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BC bus supervisor: drivers No. 1 in area

By Katherine McCarthy

Parents in the Bethlehem Central School District can rest assured that their children are safe on the buses that transport them back and forth to school.

"This is the best group in the area," transportation supervisor Bob Peters said. "You won't find a better transportation department."

Drug and alcohol abuse are uppermost in parents' minds, with the recent drunken driving arrest of a Troy bus driver.



Slingerland

All employees receive a drug and alcohol test before being hired, Peters said, and it is usually not a scheduled test. "I might call them in for training," he said, "and then do the test." Drivers are also tested randomly after they are hired.

Driver Dianne Allen was recently tested three times in a row, and far from feeling harassed, she welcomed the testing. "I don't want to drive around with others who are using drugs or alcohol," she said. Fellow driver Lorraine Thompson concurred. "We want people to know their

drivers are drug free."

Peters is proud to say that drugs and alcohol are absolutely not a problem with BC drivers. The law allows him to test for "reasonable suspicion," and he's never had to do that. He has also never had to test anyone for drugs or alcohol following

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BC bus driver saves the day for business

It was a case of the Grinch who didn't steal Christmas when Bethlehem bus driver Chuck Emery and monitor Sue McNally spotted a manila envelope by the side of the road last Wednesday.

Emery has driven for the district for 5 1/2 years, and McNally has been a monitor since September. They had just started their morning run in Slingerlands when they saw the envelope in the road.

"It looked untouched," Emery said. He pulled over, and McNally got out to retrieve it.

The contents? About \$1000 worth

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Christmas celebration



Delmar Reformed Church welcomes all to its Christmas services.

Constance Pakatar

For Mr. Subb, it's official 3 tables, 12 chairs OK

By Mel Hyman

For the first time in almost two years, customers of the Mr. Subb shop at the Four Corners can legally sit down and eat in the store.

In a unanimous decision, the town zoning board of appeals granted a area variance

last week to Ella Ruff and Cindi Reilly, owners of the Mr. Subb shop, for three tables and 12 chairs.

The board's action marked the end of a 21-month saga that included two public hearings, a criminal citation and a petition with more than 1,000 signatures in support of the applicants.

The first request for a variance—for seven tables and 28 chairs—was rejected in April 1995 by the board, which cited insufficient parking.

This summer, Ruff and Reilly decided to go ahead on their own and install two tables and eight chairs to see what the town would do. Building Inspector John Flanigan responded by issuing an appearance ticket for violating the town zoning ordinance, but the ticket was adjourned in contemplation of dismissal provided that Ruff and Reilly submit a new application for a variance.

The new application was not exactly warmly received when it was presented on Dec. 7, but the board had nothing but good



Ruff



Reilly

Elsmere pupils play Santa to family

By Katherine McCarthy

Every year, Elsmere teacher Diane Kvam and her pupils adopt a family at Christmas time.

Part of a team that teaches combined first and second grade classes, Kvam, her fellow teachers Robin Reed and Nancy Smith, and their combined 60-plus pupils set to work on the project after Thanksgiving.

"I've been doing this for about five years," Kvam explained. "We started at the open house in September, asking parents that in lieu of Christmas gifts, they send in \$5 to contribute to a specific family."



First and second-graders wave goodbye to the father of a family the children helped out this year.

Katherine McCarthy

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Cops charge Glenmont man with mayhem at area motel

A Glenmont man is incarcerated at Albany County jail on charges that he broke into three rooms at the Stone Ends Motel earlier this month.

Michael J. Bonneau, 24, who was living at the Route 9W motel, was charged with three counts of third-degree burglary and three counts of fourth-degree criminal mischief, according to State Police Investigator John Mulligan.

Bonneau allegedly broke into two rooms just after midnight on Monday, Dec. 9, and the third room around 6 a.m., police said.

He was reportedly looking for "an individual he used to be connected with — the lover of an ex-girlfriend," said State Police Lt. Patrick McDonnell.

The criminal mischief charges relate to the damage done to the

door jambs and door locks, he said.

Bonneau was arrested that same day and arraigned before Bethlehem Town Justice Peter Wenger, who sent him to Albany County jail without bail.

L'Ensemble to perform at Bethlehem library

L'Ensemble will perform on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The musicians in L'Ensemble have taught and performed in leading music schools and concert halls, including Juilliard and Lincoln Center.

For information, call 439-9314.

Delmar man charged with felony DWI

A Delmar man was charged with a felony count of driving while intoxicated.

Vincent M. Sheehan Jr., 47, of 48 Kenaware Ave., was apprehended by police at about 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, after allegedly leaving the scene of a property damage accident on Village Drive.

An off-duty police officer witnessed the accident and reported a description, which police used to trace the car.

He was charged with felony DWI because of previous convictions in 1989 and 1992.

He was arraigned before Bethlehem Town Justice Peter Bishko who sent him to Albany County jail without bail. He is due back in town court on Jan. 21.

Officer Robert Berben investigated.

Two injured in third Route 144 accident

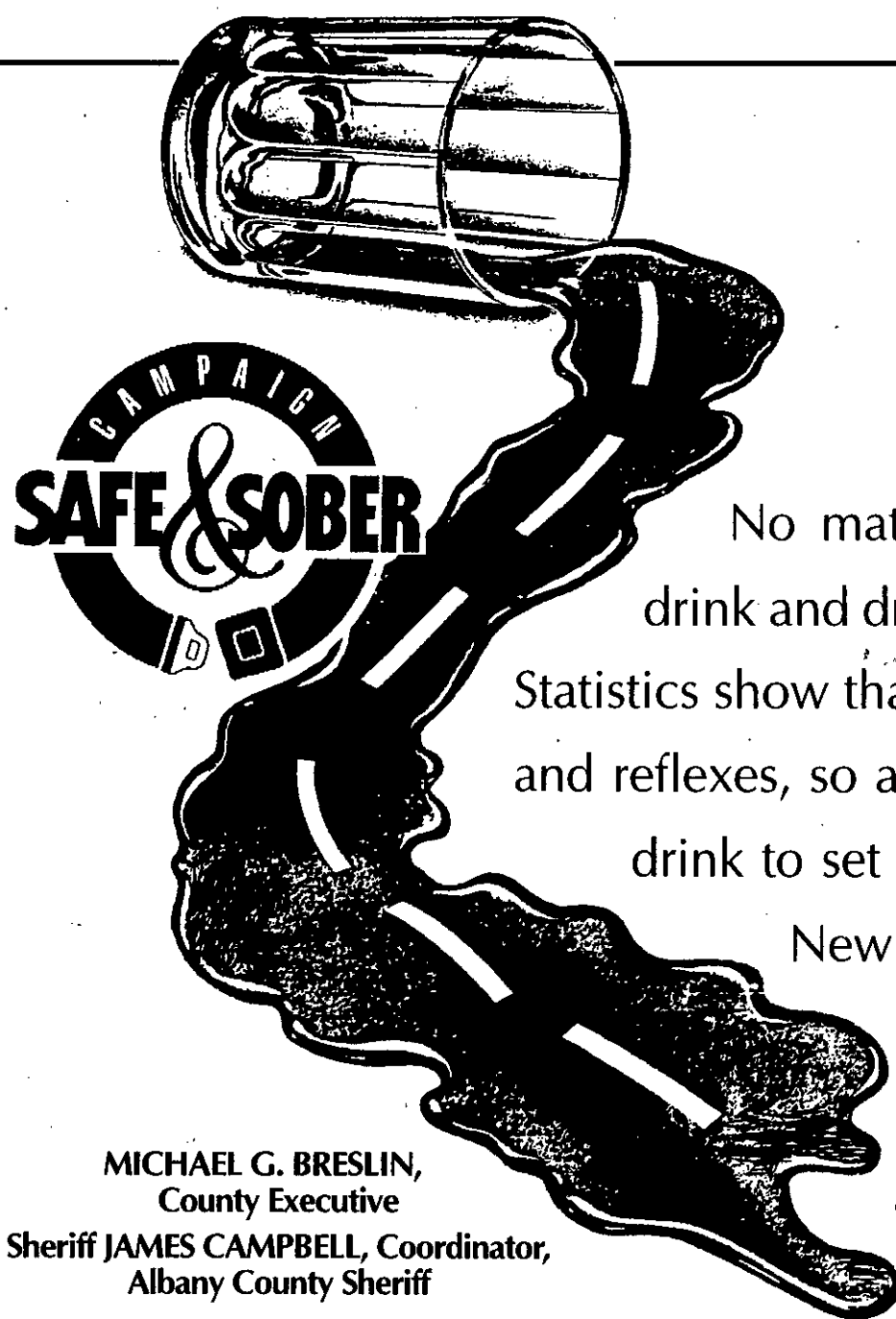
Two people were injured in a two-car crash on River Road last week — the third serious accident on Route 144 in less than a week.

Jacalyn A. Morby, 47, of 15 Ash Drive, Selkirk, was treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after her northbound vehicle was struck in the rear by a car driven by C.M. Biernacki, 29, of 262 Hudson Ave., Ravena, at about 6:40 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, police said.

Biernacki, who was treated and released from Albany Medical Center Hospital, reportedly struck Morby's vehicle in the rear as it was waiting to make a left hand turn onto Clapper Road, police said.

Both Morby and Biernacki were taken to local hospitals by the Bethlehem Ambulance Squad. Officer Brian Hughes investigated.

No tickets were issued, police said.



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Program
and
BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT

BC performs well on state report card

By Dev Tobin

The state is moving to improve its report card for school districts, and Bethlehem Central still stacks up well compared to more clearly defined similar suburban districts, Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, told the school board last week.

In her annual report on the state's annual comprehensive assessment report, Wooster noted that some of the state's data reflect the new classification system, which uses criteria like residents' income and percentage of pupils receiving free or reduced lunches to group districts for comparison purposes.

BC's prior classification group was large central school district, those with enrollments above 2,500, she added.

The new state data also provide more information about pupils' performance in individual elementary schools and about differing levels of performance, besides just passing.

For example, on the third-grade reading test, 98 percent of BC pupils performed above the minimum level; 82 percent performed above the second intermediate level; 72 percent performed above the first intermediate level; and 62 percent performed at the mastery level, which was defined as being able to read "more advanced fiction such as *Black Beauty*."

As before, the state report also



Wooster

had results that showed simply how many pupils met the minimum level in elementary evaluation tests of third-grade reading (98 percent), third-grade math (100 percent), fifth-grade writing (99 percent), sixth-grade reading (95 percent), and sixth-grade math (99 percent).

On the fourth-grade science test, BC pupils scored in the top quartile in all three parts, which Wooster said was better than previous years' results.

On the sixth- and eighth-grade social studies tests, BC pupils did well in comparison to those of large central school district, except for the sixth-grade writing sample. On the eighth-grade test, BC pupils also did better than the more narrowly defined similar schools group.

Where the results on the state tests showed a decline, or were less than the comparison group of districts or schools, BC administrators will look at "what action we need to take at the district level, and more significantly, at the school and classroom levels," Wooster said.

"We will take a look at the data in the context of BC's programs and the state's method of calculations," Wooster said.

She identified "improvement targets" at the elementary level as upper intermediate nonfiction, science and social studies reading; scientific, social studies and other expository writing;

At the high school level, Sequential Math III and global studies, where performance at the mastery level (85 percent or better) dropped, were also subjects where improvement will be targeted, Wooster said.

Edible edifice



Elsmere Elementary School first-grader Anand Visweswaraiah and teacher Joanne Sericolo work on that holiday treat that's fun to make and fun to eat — gingerbread houses. Katherine McCarthy

Seniors have new taxpaying option

For seniors eligible for a partial property tax exemption but still hard-pressed to pay their tax bill in its entirety by the Jan. 31 deadline, some relief is in store.

Under a new local law passed by the Albany County Legislature, homeowners receiving the senior exemption can make two installment payments on their town and county tax bill, which includes levies for the general fund, the highway department, special districts and Albany County.

Installments, which must total 50 percent of the tax bill, cannot be applied to school tax bills.

The first payment of 50 percent must be made by Jan. 31. The second payment can be made in February or March.

The second payment would include a penalty amount of 1 percent on the unpaid portion in February and 2 percent on the unpaid portion in March.

There are now three ways to pay your property tax bill, according to Bethlehem receiver of taxes Nancy Karins.

If you are an eligible senior with a \$500 town and county property tax bill, you can pay your taxes in full in January with no penalty amount added.

If you pay \$250 in January and the other half by Feb. 28, your second payment, with the 1 percent penalty, would be \$252.50.

If you pay half your taxes in January and the other half by March 31, your second payment, including the 2 percent penalty, would be \$255.

If the total has not been paid by March 31, the unpaid portion, including penalty, will be turned over to Albany County.

The installment plan applies only on the property for which the exemption is applied; for example, no installment payments are allowed on vacant land.

For information, call Karins at 439-4955, ext. 177.

Mel Hyman

BC bond work gets formal go-ahead

By Dev Tobin

The major portion of the \$14.8 million bond issue approved by Bethlehem Central School District voters a year ago has gotten the green light from the state Education Department.

At last week's school board meeting, Assistant Superintendent for Business Franz Zwicklbauer reported that bids have gone out for the second phase of the project, which includes new

libraries at the middle and high schools, four to six new and four renovated classrooms at the middle school, eight renovated classrooms at the high school, a new Early Learning Center for all district kindergarteners at Slingerlands Elementary School, and \$4 million in computer technology.

Zwicklbauer said there was a "very high" level of interest by bidders, which should result in competitive low bids.

If the bids come in lower than estimated, the first priority for the savings is building two more classrooms at the middle school.

The bids will be opened Jan. 3, and awarded at the board's Jan. 8 meeting.

Zwicklbauer said the building work should break ground later in January, and be completed by the start of school in September.

Regarding the technology purchase, lower prices for computers will mean that the district will be able to buy some more and better machines than originally planned, according to Rick Gross, the district's technology director.

The district expects delivery of 264 machines for elementary schools and the middle school and

32 machines for the high school in late December. Those should be installed and ready for instructional use after the Christmas holiday.

"Teachers have been championing at the bit" to get the computers, Gross said.

Already the lower prices have produced about \$90,000 in savings, of which about \$22,000 has been dedicated to making the 32 high school machines "dual-platform," i.e., able to use either Macintosh or IBM operating systems and software, Gross he said.

Generally, Gross said the savings, once finalized, would be spread equitably around the district, and would provide an opportunity to purchase both more powerful and more computers.

In another matter, Superintendent Leslie Loomis announced that 10 fall varsity teams had been honored as scholar/athlete teams for having a team grade point average above 90.

The 10 teams are: boys and girls soccer, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls volleyball, field hockey, golf, girls tennis and girls swimming.

The board also heard a mini-concert by the high school Woodwind Quintet.

Town meeting to focus on pedestrian safety

There's a lot of concern about traffic safety in Bethlehem and to give everyone a chance to air their views, Supervisor Sheila Fuller plans a community meeting for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13. The town traffic safety committee, chaired by Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, will sponsor the meeting.

William Logan, regional traffic safety engineer for the state Department of Transportation, will be available to answer questions regarding state roadways. And Richard Rapp, Albany County commissioner of public works, will also be on hand.

"There are a number of questions being asked about traffic and pedestrian safety that I wanted to have addressed," Fuller said.

The questions have surfaced after two fatalities this year involving local teen-agers on foot who were struck by motorists.

Some of the issues Fuller expects to come up include side-

walks, bike paths, stop signs, crosswalks and speed limits.

"I think it's time for an open dialogue, not only with town officials, but with state and county officials as well," she said.

Vanderbilt said he'd like "an overview of people's concerns to determine if there are any problems not currently being addressed that may need attention."

Mel Hyman

Holiday schedule

The Spotlight will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday.

The deadline for community news items and display and classified advertising for the Dec. 31 issue will be Friday, Dec. 27, at noon.

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Seniors get info at town hall events

Every third Tuesday of the month, Bethlehem town hall auditorium is a beehive of activity as seniors gather for a host of activities, not the least of which is a blood-pressure screening clinic.

The clinic has drawn regular participants over the years who may come upon the request of their doctors or on their own reference.

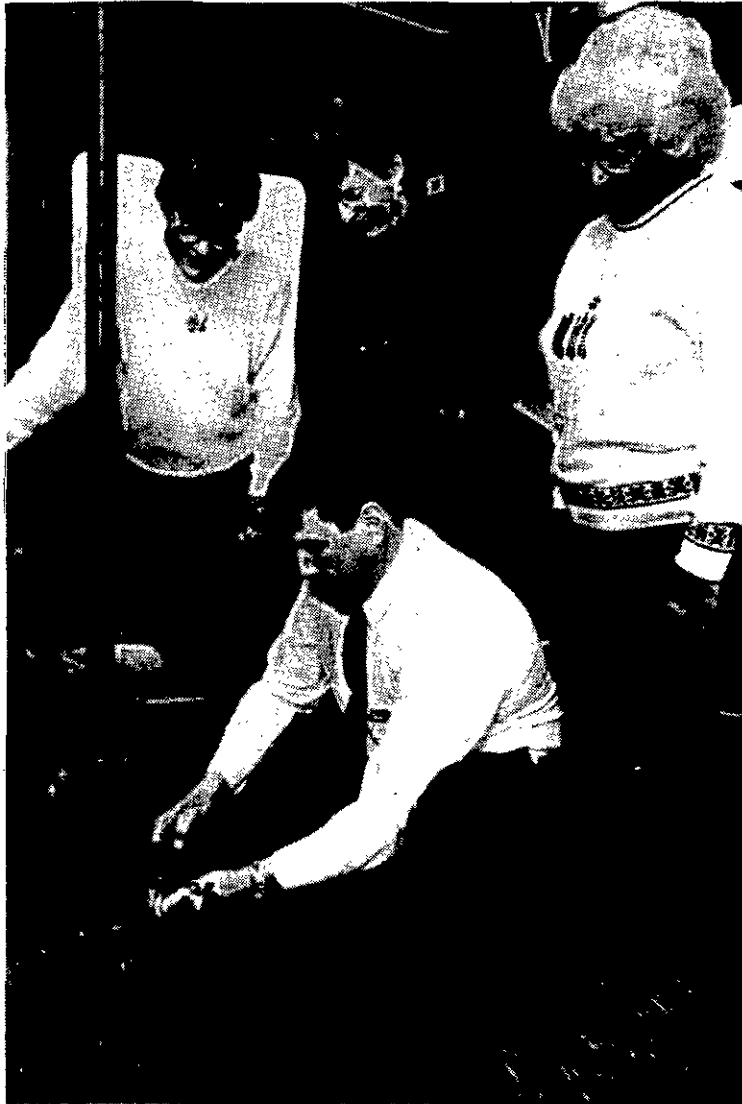
In 1988, Bethlehem Senior Projects, in partnership with the town, began offering two additional focus points to the monthly screenings.

Marion Martin Displays for Independent Living are presented each month along with nutrition displays and advice courtesy of nutritionist Navee Pohlsander.

The displays change each month, but there is always an interesting focal point such as the December display, which featured the STAR bus line, which is CDTA's transit service for people with disabilities.

Other recent displays included fire and home safety in September, geriatric health care services in October (coordinated by Elizabeth Donovan, director of the Geriatric Community Health Center at the VA Hospital) and a display by the Alzheimer's Association in November.

Upcoming programs include a discussion of veterans' benefits and senior property tax exemptions on Tuesday, Jan. 19; a poison control exhibit on Feb. 18; and on Tuesday, March 18, attorney Louis Realbutto from the county Department for the Aging will be on hand to answer questions.



Capital District Transportation Authority operator Tom Cleland, shows Lois Vadney, left, Mary Kay Culpo and Norrine Cooke bus procedures at a Tuesday meeting at Bethlehem town hall.

Doug Persons

The clinics and displays take place the third Tuesday of each month (except for July and August) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Agents hit V'ville mayor in alcohol sales sting

By Dev Tobin

The latest sting operation by the county sheriff's department resulted in eight arrests for allegedly selling alcohol or tobacco to an underage undercover agent. Among those arrested was Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark, who is part-owner of Voorheesville Wines & Liquors on Maple Avenue.

Overall, the two agents, a 19-year-old male who tried to buy alcohol and a 15-year-old female who tried to buy cigarettes, visited 30 establishments in southern Albany County between 4 and 11 p.m. on Dec. 19.

The eight arrests show that "The message is getting out — don't sell alcohol to children," said Sheriff James Campbell.

"The arrest totals for this sting operation were 65 percent less than a similar operation conducted in June," Campbell said. "Hopefully, the number of arrests in our next operation will be zero."

Investigator Craig Apple said the transactions were either observed directly by sheriff's investigators or videotaped "for safety and to preserve the integrity of the arrest."

Apple noted that the underage agents did not carry identification and had to answer truthfully if asked their age.

He added that the tobacco part of the sting operation was a first for the department.

Clark, who recently purchased the liquor store along with two partners, was among three persons arrested and charged with unlawfully dealing with a child and selling alcohol to a minor, both misdemeanors. The other two were Jesse Poteralski, a clerk in Ketchum's Store in Altamont, and Frederic Carney, a clerk in the Getty Mart on Route 9W in Ravena.

The five people arrested for selling cigarettes to a minor, also a misdemeanor, were: Jamie Paine of Delmar Marketplace, Matthew Woodside of the Mobil gas station at 317 Delaware Ave., Marcus Lonky of Price Chopper Pharmacy at 363 Delaware Ave., Michael Bohen of the Hess gas station in Route 9W in Selkirk, and Connie Derway of J&B Deli on Route 9W in Ravena.

All those arrested were issued appearance tickets answerable in local town or village courts.

BC plans traffic safety campaign

Bethlehem Central Superintendent Leslie Loomis reported at last week's school board meeting that the district will undertake a pedestrian safety informational campaign, including posters and presentations in classrooms and a flier in the newsletter mailed to every district resident.

The materials on eight safe walking rules were prepared with the help of the Bethlehem Police Department, Loomis noted.

Police officers have already begun making short presentations in every elementary classroom, and school resource officers at the middle and high schools are working with administrators to find the "best way to deliver the message" to older children, Loomis said.

Two Bethlehem Central High School students died this year in pedestrian-auto accidents.

"This has to be a continuing reminder, not just a one-time awareness process," said Loomis.

Dev Tobin

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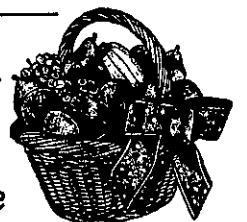
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Mr. Subb

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things to say about it last week.

Ruff and Reilly seem to be "responsible and responsive" business people who "want to succeed in our community, and to the best of our ability we should help them," said board member Richard Lewis.

Three things have happened since March 1995 that cast a new light on the application, Lewis said.

"First of all, we've had an opportunity to observe the business," he said. "We had no idea initially of how a business like this would impact parking at the Four Corners, so the board erred on the side of caution."

Second, the parking lot in front of the strip mall, which includes Delmar Marketplace and South Street Framers & Gallery in addition to Mr. Subb, was "in upheaval," Lewis said. The former Getty gas station on the corner had just been torn down, and it was an every driver for himself to find parking, he said.

Over the course of the past year, it's become apparent that Mr. Subb is primarily a takeout food operation, he said. "People don't linger. There are a lot of people (visiting the store) on foot."

Board member Marjorie O'Brien called the down-sized request for three tables instead of seven "reasonable."

The "parking has been improved" with the addition of seven new parking spaces (for a total of 37), she said. "It has been shown that we can accommodate that."

Board member Bob Wiggand also supported the variance, although he questioned whether there would be a problem "if heavy snow accumulated at the end of the lot."

Large snowbanks often appear near the junction of Delaware and Kenwood avenues from municipal plows piling up their loads.

Furthermore, if workers at Mr. Subb take up space in the lot in front of the plaza, it could gum up the works, Wiggand said.

To prevent these problems, the board attached two conditions to its approval — that the parking lot remain clear and that Mr. Subb employees park at an off-site location.

The original application was presented to the board not by Ruff and Reilly, but by representatives of the Mr. Subb company. The ensuing controversy might have been avoided, Lewis surmised, if company representatives had been more realistic, since the request for seven tables and 28 chairs gave the impression that a significant number of people would be sitting down to a meal.

Five Rivers holding sessions for children

Naturalists at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar invite teachers of pupils in grades three through eight to participate in field trips at the environmental center from Jan. 9 through Feb. 28.

Pupils in grades three and four can participate in "Winter Challenges," which will take a look at how wildlife survives during the winter.

Pupils in grades five through eight can explore the outdoors on snowshoes.

For information, call 475-0291.

Discussion group to meet on Jan. 9

The Bethlehem Public Library's Great Books Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 9, and Thursday, Feb. 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* will be discussed in January, and February's session will focus on selections from Immanuel Kant's *Conscience*.

For information, call Jim Cornell at 439-2305.

FDA grants approval for Alzheimer's drug

Approval of a new drug treatment for Alzheimer's disease by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shows that science is making progress in developing therapies for symptomatic relief of this incurable brain disorder.

The FDA recently approved donepezil hydrochloride as a treatment for symptomatic relief for Alzheimer's disease. The only other Alzheimer's drug, tacrine, was approved by the FDA in 1993. Neither of the two drugs will cure the disease.

For information about Alzheimer's research, call the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-303-2218.

Call toll-free number for nursing home info

The New York State Health Facilities Association has inaugurated a toll-free telephone service called "FACT-line: Answers To Your Questions About Nursing Homes." This public service is for care givers and individuals facing the complexities of admission to a nursing home.

By dialing 1-800-879-5069, callers will receive an information kit of pamphlets on matters related to financial considerations, nursing home admissions and steps to take in preparation, and quality of service and quality of life issues.

For information, contact Tom Burke at 462-4800.

Albany is seeking First Night volunteers

The city of Albany is seeking volunteers for First Night 1997. Individuals are needed for the second shift (9:30 to 11:30 p.m.) on Dec. 31. Volunteer duties include selling buttons and acting as hosts and hostesses at each location throughout the evening.

For information, call 482-5434.

Santa

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In the past, Kvam has gone through social services, but this year a child's mother knew of a family that needed some Christmas cheer. Tom Casline's mother, Dr. Jennifer Pierce, was working at Albany Med with a 7-year old girl from the Adirondacks who has a very difficult case of leukemia. Dr. Pierce told the class the little girl "was a fighter, and very bright, and the family hoped to bring her home for Christmas." The girl is home now, with her parents and siblings, who are 6 and 2. She still comes to Albany once a week for chemotherapy.

With Dr. Pierce's help, the family drew up a wish list, and the three classes divided the work. Reed's class was in charge of clothes, Smith's class bought toys, and Kvam's class bought groceries for the family. "Art Kane (store manager) at the Grand Union always donates a turkey," Kvam said, "and Madeline Hogan's mother also got a \$25 gift certificate from the store."

The trip to the Grand Union was a learning experience in many ways. The class was divided into five groups, given lists, calculators, coupons, \$30, and a parent volunteer to assist them to get the most for their money. The groups broke down into breakfast goods, Christmas dinner, canned goods, paper products, and cleansers. Kane had offered to bring the turkey to the front of the store, but the kids wanted to choose it themselves. "They wanted to find the biggest one," Kvam said with a smile.

"We had to subtract what we spent from the total," Madeline Hogan explained, "and compare prices. Sometimes we had coupons for a dollar off." In addition to learning how to shop for values, the kids learned that shopping can be physically difficult. "I was carrying a bag of potatoes," Monica Gerbini said, "and it felt like my arm might fall off." "I dropped the bleach on my toes," Erica Hill added, grimacing.

The kids spent about an hour at the Grand Union, which was crowded with Christmas shoppers. "The kids were all very well behaved," Kvam said, "and loved packing up the groceries themselves." Their trip drew questions from other shoppers, many of whom said they would like to donate to the program. "Last year," Kvam said, "people actually gave us money right on the spot."

Kvam, Reed and Smith had also suggested that families look around their homes for toys they don't use anymore. "We got a lot of big donations," Kvam said, with many parents buying new things for the family. "We got two bicycles and two sleds," she said, "and a new VCR." A VCR, she pointed out, would be just the thing for a sick little girl who can't go out and play.

The spirit of the season was clearly in Kvam's class, as they all raised their hands at once to talk about the experience. "We felt good because we did everything for the people, so they wouldn't starve," Daniel Stevens said dramatically. "It felt good to make a family happy," Christine Donovan said. "I felt generous for giving them things they needed," Erica Hill said. "We're proud, that we did something good, helping others," Kerry Gephardt said. "We got to share everything," William Pelletier said.

The father himself came on Thursday to pick everything up. "He was completely overwhelmed," Kvam said, "and couldn't say anything." Most of the kids were out of the classroom at specials, so didn't get to help load his pick-up truck. They returned in time for an enthusiastic send-off, though, leaning out of the classroom windows and door, waving and calling "Merry Christmas" as a very special sleigh drove away from the school.

In Clarksville
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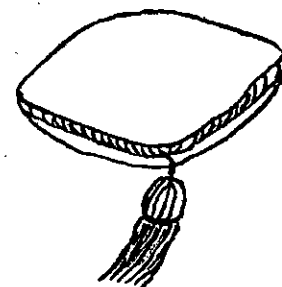

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Matters of Opinion

Find the spirit

Here's hoping not everyone got caught up in the Tickle Me Elmo frenzy this year. Christmas, after all, is not all about toys, no matter how alluring they seem to be — remember the Cabbage Patch doll craze.

Christians celebrate the holiday as the birthday of Christ, a symbol of light and hope, while others focus on the winter solstice, another beacon of light at this time of year.

For children, the day is all too often an event filled with too much excitement because of all the hype. Presents, presents and presents seem to be the order of the day. It's little wonder as adults, we sometimes view the season through bleary, stressful eyes, worrying about wrappings and trappings rather than what the day is intended to symbolize.

We hope Christmas celebrants this year are able to enjoy the day's symbolic meaning, no matter how many gifts line the base of the tree. We hope celebrants enjoy good health and fortune and look to their fellow men and women in the spirit of a baby born in a manger who offered hope and light to the world.

Safety first

The town of Bethlehem and the school district are both working on traffic safety issues that were raised following the death of two teenage girls in car/pedestrian accidents this year and several recent vehicular accidents that occurred on Route 144.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller has called a community meeting for Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at town hall to address community concerns and to answer questions. Representatives of the town traffic safety committee, the state Department of Transportation and the county will attend the meeting.

Bethlehem Central Superintendent Les Loomis has also announced that the district will be working harder to educate children about safety, while walking or riding a bicycle.

Representatives from the Bethlehem police are visiting the schools to help children learn the proper "rules of the road" for pedestrians. At the same time a citizens' group, formed by Lynn Finley is also working to make Bethlehem streets safer for pedestrians.

All of these measures can only help. Children must be informed — and not just once — about pedestrian safety. At the same time, adults in the community need to know the laws governing town, county and state roads.

We hope all these measures help prevent future tragedies on the town's roads and walkways.

Good marks for cleanup

A year may seem like a long time to resolve a black-and-white zoning violation, but now that an illegal mobile home has finally been removed from a Clipp Road property, we commend the town of New Scotland's careful, albeit deliberate, handling of the matter.

The town kept the pressure on the trailer's owners to comply with the law, but did nothing to inflame what Building Inspector Paul Cantlin accurately called a "volatile" situation.

The town's approach resulted in a kind of negotiated peace, allowing the down-on-their-luck trailer owners to stay on their land in a permanent structure, while also insisting that the property be brought into, and remain in, compliance with the zoning law.

The town could have gone for unconditional surrender, financially crushing the trailer owners under tens of thousands of dollars of fines for the zoning violations and forcing them off their land, but chose not to do so.

We hope the former-trailer-now-homeowners recognize this and are grateful that they have been given a second chance to be law-abiding good neighbors.

Editorials

Christmas journeys past & present

By Katherine McCarthy

The writer is a Delmar resident and a correspondent for The Spotlight.

I love Christmas.

When I was a graduate student in Germany, my friends teased me about my love of Mainz's Christmas market, a quaint collection of vendors' booths full of ornaments, cookies, grilled sausages and hot mulled wine.

I loved it best in the early evening, when the fountain in the square reflected the white lights of the booths, and people moved quickly across the cobblestones to catch their buses or start their cars.

Fading light at day's end made me eager for the coziness of home, and I would return to our small group of rooms in the dorm, content to hang that day's treasure in my room, on my door or maybe in the hall.

My fellow Americans soon caught the Christmas spirit. Karen Haas, from Reading, Pa., drew an enormous Advent calendar, with fantasy gifts for each of us. Cammy King, another American, got a round trip ticket to Stuttgart, where she was finishing up her Fulbright in between weekend visits to Bernd, who lived on our hall. Bernd got a more comfortable chair to sit in and read the newspaper; Manfred Eller, a new comb: he was the vain one.

One evening, I heard Cammy and Bernd in the hall singing, "We wish you a Merry Christmas."

When I opened my door, they stood there with a sweet little Christmas tree and great big grins. We strung popcorn and cranberries, made paper chains, and clipped candles to the tree. That gave even me pause — we all lighted as many as we could at the same times and admired it. It was beautiful, but we blew the candles out almost immediately.

Three thousand miles from home and 23-years-old, the Christ-



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mas market, that tree and those friends were magic to me.

There is less magic and more organization in my Christmases now that I am approaching middle age and raising two children. When our first child was born, my husband made a bold declaration — everyone was welcome at our house, but we would no longer travel at Christmas. We were roundly chastised, but held our ground, and played the trump card of having the only grandchildren.

We have become the holiday

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tradition, and so must prepare for the family that arrives to share the day with us. We are blessed with generous families, both in attitude and culinary talents. Chris' mother brings the hors d'oeuvres, my mother the baked goods, Aunt Caitlin the vegetables, Aunt Lanna the wine.

My mother helps me cook, not laughing when she sees the turkey come out of the oven upside down, and helping to time all the boiling pots so the potatoes, yams, turnips and squash are still warm when we sit down to eat.

And then there's the toy shopping. We generally make a date of it, my husband and I, having dinner first to strengthen us for the assault on the malls. This year, I brought the fliers, full of the items our two boys have circled.

"But they've circled everything," Chris said, turning the pages. There has been little discretion, and I finally imposed a moratorium on circles when I leafed through a Caldor flier and saw a brass table ringed in ink.

They are lucky boys, and we are lucky to be able to fulfill so

many of their wishes. Abundance is not something I take for granted, and almost superstitiously, I insist that we donate where we can.

Christopher chooses canned goods from our own pantry for the school food drive. Unworn shoes go to the Delmar Bootery, and we all choose ornaments tagged with specific gift requests from our church's giving tree.

When the boys choose their gifts at Kay-Bee Toys, it takes a long time. I can see they are considering whether each toy they touch should be circled in the next flier to come to our house.

Buying toys for others brings up the Santa issue: Why do we need to buy these toys if Santa brings toys to all the children everywhere? I fumble, but an answer comes: Yes, Santa brings them gifts, these kids don't get as many things all year long as you do, and we have so much, we can afford to give a little. They look doubtful, but when we pass a Salvation Army kettle a few days later, they pause. "Shouldn't we give something, Mom? Christopher asked. "We have so much."

My heart swells with pride that they heard more than reassurances about Santa's existence. I watch them drop coins in the kettle, and notice evening is approaching.

I recall that German Christmas so long ago, and think about how things have changed since then. I am no longer an independent student, enchanted by the world. I am firmly rooted, in my family and in this community, and with too much to get done to drink hot wine in an open air market.

I try to see the chores of Christmas as a blessing and am grateful to be able to create a beautiful Christmas for my children. In a year when too many parents in our community have lost children, I thank God daily for the health and wonder of my own children. I smile as they turn back to me, happy to have given money to the Salvation Army. I take their hands and we head for home, where the white lights in the shrubs glow against the approaching night. Magic.

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Your Opinion Matters

Keep true holiday spirit on top of Christmas list

Editor, The Spotlight:

Children are growing up thinking that Santa lives on something called the World Wide Web. They can now write to Santa on their computers, and adults are finding it easier to shop through their PCs while they are at home.

A viewer can't turn on the TV without being blasted by some raving maniac in an elf costume.

The newspapers seem to be much heavier this time of year, mostly because of the coupons and sale advertisements. Commercialized is an understatement — especially this year.

Shoppers might say to themselves, "No, not me." But look back on the last two weeks. Malls, long expensive telephone calls trying to order just the right thing and more malls. Some parents have even gone so far as to fight over a little red toy that laughs and giggles when its tummy is pushed. The toys have become a means for profit, not just

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a delight for a child. Everyone seems to be tired and broke. Shopping for others has become a chore instead of a joy.

Is this really what the holidays are about? Remember the children this year. Teach them what holidays mean to the family. How about starting new or restoring old traditions — a family recreational outing, like skating, some old-fashioned caroling. These things slow down the pace and provide time for thought along the way.

There is a spirit around this time of year, but sometimes it seems to get lost in the crowd. The holidays aren't just for giving and getting. They're for loving.

Megan Stevens

Delmar

Thanks to jogger for help when family dog was hit

Editor, The Spotlight:

My son and I are very grateful to the jogger who helped me on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Our dog was hit by a car that evening, and the gentleman jogging by was so kind, helping me make phone calls and assisting me.

Without his help, I am sure everything would have been much more difficult. Our dog Mitch is slowly recovering, and we all have so much to be thankful for. We never asked his name, but we want the jogger to know how much we appreciated his kindness. We are

thankful no one was injured.

Mary Ellen

Delmar and Michael Caruso

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What's next at Chopper market site?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Price Chopper President Neil Golub has already kept his promise to be a good neighbor.

While his newest site in Slingerlands is just a sea of mud and tangle of stalled traffic lights, he has improved traffic at the Four Corners. The demise of the last privately-owned drug store in Delmar can be appreciated by all those non-Nimbys who were impeded in the movement by the local gridlock.

We await Mr. Golub's additional good citizenship by fulfilling both his promise and the promise of town officials to provide us with an alternative shopping space.

What next, Mr. Golub — Your card shop? Your florist shop? Your bagel shop? Your fish market? Your dry cleaner? Your bank?

George W. Bragie

Slingerlands

Thanks to community for supporting drive

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank Bethlehem residents for giving so generously to Bethlehem Central Middle School Team B holiday drive.

I am grateful to senior citizens, families and students for their contributions.

A special thank you to the middle school office staff who took on the extra task of accepting the toys, clothing and wrapping paper, and to Susan Shell and Slingerlands Cub Pack 272 for collecting and donating bags of toys.

Joseph Gutman III

Delmar

Light glows in Bethlehem

Editor, The Spotlight:

A tree decorated with Dot Geyer's artistic design has returned to Bethlehem Public Library.

Next year, it would be interesting to have a holiday display, with the tree, showing what Christmas means to the Salvation Army, Red Cross and local merchants.

Tree lights and menorah lights are glowing in the library — a cheerful sight.

The creche has returned to Delmar Reformed Church and on Christmas Eve, two churches had live nativities outside and candle-light services inside.

Lights of celebration are shining all over Bethlehem, a peaceful town. I pray that the original Bethlehem and the entire world will achieve such peace.

Connie Strong

Glenmont

Dump, plant proposals go beyond the absurd

Editor, The Spotlight:

In questioning several previous town policy decisions, I was tempted to facetiously ask when permission would be granted to allow a nuclear waste dump here.

I mistakenly believed it to be absurdly beyond the realm of possibility.

The current situation of endangering the quality of the very air we breathe makes me wonder if this is just the test case before the aforesaid dump becomes fact.

Gov. George Pataki is credited with helping to pass the clean air bond act through TV ads expressing is love and concern for the environmental safety or his children and ours.

Obviously, if his family permanently lived within the contaminated 14-mile radius of a proposed formaldehyde factory, the Department of Environmental Conservation would have magically discovered the rationale, expertise and wisdom necessary to have derailed this scheme some time ago.

It drains the imagination to the fullest, in the search for common sense where so many people are

threatened with so much risk for so little possible gain, to satisfy and benefit so few.

Edward P. Dillon

Glenmont

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New Scotland slates year-end meeting

The town of New Scotland has scheduled its year-end meeting for Monday, Dec. 30, at 5 p.m. in the newly finished meeting room of town hall on Route 85. An open house is being planned for some time early in the new year.

The town's organizational meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m., prior to the board's regular monthly meeting.

Village office to close for carpet installation

Voorheesville village offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 27, for the installation of new carpet. Residents who need to contact the village on that day can call the department of public works at 765-4512.

Call now to be part of village directory

Voorheesville is in the midst of compiling a new village directory. Any businesses or clubs that have not yet been contacted and want to be included should contact the village office at 765-2692. Publication is planned for the spring.

Join a subcommittee for centennial celebration

Subcommittee members are

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needed to serve on the village of Voorheesville Centennial Committee. The committee is busy working on a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the village's incorporation.

For information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Martin at 765-2278.

Youth group will tidy up your home after holidays

Not in the mood to take those holiday decorations down? The Senior United Methodist Youth Group will do it for you. For a minimum donation of \$20, the group will take down decorations on Jan. 11, 12, 18 or 19. Donations are used for the group's various service projects.

For information, call Kelly Ulion at 765-4438 or Mary Bell at 869-3713.

Throughout January, the youth group will be collecting travel-size toiletries and blankets to deliver to the homeless in Albany. A box for donations will be placed in the foyer of the social hall at First

United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Any high school student is welcome to join the youth group. Church membership is not required. For information, call Holly Cargill-Cramer at 765-2372.

Reflections contest entries due Jan. 9

The national PTA is again sponsoring the Reflections contest for children in preschool through high school. The theme for the program is "It Could Happen..."

The program provides an opportunity for students to express themselves through the arts. Entries can be in literature, music, photography or visual arts.

Students enter in their age categories. Local winners move on to the district and state levels.

Work must be submitted by Thursday, Jan. 9. Entry forms and contest rules were sent home with all students. For information, call Jes Vogelien at 765-2016.

Student food drive yields stock for pantries

The student council at the elementary school recently sponsored its seventh annual food drive. Students won a free cafeteria snack if their food donation

matched that of school Principal Edward Diegel.

The drive was a big success. All food was donated to area pantries.

Parents should follow drop-off guidelines

Parents at the elementary school are asked not to drop off children by the side of the school building between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. The pupils should be dropped off in the main parking lot near the bridge. There is an aide to help pupils cross to the sidewalk.

Extension offering gardening calendar

The 1997 Capital Region Gardening Calendar will be available from Cornell Cooperative Extension after Jan. 1.

The calendar is full of horticulture tips, programs and classes and includes a list of professional horticulture suppliers and services.

Free calendars can be picked up at the extension office on Martin Road while supplies last.

For information, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

Five Rivers to hold moonlight ski tour

A moonlight ski tour will be held on Friday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Participants must pre-register and bring their own ski equipment.

For information, call 475-0291.

Caulfield called on to serve overseas

Lt. Col. Patrick F. Caulfield of Delmar was recently called to active military duty by the U.S. Army Reserve.

Caulfield, an associate professor of medicine in the family practice department at Albany Medical College, is stationed at an army hospital in Wurzburg, Germany. For the next five months, he will tend to the health care needs of military personnel and their dependents.

His mailing address is: Lt. Col. Patrick F. Caulfield, MEDDAC Wurzburg, General Delivery, APO AE 09244.

Navy officer reports for duty at Annapolis

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Todd B. Hall, whose wife, Elina, is the daughter of Jim and Suzanne Simonds of Glenmont, recently reported for duty at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Hall graduated from Annapolis Senior High School in 1981. He joined the Navy in May 1986. That same year, he earned a bachelor's degree at the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Delmar bus driver gets award for excellence

Jeff Brown of Delmar recently received a gold medal at the eighth annual Bus Driver/Bus Aide Olympics. Brown was also honored for his excellent driving record.

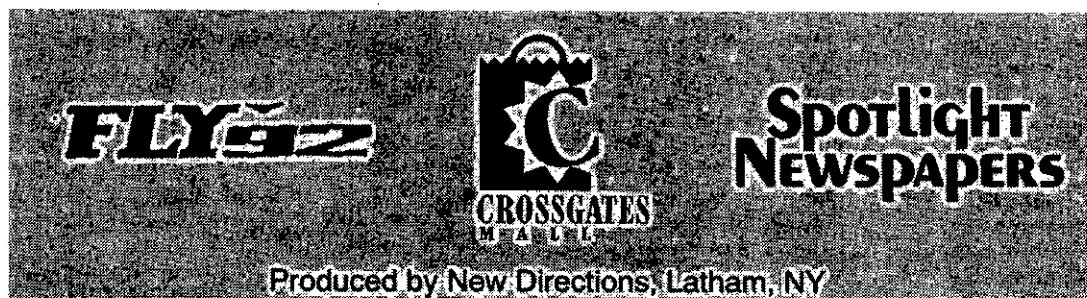
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Lecture to offer tips on saving heirlooms

Delmar resident Gwen Spicer will lecture on "Preserving Your Heirlooms" on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Spicer will discuss the proper display, care and storage of family treasures such as quilts, baskets, old silver, photographs and works of art.

Spicer is an art conservationist and has worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

To register, call 439-0314.

Local forum to focus on New York wildlife

An open forum on New York state's wildlife issues will be presented by the Audubon Society of New York State at its Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary at 46 Rarick Road in Selkirk at noon on Thursday, Jan. 9.

The forum, the first in a series of sessions expected to be held on a monthly basis, will focus on New York's wildlife.

Attendees may bring a bag lunch.

• For information, call 767-9051.

Asian studies expert to discuss trends

Steven Leibo, director of international studies at Russell Sage College in Troy and an Asian studies faculty member at the University at Albany, will present a lecture entitled "Asia and the World in the 21st Century" on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, contact Helen Adler at the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL) at 439-9661.

Zoning board to meet

The Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 8 and 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-4955.

Photo exhibit leads to new way of seeing

Before the old year draws to a close, take some time to enjoy the photographs in the library glass cases. Tom Knight of Northeast Photo in Delmar has a special interest in nature photography



that encompasses teaching as well as taking pictures.

Knight, with Chuck McKinney, runs Northeast Photographic Workshops, a company that sponsors extended tours to teach participants the art of nature photography. Groups under Knight's tutelage have photographed Acadia National Park and Rockport, Mass. A four-day tour through northeastern Vermont is planned for September.

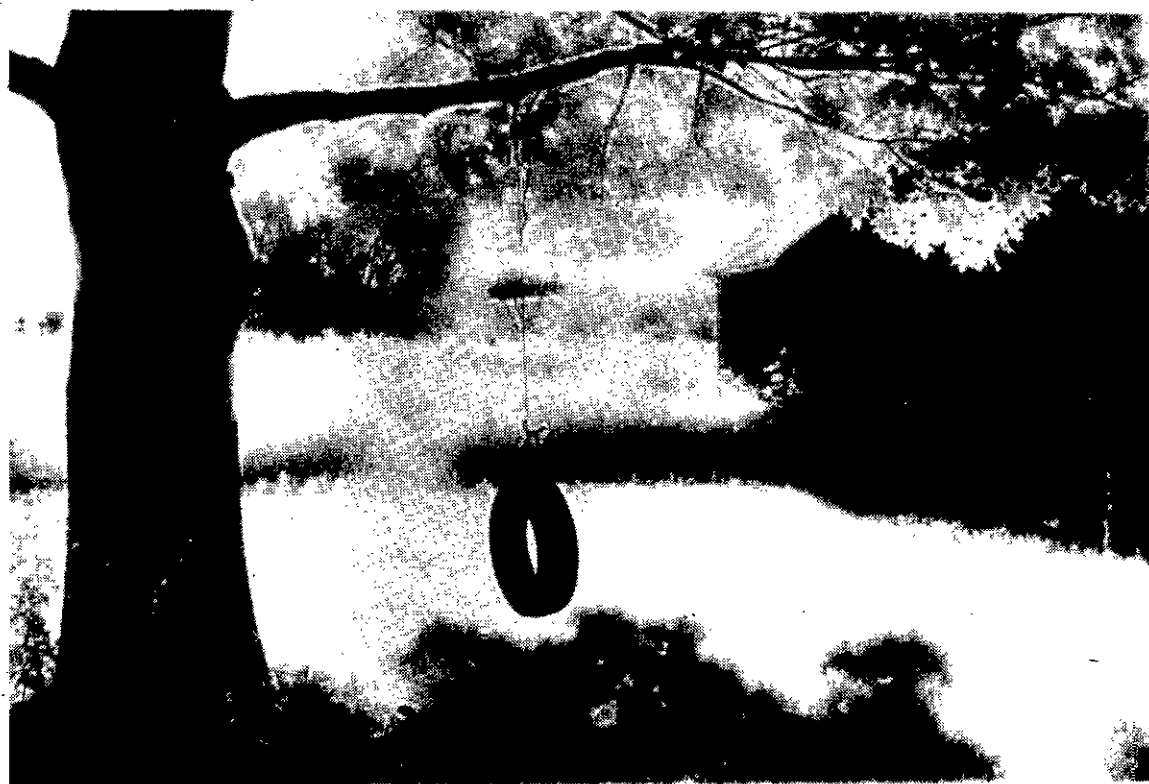
Several large evocative color prints comprise "Acadian Images," on display in the smaller library case. The Birchenough case contains a number of black-and-white prints entitled "A Moment of Expression." Three of the latter were taken with infrared film to create a fuzzy, dreamlike effect.

Knight, who received a degree

Library to show films for preschoolers

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will show three films for preschoolers — *Sylvester, Apt. 3*, *Caps For Sale*, and *Something In My Attic* — on Friday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. The program lasts for 30 minutes.

For information, call 439-9314.



This evocative photo, *Days Gone By/Days to Come*, is in Tom Knight's exhibit at the library.

in journalism and commercial photography from the University of Southern Mississippi, attributes his preference for black-and-white photography to growing up with black-and-white TV. He said he has learned to see both ways, discerning the richness of tonal range with as much clarity as color.

"Black-and-white is especially good for portraits, because it gets the viewer to look past the glitter and get right to the features," Knight said.

He believes this medium lends itself to nature photography as well, because it portrays the world differently than the way most of us

see it. "We get so complacent with looking that we do not see," he said. Working from his emotional response to visual images, Knight said that intent marks the differ-

ence between a photograph and a snapshot.

Knight's photos will be on display until Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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Fine time to make overdue returns

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Public Library**



of \$3. The food will be donated for local distribution through St. Matthew's Human Concerns.

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, and be closed on New Year's Day.

The Every Other Thursday Night poets will meet on Dec. 26 at 7 p.m.

Lifestories will meet on Saturday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Story hours resume on Monday, Jan. 6.

All ages are invited to a wonderful holiday vacation presentation on Sunday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. Powhatan Swift Eagle will present a program of American Indian tales to the library.

Swift Eagle is a Tewa-Apache and Chickhominy storyteller and musician.

The program of music, stories and dance is part of the library's



Powhatan Swift Eagle

continuing School's Out, Library's In series, but everyone is welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

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Barbara Vink

RCS to play host to tournament

The annual Gold Medal Christmas Tournament will be on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28, at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School.

Maple Hill, Cairo, Chatham and Cossackie will oppose RCS this year.

In the girls semifinals on Friday, Maple Hill will play Cossackie at 4 p.m., followed by Cairo against RCS at 5:30 p.m. In the boys semifinals, Cairo will play Chatham at 7:30 p.m., with the Maple Hill will play RCS at 9 p.m.

Championship games will be played on Saturday.

Team members honored

RCS Indians football players Matt Frese and Steve Ross were named first-team all-area players by the *Times Union*.

Tackle John Frangella was named to the third all-star team.

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RCS library sporting new look

RCS Community Library has rearranged its space to create an especially quiet reading area, near the picture window. New work tables have also been added.

Special thanks are due to Roy Ruske and Tom Domery, who helped to move and rearrange the furniture. Thanks to Louis Scheele Jr. for helping to set up the new display racks.

Happy holidays

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday.

Arts league funds local groups

Four local not-for-profit organizations received grants from the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts to continue artistic and cultural programs.

The Bethlehem Children's School received \$574 for a celebration of black history with a public performance by Kim and Reggie Harris. For information, call 478-9314.

The Bethlehem Public Library

was awarded \$249 in support of three introductory writing workshops teaching new writers how to reflect on life's experiences.

The Delmar Reformed Church received \$478 in support of a free Baroque performance by professional musicians along with an amateur choir.

The Voorheesville Public Library received \$464 for planning music, storytelling and art programs to be held in the spring.

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Sports

Bethlehem girls notch 1st win over Shen in decade

By Tim Kavanagh

After coming from behind to beat Columbia on Wednesday, the Bethlehem girls basketball team did the same thing against previously undefeated Shenendehowa on Friday.

After trailing Shen 31-23 at the half, the team came out blazing in the third quarter and by the start of the fourth had closed the gap to 43-39.

Then, with 4:48 left in the fourth quarter, **Katie Strait** hit two key free throws to tie the game at 46. On Shen's ensuing possession, **Nicole Conway** recorded one of her eight steals and drove the length of the court for a layup to give BC the lead.

With one minute left and the game knotted at 52, Bethlehem freshman point guard **Bridget Murray** was fouled and went to the line for a one-and-one. She calmly sank both shots to put BC ahead, 54-52.

A foul against the Eagles with about six seconds left put Shen on the line with a chance to even the score.

The first shot went down, but the second bounced off, and **Lily Corrigan** grabbed the biggest of her 13 rebounds to clinch the 54-53 victory. It was Lady Eagles' first win over Suburban Council opponent Shen in the last 10 years.

Conway scored a game-high 23 points in leading the offense. Strait fired in 12, including three, three-pointers.

"We knew that this game would determine how we're going to do at sectionals, so we knew we had to come up big," said center **Magan Sellnow**. "Our rebounding and defense picked up in the second half."

Murray, who converted two of the biggest shots in her young career, described the victory as "an awesome comeback."

Coach **Kim Zornow** had special praise for the Eagles' reserves. "Our bench players put in great games and kept us in the game in the first half."

"This game was a very big upset, and a big confidence-builder for us," she said.

In the game vs. Columbia, Be-

thlehem found itself behind 27-25 at the end of the first half. Columbia built its lead by converting a number of three-pointers.

Early in fourth quarter, BC went on a 6-0 run, which dampened the spirits of the Lady Blue Devils as Bethlehem cruised to a 53-44 win.

Conway led the Lady Eagles with 15 points and nine rebounds. Sellnow and Corrigan both chipped in with eight points.

Kate Smith, who scored seven points, said, "We knew Columbia was going to be a tough team, and we came out a little slow in the first half. Then in the second half, we pulled it together."

"Columbia worked hard and played great in the first half," Zornow said. "In the second half, I think their stamina wasn't quite as good as ours when we picked up the pace, and we were able to pull away."

The team takes a short break from league competition to play in the holiday tournament starting this Friday. They take on Bishop Maginn in the first round.



Karly Decker goes up for a shot in a recent Suburban Council game. The Lady Eagles nipped Shenendehowa last week, 54-53. *Liz Waniewski*

Gymnastics team making strides

By Alli Tombros

After just one week of competition, the Bethlehem gymnastics team has already improved over last year.

They competed in their first meet of the season last week at Shaker, and the team score of 108.2 was significantly higher than their first meet last year.

Captain **Heather Mann** took second place on bars, and captain **Sharon Fellows** placed first on beam. **Rian Kovarik**, **Emily Haskins** and **Fellows** recorded fifth, fourth and second-place finishes, respectively, in the all-around competition.

The girls were narrowly defeated in their first home meet

against Niskyuana, 118.35 to 110.7. **Jill Pappalardi** placed fourth in the vault, while **Fellows** took fifth. **Sarah Richardson** placed fifth on bars and **Mann** first. **Mann** also took fifth on beam and second on floor. **Haskins** was fourth on beam and sixth on floor, and **Fellows** finished first on beam and fifth on floor.

In all-around competition, **Kovarik** took fifth and **Fellows** third.

The girls competed in an invita-

tional competition at Shaker on Saturday. A total of 11 teams from both in and out of the section participated.

Overall, **Fellows** believes the team is off to a tremendous start.

"I'm really inspired by the team's spirit," she said. "Because it's such an individual sport, we've never really had this much spirit before. I think a lot of the spirit comes from having five seniors on the team and really wanting to get the younger kids psyched up."



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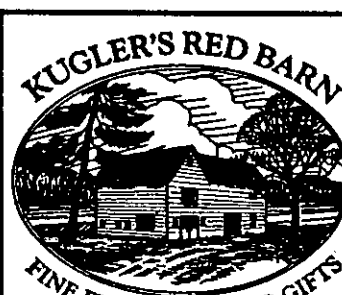
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Boys swim team continues to roll

By Annette Grainy

The Bethlehem boys swim team continued its domination of early-season opponents by racking up three more wins.

The Eagles started off by beating Mohonasen with 100 points to spare, 141-41.

In the 200 medley relay, **Chris Shaffer**, **Ben Samelson-Jones**, **Rob Storey** and **Brian Strickler** captured first with a time of 1:55.13.

BC swept the 200 individual medley with Shaffer, Samelson-Jones and **Greg Teresi** placing first, second and third, respectively.

Shaffer also finished first in the 100 butterfly with Teresi coming in second.

Mike Reiss and **Todd McCoy**

captured first and second place in the 500 freestyle with times of 5:51.23 and 6:02.08, respectively. Reiss also won the 200 free in 2:06.29.

Brian Taffe won the 100 free. **Steve Corson** and **Scott Strickler** finished first and second in the 50 free with times of 23.84 and 23.92.

The 200 free relay team of **Reid Putnam**, **Dan Traub**, **Corey Whiting** and **Bob Pasquini** captured first place, while the 400 free relay team of **Whiting**, **Joe Gerstenzang**, **Taffe** and **Sean Barclay** finished on top of the heap.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the Eagles doubled up Albany Academy, 124-62, as Brian Strickler set a new Bethlehem pool record in the 200 IM.

Barclay captured the 50 free, while Putnam swam to a first place finish in the 100 free as well as the 200 free, and Corson finished ahead of the field in the 500 free.

Scott Strickler captured the 100 back and his brother Brian teamed with Putnam, Barclay and Corson to win the 400 freestyle relay.

The Eagles made their record a perfect 6-0 on the year when they walked over Amsterdam on Saturday, 140-40.

Coach **Ken Neff** said the team is on a roll and still getting stronger.

"Our main enemy right now is the flu epidemic," he said. "Besides that, everyone is getting along great and swimming better than I expected."

By Jessica Fein

The Eagles got off to a fast start against powerhouse Shenendehowa, but gradually wilted under the Plainsmen's strong defensive pressure.

Bethlehem outscored the Plainsmen 28-18 in the first quarter. However, things quickly turned around as Shen tied the score at 34 going into the halftime break.

"You've got to give them credit. Shen really stepped up their defense in the second quarter," said BC head coach **Chuck Abba**.

The Eagles' offense continued to fade in the fourth quarter as they scored only four points.

"We came out weak, and just dug our selves into a hole," said co-captain **Seamus Gallagher**.

BC fought back in the final quarter and trailed by only five with two minutes left in the game.

"The strategy was to make some three pointers, get some easy shots and foul them when we had to," said Abba. But the Eagles just could not catch up, losing 53-64.

Shen boys top Eagles

"We lost, but it wasn't from lack of effort," Abba said. "We were down by 11 and made up six of the points. That's not easy to do."

Junior **Mark Svare** led the scoring with 13. **Geoff Hunter** dropped in 12, and co-captain **Cory Czajka** added eight.

Earlier in the week Bethlehem crushed Columbia 74-51 in East Greenbush. Senior **Scott DeFeo** dominated the game with 27 points, followed by **Tim Staniels** with 14 and **Gallagher** with 10.

"Columbia's a tough team to play, but we came out strong," said Abba. "Scott had a tremendous game."

Tuesday's game against Columbia also saw some of the Bethlehem reserves see action. **Eric Hjeltne** scored five, and **Pat Hughes** contributed three to the winning cause.

On Thursday, the Eagles take on Berne-Knox at 8 p.m. at home in the Helderberg Tournament. If Bethlehem advances, they will play the winner of the Guilderland/Voorheesville game.

BC track teams fare well in opening meet

By Seth Carr

The Bethlehem boys indoor track team finished third and the girls placed sixth Saturday at the Tri-County Meet at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

On the girls side, senior **Katie Noonan** and junior **Liz Hart** set personal records in the high jump. **Diana Woodworth**, a junior, finished third in the 45-meter hurdles, and senior **Katie Fireovid** placed third in the 300-meter event.

Theresa Kansas placed second in the triple jump. Rounding out the top finishers for the girls, junior **Kelly Van Riper** placed third in the shot put with a toss of nearly 32 feet, and junior **Kate Link** placed second in the 55-meter run with a time of 6.4 seconds. The 4x200-meter relay team finished a strong third.

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The boys team finished third overall behind Burnt Hills and the winner, Albany Academy, but according to coach **David Twarog**,

the final score was deceptive because a combination of two misfortunes upset the Eagles' plans.

"This meet was ours to win," Twarog said. "First, our best broad jumper didn't show, and, then, our second best broad jumper was disqualified after having made two jumps of over 20 feet. The winning jump was 19 feet."

This cost BC 18 points, Twarog said, which would have been enough for the boys to finish first.

The standout performers for the boys team included **Khalid Umar**, who placed first in the triple jump, soaring 41 feet, six inches.

The boys relay team finished second in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 8:36.4.

And in the 3200-meter run, senior **Matt Clement** placed second in a time of 11:03.

Senior **Jeremy Mulich** placed second in the hurdles with a time of 7.4 seconds, and junior **Tim Kavanagh** placed first in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:26.

"We've been working hard, and I think the results of the meet are an indication of what coach Twarog has been doing for us," Kavanagh said.

Stone & Quinn latest to roll 300 games

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

Senior Circuit Men: **Steve Walley** 245 and 609 triple.

Senior Circuit Women: **Jody Dedes** 456 triple.

Men: **Willow Boughton** 744 triple.

Women: **Heather Selig** 279 and 950 four games; **Erin Barkman** 249; **Kathy Hoffman** 648 triple.

Adult Junior Men: **Lew Devoe** 227 and 617 triple.

Women: **Linda Yates** 243 and 557 triple; **Beth Matthews** 243 and 556 triple.

Junior Classic: **Mike Westphal** 264 and 884 four games; **Erik Bieber** 224 and 571 triple; **Courtney Radick** 245 and 823 four games; **Antoinette Yaggle** 201.

Majors: **William Van Houter** 243.

Juniors: **Thomas McGinn** 204 and 556 triple; **Katie Duncan** 183 and 516 triple.

Preps: **Chris Olsen** 179 and 450 triple; **Aubrey Spaulding** 147 and 433 triple.

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls basketball team added to its streak of wins last week, improving its record to a perfect 4-0.

On Tuesday, Voorheesville traveled to Schalmont to take on the Sabres. Schalmont has an experienced team that is looking to finish near the top this year.

The teams played evenly in the first-half with neither squad gaining the upper hand. After taking a 17-14 halftime lead, the Ladybirds began to pull away.

Jane Meade scored 14 of her 20 points in the second half, as she and her teammates cruised to a 41-26 win. **Becky Dawson** and **Regan Burns** each had eight points for the victors.

"This was a big win for us," said coach **Jack Adams**. "Schalmont has a very good team with some quick kids. It was a big challenge for us to come into their gym, but the girls met it."

RCS tops Lansingburgh

By Meghan Smith

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team split their two games last week.

The Indians (2-3) hosted Averill Park on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and lost 62-49. **Jevon Sebring** was the leading scorer with 12 points, while **Mike Decker** and **John Weinheimer** each contributed 10.

Averill Park scored 23 points in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

On Friday, the Indians went into overtime before defeating Lansingburgh. The game was close the entire time.

At halftime, the Indians were down by one, but they came back in the fourth quarter to score 17 points and tie the game.

RCS outscored the Knights by two in the overtime session to win 81-79. **Mike Patounas** scored 32 points, his career high, including

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26 in the second half. **Decker** had 15, including a three-pointer, while **Nieves** had 12. **Corey Blakesley** had five, **Weinheimer** eight, and

Sebring scored four. **Kevin Mastriano**, **David Wolfe** and **Jake Martin** rounded out the scoring.

RCS will be hosting its annual Gold Tournament on Friday and Saturday. **Maple Hill**, **Cairo**, **Chatham**, and **Coxsackie** will provide the opposition for both the boys and girls teams.

In the opening round on Friday, the girls varsity will play **Cairo** at 5:30 p.m., and the boys varsity will play **Cairo** at 9 p.m.

The championship and consolation games will be played Saturday.

Registration slated for youth lacrosse

The Albany Capitals Youth Lacrosse Club will conduct registration for its seventh spring season for boys and girls at Shaker Junior High School from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26, and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27.


The club is open to anyone living in the Capital District. There will be recreational and competitive travel teams for boys and girls in grades one through nine.

For information, call **George Leveille** at 439-6822.

Dolphins seek members

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club has limited openings for new swimmers. The club is open to swimmers 6 to 18 years of age who are residents of the town of Bethlehem or its school district, and who can swim 25 yards without assistance.

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Drivers

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an accident, "because we've never had an accident." With 59 drivers, plus three substitutes who come in every day, and five more subs on the roster, that's an accomplishment to be proud of.

Safety is a top issue in the Bethlehem transportation department. "We take pride in safety," driver Chuck Emery said. "Our main concern is the kids," Allen concurred. Allen and Thompson both participated in the re-enactment of a bus accident in October. Thompson was the driver of an overturned bus, carrying 35 children, each of whom had been assigned an injury. "It taught us a lot," Thompson said, "and we both feel more confident about the procedures involved."

Thompson and Allen also participated in the Bethlehem Safety Day at the Elm Avenue Town Park this summer. Both praised this program for increasing parent awareness of safety issues. "Parents often don't think about what that entails," Thompson said.

Drivers also hold three drills a year with students, familiarizing them — and themselves — with the way a bus will slide in an accident, use of fire extinguishers, and how to use the emergency exits. "By the time the kids are in high school," Allen said, "they can run the drills themselves."

Bethlehem drivers also have nine safety meetings a month, far above the state's required four hours of safety training per year. "The district also offers free personal Defensive Driving courses to the drivers for free," Thompson added. Defensive Driving courses reduce insurance rates on a driver's personal vehicle, but Peters pointed out that the district benefits greatly from drivers having taken this course.

The qualifications to become a Bethlehem bus driver are stiff. Drivers must have a clean driving record, and Peters can go on line with the Department of Motor Vehicle from the computer in his office. "I can check their record, right up to the current date," he said. References are required, and potential drivers are fingerprinted, and a criminal history background check is run. Drug testing is a federal requirement, and

Bethlehem also does an alcohol check. The Department of Motor Vehicles tests bus drivers in the state; Peters further tests applicants, going out in the bus with them, giving them a drill, and questioning them about how they would handle kids in different situations. "If a driver passes my test, then I hire him or her," Peters said.

Once hired, drivers undergo extensive training. "Everybody's trained, whether they've driven before or not," Peters said. Drivers receive 20 hours of training through a BOCES program in their first year of driving, well above the state requirement of three hours. Every year, drivers do a defensive driving review, with Peters following behind them in his own car. Every two years, Peters gets in the bus for another road test. Drivers also need to pass a yearly physical, with special emphasis on vision and heart health.

Sounds like tough stuff, but Peters has a waiting list of applicants. "The only turnover is when someone retires," he said. Part of the appeal may be the pay. "BC is the highest paid district," Peters said, "but that reflects our good record." Starting pay for drivers of the small Suburban buses is \$10.95 per hour, for the big buses, \$13.92 per hour. A senior driver with over 20 years experience earns close to \$20 per hour. Most of the work is part-time, and drivers have to work a long time before getting 8 hours of work per day. Allen, for instance, has worked in the district for six years, only just began working full-time. Drivers who work four hour days, though, do receive health insurance and sick pay. "BC is an excellent district," Peters said.

The most common complaint that Peters receives is about speeding, most of which he believes is perception. "Sometimes the sound of the engine sounds like speeding, when in fact a bus is only doing 20 mph," Peters takes these complaints seriously, once sitting on a neighborhood road for 45 minutes to see which buses were on that route. In addition to a message to all the drivers about speed, Peters spoke to each driver who travelled the street, reminding them to observe the speed limit. "I usually only have to say something once," Peters said.

Peters is a native of the Capital District, and has been transportation supervisor in Bethlehem for 5-and-a-half years, prior to which he was in Hyde Park schools, and before that transportation supervisor in Niskayuna. Three of his five children are in the Bethlehem school district.

A good majority of drivers are from the district itself, and about half of these are women. Peters says hiring is done strictly by qualifications. Emery and the monitor on his bus, Sue McNally, both had high praise for the district. "It's a great place to work," McNally said. "The employees are great." "It's home, Emery said." "It's like a family."

Bird walk to feature a look at cardinals

A bird walk will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The program will start with a look at Five Rivers' feeders from the indoor bird-watching area. Cardinals, their natural history, habits and food preferences will be highlighted. An outdoor bird walk with a Five Rivers naturalist will complete the program.

For information, call 475-0291.



Monitor Sue McNally and driver Chuck Emery did the right thing.

Drivers

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worth of Christmas bonus checks, and probably another \$2000 in cash. "I called Dispatch," Emery said, "and turned the envelope in to Bob (Peters), the transportation supervisor."

Did they think about keeping even just a little bit of it? "Oh, no," they both said instantly, looking appalled. "When we saw that it was full of Christmas envelopes and bonuses, we wanted to get it back to the owner," Emery said. "They did it out of their own good hearts." "Not too many people give bonuses nowadays," McNally added. "That's a nice thing to do." Peters traced the checks to Tri-Village Rentals in Albany. "I asked to speak to someone in charge," Peters said, "and they asked me

what it was about. I said it was about a lot of Christmas bonuses, and they put me right through." Mark Rosen of Tri-Village Rentals must have been delighted to receive the money, as he rewarded Emery and McNally with \$150 each. "We were dumbfounded," McNally said. "It was nice that he rewarded us." Rosen also gave Peters \$200 to spend on pizza or doughnuts for the whole department. Peters had plans for the first \$20 of that money, though. Earlier in the week, driver Sam Robinson dropped his wallet, containing \$52 in cash, in the bus parking lot, and given it up for lost. His colleague Rich Nugent found it and returned, all \$52 still there. For his honesty, Peters gave him \$20 of the Christmas money Rosen had given the department.

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Obituaries

Edward J. Handron

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Edward J. Handron, 63, of Delmar died Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Troy, he was a graduate of Holy Cross College and The College of Saint Rose.

Mr. Handron was a teacher and retired as principal of Philip Livingston Middle School. He then was a satellite owner and operator of H&R Block offices in Clifton Park and Burnt Hills.

He had coached interscholastic sports at the former Vincentian Institute. He was a former member of the local board of approved basketball and soccer officials, past president of the Eastern New York Club of Holy Cross and the Albany School Administrators Association. Mr. Handron was inducted into the Bishop Maginn Hall of Fame.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Maryann McLaren Handron; his mother, Anne Dower Handron of Troy; two daughters, Margaret A. Handron of Albany and Michele M. O'Brien of Gunderland; two sons, Edward J. Handron Jr. of Colonie and Mark C. Handron of Alexandria, Va.; five brothers, Daniel R. Handron of Troy, Dr. Clement J. Handron Jr. of Greenville, N.C., Dr. John D. Handron of Stone Harbor, N.J., Dr. David G. Handron of Gloversville and Michael A. Handron of Seattle, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from St. Mary's Church in Albany.

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 317 S. Manning Blvd., Albany

Mary E. Shuey

Mary E. Shuey, 59, of Stonington Hill Road in Voorheesville, died Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Allentown, Pa., she had lived in Averill Park before moving to Voorheesville.

She worked for the human resources department at Key Bank and for PIA Insurance in Glenmont as a sales representative.

She was a communicant of St. Michael's Church in Troy.

Survivors include a son, Barry M. Shuey of Glenmont; and a daughter, Robin A. Salzer of Voorheesville; and two grandchildren.

Services will be on Friday, Dec. 27, at 9 a.m. from St. Michael's Church on Williams Road in Troy.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fredendall Funeral Home, 199 Main St., Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

Frances McDowell

Frances W. McDowell, 82, of Delmar, died Saturday, Dec. 21, at her home.

She had been a cafeteria worker for the Bethlehem Central School District before she retired.

She was the widow of Walter O. McDowell.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly O'Haire of Pompano Beach, Fla.; two sons, Richard McDowell of Frankton, Colo., and Walter O. McDowell Jr. of Queensbury, Warren County; a sister, Helen Labiak of Snyder; a brother, Alexander Wildzumas of Colonie; seven grandchildren; and

four great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Evelyn Pavone

Evelyn Hanley Pavone, 81, of Delmar died Thursday, Dec. 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Albany High School.

Mrs. Pavone had worked for the state Insurance Department, retiring in 1975.

Survivors include two sons, Frank J. Pavone of Delmar and Richard R. Pavone of Loudonville; a sister, Mary Hanley Ruhl of Eustis, Fla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

I. Pirie Weber

I. Pirie Weber, 70, of Delmar, died Friday, Dec. 20, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Weber was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Tri-Village chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include her husband, George R. Weber; two sons, Robert J. Weber of Danville, Calif., and Mark Weber of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Colleen Weber of Albany; and two grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to 5-Brady Farrell, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12207.

Corrina Lynne DuBois

Corrina Lynne DuBois, 2, of Delmar died Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include her parents, Paul J. and Stacy LaRose DuBois;

two brothers, Paul DuBois and Joshua DuBois of Delmar; her paternal grandmother, Lillian DuBois Krichner; and her maternal grandmother, Edith Helen LaRose.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House, 139 S. Lake Ave., Albany 12208.

Warren Sleeper Jr.

Warren R. Sleeper Jr., 74, of South Bethlehem died Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Sleeper was a former Albany policeman and was on the police force in Bethlehem from 1953 to 1959. He later worked as a clerk for the former New York Central and Penn Central railroads and Conrail, before he retired in 1973.

Survivors include his wife, Elise Rowe Sleeper; two daughters, Cathy Epling of Columbus, Ohio, and Melissa K. Sleeper of Coeymans; a son, Michael J. Sleeper of Selkirk; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158, or the American Diabetes Association, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

Quilt enthusiasts to hear about hats

Quilters United In Learning Together will meet on Friday, Jan. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

A trunk show and lecture on "wearable hats" will be presented by Nancy Schlegel. Visitors are always welcome.

For information, contact Tina Redding at 434-8073.

Reservations open for '55 Alive' course

Bethlehem Senior Services will start accepting reservations for the Jan. 15 and 16 "55-Alive" safe driving course on Jan. 2.

Reservations can be made, in person only, at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar starting at 9 a.m.

If space permits, phone reservations will be accepted at 434-9555, ext. 170, the following business day. The course fee is \$8.

Library to present dinosaur program

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will present "Dinosaur Days," a program to entertain and teach toddlers about the extinct beasts through stories, songs and crafts, on Friday, Jan. 10, and Saturday, Jan. 11. Both sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

To register for one session only, call 439-9314.

Camp Little Notch to hold area reunion

A reunion for all girls who have attended the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council's Camp Little Notch will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4, at the McKownville United Methodist Church at 1565 Western Ave. in Colonie.

Girls will visit friends and counselors, share pictures, sing songs and swap stories.

To register, call 785-9703.

AARP chapter selling Bill-o'-Fare books

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is offering the dining and entertainment coupon book "Bill-o'-Fare" for \$20. The book contains discount coupons for area restaurants and businesses.

To order, call 439-6694.

Families to celebrate grandparents in song

Families can celebrate their grandparents in a program featuring dancing and singing on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Singer and guitarist Beth Wasserzug and storyteller Joni Goldberg will lead the program.

To register, call 439-9314.

Consignment shop closed for holidays

In and Out The Window, located at 125 Adams St. in Delmar, will remain closed for the holidays until Dec. 26. The store will close again on Sunday, Dec. 29, and reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2.

For information, call 439-8913.

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

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

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



Jeanine and Cameron Smith

Peterson, Smith marry

Jeanine Peterson, daughter of Suzanne Peterson of Delmar, and Cameron Smith, son of Phoebe Smith and the late Cameron Smith of Selkirk, were married Oct. 12.

The Rev. Albert Newman performed the ceremony in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, with the reception following at Altamont Manor in Altamont.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and

Alfred University. She is employed as an art teacher in the Lakeland, Fla., public schools.

The groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeyman-Selkirk High School and Ithaca College. He is a pitcher for the Lakeland Tigers in the Detroit Tigers Major League Baseball organization.

After a wedding cruise in the Caribbean, the couple lives in Lakeland.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Daniel Maurice Kelleher, to Jacqueline and Daniel Kelleher of Delmar, Dec. 10.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Samuel Eli Finn, to former Slingerlands resident Robin Ann Deitcher Finn and Alexander Finn of Niskayuna, Nov. 21.

Class of '96

Case Western Reserve University — Robyn Nunziato (master's in nursing).

East Stroudsburg University — Scott Renker of Voorheesville (master's in health and physical education).

SUNY Oswego — Gregory Gerhard of Delmar (bachelor's in English writing arts).

University of California at Los Angeles — Anthony Cordi, formerly of Slingerlands (master's in business administration).

Bethlehem's Cedilotte tapped for Sage award

Russell Sage College in Troy has named Christine Cedilotte of Bethlehem Central High School as a recipient of the 1996 Student Sage Recognition Award.

Cedilotte was among 80 high school juniors in six states chosen to receive the award. The award is granted to students who embody the Russell Sage motto of "To Be, To Know, To Do" through academic achievement and involvement in their school and community.

Recipients will receive a custom-designed Tiffany pin bearing the Latin translation of the motto and a \$5,000 scholarship to Russell Sage.

Delmar's Vitillo named to Who's Who list

Lisa Vitillo of Delmar is included in the 1997-1998 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. Vitillo is among 28,000 women nationwide who have been listed for achievement in their field.



Sandra and Michael Hodge

Ewert, Hodge marry

Sandra Ewert, daughter of Jonathan and the late Arlene Ewert of East Syracuse, Onondaga County, and Michael Hodge, son of Kenneth and Nancy Hodge of Delmar, were married Aug. 17.

The Rev. Edwin Taylor performed the ceremony in DeWitt Community Church, with the reception following at The Whitetail in Manlius, Onondaga County.

The maid of honor was Christine Schwenzer; the matron of honor was Jennifer Smith; and bridesmaids were Jennifer Ewert, the bride's cousin, Sierra Ewert, the bride's niece, and Erin Knox.

The best man was Brian Bailey, and ushers were Scott Hodge, the groom's brother, Jon Ewert, the bride's brother, and Eric Heathwaite.

The bride, a graduate of Cornell University, is an interior designer for Page Southerland Page Architects in Arlington, Va.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Cornell University. He is employed as a wildlife biologist by the Wildlife Habitat Council in Silver Spring, Md.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Falls Church, Va.

The Spotlight remembers

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

- Scouts for the movie *Ironweed* were looking at two properties in Slingerlands, 1509 and 1511 New Scotland Road, owned by Juris and Norine Vancans and Garrett Dillenbeck, respectively, as possible locations for the film based on William Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

- After some high radon readings were reported in Voorheesville village homes, the school board decided to have the district's buildings checked for levels of the potentially cancer-causing gas. Despite conflicting views on the danger posed by radon, "If somebody said, 'The sky is falling,' we really should go outside and see," commented board member David Teuten.

- The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team traveled to Albany Academy and defeated the Cadets 59-40 before a crowd that included Gov. Mario Cuomo and his wife Matilda, there to watch their son play. The Indians were paced by Adam Wheeler with 23 points, Tony Williams with 13 points, and Lance Tucker with eight points.

Here's to a Wonderful Wedding!



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Albany seeks First Night volunteers

The city of Albany is seeking volunteers for First Night 1997. Individuals are needed for the second shift (9:30 to 11:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

First Night volunteers receive free admission and a small token gift. Volunteers will receive an information manual and brief training on their duties.

For information, call 482-5434.

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First Night rings in the New Year

By Alvaro E. Alarcon

Albany's 11th annual First Night will herald the New Year with indoor and outdoor alcohol-free celebrations of the visual and performing arts, rituals and festivities.

"The night is great fun for the whole family. First Night is an ideal opportunity to showcase our vibrant city and the cultural and architectural treasures it holds," said Albany Mayor Gerald D. Jennings.

A strong spirit will enliven this year's First Night, which should draw close to 20,000 people.

First Night Opening Ceremonies will run from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 31. A fantastic pageant of circus performers, including jugglers and clowns, will parade down Washington Avenue from Hawk Street to the front of city hall on Eagle Street.

The evening will climax at midnight with a Cracker Barrel Cheese fireworks, a ball drop that is larger than Times Square's, and a bonfire at the Corning Preserve, with more music and food.

Three hundred performers in 50 locations in downtown Albany will provide a guarantee of something for everyone. Highlights include:

- Rick Derringer will revive the hard-edged blues tradition as part of of Classic Rock Night at the Palace Theater on North Pearl Street.

- Lost Faculties, a band culling its membership from the faculty of Shaker High School, will perform its oldies rock at OnBank on State and Pearl Streets

between 8 and 9 p.m. and from 10 and 11:00 p.m.

- The Figgs, whose music is often described as "raw but melodic," will perform at the Washington Avenue Armory, as part of Alternative Rock Night at the armory.

- A Conga line that begins in front of City Hall on Eagle Street at 11:15 p.m. then proceeds down State Street will be led by members of Caribe Mambo and Alex Torres and the Latin Kings, and end at the Kiernan Plaza parking garage to watch the fireworks.

- Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Extravaganza will hand out free ice cream as long as it lasts in Academy Park next to City Hall.

- Albany Carriage Service will provide free horse and buggy rides around Academy Park near City Hall. Rides are given between 7 and 9 p.m. Board at Hawk Street.

- The Knickerbocker Aren's ice rink will have open skating between 7 and 10 p.m. Skate rentals are available.

- "Durlacher's Ice Fantasies," an ice sculpture sponsored by Latham deli owner Glenn Durlacher, will be on display in front of City Hall.

- Caricaturist Dan Farrington will do personal caricatures between 7 and 11 p.m. at the Palace Theatre on North Pearl Street.

The other performances are listed on schedules available, along with buttons securing admission to First Night Events, at the following locations: Albany City Hall, Ben & Jerry's on Lark Street, Price Chopper supermarkets, and Seattle Sub and Pita Co. in Delmar.



Performing at this year's First Night festivities will be the veteran classic rockers the Rick Derringer Band, above, and local group Lost Faculties, below from left to right, Andy Serritella, Bill Serritella, Greg Savine, Tad Knight and Jude Hanley.



Buttons are \$10 if purchased through Dec. 25, \$12 thereafter. Children under 5 are free.

Shuttle buses provide transportation between different venues to those with admission buttons.

Volunteers are still needed for First

Night. Individuals are needed for the second shift (9:30 to 11:30 p.m.). Volunteers receive a small token gift and a free admission button.

To volunteer, or for information, call 434-5132.

NYSTI's production of *The Snow Queen* looms for potential trip to London

The reprise of *The Snow Queen*, an original production of the musical version of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale, has proved to be the biggest hit enjoyed by the New York State Theatre Institute since it took up residence at Russell Sage College in Troy. As a result, talks have begun to remount the production next fall for a two-week presentation in England.

Sources close to the theater agree that the collaboration between Warner Music Group which helped finance it, and the Theater Institute has provided the momentum for such a trip. If this trip does materialize it will be a trip home for the work by the authors of the musical.

Adrian Mitchell who fashioned the script and the lyrics for the production, and Richard Peaslee, the composer, have both worked for the Royal Shakespeare Company, particularly in their collaboration on *Marat/Sade*.

It is understood that the production would be cast here in this country and the total production brought to England where it would play a week in Bristol and another in London.

Meanwhile, rehearsal will begin again for *Witness for the Prosecution*, Agatha Christie's strongest play, which will open in Troy's Russell Sage College January 30 for a two-week run.

Basically a courtroom drama, it combines Christie's deft sense of mystery while also playing out as a cat-and-mouse game of courtroom craftiness.

A second *Snow Queen* visits area in touring company production

A one-performance presentation of a touring company's production of *The Snow Queen* will play in The Egg in Albany Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

This is one of several musical presentations sent on the road by SAIL Productions' Storybook Theatre for Children. This

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By Martin P. Kelly

particular script and music is adapted especially for the theater company.

Founded in 1983, SAIL Productions, has sent fairy tale presentations of famous stories for children around the country and in 1990, it expanded its scope to include international touring.

In addition to presenting the performance for the children, members of the company also present pre-show and post-performance activities for the young audiences.

Reservations and information are available at 473-1845.

Lake George Opera Company officials visit The Egg

Since last September when it was announced that the Lake George Opera Company was planning to move from its site for 30 years at the Queensbury High School, area facilities indicated their interest, including the Egg in Albany which boasts two theaters, one seating 500 people and the other a little more than 900.

After a visit in November by the board of trustees of the summer opera company, officials at The Egg were asked to submit a proposal for the opera troupe to consider.

Kim Engel, marketing and event manager for The Egg, said that the Lake George reps were suitably impressed with the large theater with the possible exception of the acoustics. However, this was not a sufficient problem to disqualify the hall for the opera.

With amplification in the 900-seat theater and its continental

type seating (no middle aisle), audiences at the large theater have had a comfort level in the past. Engel believes this can also be true for the opera company.

The events manager said that a full proposal will be submitted by the end of January.

She said also that the pressure is off slightly because the opera's board of directors agreed that it should continue to perform at the Queensbury High School for another year so a transition can be made in a more orderly fashion. The opera's board was also surprised at the number of venues which invited the Lake George group take up residence.

It's expected that the Lake George company will make a decision by next June.

Capital Rep is rehearsing Albany premiere Jan. 17 of *Beast on the Moon*

A relatively new play, *Beast on the Moon*, opens Jan. 17 as the Albany premiere for Richard Kalinoski's relatively new play.

The winner of five playwright awards, the play has been performed by dinner theater and regular theaters alike across the country.

Beast on the Moon, tells the tale of Armenia-born Aram Tomasian's search for family and his eventual encounter with an Italian-American orphan which gives a new meaning to the concept of family.

This production follows the popular presentation of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* which closed a month's run last weekend featuring television performer Larry Linville.

Information on *Beast on the Moon* and reservations are available at 462-4531.



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THEATER

"WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION"

courtroom drama by Agatha Christie, call for times and tickets, New York State Theatre Institute, 155 River Street, Troy, Jan. 29 through Feb. 15. Information, 274-3200.

MUSIC

OUT OF CONTROL

Valenti's Pub, Pawling Avenue, Troy, 10:30 p.m., Jan. 4. Information, 797-3939.

ALLAN ALEXANDER TO PLAY GUITAR AND LUTE

reservations recommended, performance in the dining room, dessert served after 9:30 p.m., Allegro Cafe, Troy, 7 to 11 p.m., Dec. 31.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Park West House Band and Out of Control Rhythm and Blues Band to perform, 21 and over, Park West, Route 146W, Clifton Park, 9 p.m., Dec. 31. Cost, \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Information, 371-2100.

REGGIE'S RED HOT FEETWARMERS

jazz brunch, The Inn at Saratoga, 231 Broadway, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 29. Information, 782-0577.

JOHN HAMMOND AND DUKE ROBILARD

duo's style combines blues, R&B, swing and roots, 21 and over, Park West, North Country Commons, Route 146W, Clifton Park, 9 p.m., Dec. 27. Cost, \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Information, 371-2100.

"CLASSICAL MASTERS"

Albany Symphony Orchestra to perform the works of Beethoven, Haydn, and Mozart, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 3 p.m., Jan. 12. Cost, \$14 to \$33. Information, 465-4755.

JAZZ WITH DAVE MCKENNA

jazz pianist to perform, Campus Arts Center, The Academy of the Holy Names, 1069 New Scotland Road, Albany, 8 p.m., Jan. 18. Cost, \$20. Information, 438-7895.

CHRISTMAS EVE PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

Carl Hackert and Friends to perform on the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, noon, Dec. 24. Information, 273-3265.

DIANE WALSH ON PIANO

performance of Debussy, George Crumb, and Beethoven, Hubbard Hall, 25 East Main Street, Cambridge, 8 p.m., Jan. 10. Cost, \$12 members of Music From Salem, \$16 non-members, \$8 students, \$6 children under 13. Information, 677-2495.

READINGS

"THREE CENTURIES OF AMERICAN ART"

a look of American paintings and sculptures, bring a lunch, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 to 1 p.m., Jan. 15. Information, 463-4478.

POETRY

FIRST NIGHT POETRY CONSPIRACY

QE2, 12 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. featured poets are Lori Anderson, Jill Hanifan, Tom Nattell, and Paul Weinman, 10 p.m. open mic, Dec. 31. Information, 438-6314.

FAMILY FUN

ROGER THE JESTER

jester with 12 years experience, Steamer #10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, 1 p.m., Dec. 27. Cost, advance: \$6 children and seniors, \$8 general admission; at the door: \$8 children and seniors, \$10 general admission. Information, 438-5503.

MUSIC FROM THE ZUCCHINI BROTHERS

brothers create music with audience, Steamer #10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, 1 p.m., Dec. 28. Cost, advance: \$6 children and seniors, \$8 general admission; at the door: \$8 children and seniors, \$10 general admission. Information, 438-5503.

MAGICIAN MARGARET STEELE

New Jersey Symphony oboeist and magician to perform magic, Steamer #10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, 1 p.m., Dec. 29. Cost, advance: \$6 children and seniors, \$8 general admission; at the door: \$8 children and seniors, \$10 general admission. Information, 438-5503.

CLOWNS OF KOMOTION

show combines clowns, mimes, dance, Steamer #10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Dec. 29. Cost, advance: \$6 children and seniors, \$8 general admission; at the door: \$8 children and seniors, \$10 general admission. Information, 438-5503.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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Frances Phillips' landscape and still life in watercolors and Linda Bunzey's nature and wildlife in acrylic on canvas, Off Broadway Gallery, Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, until Dec. 31. Information, 439-2955.

"HOPE AND HEARTACHE"

photographer Milton Rogovin's work, New York State Museum West Gallery, Madison Avenue, Albany, through March 3. Information, 474-5877.

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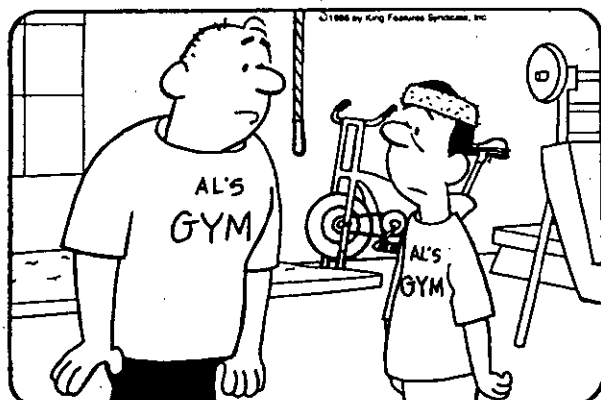
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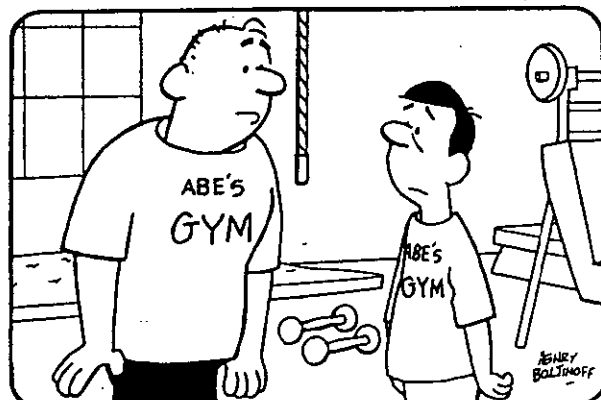
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AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 25**
ALBANY COUNTY
WINTER FARMERS' MARKET
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

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

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
DECEMBER 26**
ALBANY COUNTY
SCHUYLER MANSION STATE HISTORIC SITE
walk-in visitation, 32 Catherine Street, Albany, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 434-0834.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF**
TRUDAT PRODUCTION LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

First: The name of the limited liability company is Trudat Production LLC

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

Third: (Optional) The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: January 1, 2022

Fourth: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 30A Picotte Drive, Albany, N.Y. 12208

Fifth: (Optional) The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is: None

Sixth: The future effective date of the Articles of Organization, if not effective upon filing, is: January 1, 1997

Seventh: The limited liability company is to be managed by a class or classes of members.

Eighth: If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, a statement that all or specified members are so liable.

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

s/Harold Gaines, organizer
(December 25, 1996)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF
JW ENGINEERING, PLLC Under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the professional limited liability company is: JW Engineering, PLLC.

SECOND: The professional service limited liability company is formed for the practice of the profession of engineering.

THIRD: The county within this state in which the office of the

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
DECEMBER 27**
ALBANY COUNTY
COMMUNITY FIRST AID AND SAFETY
American Red Cross of Northeastern New York, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Information, 433-0151.

FARMERS' MARKET
Sacred Heart Church, Walter Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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limited liability company is to be located is: Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Joseph Whitney, 44 Gail Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

FIFTH: The professional limited liability company is to be managed by one or more members.

SIXTH: The names and addresses of all individuals who are to be the original members, shareholders, 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.
(December 25, 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 LLCL.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: In addition to the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the LLCL, the latest date on which the Company may dissolve is December 31, 2026.

FIFTH: The Secretary of State 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 mem-

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

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

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 28**
ALBANY COUNTY
FARMERS' MARKET
First Congregational church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29**
ALBANY COUNTY
DANCE PROGRAM
"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

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

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bers.

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 LLCL, such manager's acts were not performed in accordance with Section 409 of the LLCL. 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 LLCL, 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
(December 25, 1996)

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 en-

der Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, 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 (Com-

pany 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 him or her 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 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 as true and under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1996

s/Stephen J. Waite, Sole Organizer
90 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(December 18, 1996)
(December 25, 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 en-

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THE UNDERSIGNED, 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 (Com-

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 30**
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31**
ALBANY COUNTY
FIRST NIGHT
Albany Urban Cultural Park, Visitors Center/Special Events, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, 6 p.m. to midnight. Information, 434-5132.

FARMERS' MARKET
St. Vincent De Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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pany 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 him or her 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 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 as true and under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1996

s/Stephen J. Waite, Sole Organizer
90 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(December 18, 1996)
(December 25, 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 en-

der Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, 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 (Com-

pany 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 him or her 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 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 as true and under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1996

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.

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.

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 1**
ALBANY COUNTY
MARATHONS
Hangover Half Marathon or Sober Up Three Mile Run, SUNYA Physical Education Building, noon. Information, 286-3070.

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

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gage 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
(December 25, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Deborah Cohen, 24 Cayuga Court, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a gazebo addition which would exceed allowable Percent of Lot Occupancy at premises 24 Cayuga Court, Slingerlands, New York 12159.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(December 25, 1996)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED 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 Palce, 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 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 organized under the LLCL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true and under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1996

s/Stephen J. Waite, Sole Organizer
90 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(December 18, 1996)
(December 25, 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 en-

der Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, 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 (Com-

pany is New Waite & C Company, LLC.

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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 him or her 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 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 as true and under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1996

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

FARMERS' MARKET
Stratton V.A. Medical Center Day Treatment Center, Myrtle Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 462-3311, extension 2329.

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

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

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

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.

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

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ited liability companies may be formed under the law.
(December 25, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 25
BETHLEHEM
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 26
BETHLEHEM
RECOVERY, INC.

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and 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.

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27
BETHLEHEM
"RUMPELTILTSKIN"

three video versions of classic fairy tale for all ages, popcorn provided, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 28
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29
BETHLEHEM
HOME-STYLE BREAKFAST

Clarksville Fire House, Route 301, 7 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$4 adults, \$3 children, under 5 free.

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

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

MONDAY
DECEMBER 30
BETHLEHEM
INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

DELMARKIWANIS

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

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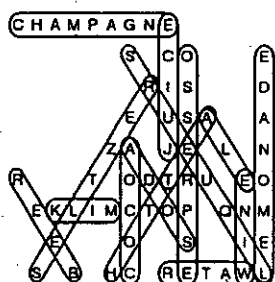
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

THINGS TO DRINK

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31
BETHLEHEM
"NEW YEAR'S EVE AT NOON AGAIN"

party for children and their families, party clothes optional, punch provided, bring cookies, pre-registration required, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRD COUNT

naturalists to offer tips on bird identification and winter bird ecology, dress for the outdoors, bring binoculars and bird ID book if possible, Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

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.

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Spotlight on Dining

THURSDAY
JANUARY 2FRIDAY
JANUARY 3SUNDAY
JANUARY 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.

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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.

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.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 4

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

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

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 35. 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.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

MONDAY
JANUARY 6

BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 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
JANUARY 7

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.

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
JANUARY 8

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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.

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, 439-1531 or 439-4067.

RED MEN

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

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

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.

To list an item of community interest in *The Spotlight*, send all pertinent information to
The Spotlight Calendar

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Adroit
5 Actress
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9 Forest father
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20 Cartoonist
Peter
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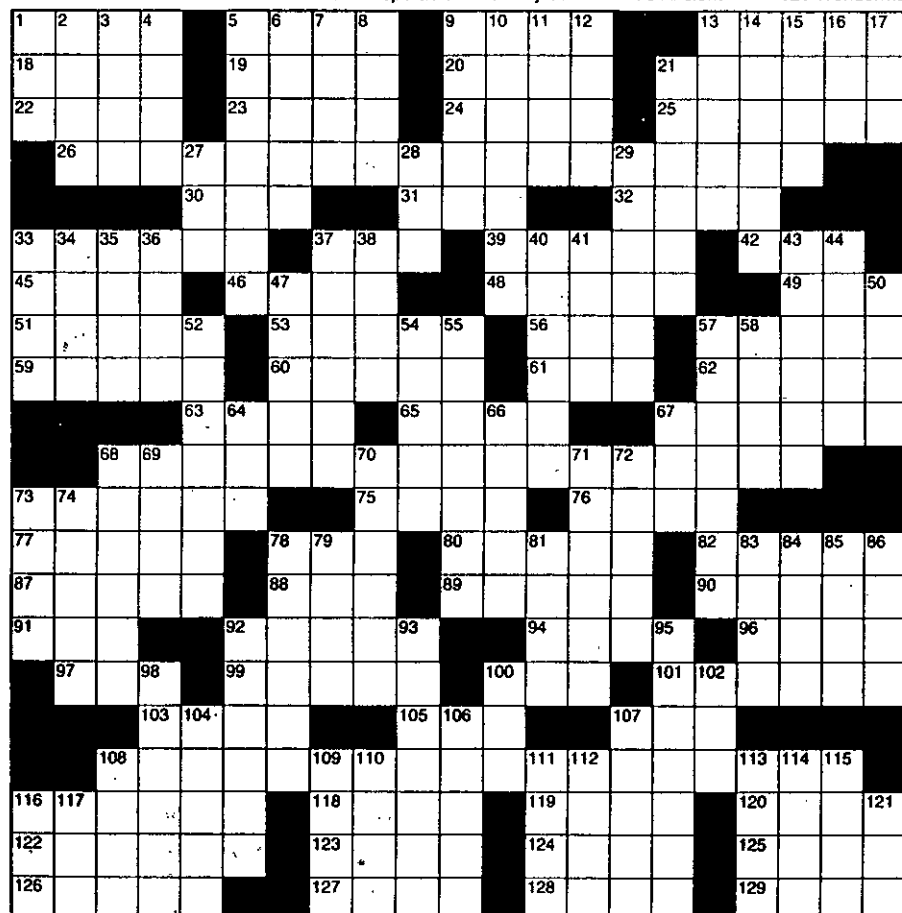
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78 Sportscaster
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80 Austerity
82 Serengeti
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87 "Waiting
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88 — "Believer"

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89 Opera's
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90 Romulus' river
91 Unit of work
92 Lend —
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94 Couldn't be
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96 Joy's lioness
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103 Movie pooch
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116 Maestro
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119 Medieval
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120 Thomas —
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122 Flow
123 Plucky
124 A Karamazov
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125 Survey
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128 Soil
129 Vacation
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2 Carmen or
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3 "Barney
Miller" spinoff
4 Glum drop?
5 Scottish port
6 Haste
product?
7 Jack of "Rio
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8 Wine valley
9 Fancy fabric
10 Wagner hero
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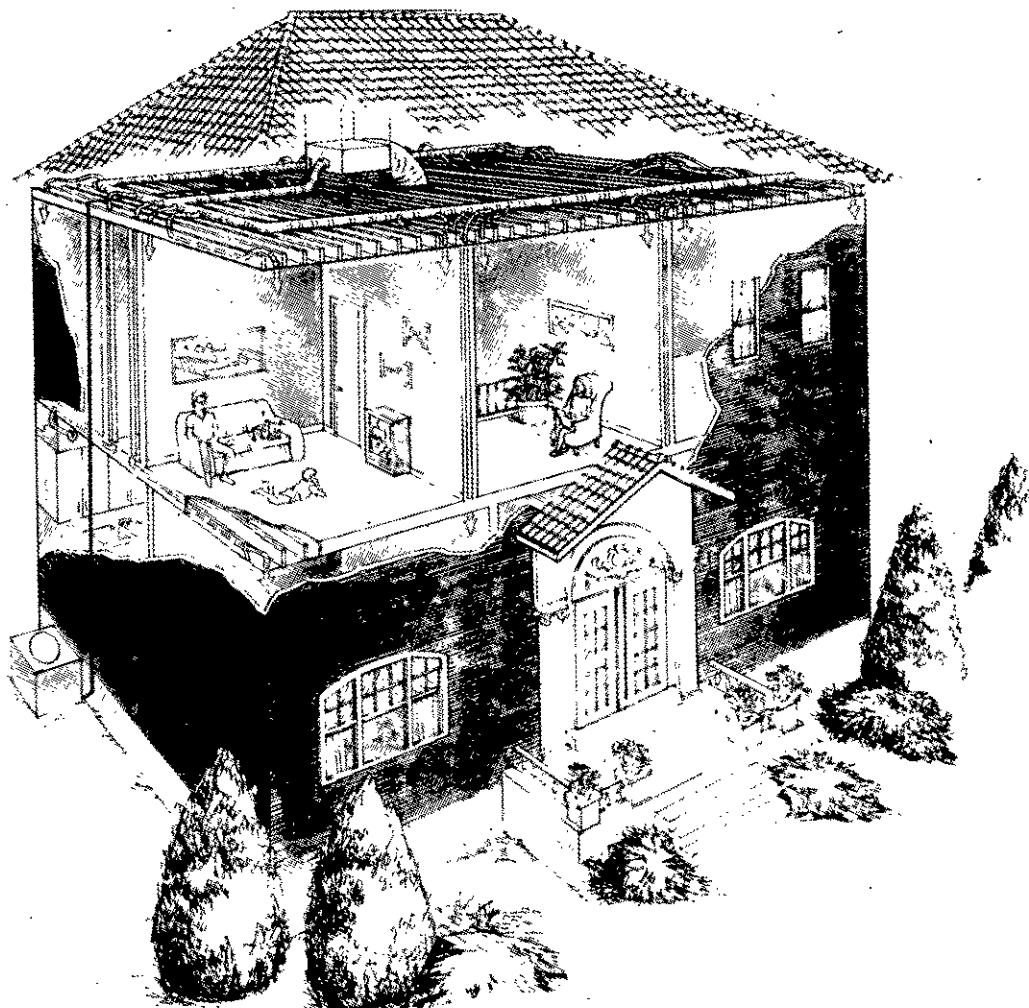
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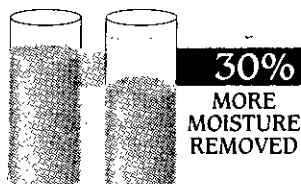


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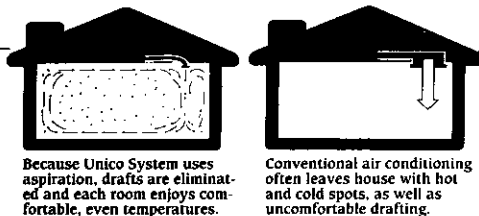
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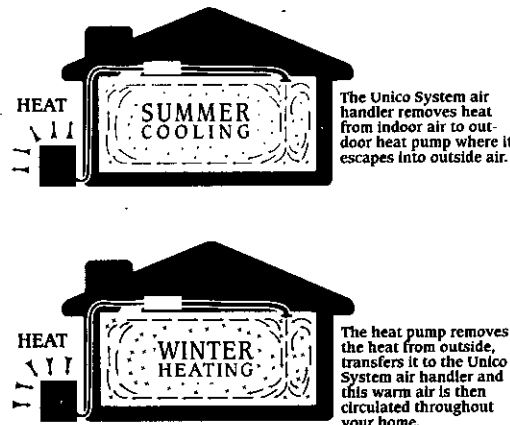
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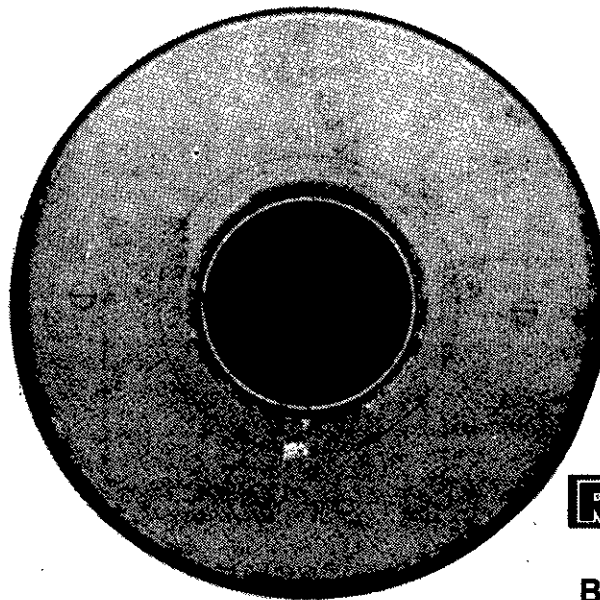
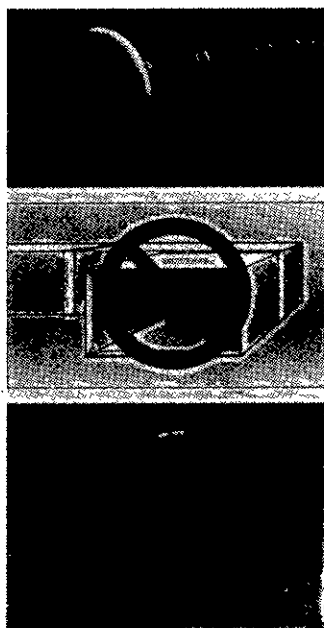
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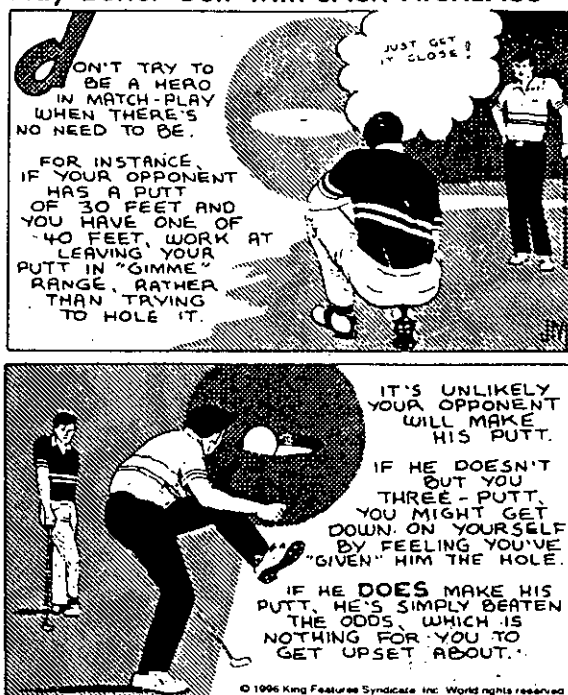
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