated with Securities American Inc. as a registered principal, specializes in retirement planning.

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Woman wants more skating time

By Tom Murnane

A local woman wants the Albany County Hockey Training Facility to restore some after-school public ice skating hours that were committed to school hockey clubs until next spring.

Bethlehem Central's hockey team plays all nine home games at the rink and practices three times a week, paying between \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year to the county. The 24 member team also practices at the Knick, said Athletic director Fred Powers.

While rink manager Stephen Ries concedes making a scheduling error due to not having a copy of last winter's master schedule, he said the complaints are being "blown out of proportion" and that he is doing all he can to make more figure skating time available.

Shelly Hoen, whose daughter Samantha is a 10-year-old figure skater attending Boght Hills Elementary School, complained that parents used to be able to pay \$2 for their child to use the rink during after-school hours Tuesday and Thursday.

Many figure skaters used the public hours to squeeze in some cheap, extra practice in addition to renting ice time that has been reserved at various hours by several local figure skating clubs.

Hourly rates for renting ice time at the five-year-old rink range from \$80 to \$120. But for years, figure skaters would take to the center of the ice during public hours to enjoy some less costly ice time while other people skated around them.

All that changed in November after Ries leased the after-school hours to the hockey groups, booking them into March 1997.

Because of the change, Hoen said she has to find public ice time at other local rinks for her daughter to make up for the lost time.

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"I just believe that as taxpayers who helped pay for the construction of the facility, we should have a right to use it and our children should be able to use it," Hoen said. "We are being denied that right. It's not right that college hockey teams are able to rent the ice after school, because that's the only time that our kids have before they have to come home and do their homework."

Ries, 27, admitted he inadvertently made a scheduling mistake, saying he was just hired this year with little or no access to last year's scheduling practices.

"I was scheduling blind to some extent, trying to do the best I could do under the circumstances," Ries said, noting it was Colonie Central High School's hockey club — looking to avoid 5 a.m. practices — that booked many of the after-school hours at the \$120-an-hour rate.

"I have nothing against anyone wanting to use the ice, and we try to accommodate everyone, including the public and figure skaters," Ries said.

He pointed out that he and his assistant manager John Sheridan have already increased figure skating club time and reduced hockey club ice time slightly by 2 and 3 percent, respectively, in an effort to help figure skaters.

Also, when Ries noticed there were no hours set aside for figure skaters during the afternoons, he was able to reserve a couple hours each Thursday afternoon in October for figure skating only.

Unfortunately, those hours became unavailable with the advent of the winter hockey season, with teams desperate for ice time willing to pay the maximum rates, Ries said, adding he was looking for ways to restore at least a few of

the after-school hours.

"We are doing everything we can to look for ways of moving things around. Maybe we can offer some of the teams a break if they take some different hours, we'll see," he said.

"This is a business we are running here, you have to also keep that in mind," Sheridan said.

For those figure skating hours that Ries scheduled at the last minute in October, the rink took in \$61 in fees, while the rink could have sold those hours to other groups and made \$540 during the same period, Sheridan argued.

In fact, the rink is going to record a nearly 30 percent profit this year of about \$130,000, Sheridan said, noting that this year's operating budget was \$310,000 while the rink took in \$440,000 in revenues.

The rink opened in 1991 after it was built for about \$4.3 million.

Sheridan said he and Ries had requested a \$100,000 increase in the budget for this year to better address utility payments — a major cost for ice rinks — than did their predecessors in earlier years.

Ries said he would like to see a second sheet of ice built, but that the county "is not in the entertainment business."

When reminded that the county operates the rink, Heritage Park and the Knickerbocker Arena, Ries nodded.

Despite that reality and despite the high demand for ice time, he doubted the county would pay for a second rink.

"It's clear the demand is there, but it will probably take some private money to make it happen," Ries said, noting there was room next to the current facility for a second rink.

Peek of the season



Eva Reichler of Delmar, a pupil at Beth Emeth Nursery School, holds a deerskin hide while visiting the State Museum in Albany, where she learned about Indian life.

Katherine McCarthy

Directory lists businesswomen

Women who are business owners, professionals or in management positions can be listed in the "Directory of Successful Enterprising Women in New York State" published by the Enterprising Women's Leadership Institute.

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Matters of Opinion

Giving thanks

Even the name Thanksgiving has a nice ring to it. Both thanks and giving move us outward from the self toward others. Thursday, for most of us, will mean a day of joining together with family and friends, a day of feasting, hunkering down to splendid meals.

For the young, it is a time to hear stories of Thanksgivings past, when times may have been leaner, but when appreciation ran high for whatever graced the table. For the old, the holiday is a time to remember their own childhoods and traditions, that every family creates for this special day.

And in our area, the hungry and homebound will also celebrate in style, thanks to Equinox and other community-based Thanksgiving Day dinners. Equinox turns the biblical story of the loaves and the fishes into its own miracle, and also strengthens our area's reputation as a truly caring community.

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With Black Friday just hours ahead, Thanksgiving is a respite from holidays, that have taken on a life of their own apart from their religious meanings.

We wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Move to arbitration

The Voorheesville teachers' union and school board have yet to settle their differences, despite signs of hope earlier in the year that the two groups were close to agreement on a contract.

Four years without a contract only serves to widen wounds that will take longer to heal once the matter is finally put to rest.

Although the new teachers' union president is reluctant to enter binding arbitration, this would be a way to close the longtime rift. VTA President Mark Diefendorf's argument against binding arbitration, because it would take the vote out of the teachers' hands, doesn't make much sense, given that the teachers have had no real say for four years anyway. Frustration on both sides will only continue to mount with no resolution of the dispute over salaries, retroactive pay and benefit co-payments.

Voorheesville students deserve better than this. Adults on both the school board and the teachers who seem unable to come to an agreement are not sending the right message to the students, who would certainly be in hot water if they behaved like the board and the union.

Since the dispute has already gone on too long, an outside arbitrator is the obvious way to solve the dilemma in Voorheesville.

Holiday countdown

The official countdown has begun. It is now just so many days until Hanukkah — count in single digits — followed by Christmas just a few weeks later.

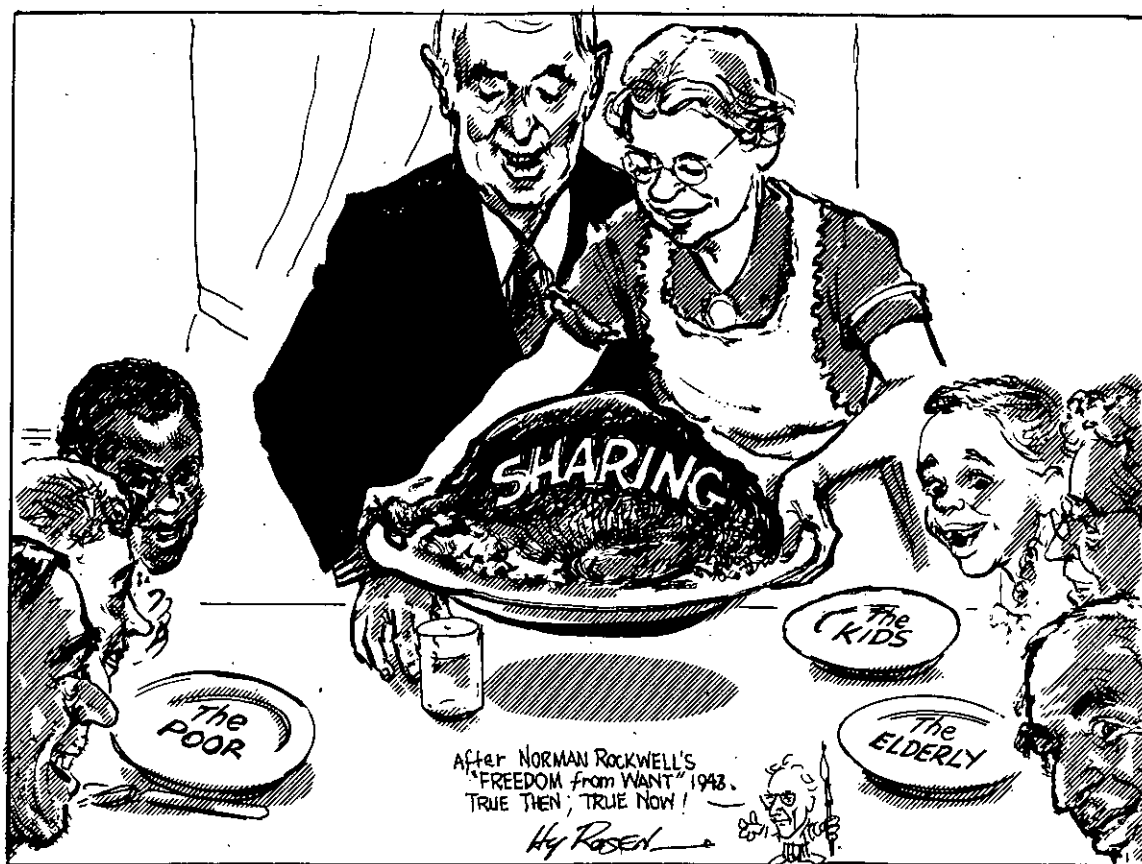
There's still time, before guilt has a chance to force you out to the malls the day before whatever holiday you celebrate to buy just about anything that is there, to take stock of what's available locally.

In this week's *Spotlight's* special Gift Guide supplement, a story on books as gifts focuses on three stores right here in Delmar — Friar Tuck, I Love Books and the Bookworm. All three establishments are perfect for browsing, and all offer things you won't find on the beaten path in the big box stores.

Other local specialty shops also feature the unusual that you simply won't find at the malls, which tend to be less buyer-friendly. Your local merchants are not only in business for themselves, they're in it for you. Support them whenever you can.

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Serving up Thanksgiving memories

By Rev. Canon Ken Cleator

The writer, a Canadian-born minister who lives in Ontario, has preached in this area and contributes an occasional article to The Spotlight.

Almost everyone has favorite memories of Thanksgiving. Mine, unforgettable to this day, occurred in 1946, when my wife and I with five other couples celebrated it in an apartment at the rear of a New Jersey Methodist Church.

We were eight Americans from California, Colorado, Georgia, Ohio, and four Canadians from Toronto and Winnipeg.

The six husbands were seminarians at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, studying to teach religion or serve as pastors in churches throughout Canada and the United States. Meanwhile, our

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wives were either studying or working.

One couple ministered in this Methodist church weekends and had invited us to share the holiday celebration with them. The aroma of the turkey and the hot gravy on the stove excited our appetites and we eagerly sat down and began eating.

Champagne from upstate New York, half the price of French wine was poured into our glasses and doubly enjoyable. Our host said the blessing, and all knives and forks went to work with relish.

At that age, all of us had so much to be thankful for — this magnificent spread, including delicious pumpkin pie, our common bond despite being from all over North America and from different backgrounds, white and black. Most of all, we be-

lieved in the future of our careers in the churches we wanted to serve.

Too soon, the dinner ended and we went back to the seminary where we lived, studied, prayed and dreamed our dreams.

We went our individual ways and as the years passed the distances and separation closed down our communication and today we are out of touch.

But what we did that day will never be forgotten because it is in our memory bank which we can reopen and enjoy every Thanksgiving. We like to think the other five couples, wherever they are, are remembering.

In reality, most North Americans have much to be thankful for and on their respective Thanksgivings — Canadians in October, Americans in November — they gather up all their gratitude, express it in poetry and litanies, live it in family reunions around festive tables, sing it in church, synagogue, temple and wherever human hearts feel the

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Your Opinion Matters

BC swimmers planning reunion celebration

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central boys varsity swimming and diving team is gearing up for its '96-97 season. As a parent of two former team members, it's a good time to take note of the team's sterling record and extraordinary influence on a generation of BCHS students.

For 27 straight years, the Eagles have been undefeated in dual meets in Section II. For 25 consecutive years, the team has been Section II Class A champions.

To put it another way, we are just about at the point when children of swimmers who were team members at the beginning of the streak will soon be doing their part to keep the streak alive. As a sports fan, I don't know any word that can describe this kind of success.

And there is more to it than just dominance. The team is an institution where all that's asked for is commitment and hard work, where seniors are expected to help freshmen, where the slowest swimmer is cheered on by his teammates with tremendous enthusiasm and where champion swimmers and divers (and there have been many) are just part of the team.

The team has had three coaches during this 25-year span: Jack Whipple, Paul "Buzz" Jones and Ken Neff. Together, they have given a generation of high school students much more than an opportunity to excel. They have promoted the commitment, self-sacrifice, self-improvement and respect for others that have helped mold values and attitudes of hundreds of students.

On Friday, Dec. 27, a group of BCHS graduates will host a reunion celebration at the high school for the team. The reunion will bring together swimmers and divers from

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the early '70s to the present, as well as team managers and parents. Some will travel great distances to attend.

There will be a 25-year alumni meet in the afternoon, followed by a dinner. For information, call Nancy Neff at 478-7855.

Jeff Cohen

Delmar

Fax it to us

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Mission sale fund-raisers say thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

In June, Delmar Presbyterian Church appealed to the community for contributions to its mission lawn sale. The community responded overwhelmingly.

In September, we again asked the community to support this cause by patronizing the sale, and again the community responded.

More than \$5,600 was raised and has been distributed equally to Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless and Bethlehem food pantries.

As we have said many times, the people of Bethlehem are generous, with their time, their talents and their assets.

Each of you who participated gave of yourselves and made a difference in the lives of those who depend upon these programs. May your hearts be as full as ours. Thank you.

Leslie Cheu, Pam Taft and
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Lawn sale co-chairwomen

V'ville 'Birds grateful for community support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Voorheesville Blackbird football team would like to thank supporters of this year's team. *The Spotlight* is first on the list with its fair and accurate coverage. We are also grateful to local merchants including Donnic's Pizza, Indian Ladder Farms, Stewart's and SuperValu for their many donations.

We also thank the Voorheesville Highway Department for a fire hydrant and car washing supplies and St. Matthew's Church bulletin for free publicity.

And mostly, we extend our thanks to all the parents and many faithful fans who baked and bought cookies at our many bake sales, purchased raffle tickets and pizza, and coffee and candy at the bonfire, and braved mud and freezing temperatures to cheer us on. We thank each and every one of you.

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Thanks for support

Editor, the Spotlight:

I want to thank the citizens of the 102nd Assembly District for again giving me the opportunity to represent them in the state Assembly.

Public service is a public trust, and I am deeply gratified to have once again won the trust of the people in this past election.

The issues we will confront in Albany in the next two years will be contentious ones. The advice and guidance which I receive from the people of our district will be invaluable to me as we deal with these matters.

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Matters of Opinion

Born-again Nimby poses questions to naysayer

Editor, The Spotlight:

Mr. McClusky suggests in his Nov. 13 letter to the editor that Nimbys need to look at the facts before judging whether or not a formaldehyde plant should be built in the town of Bethlehem.

This is true, however, as a retired scientist, Mr. McClusky must know that facts change as researchers uncover more information and develop a better understanding of a problem.

Evidently, Mr. McClusky has been retired for a good many years and has not kept up to date, because volumes of scientific evidence have shown formaldehyde to be more than a chemical just like everything else in the world, but rather a chemical which is highly toxic to living cells.

Not only is formaldehyde a carcinogen, it has also been implicated in several immune system deficiencies, such as the so-called "chemical illness."

Biology teachers are not longer allowed to facilitate dissections with animal specimens preserved in formaldehyde solutions, because both school districts and biological supply companies consider the health risks too great, especially for children.

There is so much data on formaldehyde that scientists have ventured an educated guess as to acceptable levels of formaldehyde exposure, and I assume that this is the reason that industry is allowed to release certain amounts into the air we breathe.

The only problem with this is that scientists tend to conduct

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their experiments on animals and sometimes adult volunteers, but rarely on fetuses, young children, sick people or people with genetic predispositions to cancer.

The condescending tone of Mr. McClusky's letter seems to indicate that he believes Nimbys are fearful and ignorant when they gather to urge the town board to cautiously weigh the potential effects of this industry against the economic benefits of 15 to 30 jobs, the cleanup of a brownfield and some tax revenue.

Contrarily, many Bethlehem Nimbys have worked in the health care/research industry for years, coming into contact with numerous dangerous chemicals and biohazards on a daily basis. I would hardly consider that generally fearful.

Because my family operates two local businesses, I have a pretty good understanding of Mr. McClusky's economic concerns (I sometimes loathe state regulations and paperwork myself).

However, I also believe townspeople have every right to expect their elected officials to be discriminating when luring industry to Bethlehem. The town won't be any better off economically if it has to contend with the reputation of being an easy toxic waste dump.

By the way Mr. McClusky, you'd be surprised how many Nimbys have degrees in chemistry or biology — maybe that's why

they're so concerned.

Although I have often found Nimbys quite annoying myself, about a year and a half ago, our family experienced a personal crisis that forced me to reassess that philosophy.

All the steps we took to protect ourselves and all the laws designed to help us failed, because the government agencies that were supposed to "be in control" weren't.

Evidently, we didn't educate ourselves enough because we trusted DEC to take care of us. As I gradually realized DEC was well aware of a whole history of incidents dating back at least 15 years, and had witnessed evidence of ongoing activities warning no one, I evolved into a Born Again Nimby (person burned by irresponsible backyard industry).

Personally, I think the town of Bethlehem, including my sister, her young family and many of my former and future students, is very lucky to have so many Nimbys living amongst them.

Maybe the Nimby Bethlehem residents will help their town avoid the problems related to operating a potentially inappropriate industry in close proximity to residential areas that have evidently been plaguing the town of New Scotland for decades.

Mrs. Fuller (Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller) and Mr. Putney Councilman Ted Putney) should talk to (New Scotland Supervisor) Herb Reilly and take a look at his repository if they want to make a realistic assessment of the way in which an overburdened bureaucracy tends to its many responsibilities.

Of course, they should consult experts as well, but that doesn't mean DEC should take control of a town decision: Is it too much trouble for Mr. Johnson (Councilman Robert Johnson) to pick up the telephone and make a few calls?

Bethlehem is loaded with many highly respected physiologists, immunologists and physicians. Ask them if they think a formaldehyde plant is a good idea. Whatever you do, don't pass the buck.

As for you, Mr. McClusky, please realize that Nimbys are not necessarily hysterical bleeding hearts, but probably regular people with families who want their children to inherit a world clean enough to enjoy living in it.

I hope that some day you aren't assaulted, stripped of your naivete, and forced to grow up and turn into a Born Again Nimby like me — we're much more annoying.

Kathryn D. O'Rourke

Clarksville

Thanks to postman

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to commend the postman named Peter who so graciously came to my house last Friday morning with my lost wallet. I had left it on top of my car after buying gas and even though I retraced my steps in 10 minutes, it was nowhere to be found.

Someone, however, had obviously found it and took the cash. She or he threw it in the mailbox on Fernbank Avenue, where Peter found it the next day. I was grateful to have my driver's license and other contents returned.

The Postal Service should be commended for their employee's actions and Peter should be thanked publicly. Thank you, Peter.

Diane Gravlee

Delmar

Scouts say thanks for community help

Editor, The Spotlight:

Boy Scout Troop 58 would like to thank the generous people of Bethlehem. This month, we sold popcorn and Christmas wreaths to help support troop activities.

As one of our service projects, 20 Scouts and eight adult volunteers participated in Scouting for Food. Last week, we delivered 2,000 empty bags to Delmar homes. This week we collected more than 1,000 pounds of food. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

Pat Willey

Troop 58 treasurer

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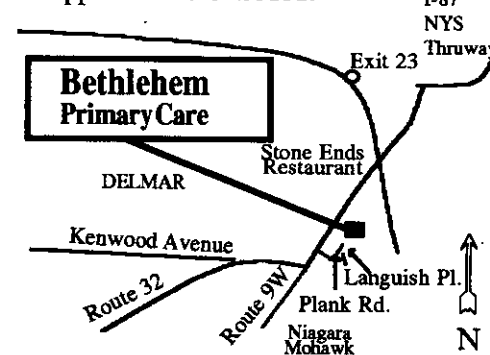
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Of course, there are among us those who have less than previous

No matter what our station in life is, Thanksgiving is our individual way to recognize the privilege we share in living on this glorious continent of freedom, opportunity and plenty.

Thanksgivings. Yet, even the most deprived can be thankful—for help from government and social services and from individual efforts on their behalf to ease the pain of illness and poverty.

We can be thankful for the simple things—hot coffee in the morning, breathtaking sunsets, the clasped hand of a loved one, or a child's delight at a playground.

To whom do we utter our thanks? We may express our feelings to personal friends and others, who are kind and helpful to us. Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, an Israeli Talmudic scholar, said recently, "I think it would be a good thing to have a Thanksgiving Day when people would send a note to each other and say, 'Thank you.'"

Most of all, we need to say "thank you" to the source of it all, God. A

1994 survey by U.S. News and World Report reported some 90 percent of all Americans admitted to believing in God or some Universal Spirit. According to a 1995 survey by sociologist Reginald Bibby, 71 percent of Canadians share this same belief.

Based on our different religious backgrounds, we have our distinctive liturgies and rituals to express our gratitude for God's grace and providence.

The Hebrew Bible perhaps says it for all believing Americans and Canadians, "Make certain you do not forget the Lord your God. ... When you have all you want to eat and have built good houses to live in ... and when all your other possessions have increased, be sure you do not become proud and forget the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 8:8-11).

Our rituals should not stop there. If we have filled our barns and bank accounts, we should wrap our consciences around the needs of those who have no barns nor bank accounts.

Praying for them is needful. A helping hand is equally needed.

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Letters are subject to editing in keeping with our rules for fairness, accuracy, style and length.

Bellizzis appreciate support

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the entire Bellizzi family, we wish to thank the community for their wonderful support of the two recent bone marrow drives in Albany and Delmar.

At the first drive at The College of Saint Rose, approximately 450 people participated. At the second drive at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post, 185 people were screened for donation.

We wish to thank both The College of Saint Rose and the Blanchard Post for the generous use of the facilities for these very special drives.

The response from friends and neighbors was overwhelming and

in addition to contributing to our goal of finding the best match for Bob, these wonderful friends, who volunteered to be registered in the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, will ultimately help someone in need of a bone marrow transplant.

The high turnout and efficiently-run programs were made possible primarily through the dedication and hard work of Cathy Cummings Haker at Saint Rose, Tom and Barbara Yovine in Delmar, and a large group of volunteers organized by Cathy and Tom.

We were especially moved with the "hit a home run for Bob Bellizzi" campaign organized by Mary Szczech and her colleagues at

Hamagrael Elementary School.

In addition, we would like to thank Leanne Sweet, head of the Capital District based Bone Marrow Resource Foundation, who coordinated the medical professionals and materials used to operate both drives, and provided the bulk of the funding necessary to carry out the testing.

The willingness of many to share their time and effort is very much appreciated, and the sincere kind words of support offered by our friends and neighbors were most encouraging and will never be forgotten.

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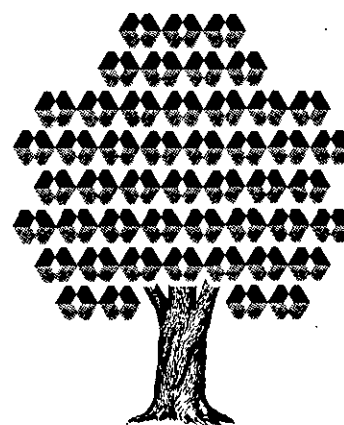
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Subway riders



A group of bicyclists (dubbed Team Subway) recently rode 100 miles to raise more than \$2,000 for the American Lung Association. Team members honored for their efforts include Bill Maurer, left, Joyce Jacobson, Haim Ben-Eliezar (owner of the Subway shop in Delaware Plaza), Carol Yupco, Tom Taylor and Lori Bryon. Doug Persons

RCS Indians en route to Carrier Dome game

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians trounced Brewster this week paving the way to the state finals in Section II Class B football action.

The team will play on Sunday at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

College career night slated at high school

The annual RCS College and Career Night is set for Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the high school.

The program will offer parents and students an opportunity to learn more about four-year colleges, two-year colleges, the military and the local business community.

Representatives from two and four-years schools will attend.

For information, call Greg Chase at 756-2155, extension 316.

RCS sports group to meet

The RCS Sports Association will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting is open to all members of the RCS sports community.

Fire company sets Election Day Dec. 10

Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 will have elections on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the firehouse. All residents of the Selkirk Fire District are eligible to

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vote.

Scouts collecting food

Local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are helping to collect food for the hungry. The Scouts have distributed special Scouting for Food collection bags to residents.

New titles arrive at community library

The RCS Community Library recently received an array of new titles. You can now check out *The Inheritance*, about immigrant families and their descendants, *With Custer on the Little Big Horn*, *Leaving a Doll's House* by Claire Bloom and *Leading With My Chin* by Jay Leno.

College reference books have also arrived along with a new addition of the *Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance*.

DAR to remember World War II events

The Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Museum on Route 144 in Cedar Hill.

Good Citizen Awards will be presented.

Wayne Heiser will present a program of "World War II Remembrances."

For information, call 439-1437.

AIDS quilt panels go on display in Delmar

In commemoration of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, eight panels of the AIDS quilt will be displayed from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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Insect walk slated at Five Rivers center

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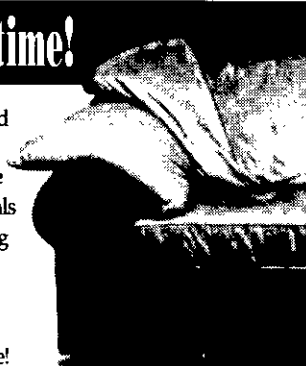
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FBI honors Glenmont sleuth with award

By Mel Hyman

Dale Richter of Glenmont was hired by the state Department of Motor Vehicles five years ago to ferret out corruption.

Little did he know that he would be involved in investigating one of the most elaborate car theft schemes in the country.

Richter, 37, recently received an award for exceptional public service from FBI Director Louis Freeh for his work on the 15-month investigation that earlier this year led to the arrest of 27 people and the recovery of 14 stolen vehicles.

Many more cars were stolen from the New York metropolitan area than 14, however.

Federal agents estimate that this particular gang, based in the Bronx, was responsible for the theft of more than 100 luxury, foreign-made cars each month.

Normally, Richter investigates drug dealers using fake (motor vehicle) IDs, the illicit sale of driver's licenses by DMV employees and attempts to register stolen cars.

In the investigation for which he was honored, Richter discovered the paperwork trail in DMV for the issuance of ownership titles for the stolen cars.

The scheme originated when ring members stole hundreds of certificates of origin for new cars imported into the U.S. These documents are kept on file by customs officials when new cars enter the country.

With these documents in hand,



State Department of Motor Vehicles commissioner Richard Jackson, left, presents an award for outstanding service to investigator Dale Richter.

the ringleaders hired thieves to scour the streets of New York City and Long Island, looking for late model cars matching the physical descriptions contained in the stolen certificates of origin.

Once the cars were stolen, they were taken to garages in the Bronx where the metal plates containing their vehicle identification num-

bers were removed, and new VIN plates installed with numbers matching the stolen certificates.

The cars were then sold in New Jersey and third-world countries such as the Dominican Republic and Nigeria where "They would pay three to four times what they sell for back in the states," Richter said.

An unusual aspect of this scheme was that sometimes the car thieves would be able to "use the same paperwork for as many as four different cars."

Unfortunately, Richter said, "Our registration material only stays in New York state and normally can't be matched up with information from other states because we don't have a computer to check if that same car is registered in California."

Once the first crack in the operation surfaced, "We were able to go undercover to nab" the DMV employee who was accepting bribes in return for issuing duplicate titles to the stolen cars.

"It's easy to steal a car," Richter noted, "but you can't move it without good paperwork."

Wondering about the type of vehicle today's car thieves are looking for? "They're mostly high-end foreign cars like Honda, Toyota and Acura," Richter said. "And four-wheel-drives like Jeep Cherokees. They're really in demand now."

BP screenings slated at Revco Pharmacy

A registered nurse will give blood pressure screenings at the Revco Pharmacy in Delaware Plaza in Delmar on Friday, Dec. 6, from 12 to 3 p.m.

For information, call 439-4451.

Bryant invited to join professional council

Mark Bryant, a certified financial planner in Slingerlands, has been named a member of the Fidelity Advisory Council of Fidelity Investments.

The council is a national recognition program that honors investment professionals who have excelled in service of the Fidelity Advisor Funds.

Bryant is a principal in the firm Bryant Asset Protection, and manages the company's financial services arm, Bryant Asset Management.

Cyberhaus giving kids chance to test Web

Cyberhaus, located at 159 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will offer a computer camp for children ages 10 to 14 who are interested in designing their own World Wide Web site.

The sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp covers Web publishing, as well as browsing and games.

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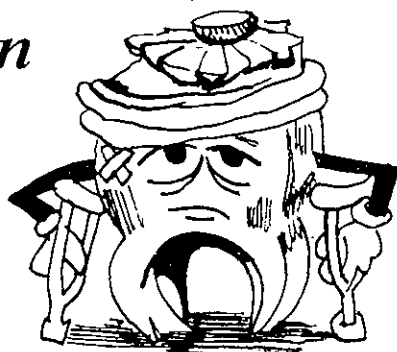
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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher A. Knoll, the 28-year-old son of John and Linda Knoll of Voorheesville, is one of the many unsung service members who contribute to naval aviation from the ground.

Knoll is a member of Naval Air Station North Island's Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) where he plays a vital role in aircraft maintenance at the air station located a mile west of San Diego.

"I maintain and repair aircraft communication and navigation systems," said Knoll, a 1986 graduate of Pineview Christian Academy. "I specialize in identification of friend-or-foe systems."

As an aviation electronics technician for AIMD, Knoll maintains and repairs some of the most advanced electrical equipment in the world today.

"AIMD supports squadrons

operating out of North Island. We repair and maintain communication and navigation equipment," said Knoll.

Sailors like Knoll who work at AIMD support fleet aviation by providing an extensive range of maintenance services.

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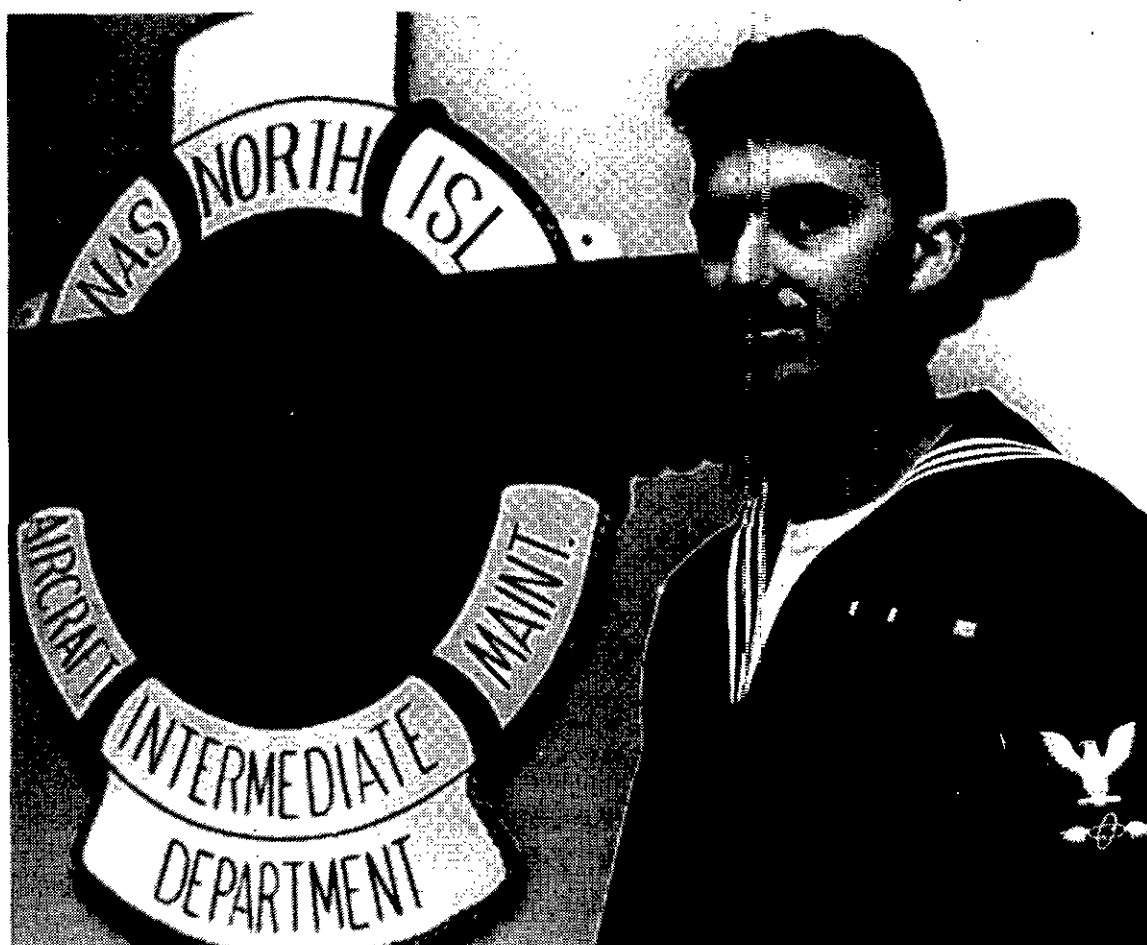
Because Knoll works in such a dynamic environment, he finds his job extremely challenging and rewarding.

"The satisfaction of my job is knowing that the work we accomplish has maintained base and fleet readiness," said Knoll.

With Knoll's high-tech job comes certain risks which require safety to be commonplace in simple everyday evolutions.

For this reason, Knoll, a 10-year Navy veteran, plays a significant role in ensuring safety is maintained within the department.

"I contribute to safety by adhering to maintenance procedures and policies set forth by command and Navy regulations," he said.



Naval Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Knoll of Voorheesville performs essential maintenance for naval aircraft based on North Island near San Diego.

Delmar Navy man assigned to western Pacific

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Todd T. DeVoe, son of Loren W. DeVoe of 229 Elm Ave. in Delmar, recently departed for a six-month overseas deployment to the western Pacific Ocean with the 11th Marine Expeditionary unit embarked aboard the ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready

Group (ARG).

DeVoe is on of nearly 3,000 Marines who departed Camp Pendleton, Calif., aboard the three-ship ARG.

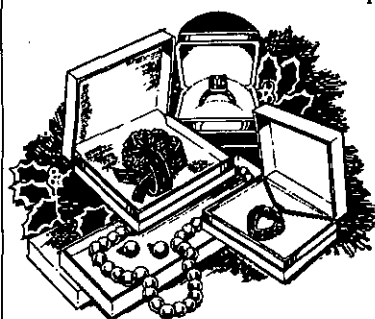
Before the deployment, DeVoe and fellow Marines participated in a Pacific Joint Task Force Exer-

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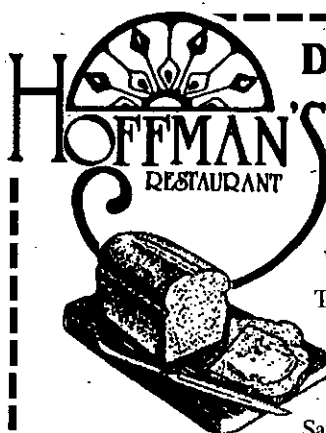
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formaldehyde, which is a known carcinogen, that can be emitted is 30 micrograms per cubic meter in an hour, Ellis said, while on an overall annual basis the ceiling is .06 micrograms per cubic meter.

Both of these levels are measured at the plant's "fence line."

Ellis said EnCon engineers take the amount of chemicals estimated to be released into the atmosphere, plug those figures an "air model" and check to see whether they are below the guidelines.

"Our air modeling is being done right now," said Spurlock vice president Philip Sumpter. "There is no expectation on our part that we will exceed the state's guidelines. Simply stated, they will fall below these levels because otherwise we could not obtain a permit. I don't think the regular population realizes that New York's requirements are as stringent as they are."

Sumpter said that even though the company has no qualms about the safety of its plant, earmarked for a 55-acre site next to the Niagara Mohawk power station, it would voluntarily prepare a full environmental impact to allay any public concerns.

Last week, Spurlock withdrew its application to the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency for \$7.5 million in tax-exempt bonds to demonstrate that it was not seeking any special treatment.

The company still intends to

site a new facility in Bethlehem, however, and is seeking alternative financing arrangements.

Spurlock, which has been in the chemical manufacturing business since 1973, plans to produce 135 million pounds of liquid formaldehyde each year for use by industries throughout the Northeast.

The company has an agreement to purchase the River Road parcel from Niagara Mohawk for \$1 plus the cost of cleaning up the brownfield on the site caused by past petroleum spillage. The estimated cost of the cleanup, which will take place over a five-to-seven year period, is \$860,000.

Bethlehem town board's request to be designated lead agency in the environmental review of the project has been sent to EnCon, which is seeking lead agency status for itself, and the dispute will be decided by EnCon Commissioner Michael Zagata in about three weeks.

Extension seeking community volunteers

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County is seeking volunteers to assist in providing information and services to the community in areas such as family life education, nutrition and health, food safety and preservation, financial management and home maintenance.

For information, call 765-3500.

Village Stage offers Mr. Scrooge rendition

Mr. Scrooge, the delightful musical comedy based on Charles Dickens' great classic novel *A Christmas Carol*, will be performed by The Village Stage community theater troupe at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar from Dec. 5 through 8.

Tickets are \$5 to \$8, and are available at the Paper Mill in Delmar, the Four Corners Luncheonette in Delmar, Mangia Restaurant in Slingerlands and the Supervalu Market in Voorheesville.

For times and information, call 439-9068.

Bethlehem Lab School sponsoring NYC trip

The Bethlehem Central Lab School will hold a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The bus will leave the high school parking lot at 6:45 a.m. and drop the students off at Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Participants will have the entire day to shop and visit.

The students will be picked up at the drop-off spot at 5:45 p.m. and return to Delmar, with a rest stop along the way for dinner.

The cost is \$25 per person. The proceeds from this trip will benefit the Bethlehem Central Lab School Scholarship Fund.

For information or to make reservations, call Nancy Hallock at 439-0780.

Reilly

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or the town will call in the bond and hire another firm to complete the project."

Joseph Futia of J.N. Futia Co. met with Reilly and other town officials Monday, and agreed to complete a checklist of work so that a temporary certificate of occupancy could be issued by early next week, Reilly said.

Town officials warned Futia "Don't bother sending us any bills until the work is done," Reilly said.

There was substantial activity on the addition following Monday's meeting, Reilly noted.

The town has gone through "a lot of aggravation to get them to live up to the contract," which had originally called for completion by Oct. 30, Reilly said.

After a similar meeting with Futia in early October, the contractor had indicated that the project would be done by the first week of November.

The prospect of construction stretching into the winter months as town employees worked from makeshift quarters was not pleasant, especially for building and assessor department employees, whose offices in New Salem no longer have central heat, Reilly said.

When the furnace in the New Salem building failed last December, the town bought a larger furnace that could be used to heat the new town hall addition, Reilly

added.

The new furnace has been installed under the addition, and the New Salem office has a few electric space heaters for now, but that situation cannot continue into the really cold weather, he said.

The town was also finding itself strapped for meeting space, since the new meeting room, which was used for voting on Election Day and the town board's November meeting, did not have a temporary certificate of occupancy, as pointed out by former Councilman Craig Shufelt.

Since then, the board has squeezed into Town Clerk Corinne Cossac's office for budget workshops and public hearings.

"Thank God we didn't have more people show up" for the budget sessions, Reilly said.

The building will be closed Friday, so workers can concentrate on finishing the tile floors without being interrupted by town hall employees or town residents, Reilly concluded.

Bethlehem Lutheran helping needy children

The board of missions at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar recently participated in Operation Christmas Child. This project resulted in the sending of shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene products and other miscellaneous items to children in war-torn countries.

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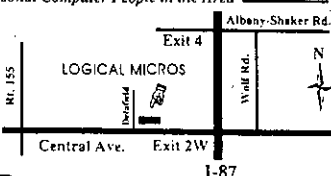
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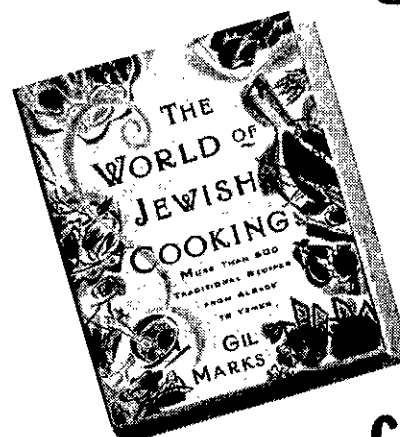
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BC Class of '86 holds Thanksgiving reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1986 is having its 10-year reunion on Thanksgiving weekend. There will be an initial reunion gathering on Friday, Nov. 29, at Giaccone's at 155 Delaware Ave. in Delmar at 8 p.m.

The main event will be the following evening at the Omni Hotel at State and Lodge Streets in Albany from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

The cost is \$40 per person. Checks can be made out to BCHS Class of 1986, and sent to Cindy Ferrari of 47 Summit Ave. in Albany.

Denise Jadick and Ferrari are attempting to locate the following people: Mark Angelotti, David Baker, Judy Bess, Peter Blaustein, Dan Bowers, Stacy Boyle, Shelly Brooks, Todd Brustle, Meghan Burke, Nick Caruccio, Cathy Caswell, Donald Collen, Eugene Collen, Julie Cornell Clark, Ed

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For information, call Jadick at 439-2463 or Ferrari at 432-7308.

On the bubble



Sixth-grader Leda Borys has some fun conducting an experiment at the science fair held at Bethlehem Middle School last week. *Doug Persons*

Dominelli earns merit award

Edward J. Dominelli of Delmar, a long-time member of the Bethlehem town building department, was recently honored by the Capital District Chapter of the New York Building Officials Conference for his outstanding service to the organization.

The 1996 merit award was presented by town building inspector John Flanigan, who is a past president of the organization. He cited Dominelli's many years of service

to the organization as secretary-treasurer and his help in organizing chapter social events.

A native of Schenectady, Dominelli joined the building department in 1973 and served as an assistant building inspector for 12 years before stepping down in 1985.

He still helps out at town hall as a part-time building inspector during vacations and peak summer loads.

Boomhower rolls 300 game at Del Lanes in Delmar

Ben Boomhower bowled his second perfect game of the year last week at Del Lanes in Delmar. Other top scorers included:

Sr. Cit Men: Bert Alminso 256; Bill Cronin 237 and 548 triple; Frank Logan 801 four games.

Sr. Cit. Women: Agnes Neumann 238 and 511 triple.

Men: Boomhower 300, and 1031 four games; Frank Salamida 756 triple; George Phillips Jr. 739 triple.

Women: Kathy Hoffman 266 and 704 triple; Josie Vindittie 247; Kathy Novak 867 four games.

Women: Beth Matthews 207 and 603 triple.

Boys: Erik Bieber 234 and 621 triple.

Girls: Antoinette Yaggle 201. Jr. Classic: Mike Westphal 254 and 914 triple; Andrea Kachidurian 268 and 836 triple.

Majors: William Van Houter 214 and 575 triple.

Juniors: Sam Pitts 167 and 460 triple; Bridget Auclair 219 and 530 triple; Adam Wozniak 161 and 431 triple; Stephanie Pitts 188 and 512 triple.

Preps: Nick Kallner 194 and 519 triple; Marina Kinner 177 and 435 triple.

Lucia honored for soccer feats

Beth Lucia, the daughter of Voorheesville residents Alana and Dennis Lucia and a 1993 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville, was recently chosen to the second team of the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Soccer All Star Team.

Lucia, a senior at Clarkson University majoring in civil and environmental engineering, served on the Lady Golden Knights as captain this fall.

A four-year letter winner, she started in all 17 games for Clarkson this season and scored one goal. Lucia completed her career at Clarkson with three goals and five assists for 11 points.

The Lady Golden Knights finished the season with a 3-13-1 overall record and a seventh-place 0-6-0 UCAA mark.

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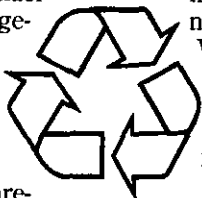
By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

There is a prime example of materials reuse in our area called Community Warehouse on Route 22 in Hoosick Falls. It is a special project of Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority and Barn Raisers, a not-for-profit organization. The warehouse is supported by Energy Answers Corp.

Not only does ERC's warehouse provide a convenient drop-off center for reusable household and business items, it serves as an information center for questions concerning the environment. The staff can provide information about reuse or disposal for most common household and business materials.

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what you will be donating. Pick-up service might be available for a small fee. Drop-off donations are greatly appreciated and can be made during regular business hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A receipt for donations is available upon request.

Purchasers of reusable items include homeowners, businesses, government, industry, not-for-profits and individuals. Prices are affordable, especially for new home or business owners looking for office equipment, computers, sofas, bookshelves, building materials, tables or decorative items.

Check it out. It is comparable to an upscale, clean and well-run flea market.

The warehouse is listed on the town's Donating Reusables list available at any town of Bethlehem facility.

Library board to discuss interim trustee

The resignation of Robert O'Neill from Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees was announced earlier this month by the board.

A special board meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the appointment of an interim trustee, who will serve until the next election in May. The meeting is open to the public.

Lions to sell Christmas trees

Bethlehem Lions Club ninth annual Christmas tree sale will begin Saturday, Nov. 30.

Canadian balsam trees and double-sided balsam wreaths will be sold from 9 to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 or until sold out.

The sale will be on Route 9W one-half mile south of Feura Bush Road (Flach Industries).

Proceeds of the sale will fund the Lions' many community projects.

Investment analyst to talk about stocks

"Understanding Wall Street" might seem like an oxymoron, but this library program on Monday, Dec. 2, might help clarify the flavors in the investment stock pot. Jerry Pittz, investment representative with Edward D. Jones & Co. in Delmar, will talk about the differences between stocks and bonds, suggest ways to invest for growth and demonstrate how income taxes can be reduced with the help of tax-free bonds.



Pittz will entertain questions from the audience after the program, which is free and open to the public. Call 439-9314 to register.

Speaking of soup, don't forget to check out December's Soup Swap display and try a recipe or two in the long cold months ahead.

The library and its affiliates in the Upper Hudson Library System are very excited about the imminent change to a new and improved computer system, called UHLAN (Upper Library Access Network), which will link the holdings of most of the system libraries and provide some new services to patrons. However, the enormity of preparations has necessitated cancellation of the library's March book sale.

Part of the computer upgrade involves re-linking all library holdings and re-registering all patrons. Many additional staff hours will be required to establish this new database. Unfortunately, this does not leave enough time to sort and set up donations for the book sale — also a prodigious task.

Book sale donations will again be accepted in May, and the sale will be rescheduled at a later date.

Don't forget holiday hours at the library this week. Today, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 29, the library will close at 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Louise Grieco

UAlbany professors to lecture

The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning is presenting three lectures by University at Albany faculty at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar during the winter. All lectures begin at 10 a.m. in the library's Community Room.

Professor Helen DesFosses will present a lecture on Dec. 4 entitled "American Politics: Where Do We Go From Here?"

Asian Studies Professor Steven Leibo will present "Asia: 21st-century Colossus" on Jan. 14.

Thanksgiving service set at Delmar church

Members of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Delmar will host a Christian Science Thanksgiving church service on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. at 555 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Child care will be provided.

For information, call 475-0429.

English Professor Robert Donovan will present "London in Literature" on Feb. 18.

For information, call 439-9661.

Hamagrael PTA plans December craft fair

The Parent Teacher Association of Hamagrael Elementary School on McGuffey Lane in Delmar will hold a craft fair at the school on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Over 75 crafters will present their wares. Refreshments and baked goods will be available. A Chinese auction will also take place for donated craft items.

For information, call 475-1464.

Diabetes association reaching out to nation

Almost 40,000 volunteers for the American Diabetes Association will begin contacting their neighbors this month by mail to encourage them to take a test to find out if they are at risk for diabetes and urge them to make a small contribution to benefit diabetes research and treatment.

Neighbors in communities across New York state will receive a small packet from the association that contains a diabetes risk test, a brief letter and return envelopes for donations.

The association plans to reach more than 7 million households nationwide through the Community Campaign for Diabetes and raise more than \$9 million.

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After-school club plans holiday crafts

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, the library club for fourth through sixth-graders will meet after school at 3:30 p.m. to work on holiday craft projects. A bus is provided from the elementary school. Children must be picked up at 4:30 p.m. Signup is required.



adults will draw and paint from a still life in the community room. Bring your own materials and join us to work or just visit. Coffee will be served.

Would you participate in a Sunday afternoon sing-a-long? We don't care how good your voice is as long as you're enthusiastic. We'll supply the words and music to some old favorites. Call and leave your name and number, and we'll set a date to get together and sing.

The final session of the book discussion group "Lives Worth Knowing" meets Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

Also on Tuesday, from 1 to 3 p.m., Nimblefingers will work on projects in the community room. Last week's meeting included a farewell potluck luncheon for charter member Alida Vollaro, who is moving to Glens Falls.

The library will close at 1 p.m. today, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday and will re-open at 10 a.m. on Friday. There will be no story hour Friday.

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone in the community.

Barbara Vink

Library talk offers tips on charitable giving

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will offer "Tips on Charitable Giving" on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Presenter Kelly Mercure of the Charities Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office will discuss telephone solicitations, ticket and merchandise sales, police support organizations, and the role of professional fund-raisers.

She will also address two important consumer protection concerns: how to obtain information on charities, and how to identify and avoid charitable solicitation fraud.

For information, call 439-9314.

BCMS pupils slate skating rink outing

The Albany County Hockey Training Facility will be open exclusively to Bethlehem Central Middle Schoolers on Friday, Dec. 13.

The cost is \$10, which includes bus transportation, skating and skate rental. The bus leaves the middle school at 6:30 p.m. and will return at 10:15 p.m.

For information, call 439-4131.

Big buck



Mike Gervais of Delmar and his infant daughter Jamie display the 11-point rack from a buck Gervais took with his bow on opening day of hunting season this month.

MADD calls for a safe holiday

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has started its "Tie One On for Safety" campaign designed to combat drinking and driving during the holidays.

The New York State Chapter of MADD is asking residents to tie a MADD ribbon to their antenna, side mirror or other visible location on their vehicle. The red ribbon is a symbol of the motorist's commitment to drive safe and sober during the holiday season, and

it reminds other motorists to do the same.

Last year, approximately 1,795 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve.

Ribbons are available from local MADD chapters, Community Action Teams and the MADD state office in downtown Albany.

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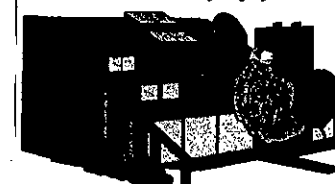
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The all-you-can-eat breakfast of eggs, sausage, toast pancakes, french toast and beverage costs \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 5 and up. Children under age 5 eat for free.

College night to provide financial aid data

The high school will sponsor a financial and information night for prospective college students and their parents on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

Financial aid information will be presented by Peter Lorenzo, a certified financial planner, in the large group instruction room. For information, call the high school at 765-3314.

Club announces date for holiday workshop

Helderview Garden Club's holiday craft workshop and Christmas social is planned for Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the public library. Members will make a craft to enhance their holiday decor.

For information, call Joanne King at 765-2261.

Salem Hills group to conduct annual meeting

Salem Hills Park Association's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Proposed dues increase, park improvements and problems with vandalism will be discussed. At least one new member is needed to serve on the board of directors.

All Salem Hills residents are encouraged to take an active role in the association. Meetings are generally on the last Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. on the second floor of village hall.

For information, call Peg Blackmer at 756-2635.

Winter concert set at elementary school

The elementary school winter concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium. The chorus and sixth-grade band will perform.

The community is invited to this free event. Plan to arrive early for the best seats.

Rehearsals for festival to begin Dec. 5

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ville Community Christmas Festival will be on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Local singers are invited to join the Community Choir for this performance. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, starting Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Holiday courses slated at high school

Lara Hladun will teach students how to make evergreen kissing balls and holiday boxwood trees in two continuing education mini-courses.

Evergreen kissing balls will be made in traditional red and gold or Victorian pink and lace on Wednesday, Dec. 4. The boxwood tree class will be on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Both classes run from 7 to 10 p.m. in the technology lab at the high school.

There is a \$10 class and \$25 materials fee. To register, call 765-3314 and specify Victorian or traditional style.

Saturday ski outings open to local students

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department Senior Ski Club is sponsoring a seven-week skiing program for students in grades nine through 12 on Saturday nights beginning Jan. 4 at Jiminy Peak.

Bus transportation will be provided. Information flyers and permission slips are available at the high school.

Total fees are \$149 if paid by Dec. 1, and \$154 if paid by Dec. 2. Lessons and rentals are available at an additional cost.

Extension seeking community volunteers

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County is seeking volunteers to assist in providing information and services to the community in areas such as family life education, nutrition and health, food safety and preservation, financial management and home maintenance.

N. Scotland announces town meeting dates

New Scotland planning board's monthly meeting is on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The town infrastructure committee meets on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. and the water committee on Wednesday Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be at town hall on Route 85.

Sports boosters to meet at high school

Voorheesville Sports Boosters meet on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at the high school. All parents and district residents are invited.

For information, call Joann St. Denis at 765-4748.

Preschool films on screen at town library

Four preschool films, "The Snowy Day," "Strega Nona," "Monty," and "The Three Little Pigs" will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Friday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m.

McEneny to discuss immigrants in county

State Assemblyman John McEneny will present a talk on Immigrant Groups in Albany County at the New Scotland Historical Association meeting Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

McEneny, a former Albany County historian, is a well-known teacher and lecturer on local history and ethnicity. He wrote and narrated WMHT's Tricentennial Documentary on Albany and is co-author of *Albany, Capital City on the Hudson*.

In 1985, McEneny became the first full-time director of the state Urban Cultural Parks Program. As an advocate of preservation, he was instrumental in the effort to save the Quackenbush House, Albany's oldest building.

The program is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served after the lecture. For information, call 765-3387.

Series focuses on literature

The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning will sponsor a 10-session series focusing on human learning. Each session will run from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., and will use a literary work to explore the learning process.

The schedule is as follows: "...from evil," *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad, Dec. 6; "...from choices," *Portrait of a Lady* by

Henry James, Jan. 3; "...from death," *The Stranger* by Albert Camus, Jan. 24; "...from family," *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner, Feb. 14; "...from relationships," *Sons and Lovers* by D.H. Lawrence, March 17; "...from the land," *O! Pioneers* by Willa Cather, March 28; and "...from travelling far," *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by William Pirsig, April 18.

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Sports

Indians head to Syracuse for date with destiny

By Meghan Smith

Despite the cold weather, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk fans traveled to Kingston on Saturday to see their team roll over Brewster, 21-6, and advance to the state championship game on Sunday.

Both teams entered the game with perfect records as they fought for the right to face Springville — the top ranked Class B school in the state — at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

Fans packed the bleachers at Dietz Stadium to support the Indians. Some brought drums, symbols and posters to get the crowd into the game. Cars were decorated with green and gold streamers and balloons, with signs saying, "We're going to the Dome!"

And that is exactly where the RCS football team is headed.

For the entire first half, neither Brewster or RCS could get their offense in gear or put any numbers on the scoreboard.

"Brewster was a very strong, physical team. We are glad to be on top," said captain John Frangella.

After halftime, the Indians

walked back onto the field charged up and ready to play. Within minutes, the tenor of the game changed dramatically as the result of one event: the lonesome end play.

Just prior to the lonesome end play, quarterback Steve Ross, threw for 29 yards to B.J. te Reile, and Matt Frese brought the ball to the Brewster 34 yard line.

Then RCS tight end Gary Jones jogged over to the right after the team formed a huddle. It looked like Jones was walking off of the field, but in actuality, it was a trick as Jones sprinted downfield and caught a 34-yard pass for the touchdown.

"Our team came out really strong in the second half, and once we scored off that lonesome end play, we were fired up and ready to take it to the Dome," Jones said.

RCS then picked up the pace, and stopped several Brewster scoring drives. Frese scored twice during the fourth quarter, rushing for 149 yards on 24 carries.

Tony Carrk, Will Moore, Frangella, Ryan Merritt and Ross played excellent defense.

Frese was honored as the



Matt Frese scored two of the Indians' three touchdowns against Brewster and was named the game's Most Valuable Player on offense.

game's Most Valuable Player on offense, and Moore earned MVP honors on defense. Moore was chosen because of his crucial interception during the fourth quarter that led to an RCS score.

This is the first time that RCS (12-0) has advanced to the finals of the state Class B football tournament. Many of the players on this team have played together since 1989, and in 1994 they were the Buckley Cup champions.

Roy Deyo, RCS junior varsity coach, said "These are my boys, and I love them. Since I started to coach them in 1989, I knew that before they graduated, they would do something great."

"(Brewster) was stronger and quicker than we thought they would be," said head coach Gary Vanderzee, "but we stayed calm and focused."

"It's a great feeling to know that we will play in the Dome," Frese said. "For every high school football player, this is a dream, and for many, they don't get to see that dream come true."

Sunday's title game against Springville (from Erie County) starts at noon. Tickets are \$7.

Stone and Quinn are perfect

Mike Stone and Jim Quinn recently bowled perfect 300 games at Del Lanes in Delmar. Other top scorers included:

Senior Circuit Men: Stan Montague 256; Sy Shields 597 triple; Frank Papp 807 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: Agnes Neumann 194; Eleanor Moak 493 triple.

Men: Earl Lamay 741 triple; Paul Douglas 1006 four games.

Women: Peg Beach 256; Kathy Hoffman 669 triple; Beth Matthews 821 four games; Kathy Novak 257.

Adult Junior Men: Karl Bieber 289 and 745 triple; Phil Hausmann 274 and 698 triple.

Women: Sharon Rohl 203; Judy

Carkner 603 triple.

Boys: Minard Carkner 257 and 668 triple.

Girls: Laurie Kondrat 199; Kristina Fournier 194 and 515 triple.

Junior Classic: Mike Patounas 254 and 936 four games; Chris Brown 268 and 821 four games; Andrea Kachidurian 257, Mike Westphal 278 and 836 four games.

Majors: Mark Bohen 195 and 496 triple; Crystal Tompkins 177 and 472 triple; William Van Houter 180 and 489 triple; Kim Ivy 153 and 401 triple.

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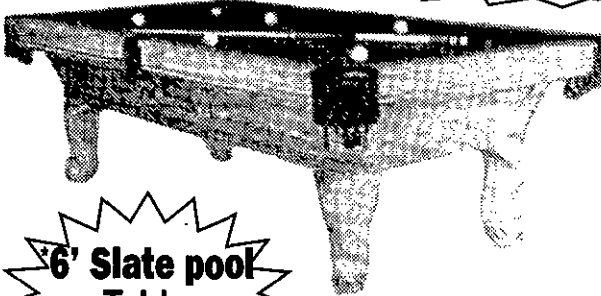


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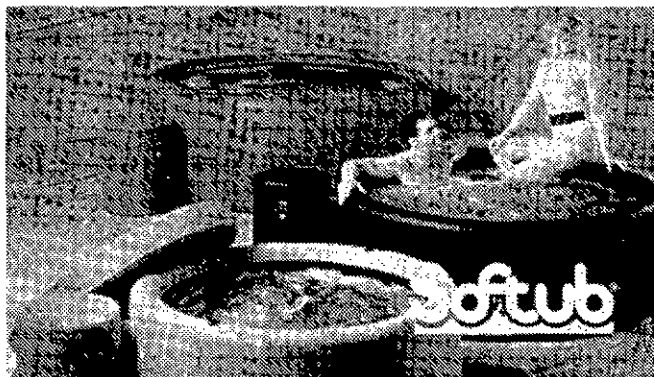
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Hawks succumb, 22-6

In Super Bowl action on Saturday, the Bethlehem Pop Warner Junior Midget Hawks suffered their first loss of the season against the tough South Colonie Knights, 22-6.

It was a grueling contest, but the Hawks just could not crack the Knights' defense. The Hawks were able, however, to hold Colonie to their lowest scoring game of the playoffs.

This has been the Hawks most successful season ever with a 9-1-1 record.

Throughout the season they carried the reputation of having the stingiest defense in the league.

Congratulations on a great and memorable season to all the players, including Noah Bacon, Mark Bulger, John Cameron, Shane Cassidy, Art Ceas, Brian Danchetz, Dan Flansburg, Tom Frankovic, Brian Geurtze, Jeremiah Giaccone, Aaron Griffin, Dan Hazen, Pat Heenan, Matt Hennessey, Brendan Hughes, Mason Jones, Ryan Livingston, Dave Marsh, Eric McArdle, Jon McCauley, Matt Melnikoff, Brendan Munnely, Kevin O'Connell, Paddy Reagan, Steven Sanchez, Matt Sargent, Mike Spinelli, James Wheeler and Coe Wilson.

It was not only the players grit, spirit and heart that brought the Hawks so far, but the dedication, talent and commitment of their coaching staff consisting of Mitch Griffin, Ken Geurtze, Jim O'Connell and Merritt Sargent.

Bethlehem Sting win opener

The Bethlehem Sting took their indoor soccer season opener with a 10-7 victory over Valley (of Cobleskill) at the Washington Avenue Armory on Saturday.

Right wing Peter Cioppa put in a stellar performance with four goals, and Tom Lackner also stood out with two goals and a solid second half in the nets.

Scott Braaten, Devin Breen, Ben Hager, and Colin Stanton contributed one goal each, while Mike Barone, Liam Brennan, David Kadish and Will Sherman played strong throughout.

Hager and Lackner shared the goalkeeping duties.

The Sting is a new U-12 boys travel team playing under the guidance of coach Tom Barone and assistant coaches Joe Brennan

and Pete Kadish, who have instituted a comprehensive approach to the team's preparation.

Weekly practice sessions stress the basics of dribbling, passing and setting up for key plays, as well as the importance of an aggressive defensive game.

In addition, there are periodic sessions on conditioning and stamina.

"We will not lose any games just because we can't keep up," Barone told both parents and players at their organizing meeting.

Barone credited a strong passing game, active "on the field" communication among the players, and a positive attitude that kept the team from getting down when they fell behind in the scoring, as reasons for the victory.

Nyilis sees bright future for girls

By Seth Carr

After two months and 12 meets, the Bethlehem cross country season came to an end, and it was noteworthy in many respects.

First and foremost, the Eagles ended their season ranked 20th in the state and at one point were as high as 17th. This is particularly noteworthy for the girls team because last season there weren't enough girls qualified to run varsity, so there was no team.

In fact, according to coach John Nyilis, 1995 marked the first time BC fielded a freshman girls cross country team. This year it paid off with a strong contingent of 15 girls qualifying at the varsity level of competition.

In assessing the performance of the team, Nyilis said, "You know, they did really well. If we had beaten Burnt Hills and Columbia, we would have won the Suburban Council Gold Division." As it turned out, Bethlehem lost by a mere three points to Burnt Hills and tied Columbia.

Nyilis said the team showed improvement, particularly during the last third of the season.

"In the sectionals, we beat every non-Suburban Council Class A school," he said.

There are 12 schools in Class A,

Cross Country

with the first eight schools all coming from the Suburban Council.

"This points up just how strong the Suburban Council is," Nyilis explained. "Saratoga just won the State Championship, and they're ranked No. 1 in the country. Almost half the schools within our league were ranked among the top 20 teams in the state this year." Shen was ranked 12th and Colonie 16th.

The best meet for the Bethlehem girls this year was at the Cobleskill Invitational, where they finished third.

Looking ahead to the future, Nyilis noted that this year's team did not have any seniors on it, which means the 1997 squad should be much more experienced.

He said that other sports, such as swimming, soccer, field hockey, tennis and volleyball, all compete with cross country, which is one reason the cross country turnout has traditionally remained small.

"And none of the other sports make the physical demands that

cross country does," Nyilis said.

"It's a lot of fun, and there's a lot of team spirit," said freshman Kelly Youngs. Sophomore Tracy Messina said, "It's the hardest you'll ever work in your life, but you get the most out of it."

The other faces on the team include freshmen Andrea Prudente, Amber Ryan and Yu Wang; sophomores Elizabeth Clement, Amy Shatsoff, and Kristen Kvam; junior Marielle Postava-Davignon; eighth-graders Suzanne Cardona, Caitlin Crowley, Christina MacMillan and Courtney McMahon; and seventh-graders Kathleen Shaffer and Christie Turner.

Soccer player teams with college squad

Michael Cohen, a freshman at Vassar College and a 1996 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a member of the 1996-97 men's soccer team.

The Brewers completed the season with a 10-6-1 record and qualified for the ECAC Metro Region playoffs for the fifth time in the last seven years. Vassar lost to Ramapo College in the playoffs. However, the future is promising for Vassar soccer, as there is only one senior on this year's squad.

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Safety

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when she was killed by a passing motorist. Fourteen-year-old Sarah Whiting was jogging on New Scotland Road last month when she was also killed by a motorist. No charges were filed in either incident.

Many drivers "act like they're critical care physicians on the way to the hospital," Lynn Finley said.

"People today are not civil" in their driving habits," said Alice Schrade. "They're rude and very aggressive."

While speeding was not cited as a factor in either of these recent fatalities, it still remains a major threat to the safety of walkers, joggers and bikers on local streets and thoroughfares, residents agreed.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt said the department's 34 officers try to enforce the traffic laws in town as much as possible and that the town already has the reputation of being tough on speeders.

But at the same time, "We have 52 square miles to keep track of and sometimes we only have three patrol cars available for the entire town," he said.

There are certain steps residents can take on their own, Vanderbilt said, to protect themselves and their children.

Children and teen-agers should be advised not to walk two or three abreast on the roadways, and they should be advised not to use car phones while behind the wheel.

And Vanderbilt cautioned, "Don't use walkmans while running, biking or walking" on local thoroughfares.

To help spread the message, Dennis Stevens, a member of the Bethlehem Central school board, said he will seek to have pedestrian safety classes incorporated into the district's curriculum at all levels.

That might take a little time to implement, however, and in the meantime, Stevens said, he would try to have immediate measures taken such as having the school resource officers in both the high school and middle school address students on the subject of traffic safety.

Donna Mandelkern of Slingerlands suggested that in addition to education and stepped-up enforcement, local and state transportation officials should be asked to re-engineer certain roadways in town that pose safety risks.

On New Scotland Road, for example, "You could be walking the right way (facing traffic), see nothing, and because of all the dips in the road, a car could be on you in a second."

"I walk along New Scotland Road every morning," she said, "and I'm terrified to cross. I thank God every time I make it."

The bottom line, Vanderbilt said, is that many of the accidents that occur on local streets could be avoided just by using common sense.

"The night after Sarah Whiting's death, I spotted a jogger running at 5:30 in the morning on Delaware Turnpike near the (Delmar) animal hospital with no lights or bright clothing on," he said. "It happens every day."

The citizens safety group is forming three separate committees — public outreach for adults, enforcement and fund-raising. Anyone interested in serving on one or more of these committees should contact Finley at 439-2016.

V'ville band members selling citrus fruit

The Voorheesville High School Band is holding its annual citrus sale to support future trips and activities.

This year, the sale features small and large cartons of oranges and pink grapefruit, as well as mixed cartons of both.

For information, call Michael Tebbano at 765-3314.

Squire

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The bank had "no recourse" but to request a foreclosure sale, he said, because Country Squire had not made any "good faith efforts to settle this out of court."

"It's been in foreclosure for 26 or 27 months now," Parker said. "It's going to the highest bidder now who can put 10 percent down and have the balance within 30 days."

If the sale eventually takes place, it's anybody's guess what could happen to this valuable piece of local real estate. And longtime Glenmont resident Robert Wiggand, for one, is not too happy about what the future might hold.

Wiggand and his brother Donald own the 15-acre parcel that the shopping center sits on, and stand to lose the land if a foreclosure sale takes place because the ground lease signed with Country Squire in 1971 is subordinate to the Rochester bank's mortgage.

"My brother and I signed the lease and made it subordinate to the bank," he said. "We're hurt by it, of course, but what can we do?"

At the time the lease was signed in 1971, Wiggand said everything looked OK, and then gradually the 127,000-square-foot shopping suffered increasing long-term vacancies.

"We're just a victim of circumstances," he said. "I can hardly believe this has happened."

Town Squire has been in a free fall for the last several years, and recent attempts to revive it fell flat when the Rubin Organization in 1992 proposed building a 425,000-square-foot shopping about one mile north on Route 9W.

"Southgate was a real killer," said Keith Wiggand, Robert's son. "No one was willing to come in here with the prospect of a shopping center going in down the road."

Despite all of the center's woes, Eugene Moramarco, one of the general partners in Country Squire, said he still thinks the

shopping center can be saved.

Moramarco said the key to his reorganization plan was a lease signed with Grand Union for 46,000 square feet of unoccupied land behind Town Squire at \$90,000 per year.

"Right now, we think that with the Grand Union lease and all of the revenue generated by the shopping center, we can make the necessary (mortgage) payments," Moramarco said.

"We think it can be viable," he said. "The lease with Grand Union was the product of our energies toward saving this thing. There are a lot of investors caught up in this, including the Wiggands, who stand to lose" if the shopping center goes on the auction block.

Moramarco said Grand Union, which has a store across the road in the Glenmont Plaza, signed the lease primarily to guarantee that no other grocery chain could locate in Town Squire while the lease was in effect.

The shopping center has been about 50 percent vacant for the last few years. The remaining tenants include Kmart, Radio Shack, Fleet Bank, Sweeney's Boxing & Fitness, Mayone's Wine and Liquors, Visable Change Hair Salon and Angela's Pizza.

V'ville Marine returns from overseas tour

Marine Lance Cpl. Terry J. Mesec, a 1992 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville, recently returned from a six-month overseas deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans and the Persian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Tarawa Amphibious Ready Group.

During Mesec's 32,000 mile, 182-day voyage, he visited Bahrain, Djibouti, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

BCMS PTA NEWS

<http://www.crisny.org/not-for-profit/bcmspta>

American Education Week: Over 190 parents took advantage of the opportunity to attend classes during the week of November 12th and see first hand what goes on during the school day. Hopefully, more parents will be able to participate next year.

January 5th PTA Meeting: The program will feature a presentation on the Language Arts Guidelines recently approved by the District. English Supervisor, Mary Capobianco will make the presentation. Many parents have questions about techniques for reading, writing, grammar, spelling and related language arts skills. Hopefully this program can help us better understand today's approaches. Join us at 7:30p.m. in the BCMS Library.

First Quarter Report Cards: This week (11/25), each student is bringing home the first quarter report card. Parent comments and questions are encouraged.

Sports Night: The first Sports Night on November 14th had low attendance. This is a worthwhile parent-child event. Mark your calendar for the next one - **January 9th.** The Middle School and the PTA will improve communications concerning this event.

PTA Communications Committee: This newly formed committee will meet on December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Library to begin discussions on better ways to communicate between the Middle School and home. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Winter Concerts: BCMS concerts will be held December 10, 17, and 18 at the Middle School. Parents and the public are welcome.

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Jason Girard and Linda Magen

Magenis, Girard to marry

Linda Shumansky Magen, daughter of James and Cynthia Magen of Slingerlands, and Jason Donald Girard, son of Donald and Linda Girard of Poestenkill, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names and Russell Sage College. She is studying for her master's degree

at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The future groom is a graduate of LaSalle Institute, the University at Albany and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is employed as a coordinator by Key Services Corp. in Albany.

The couple plans a June 21 wedding.

Coons, Larue to marry

Sonya Beulah Coons, daughter of Francis and Patricia Coons of Voorheesville, and Jason Mathew Larue, son of Anthony and Mary Larue of Schenectady, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School. She is employed by the state Department of Taxation & Finance in Albany.

The future groom, a graduate of Mohonasen High School, is employed as a security guard at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady.

The couple plans an Aug. 9 wedding.



Sonya Coons

V'ville parents meet on college aid foundation

The cost of sending a student to college has more than doubled in the past 10 years. With state and federal funding for higher education falling almost as rapidly as tuition rises, what's a family to do?

For many, the answer has been to take out student loans, which often leave children saddled with decades worth of debt.

A group of concerned parents and school staff in Voorheesville is trying to organize a community scholarship foundation to help local students attend the college of their choice without mortgaging their futures.

The group plans its inaugural meeting Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

The foundation will be affiliated with Dollars for Scholars, a national network of more than 750 similar foundations. The network affiliation will provide the Voorheesville group with access to time-tested ideas for fund-raising and student selection for scholarships, as well as the latest developments in financial aid and academic support.

For example, Dollars for Scholars has negotiated matching grant agreements with more than 100 colleges, including the University at Albany, Union College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Community members, parents and students interested in helping increase opportunities for Voorheesville's children are encouraged to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call Tim Kelley at 765-3314, ext. 205.

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Daniel and Katrin Schamberg

Wahlen, Schamberg marry

Katrin Wahlen, daughter of Martin Wahlen of Encinitas, Calif., and Anita Wahlen of Slingerlands, and Daniel Schamberg, son of William and Margaret Schamberg of Schroom Lake, Essex County, were married Oct. 12.

a teacher, also by Albany County ARC.

After a wedding trip to Hilton Head, S.C., the couple lives in Voorheesville.

The Rev. Douglas Frombelle performed the ceremony in Faith Baptist Church in Rexford, with the reception following at Zwickbauer's Bavarian Chalet in Guelderland.

The matron of honor was Theresa Tetreault, and bridesmaids were Janet Dempsey and Betsy Johnson.

The best men were David Schamberg and Donald Schamberg, brothers of the groom, and ushers were John Cook and Andrew Whalen.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Utica College of Syracuse University. She is employed as a behaviorist by the Albany County Association of Retarded Citizens in North Bethlehem.

The groom, a graduate of Practical Bible College, is employed as

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Obituaries

Cathy D. Link

Cathy D. Link, 40, of Hoyt Avenue in Glenmont, died Friday, Nov. 22, at her home.

She had worked for the state Energy Authority.

Survivors include her mother, Elizabeth Link; and a daughter, Melissa Link.

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

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Upstate New York Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Mary Danforth

Mary Danforth, 86, of Slingerlands died Saturday, Nov. 23, at her home.

Born in Boston, she was a fiscal secretary for the state Health, Education and Welfare Department in Boston.

Survivors include her husband, Leon J. Danforth; two sons, Brian

J. Danforth of Slingerlands and Leon J. Danforth II of Boston, Mass.; a sister, Frances Flaherty of Milton, Mass.; a brother, John Flaherty of Milton, Mass.; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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Delmar Bootery shop leading shoe drive

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The cost of the breakfast is \$4 per person, \$2.75 for children ages 6 through 10. Children under 5 years old eat for free.

For information, call 765-2354.

Stores selling books to help AIDS council

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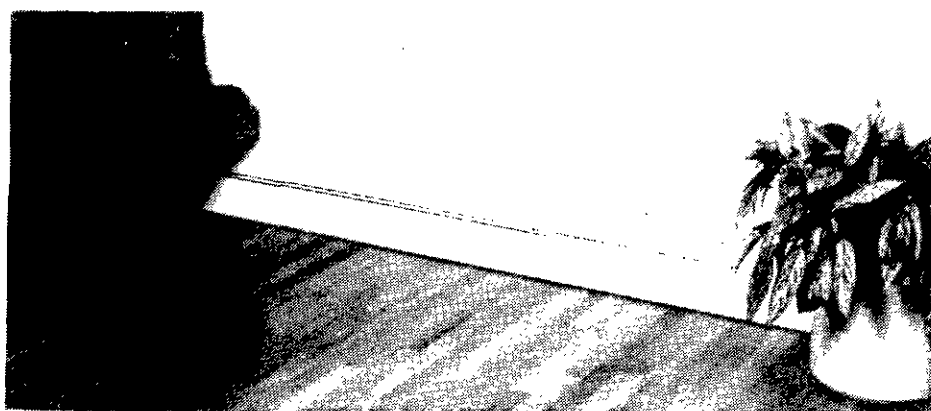
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Delmar man back from Pacific

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During Dillon's 32,000-mile voyage,

he visited Bahrain, Hawaii, Jebel Ali, Kuwait, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Dillon is a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1993 and 1994 graduate of Cornell University, where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree.

He joined the Navy in May 1994.

Author to speak on Christmas

Local author and speaker Virelle Kidder will speak on "Coming Home for Christmas" at the Bethlehem Community Church at 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Kidder is the author of two books, *Mothering Upstream* and *Loving, Launching and Letting Go*,

numerous articles in national magazines, and is a contributing editor for *Today's Christian Woman*. She is also a frequent conference speaker and guest on Christian radio.

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

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Family Entertainment
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A Christmas Carol returns to Albany

By Zack Beck

The Capital District has many holiday traditions and none is more spectacular than the showing of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The century old classic will return to the Palace Theatre stage for a fourth consecutive year and will run for one week only.

The performances, produced by Christmas Carol Inc., are sure to

anyone interested in having their heart's strings pulled at.

"It is a show that touches the essence of what people think Christmas is about," said Goepfert.

In addition to an experienced cast and timeless story, the show will sport a set put together by a well-known designer. "The sets and costumes were done by Desmond Heeley, who is one of the more important designers in the world," Goepfert said.

A new twist in this year's production will take place offstage. Charles Dickens' 80-year-old great-grandson Cedric Charles Dickens will journey from his home in England to the Capital District to attend all Thanksgiving weekend performances (Nov. 29-Dec. 1).

"Cedric was very willing and eager to participate," said Goepfert. "This is a real opportunity for residents

of the community to meet a wonderfully charming man from the family of one of history's great writers."

Following each performance on Thanksgiving weekend, Dickens will appear on stage with Astin. He will then be available in the lobby of the Palace to sign souvenir copies of the 150th Anniversary Edition of *A Christmas Carol*, which was published in 1993 by the Dickens House Museum. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Dickens House Museum.

There will be 12 performances of the



entertain and delight theatergoers of all ages. Playing the starring role as Ebenezer Scrooge for a third straight year will be Academy Award nominee John Astin.

"John Astin has endeared himself to the community," said Palace Theatre Executive Director Bob Goepfert. "He's worked very hard and having someone that people have confidence in playing a title role, is always an asset."

Besides the presence of the well-known Astin, the story itself of "A Christmas Carol" will undoubtedly draw



John Astin returns to the role of Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," playing at the Palace Theatre. Left, producer Dennis Babcock, left, and Palace Theatre executive director Bob Goepfert flank Charles Dickens' great-grandson, Cedric Charles Dickens, who will be attending all Thanksgiving weekend performances of the play.

show beginning today at 7:30 p.m. and running until Saturday, Dec. 7.

Ticket prices are kept relatively low in an effort to provide quality entertainment to entire families. Prices range

from \$14.95 to \$24.95.

Tickets to all performances are available at the Palace Theatre Box Office (465-4663) or through TicketMaster (476-1000).

Importance of Being Earnest delightful at Capital Rep

While basically the 100-year old Oscar Wilde farce, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, is an ensemble piece where language bounces from character to character as would a shuttlecock in a well-played badminton game, there is a role where a fine actor can take the production beyond itself.

Such is the case with Larry Linville's performance as Lady Bracknell. His claret contralto, dipped eyebrow and pursed lips speak volumes as the aunt who must make sense out of a dizzy pair of romances.

Striding with authority about the stage as a linebacker might perform ballet, Linville (formerly the wimpish major on *M.A.S.H.*, the TV hit series) makes the conceit of having a man play the role seem inspired.

Actually, this is a British tradition but it is rarely done on American stages. Thanks to the gamble by director Margaret Mancinelli, audiences are treated to a skilled actor honing Wilde's marvelously witty lines in a wonderfully straightforward manner.

There is no attempt at feminine makeup; rather, Linville establishes a domineering woman whose nephew describes as a "monster without being a myth."

When Linville's Lady Bracknell worries that a young woman may have a "lack of profile" (pronounced 'profeel'), Wilde's outrageous dialogue takes wings as it does when the aunt says her nephew "has nothing, but looks everything," the young man's character is succinctly described.

Wilde's play concerns two foppish young men who play at romance as their courtship of two young women compels them to tell outlandish untruths. David Wynand's Algernon Moncrieff is the complete, self-assured lightweight whose pique about a lack of muffins is a wonderfully funny scene.

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Ryan Woodring is John Worthing, a young man whose courtship of Gwendolen Fairfax, requires a change of his name to Earnest, hence the title and the plot. The actor is a straight man to both the young woman and Algernon and he supplies the complete foil.

One observation about both actors is that a little more makeup to cover five o'clock shadows would provide suitably sunny English complexions.

Susan Riley Stevens as Earnest's Gwendolen and Erin Marie Tschantret as Cecily, the young woman courted by Algernon, are delightful as the women in love with love. They move and pose with grace and poise.

George Bergan and Beth Dixon as a country clergyman and a spinster-teacher add to the comic fabric of the production while Bill Chappelle provides proper diversity as two separate servants.

The simple set changes in the three-act comedy work well to keep the focus on the dialogue and characterizations.

The Importance of Being Earnest continues through Dec. 22. Information and reservations available at 462-4531.

Fat lady sings next summer at SPAC for New York City Opera company

The Saratoga Performing Arts Center has not renewed its contract with the New York City Opera company following next year's performances. Starting in 1998, the five dates the opera company had as a resident company for the past 11

years will be filled by rock concerts, sure-fire money-makers for SPAC.

The "catch 22" situation at SPAC which was built 30 years ago to present symphony music, ballet, opera and theater, has found that economics has forced it to drop theater and now opera while depending upon meeting its budget through rock concerts and leading recording artists.

The New York City Opera company will have performed for 12 years with next year's residency.

A Christmas Carol opens with John Astin tonight

John Astin again heads the cast of *A Christmas Carol* tonight (Wed. Nov. 27) at the Palace Theater where it will continue for 12 performances.

The locally-produced professional production which in the previous three years toured through Christmas, will remain in Albany for its only performances.

Astin who joined the company two years ago, has given the production a sparkle that blends the best of local professional performers and others from the region and New York.

Performances will continue through Dec. 7.

Reservations available at 465-4663.

AROUND THEATERS!

The Seagull, drama by Chekhov at University at Albany through Dec. 8 (442-3995). *Mr. Scrooge*, musical version of *A Christmas Carol* by The Village Stage at Bethlehem Middle School in Delmar Dec. 5-8. (439-9068)



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THEATER

ANTON CHEKHOV'S "THE SEAGULL"

produced by University of Albany's Department of Theatre, directed by William A. Leone. Arena Theatre of the University Performing Arts Center, University at Albany Uptown Campus, Western Avenue, 8 p.m. on Dec. 4 through 7, 3 p.m. on Dec. 8., \$10 adults, \$7 students, senior citizens, university staff, Alumni Association members. Information, 442-3997.

NORTHEAST BALLET TO PERFORM "THE NUTCRACKER"

ninth consecutive season of beloved Christmas story, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 7 p.m., Dec. 7, 2 p.m., Dec. 8. Cost, \$20.50, children under 12 are \$10.50. Information, 346-6204.

"FROSTY THE SNOWMAN"

The Empire Center at The Egg, Albany, 1 p.m., Dec. 8. Information, 473-2845.

"THE SNOW QUEEN"

production of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale by New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, preview performances at 10 a.m. on Dec. 4, 5, 6, 10 through 13, 17, 19; 2 p.m., Dec. 8 and 15; 8 p.m., Dec. 13, 14, 20. Cost, \$15 adults, \$13 senior citizens and students, \$8 children under 12. Information, 274-3256.

"THE INTERVIEW"

Impulse Theatre and Dance, four performances of Peter Sweet's award-winning play about the Holocaust, Albany Center Gallery, Orange and Chapel streets, 6 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 7. Cost, \$3. Information, 797-3684.

"CATCH-22"

satire by Joseph Heller, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sundays at 3 p.m., weekends, from Dec. 6 through 22, 4 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 2. Cost, \$10. Information, 462-1297.

"THE JUNGLE BOOK"

adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's children's story by Home Made Theatre, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sundays at 1 p.m., Dec. 13 through 22. Cost, \$10 adults, \$8 children. Information, 587-4427.

MUSIC

NEW AMERICAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

orchestra of former exiles from the Soviet Union, Page Hall, University at Albany Downtown Campus, 135 Western Ave., 2:30 p.m., Dec. 1. Cost, \$30. Information, 473-1843.

COMPOSER-PIANIST JOSEPH FENNIMORE

piano recital to mark 40 years of Fennimore's career as music educator, Emma Willard School's Kiggins Hall, Troy, 4 p.m., Dec. 1. Cost, \$12.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Troy's Community Chorus to present the work of R. Vaughan Williams, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 58 Third Street, Troy, 8 p.m., Dec. 7. Cost, \$8 general, \$6 students and seniors. Information, 452-3120.

ANNE HILLS, CINDY MANGSEN AND PRISCILLA HERDMANN

singing trio to perform a special Christmas show, Burnt Hills United Methodist Church, Route 50, 8 p.m., Nov. 29. Information, 882-6427.

"COWBOY DAVE AND THE LAST REINDEER ROUNDUP"

Albany Symphony Orchestra to present classic pieces of fairy tale and holiday music in a child-oriented program, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, 3 p.m. Cost, \$12 adults, \$6 children 14 and under. Information, 465-4663.

DOANE STUART SCHOOL CHORALE

to perform at the annual Festival of Trees, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Avenue, 2 to 3 p.m., Dec. 8. Information, 465-5222, ext. 201.

"A SEASON FOR SONG"

Capital Community Voices to perform at Genet Middle School, Route 4, East Greenbush, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 14. Information, 439-4574.

THE NIELDS

nationally-known rock group combines a diverse set of styles, from Velvet Underground to modern-day grunge, The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett Street, Albany, 8 p.m., Dec. 13. Information, 434-1703.

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CALL FOR ARTISTS

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join them in rehearsals of classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

"LANDSCAPE COMPETITION"

artists can send in wall-hung works no larger than 48" in any direction, Canterbury Gallery, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Nov. 30. Information, 439-2955.

PAINT THE MOUNTAIN CONTEST

call for prospectus, The Gallery at Hunter Mountain, Hunter Mountain Ski Bowl, Route 23A, Hunter, Wednesday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 263-4223.

AUDITIONS FOR "PRELUDE TO A KISS"

Craig Lucas' romantic fantasy, seven men and three women needed for speaking parts, one man and three women needed for non-speaking parts, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., 7 p.m., Dec. 9 and 10. Information, 455-4775.

AUDITIONS FOR "STONE SOUP"

two men and women, two girls, three male teens, one boy or girl, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., 7 p.m., Dec. 16 and 17. Information, 455-4775.

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, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

READINGS

SCIENCE WRITER STEPHEN JAY GOULD

GOULD to read and discuss his work, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany Uptown Campus, Western Ave., 4 p.m., Dec. 5. Information, 442-5620.

VISUAL ARTS

WILLIAM B. SCHADE'S "ARTIST BOOKS"

artist produced work on scrolls, Rathbone Gallery, Sage Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursdays, 5:45 to 8 p.m., Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m., through Dec. 15. Information, 445-1778.

RETROSPECTIVE ON WORK BY IRENA ALTMANOVA

The Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe Street, Albany, free reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Nov. 29, exhibit open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays until 7 p.m., Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., through Jan. 3. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY ARTISTS GROUP

exhibit of the work of local artists not in the organization, Off Broadway Gallery, Crossgates Mall, Guilderdale, through Nov. 30, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-2955.

Super Crossword

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- 5 Gunfighter's order
- 14 Trattoria treat
- 19 Wheel part
- 20 Dramatist Edward
- 21 Roof edge
- 22 Above the crowd
- 23 "The Life of Riley" actor?
- 25 Denizen
- 26 Off-limits
- 27 Besmirch
- 28 Kind of kiln
- 29 Hog heaven?
- 31 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
- 32 Tuck's mate
- 34 F. Scott Fitzgerald novel?
- 40 Unstable
- 45 See 48 Across
- 46 College collar
- 47 Gershwin or Levin
- 48 With 45 Across, coastal phenomenon
- 50 Lid
- 52 Ahab's mark
- 55 Neil Sedaka
- 58 Drummer
- 59 Casino employee
- 61 "Gay"
- 62 "Unforgettable" name
- 64 Wedding staple
- 66 Drillers' org.
- 67 Face shape
- 70 Beastly places?
- 73 Milan's locale
- 76 Poe sport story?
- 79 Something to remember
- 81 Scheme
- 82 Move quickly
- 83 Annoy
- 84 Hasty
- 86 Easy dessert?
- 88 Endangered ape
- 92 Ark park?
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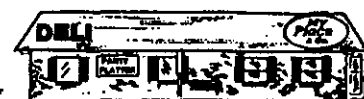
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- 109 Fall fabric
- 112 Hopkins/Pitt film?
- 117 Relatives
- 118 Architect's add-on
- 119 Actress Carrere
- 120 Scout munchies?
- 123 Hole in your head?
- 127 Brooch material
- 130 Wisecrack
- 133 "Midnight Cowboy" actress?
- 135 Egyptian statesman
- 136 Bring to ruin
- 137 Come to terms
- 138 Pianist Gilels
- 139 Chased up a chestnut
- 140 "L'—, c'est moi!"
- 141 Relies (on)
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- 2 Leave
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- 4 Mercuri of

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- 44 Make a buck
- 49 Square
- 51 Banish
- 53 Eye opener?
- 54 Funnyman
- 56 "Hit" to Ho
- 57 "Bolero" composer
- 59 Object
- 60 Liotta of "Unlawful Entry"
- 63 Basil or Braxton
- 65 Egyptian Christian
- 68 Separately
- 69 Green bean
- 71 Peculiar
- 72 Put one's foot down
- 74 Bank deposit?
- 75 Champion rider?
- 76 Eisenhower or Perot
- 77 "Vissi d'arte" singer
- 78 Israeli port
- 79 Dam org.
- 80 Present
- 85 Neighsayer?
- 87 Rohmer or Roberts
- 89 Way over yonder
- 90 Franco of "Camelot"
- 91 Black and white
- 93 Supreme leader?
- 94 Palo —, Calif.
- 96 Mouth part
- 97 Mollo of the Met
- 99 Tokyo, once
- 100 Gloomy
- 102 Dear old thing?
- 106 Sternward
- 108 Worldwide
- 110 Compact —
- 111 Child welfare org.
- 112 Smallest
- 113 "Enigma Variations" composer
- 114 Picnic area
- 115 Frequent
- 116 Sweater size
- 121 Mitchell homestead
- 122 A real Swede guy?
- 124 Famed orca
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WINTER FARMERS' MARKET
 Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

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

SQUARE DANCE
 Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

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

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 28
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 Drs. Jacobs & Lee, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 783-5656.

THE QUEST

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

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

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

SARATOGA COUNTY
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
 Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga Springs, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 29
ALBANY COUNTY
EIGHTH STEP DANCING
 First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 489-9066.

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

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

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 30
ALBANY COUNTY
HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR
 beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1
ALBANY COUNTY
SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP
 Unity Church, Albany, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Information, 453-3603.

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

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

MONDAY
DECEMBER 2
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHESES
 Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 3
ALBANY COUNTY
A DAY WITHOUT ART OBSERVANCE
 students to cover the exhibit on display, Rathbone Gallery, Albany, 8:30 a.m. Information, 270-2246.

TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY MUSIC FAVORITES
 Unity Church, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 453-3606.

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

SINGLE PARENTS MEETING
 sponsored by Parents Without Partners Chapter 380, Colonie Community Center, Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-0870.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EATING DISORDERS GROUP
 Union College, fourth floor campus center, Schenectady, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 4
ALBANY COUNTY
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
 Memory's Garden Fifth Annual, 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 869-9506.

NORTH RIVER FRIENDS OF CLEARWATER
 monthly meeting, a private home, Cohoes, 6:30 p.m. Information, 238-1766.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT CLINIC
 Bellevue Woman's Hospital, Troy Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 456-9071.

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

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APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB
 Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilford, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
WRITING WORKSHOP
 for advanced fiction writers, room 210, Proctor's Arcade, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 381-8927.

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

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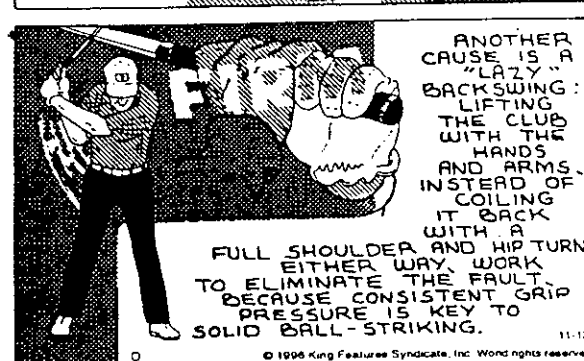
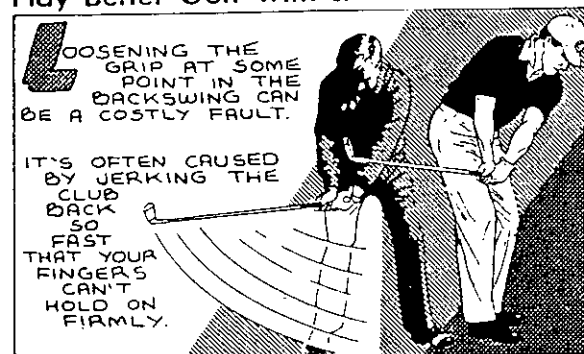
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Antiques	Crafts	Hiking	Spelunker
Autos	Fishing	Origami	Wood shop
Collecting	Fly tying	Rock hound	Writing
Computers	Gardening	Sewing	

The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 27**
BETHLEHEM

LIBRARY CLOSING TIME
closed for Thanksgiving,
Bethlehem Public Library, 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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, 439-1531 or 439-4067.

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.

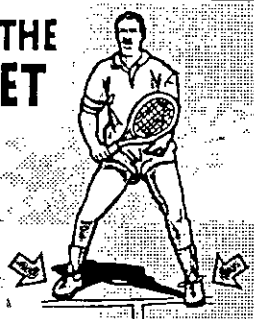
**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 28**
BETHLEHEM

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closed for Thanksgiving,
Bethlehem Public Library.

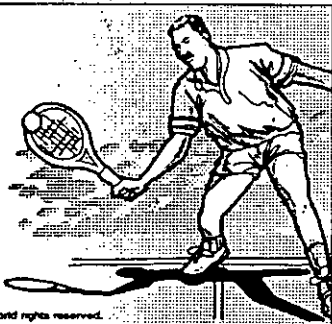
STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

BODY CONTROL ON THE WAY TO THE NET

When coming to the net, split-
step as you near the service
line — slow down and get your
body momentum under
control. This will make it easier
to change direction to reach
your first volley.



After slowing down
and hitting the first
volley, move forward
inside the service
line to prepare for
the next volley. The
second volley should
ideally be hit as a
winner.


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

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 29**
BETHLEHEM

NIGHTWALK
Five Rivers Environmental
Educational Center, 56 Game
Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m.
Information, 475-0291.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 30**
BETHLEHEM

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

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1**
BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**
Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m.,
coffee and fellowship, nursery
care provided, church school,
9:30 a.m., 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.
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
worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and
5:30 p.m. nursery care provided,
386 Delaware Ave. Information,
439-9929.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF
BETHLEHEM**
church school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 11 a.m., child
care provided, 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,
462-2016.

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,
handicapped accessible,
coffee/fellowship, 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

"BREAKFAST WITH SANTA"
all-you-can-eat breakfast,
Voorheesville Volunteer Fire
Department, Route 156, 7 a.m.
to noon. Cost, \$4.50 adults,
\$2.50 children over five, children
under five eat for free.
Information, 765-4500.

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

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

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

**JERUSALEM REFORMED
CHURCH**
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour, child
care provided, Route 32, Feura
Bush. Information, 439-0548.

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

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

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

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

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
church school, 10 a.m., worship
service, 8:30 a.m., adult classes,
5:30 p.m., 428 Kenwood Ave.
Information, 439-9976.

**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.

**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.

**MONDAY
DECEMBER**
2
BETHLEHEM

UNDERSTANDING WALL STREET
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 7:30
p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Information, 439-9929.

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

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

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

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER**
3
BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD
town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4955.

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

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

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

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

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

DELMAR ROTARY
Howard Johnson's, Route 9W.
Information, 439-9988.

COLLEGE FAIR
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior
High School, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 765-2155.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PLANNING BOARD
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m.
Information, 765-3356.

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

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER**
4
BETHLEHEM

ADVENT SERVICE
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4328.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 8
p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
on application of Mr. Subb,
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4955.

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

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

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

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women
and new mothers, call for a
Welcome Wagon visit, Monday
to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Information, 765-9640.

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m.
Information, 767-2886.

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

**BETHLEHEM BUSINESS
WOMEN'S CLUB**
Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont,
6 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

**VOORHEESVILLE ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS**
village hall, 29 Voorheesville
Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.


**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.

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

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



**Share the Spirit of
Advent at
Delmar
Presbyterian
Church**

**585 Delaware Ave
439-9252**

Advent Services: 10:00 a.m.
December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

December 22nd, 7:00 p.m., Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24th, 7:00 & 11:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Service,
Carols & Candle Lighting

THURSDAY
DECEMBER

5

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.

TRAVEL GROUP OF DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
slides of Portugal, Spain and Morocco, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3416.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

FRIDAY
DECEMBER

6

BETHLEHEM

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF
FORMATION
OF LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY LLC

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: **NEW ENGLAND LASER SYSTEMS, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on October 2, 1996. Office location: Albany County. Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of such process to: EDWIN F. WILLIAMS, III, 63 Shaker Road, Suite 204, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose of limited liability company is to provide laser systems to credentialed physicians for their use. (November 27, 1996)

PUBLICATION NOTICE
OF
ORGANIZATION
OFLIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
UNDER SECTION 206(C) OF
THE LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY LAW OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is MARLIR, L.L.C. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on November 4, 1996.

THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 5 Rural Palace, Delmar, New York 12054.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2056, in addition to the events of dissolution set forth in

SATURDAY
DECEMBER

7

BETHLEHEM

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

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
New Salem Reformed Church, Route 85, 7:30 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$4 per person, \$2.75 children under 10, children under five eat for free. Information, 765-2354.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER

8

BETHLEHEM

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "Law").

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to invest in real estate and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. (November 27, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OFNEW WAITE & C COMPANY,
LLC, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York THE UNDER SIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen 18 years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that.

FIRST: The name of the (Company is New Waite & C Company, LLC.

SECOND: The articles of organization were filed on October 18, 1996.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

FOURTH: Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 90 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

SIXTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to

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

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF
BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, 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, 462-2016.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Bethlehem 1197 Final Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC
Town Clerk
Town of Bethlehem
Dated: November 23, 1996

LEGAL NOTICE

indemnify pursuant thereto.

SEVENTH: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing true under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1996

s/Stephen J. Waite, Sole Organizer
90 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 4, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Cynderella, Ltd. (Mr. Subb - owner John Treffiletti), 406 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article VI, Permit-Use, Section 128-22, Regulations to off-street parking, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem. The Applicant requests an Area Variance to off-street parking. Applicant wishes to continue to operate a take-out sub shop with sit down tables. Due to the tables being installed, the parking requirements increase. The applicant is not able to supply the required parking at premises 406 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Chemicals for 1997, for the use of said Town, as and when required.

LEGAL NOTICE

Bids will be received up to 2:20 p.m. on the 17th day of December, 1996 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Materials for 1997, for the use of said Town, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of December, 1996 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,
ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on December 11, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 16 of 1996, amending Chapter 111, Taxation, Article I, Partial Exemption for Aged Persons.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,
ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on December 11, 1996 at 7:40 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 17 of 1996, amending Chapter 111, Taxation, Article III, Alternative Veterans Exemption.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
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Dated: November 13, 1996
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LEGAL NOTICE

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,
ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 11th day of December, 1996 at 7:45 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 18 of 1996, Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 119-40, Schedule XIV, Time Limit Parking by adding the following:

Add:
One (1) hour parking Borthwick Avenue, Delmar, from a point 132 feet North of Delaware Avenue to a point 207 feet North of Delaware Avenue.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 11th day of December, 1996 at 7:50 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 19 of 1996, Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 119-34, Schedule VIII, Yield Intersections, as follows:

Add:
Yield sign on Dykeman Road in both directions at intersection with Mosher Road.

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 1189-32, Schedule VI, Through Streets, as follows:

Add:
Through street Mosher Road at entrance of Heather Lane, direction southwest, add stop sign;

Through street Mosher Road at entrance of Old Ox Road, direction northeast, add stop sign;

Through street Mosher Road at entrance of LaGrange Road, direction southwest, add stop sign; and

Through street Mosher Road at entrance of Dykeman Road, direction both, add stop sign.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 11th day of December, 1996 at 7:55 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 20 of 1996, Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 119-33, Schedule VII, Stop Intersections, as follows:

Add:
Stop sign on Hackett Street, direction south, at intersection with Thatcher Street.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Advanced notice is requested.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 11th day of December, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 21 of 1996, Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 119-33, Schedule VII, Stop Intersections, as follows:

Add:
Stop sign on Marquis Drive, direction north, at intersection with Clifton Way;

Stop sign on Clifton Way, direction south, at intersection with Marquis Drive;

Stop sign on Beverwyck Lane, direction west, at intersection with Clifton Way; and

Stop sign on Beverwyck Lane, direction both, at intersection with Marquis Drive.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 13, 1996
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
OF BETHLEHEM ACQUISITION
ASSOCIATES, LLC

Articles of Organization for a New York Limited Liability Company, to wit: BETHLEHEM ACQUISITION ASSOCIATES, LLC, were filed with the New York State Department of State on November 14, 1996; the office of the company is located in Albany County; the Secretary of State has been designated agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served; the post office address within New York State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is 26 Tamarack Drive, Delmar, New York 12054; the latest date upon which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2046; and the purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZER: CHRISTINA L. TANGREDI, ESQ.

79 North Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207-2208
(518) 433 7395
(November 27, 1996)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELEC-
TION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York, an election for qualified voters of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, will be held on December 10, 1996 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Fire House No. 1, Maple Avenue, Selkirk, New York for the purpose of electing a Fire Commissioner for a term of five (5) years commencing January 1, 1997.

Any candidate wishing to be named on the ballot shall file a nomination petition subscribed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District with Frank A. With, the Secretary of the Selkirk Fire District, 614 Bridge Street, Selkirk, New York 12158, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the election.

Dated: November 18, 1996

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York

s/Frank A. With
Secretary
(November 27, 1996)

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FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Axiom Business Group, LLC.

SECOND: The date of filing with the Secretary of State was 10/28/96.

THIRD: The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

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 to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company is: 1443 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

In witness whereof, this certificate has been subscribed to this 28th day of Oct., 1996, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true and under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Leonard S. Berl, organizer and member (November 13, 1996)

(November 27, 1996)

LEGAL NOTICE

holders, managers, directors if any, are: Joseph Whitney, 44 Gail Avenue, Albany, New York 12205

JW Engineering, PLLC, organized by the Law Offices of Joseph P. McGovern, 174 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210. (November 27, 1996))

Notice of Sale in Foreclosure, Referee

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY

Index No. 3326-96
RJI No. 0196-046984

REFREE'S NOTICE
OF SALE IN
FORECLOSURE

Citibank (N.Y.S.)
Plaintiff,

vs.
Jacqueline T. Horne
James E. Horne
Manufacturers & Traders
Trust Company
American General Finance, Inc.
New York State Commissioner
of Tax and Finance

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly made and entered in the above entitled foreclosure action dated October 22, 1996 and entered in the office of the County Clerk of Albany County, I, the undersigned Referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on December 11, 1996 at the Albany County Court House, in Albany, County of Albany, State of New York, at 9:30 A.M. the premises described in said judgment as follows:

See attached Schedule "A" Property known as: 655 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York 12209 TOGETHER with all the rights, title and interest of the mortgagors, if any, in and to the land lying in the streets and roads in front of and adjoining said premises to the centre line thereof.

TOGETHER with all fixtures and articles of personal property attached to or used in connection with said premises.

Said premises are sold subject to any state of facts an accurate survey may show, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any,

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to taxes, assessments, water charges, violations, zoning regulations and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie.

Judgment Amount: \$31,244.55
DATED: November 7, 1996
(s) Peter J. Scagnelli, Referee
Martin, Martin & Woodard, LLP
Jennifer M.S. Byrne
Attorneys for Plaintiff
One Lincoln Center
Suite 300
Syracuse, NY 13202

SCHEDULE A - DESCRIPTION

All that certain lot or parcel of land formerly in the Town of Bethlehem, now in the City of Albany and State of New York, shown on the map of Marshall's Grove, made by Herschel Roberts, C.E., dated June 1, 1915, and duly filed in Albany County Clerk's Office July 7, 1915, and thereon numbered as lot 49, and more particularly bordered and described as follows: In front by the Old Delaware Turnpike fifty (50) feet along the same in the rear by Alfred Street, as shown on said map fifty (50) feet along the same, on the northeasterly side by the lots Nos. 50, 51 and 52 forty (40) feet along each, or one hundred (120) feet in all, and on the southwesterly side by lot No. 48 on hundred twenty-one and five tenths (121.5) feet along the same. (November 27, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF APPEL OF NY, L.L.C.

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

CATHERINE G. BARBER, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "L.L.C.L."), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is APPEL OF NY, L.L.C.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the L.L.C.L.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany, is Albany.

FOURTH: In addition to the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the L.L.C.L., the latest date on which the Company may dissolve is December 31, 2026.

FIFTH: The Secretary of State

LEGAL NOTICE

is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Catherine G. Barber, 15 Werner Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

SIXTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

SEVENTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for any matter in respect of which such manager shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability, there shall have been a judgement or other final adjudication adverse to such manager that establishes that such manager's act or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or that such manager personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not legally entitled or that with respect to a distribution, the subject of Section 508 of the L.L.C.L., such manager's acts were not performed in accordance with Section 409 of the L.L.C.L. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article in respect to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision. This Article shall neither eliminate nor limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to the adoption of this Article.

EIGHTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the L.L.C.L., as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true and under the penalties of perjury this 31st day of October, 1996.

(s) Catherine G. Barber
Sole Organizer
15 Werner Avenue
Delmar, New York 12054

(November 27, 1996)

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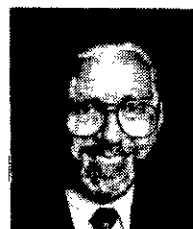
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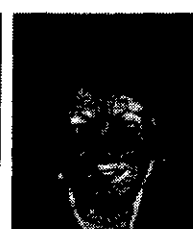
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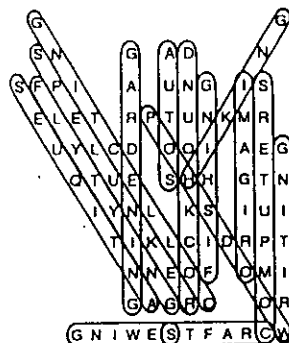
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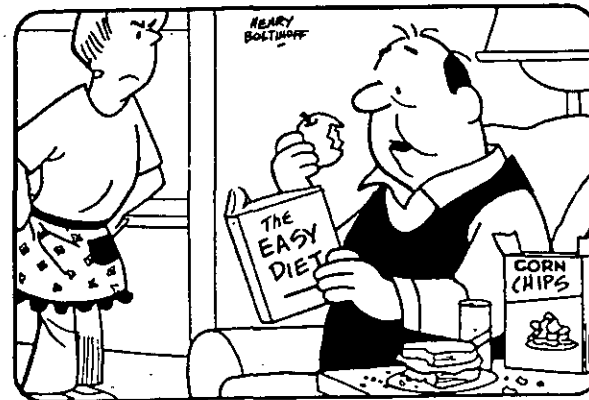
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