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Selkirk firefighter's colleagues say farewell

Blaze guts house trailer in Shady Grove park

By Mel Hyman

Last week's death of Kevin Seaburg of South Bethlehem was the first fatality in the 69-year history of the Selkirk Fire Department.

Seaburg died of an apparent heart attack while fighting a blaze at the Shady Grove trailer park on Locust Road last Wednesday. Seaburg, 38, was in his 21st year as a volunteer, and was serving as first assistant chief with Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3.

Seaburg was employed as a truck driver for Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem, and the fire department was a big part of his life, friends said.

"You couldn't ask for a nicer guy," said Jeff Stangle, chief of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3. "It's a terrible, terrible loss. He was always there when you needed him, both as a friend and a member of the department. He really enjoyed what he did. Any plaque he received he was extremely proud of."

Firefighting was in Seaburg's blood —



his two older brothers and father were members of the same department. Plus his mother was a charter member of the

department's ladies auxiliary, and his wife was a member as well.

Elected first assistant chief in December, Seaburg "was really looking forward to being first assistant," Stangle said. "Just the day before, he ordered the plaques for our installation banquet."



Firefighters accompany the body of Kevin Seaburg Sunday during funeral services. The South Bethlehem firefighter suffered a heart attack while putting out the blaze that destroyed a trailer, top, located at 20 Locust Road.
Doug Persons

The blaze broke out at about 3 p.m. and quickly consumed the trailer, which was located about 100 feet off Route 9W. The fire was fully involved when the first Selkirk truck arrived, shortly after the 911 call came in at 2:48 p.m.

The trailer was home to Patricia Lazano,
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Hazardous hangout



Hanging out on Van Dyke Road will be a thing of the past for Bethlehem Central High School students like these, according to school administrators. (See letter on Page 8) Dev Tobin

Enrollment drives budget

Loomis launches spending plan

By Dev Tobin

Enrollment growth continues to drive budget growth in the Bethlehem Central School District, Superintendent Leslie Loomis told the school board at last week's meeting.

Loomis formally presented the fundamental operating budget of \$40.3 million, up about \$1.7 million (or 4.3 percent) from this year's spending plan.

The fundamental operating budget, projecting next year's spending based on this year's program and staff levels, is the

traditional starting point of the three-month budget process.

Loomis noted that \$1.4 million of the increase is largely due to debt service from the \$14.8 million bond issue (which will provide classrooms for growing enrollment at the middle and high schools) approved by voters in late 1995.

Without that extraordinary expense, he said the district's year-to-year basic budget growth would be less than 2 percent, which he called an example of "fiscal

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BC student wins science honor

By Dev Tobin

Television is a popular scapegoat for social ills ranging from increased violence to declining literacy. But beyond the "chewing gum for the eyes" stereotype lies the fact that some television can be uniquely inspiring.

For Jeffrey Ciprioni of Glenmont, the road to recognition as a semifinalist in the prestigious Westinghouse Science Talent Search began with a show on the Discovery Channel about frogs.

"I saw a show about frog behavior, and



Ciprioni

it inspired my project," Ciprioni said.

A student in the two-year-old science research course at Bethlehem Central High School, Ciprioni took his interest to Siena College, where joined the Frog Club, audited a course on amphibians and eventually came up with an idea for a research project — Analysis

of Call Frequency in *Hyla versicolor*.

Working with Siena instructor George Rapp, Ciprioni decided to get up close and

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Bethlehem police nab two on DWI charges

A Greene County man arrested for driving while intoxicated last week was rescued from harm by a Bethlehem police officer after he was discovered staggering into traffic along Route 144, police said.

Charles W. Ehly, 47, of Hannacroix, was arrested at 9:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, after his car was spotted in a ditch along River Road near the Job Corps in Glenmont, police said.

When Officer Charles Rudolph arrived on the scene, he reportedly observed Ehly walking away from his car and stumbling into the southbound lane of traffic. Rudolph retrieved the suspect.

Police also discovered the remains of several marijuana cigarettes in the ash tray and charged him with unlawful possession of marijuana as well as DWI.

Ehly was released pending a March 4 appearance in Bethlehem town court.

Bethlehem police arrested one other person last week on drunken driving charges. Joseph C. Nicosia, 29, of Climax, was stopped at 2 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, for failing to dim his headlights on Route 144 in Glenmont.

He was charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and DWI, police said. He was released pending a March 4 appearance in town court. Officer Brian Hughes investigated.

American Heart Ball to benefit research

Mercycare Corp. and Bristol-Myers Squibb will sponsor the American Heart Association's 14th annual American Heart Ball on Saturday, March 1, at the Franklin Plaza ballroom in Troy.

The theme of the ball is "Nothing is Impossible: A Tribute to Heart Disease and Stroke Survivors." The evening will feature a cocktail reception at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. and a silent auction throughout the evening.

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For information, call 525-1232.

Heldeberg Workshop offering vacation fun

Heldeberg Workshop is offering a February winter break workshop for pupils in grades four through eight at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville from 9 a.m. to noon, from Feb. 18 through 21.

A variety of classes will be offered, including weaving, "Whodunnit?," science, sculpture, art and poetry.

For information, call 765-2777.

Board will consider request for \$100,000

The Bethlehem town board tonight, Feb. 12, will consider whether to appropriate \$100,000 to hire technical and scientific experts to oversee the environmental review of Spurlock Adhesives' plan to build a \$10 million formaldehyde production plant on Route 144.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has already started its SEQR (state environmental quality review) analysis of the project.

In other business, the town board will consider the following:

- Extension of the interim development density act of 1989 after a public hearing is held on the measure starting at 7:30 p.m.

- Installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Maple Avenue and McCormack Road in Slingerlands after a public hearing on the local law scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

- Appointment of former planning board attorney Robert J. Alessi to advise the town board in its review of the Spurlock project.

- Request from engineering services administrator Michael Cirillo to hire Clough Harbour & Associates to design a traffic signal system for the entrance to Elm

Avenue Park.

- Request from parks commissioner Dave Austin to sign an agreement for the Clarksville playground.

- Request from parks commissioner Dave Austin to award bid for a new launch dock system at the Hudson River Park to Waldizon Inc. at a bid price of \$28,938.

- Acknowledge receipt of the 1996 annual report from the receiver of taxes and assessment.

- Acknowledge receipt of the 1996 annual report from the town historian.

The board meets at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Sexual assault center seeking volunteers

The Sexual Assault Care Center for Rensselaer County is seeking individuals interested in developing crisis intervention and counseling skills to work as hotline, office and prevention education volunteers.

The center is offering a free 36-hour comprehensive training course beginning on Feb. 24.

The Sexual Assault Care Center is the only agency in Rensselaer County to provide specialized services to sexual assault survivors, their families and friends. In addition to victim services, the center provides outreach/prevention programs and professional training.

For information, call 271-3445.

Bethlehem library lists holiday hours

Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will be open for regular hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Lincoln's Birthday, today, Feb. 12, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 17.

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Parks honcho hopes new ballfields will weather winter well

By Mel Hyman

Cross your fingers that all five of the new baseball fields created at Elm Avenue Park last summer will be ready for action this year.

That's because the seed on these new fields was planted last fall, and Bethlehem parks commissioner Dave Austin needs to inspect the turf to make sure it can handle all the would-be softball and baseball stars in town ready to spring into action.

"We have to go out there in April and see what the story is," Austin said. "The seed was laid down at the beginning of September. We're hoping some of the fields will be ready. You don't want heavy use on a new grassy area if it's not well-established."

Five new ballfields were built in the northwest corner of the town park last year in response to the growing demand for playing areas. A parking area was also created that can accommodate about 180 vehicles.

Two of the fields are for youth softball, two are suitable for Babe Ruth competition and one will be used primarily for Tri-Village Little League play.

Whether or not there will be games there this summer, construction will proceed on installing a water line and a sewer line to the area.

"We want to bring water to each of the fields so in case we have a dry summer, we can water the infield areas," Austin said. "We also want to put in drinking foun-

tains for each field, and sometime in the near future, we're probably going to building bathrooms."

Backstops were installed last year for the new complex, and "This year we want to fence (the new fields)," he said.

Phase two of the playing field project involves turning three existing soccer fields along Route 32 into five. Work on the project, which entails extensive regrading of the area and installation of a drainage system, will take place this year.

Currently, the area is "too flat and the water doesn't drain off," Austin said. "When we have a lot of wet weather like we did last year, there are many times when the fields aren't playable. At the same time, we're going to reconfigure the area in order to accommodate five fields instead of three."

The work will be done in July and August so as not to interfere with the 1997 soccer season, which ends around July 1. It's highly unlikely the new soccer fields will be ready for the fall season because the entire area will be reseeded.

The town board recently approved \$310,000 to complete the work at both playing field areas.

"That's it for now," Austin said.

But when everything is completed and ready for competition in 1998, Elm Avenue Park will be more of a recreational beehive than ever with a total of 13 softball/baseball fields and nine soccer fields of varying size.

Traffic safety group gears up

The town of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Central School District, Bethlehem Police Department and Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety have agreed to work together to prevent future pedestrian fatalities in town.

Representatives of the four groups met last week and agreed to create an informal coalition for sharing ideas, information and resources, according to Lynn Finley, spokeswoman for Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety.

Beyond that, the citizens' group will continue to work on its own to

foster increased awareness of pedestrian safety with the ultimate goal of making Bethlehem a safer place to run, jog, walk or ride a bicycle.

Two teen-age girls — one walker and one jogger — died after they were struck by motor vehicles last year in the town of Bethlehem.

The citizens' group, which was formed in the aftermath of the most recent tragedy, has reached out to the Bethlehem Central High School Key Club and secured the service club's help in educating students about pedestrian safety.

Club members will also sponsor a logo contest for the citizens' group in which BCHS students are invited to design an insignia that incorporates a safety message. The winner will receive prizes donated by local businesses.

In May, a display will go up at the Bethlehem Public Library bulletin board on the subject of pedestrian and traffic safety, Finley said.

Interested residents are encouraged to join the citizens' group and become active in the communitywide safety effort.

The particulars about future meetings of the group will be published in *The Spotlight*, she said.

Mel Hyman

Progressive quilting



Checking out the quilts at the Progress Club's Festival of the Arts Friday at Bethlehem Public Library are, from left, Marti McSharry, Marian Choppy and Mary DeGross. Katherine McCarthy

BC board awards bond issue bids

Nagging \$120K shortfall still has to be made up

By Dev Tobin

Despite a persistent \$120,000 shortfall, the Bethlehem Central school board decided it could wait no longer and awarded bids for \$7.6 million in construction and computer networks at last week's meeting.

"Construction will begin shortly," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

The second phase of the \$14.8 million bond issue includes new libraries at the middle and high schools, four new and four renovated classrooms at the middle school, eight renovated classrooms at the high school, a new Early Learning Center for all district kindergartners at Slingerlands Elementary School and infrastructure for new local and wide area computer networks at every school.

The shortfall, nearly half a million dollars at the outset, resulted from higher-than-expected bids and from a \$210,000 accounting error by the architects, omitting network file servers from the technology part of the project.

The gap was reduced to about \$120,000 after the board approved dozens of recommended savings in new construction, renovations and technology, none of which cuts into the muscle of the project, according to Loomis.

Architect Marty Weber noted that the gap is "a paper shortfall, not an actual shortfall — there's no way of spending one nickel more than the voters authorized."

Weber said the higher bids reflected "scope creep," for example, wiring for computer stations added in consultation with building staff and a safety-related reconstruction of the middle school pool deck, which was not included in the original project budget.

Weber said the shortfall can "be made up in the future," through economies in equipment and furnishings and through unexpended contingencies built into the construction contracts.

Loomis said he was confident the Aug. 22 completion deadline would be met for the high school and Early Learning Center work, but the middle school work may take "slightly longer."

In a related matter, Weber said an "in-depth analysis" would be necessary to see if the district could benefit from installing cogeneration boilers at the middle and high schools.

To that end, the district is soliciting proposals for an energy performance contract, which would guarantee that the work could be done at no net cost to the district.

Bike path gets green light

By Mel Hyman

There's only one thing standing in the way of construction of the Elm Avenue bike path — a work permit from the Albany County Highway Department.

But that should be forthcoming shortly now that the town board has approved plans to install a traffic light at the entrance to Elm Avenue Park.

The town board is expected to OK a change in the vehicle and traffic law tonight (Feb. 12) that allows a traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of county Route 52 and Elm Avenue, the main entrance to the park.

The county highway department held up issuance of a work permit without an assurance that the traffic light at the park entrance will be in place by the time the bike path is completed.

The town has already received necessary approvals from the federal government, the state comptroller, the state attorney general and the state department of transportation.

"We've applied for the county permits, but they haven't been as timely in coming as the others," said Michael Cirillo, town engineering services administrator.

Once the vehicle and traffic ordinance is changed to accommodate the new light, design and installation of the signal can be put out to bid and the county highway department should be satisfied, Cirillo said.

Cirillo said contracts for construction of the 2.5-mile bike path would likely be put out to bid in the "very near future," with construction taking place this year.

The bike path starts at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Van Dyke Road, continues south to the Delmar Bypass Extension where it travels east to county Route 52. Once it reaches Elm Avenue, it continues until the intersection of Elm Avenue and University Street.

The first stretch of bike path will only be on one side of the roadway, but once it reaches county Route 52 and Elm Avenue, it will be on both sides of the road.

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Chamber taps Rowelands for '96 business award

By Mel Hyman

Tom Rowelands, recently named businessperson of the year by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, may not fit the image of your normal entrepreneur.

But, who knows? Maybe the ponytail and baggy jeans are all ingredients in his success formula.

While others have come and gone from the local retail scene, Rowelands has adapted to changing times and now operates two successful businesses in town: Seattle Sub & Pita Co. and Java Jazz. They share the same first floor space in Main Square Shoppes that Rowelands formerly used for his Ben & Jerry's franchise.

Rowelands folded his ice cream tent for good last year because it never really turned a profit in Delmar — unlike his Ben & Jerry's on Lark Street in Albany, which was usually bustling with college students and young people yearning for their Cherry Garcia.

But Rowelands recently sold that store as well to the owners of the Saratoga Springs Ben & Jerry's in order to concentrate his energy on his two Seattle Sub & Pita shops — here and on North Pearl Street in Albany.

Rowelands, 47, wasn't always an entrepreneur. He spent 12 years in the educational field, especially in fund-raising and administration. His last position was as assistant to the president of Suffolk Community College.

After several years on Long Island, Rowelands says the overcrowding and traffic "started to

drive me crazy." Coincidentally, he acknowledged "making a killing" in the real estate market so he decided to venture northward in search of a place to open his own business.

"I was working 60 hours a week for somebody else," he said, "so I figured if I was going to work that hard it might as well be for myself."

Rowelands was no stranger to Albany where he opened his first Ben & Jerry's in 1986. He attended the University of Albany where he worked toward a doctoral degree.

While the Delmar Ben & Jerry's never really got off the ground, Seattle Sub & Pita has been going great guns since it burst upon the scene in '95, and Java Jazz has been equally successful since its debut just a few months ago.

Now that Rowelands feels he has a winning formula, he's decided to seek warmer climes. He plans to start spending six months a year in Florida and six months in Albany. During the winter, he has a restaurant specialist from the Culinary Institute of America who will manage his operations in Albany and Delmar.

"I plan to start a pita and coffee place in Florida once I find a killer location," he said.

Even though Rowelands never made a fortune off ice cream, he's still nostalgic for the Vermont counterculture company since it got him started in the business world.

"I just kind of stumbled on Ben & Jerry's," he said. "My sister lived near one, and she was a Ben &



Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney visits Businessperson of the Year Tom Rowelands at Java Jazz in Main Square in Delmar. Rowelands will be honored at a chamber dinner March 7.

Jerry's fanatic."

Regardless of what happens in Florida, Rowelands says his flagship Seattle Sub will remain in Delmar. Any visit there during lunchtime will certainly attest to how well it's been received.

Rowelands will be honored — along with citizens of the year Helen and Fred Adler — at a chamber banquet scheduled for Friday, March 7, at the Albany Country Club in Guilderland.

Lent services begin at Bethlehem church

Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar will hold the first of six consecutive Wednesday Lenten services today, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

The services, which continue through March 19, will focus on "God's Love Breaks Through."

For information, call 439-4328.

Alzheimer's group to meet in Delmar

The Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York will hold a support group meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

For information, call 1-800-303-2218.

Civil War enthusiasts to gather at library

The Capital District Civil War Roundtable will meet on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Steve Roth will present a 40-minute slide lecture entitled, "The 97th NY: Somehow We Are All Connected."

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V'ville board begins budget work *Schubert show*

By Katherine McCarthy

Voorheesville school Superintendent Alan McCartney introduced part of the 1997-98 school budget at Monday's school board meeting.

"These are very preliminary numbers," McCartney said of the board's first look at the budget, which encompassed estimates of most district spending outside of regular classroom instruction.

This portion of the budget, about a third of the overall total, will go down from \$4,217,184 this year to \$4,085,153 next year, McCartney said.

McCartney credited most of the decrease to paying down the district's long-term debt.

In other areas, general support, which includes spending for the board of education, district clerk and business administration, operation and maintenance of plant, and administration charges for BOCES, will be \$1,320,900, a 1.4 percent increase over last year.

Special education instruction will cost \$972,758, an 8.9 percent increase; pupil transportation \$802,930, 9.2 percent higher; community services, which is comprised of youth programs like swimming, and census (which has different yearly requirements), totaled \$8,550, 24.9 percent lower; and undistributed funds, which include the serial bonds being paid down, bond and tax anticipation notes, as well as revenue anticipation notes, came to \$980,015, a 23.1 percent decrease.



McCartney

Board members questioned McCartney mostly about special education, which keeps increasing in cost. In the 1989-90 school year, 81 students received some special education services in the district. This year, 164 students received some special education, and it is projected that 182 students will receive special education next year.

McCartney said that the district has to start gearing up its special education program now to meet the tougher requirements being proposed by Education Commissioner Richard Mills.

"There are students who had been exempt from some exams," McCartney said, "and in a couple of years, the exemptions will no longer be available."

The stigma of special education has changed, and parents are now looking for services.

Edward Diegel

Board member Steven Schreiber wondered about the high number of special ed students, noting that the ratio of students receiving special ed is 1 in 7.

McCartney pointed out that the enrollment keeps increasing in general, due to the district's good reputation, which also attracts families with handicapped students.

McCartney said the district has brought a number of students back to the school from out-of-district BOCES programs, which benefits them socially and educationally.

Elementary School Principal Edward Diegel noted a change in

parental attitude.

"The general trend is that special education services are expanding," he said. "The stigma of special education has changed, and parents are now looking for services."

Diegel also pointed out that statewide, 10 percent of children are in special education.

Board member C. James Coffin said parents are more "astute and aware now. We're able to identify the kids who, 30 or 40 years ago, were just lost. At the elementary level, parents won't ignore problems. We have a reputation for a good strong program. In a district with 1,300 kids, you can safely assume that a child with difficulty will be dealt with."

Coffin cautioned against overburdening resource room staff.

"Our program and people are carrying a hell of a load," he said. "Don't put such a strain on programs that we're not doing our job."

Acknowledging that the district is near its limit, McCartney said he will be asking for more resource rooms.

This year's budget was amended slightly at Monday's meeting. During the January 1996 thaw, the district incurred storm damage costs of \$239,741. Assistant Superintendent for Business Anthony Marturano reported that a FEMA grant for \$210,488 would help cover that expense.

The board approved an inter-fund transfer of \$29,253 to the capital fund to make up the difference.

McCartney praised Marturano for obtaining the FEMA money.

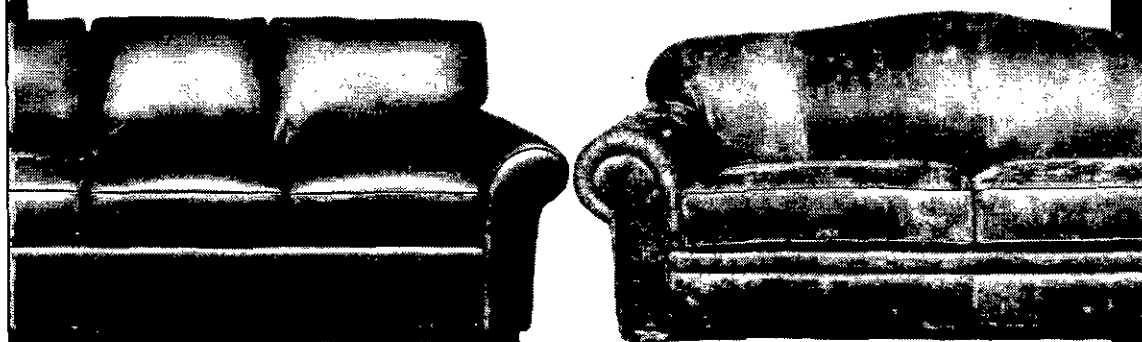
"It essentially means we got about \$240,000 worth of work for \$29,253," he said.



Violinists Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, left, and Julie Signitzer Krajicek, right, of La Biblioteca Quartet entertained Sarah Leishman and Grace Leishman, among others, Sunday at (fittingly) Voorheesville Public Library in celebration of Franz Schubert's 200th birthday.

Hugh Hewitt

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In line of service

All too often, we take volunteer firefighters for granted. It seems only when tragedy occurs do we honor their valor and value to the community.

Kevin Seaburg, who died of a heart attack after fighting a trailer fire in Selkirk last week, was a volunteer who illustrated all the virtues of volunteer firefighters. He loved his company, Selkirk No. 3, and was excited about being named first assistant chief, ordering new plaques for the department just one day before the fire. He was admired and respected by his friends and colleagues in the department and the community.

Many of his firefighting colleagues joined his family and friends to pay their respects at his funeral Sunday.

Seaburg leaves his wife Ann Marie and two young children, and we offer them our sincerest condolences.

The community can honor his memory and help his family through contributions to a trust fund in his memory at Key Bank in Glenmont Plaza.

Have a heart

Valentine's Day, just two days away, is one of our more playful and endearing holidays.

Jewelers, florists and candy and card and even wine sellers are at their busiest, fulfilling our needs to play Cupid and show our esteem for a loved one. It's the one time of year when being sappy is acceptable, politically correct and even expected.

One of the nicest celebrations of Valentine's Day happens at Voorheesville Public Library through its Valentine Heartline. Children and adults in the community are invited to make their own cards, which in turn are distributed to area nursing home residents. It's one small way of showing seniors that they haven't been forgotten and are still dear to their community.

Danger zone

A group of about 10 BCHS students, who congregate before and after school on VanDyke Road to smoke cigarettes have become something of a hazard to themselves and others.

School administrators and staff have no jurisdiction over the students when they are not on school property, are very concerned about the inappropriate behavior of the students. The students apparently are darting out into the roadway in front of oncoming cars and as well as school buses.

These students are a hazard to themselves and others.

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Editorials

Don't tolerate animal cruelty

"Be kind to animals." This long-recognized slogan has been for many, merely a slogan. But there are many dedicated individuals and agencies striving to make this slogan a reality.

One of the largest animal shelters in New York state, the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society on Oakland Avenue in Menands is one of those agencies. Now in its 110th year, Mohawk & Hudson handles more than 10,000 animals a year. 1996 was a dramatic one for the shelter, as investigation of animal cruelty cases quadrupled. The Menands shelter now has five experienced peace officers to cope with the tremendous increase in cruelty cases.

The shelter's goal is awareness. An informed public will help minimize animal cruelty. To that end, the following remarks of shelter staff will foster a better understanding of this critical issue.

Todd Duncan Assistant director/peace officer

My professional observation of animal cruelty goes back about seven years when I began working for the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society.

When I handled my first case of animal cruelty, I could not believe that people would put an animal in such pain. At first, I was angry, then anger turned to sadness. I could not understand why such people would adopt an animal, just to mistreat and abuse it.

Over the years, I've seen just about all types of cruelty. From dogs being starved to death, frozen to the ground, and chopped up into small pieces — you name it, I've seen it.

The Humane Society has put five peace officers, including myself, through training on animal cruelty, including procedures on how to arrest and prosecute suspects in animal cruelty cases.

More and more cases came to our door, but one case that boosted our morale and self-confidence was the case of New York State vs. Maria Stathacos which showed the importance of this training. We visited her kennel in February 1996, and seized 138 animals. The trial was very long, but at last it was over, and Stathacos was found guilty. We won!

It was very satisfying to me to know that, in this case, we could put a stop to the abuse and the deplorable condition the animals were living in. The Stathacos case also raised public awareness. From the enormous amount of calls we received at our shelter, we know that people still care about animals. With that public support and tougher laws from the state Legislature, we shall overcome cruelty.

David Glatz Kennel superintendent/ peace officer

In my 16 years at the kennel, I have seen hundreds of animal

Point of View

abuse cases. The saddest cases are dogs that have been used to train pit bulls to fight. Such animals were virtually torn to shreds.

Because of the high-profile cases we have had this past year, I believe the message is getting through to the public — "Don't abuse animals."

We are now receiving calls for help from other surrounding counties. More agencies are beginning to cooperate in a joint effort to wipe out animal cruelty.

Bob Whalen Chief investigator/peace officer

Every day that I work at the shelter and do field investigations on animal cruelty, I am more amazed at how severe this problem is.

Although my 20 years of police experience involved homicides, burglaries, rape and assault cases, I never dreamed so many people could be so brutal. Some people can be sadistic in their treatment of helpless pets.

Just as domestic violence was treated as an unmentionable problem in our society for many years, animal cruelty awareness faces this same uphill battle. The recent case involving more than 130 dogs helped to highlight the kind of cases humane officers face. The conviction in this case came as a result of hard work and dedication from many of people. This effort was instrumental in getting many agencies together to work for a common cause.

Our shelter personnel are thoroughly trained in investigation work on cruelty cases. New equipment, procedures and computer data, along with a new vehicle equipped especially for such field work, will help our five peace officers expand their sphere of influence.

Ongoing training is the order of the day, including how to better educate the public to ensure compliance with the law.

James Ainscoe Peace officer

The addition of trained peace officers to our staff has created an amazing turnaround in handling animal cruelty cases. In past years our efforts were hampered by lack of authority to get the job done.

Now we can work with local judges to bring violators to justice. We are also talking to more schoolchildren and interested groups about cruelty problems.

The recent big cases of cruelty to dogs and also to horses have focused media attention on these problems. People will think twice, hopefully, before abusing an animal and finding themselves the subject of TV, radio and newspaper coverage.

Long hours of special training,

seminars and field work is paying off. Our new uniforms reflect the professionalism we bring to our work, and the public is responding favorably. Our mission is to continue to do all we can to educate the public.

Bob Guyer Peace officer

Back in 1985, my first year at the Humane Society, we received 20 to 30 cruelty complaints for the entire year. Today, we average approximately 15 complaints a week and that number continues to rise steadily.

The shelter covers all of Albany and Rensselaer counties and we also recently took on Washington County. The shelter has adapted to the increase in complaints and coverage area by having four employees receive the proper schooling and firearms training to become state-certified peace officers.

Cases of animal abuse are becoming more serious, going beyond neglect to outright abuse. The most serious cases involve using animals to fight against each other. Our work is becoming tougher and tougher, but with qualified training, we hope we can keep this from becoming more of a problem.

We will gladly do anything to help an animal in any way. We ask the public to notify us of any acts of cruelty so that we can save animals from needless suffering.

Mary Beth Clancy Customer service/reception

This past year, we have had a considerable increase in the number of complaints regarding animal cruelty, both by phone and over the counter. And there has also been a noticeable increase in the willingness of the public to cooperate. They are working with us during our investigations, providing necessary information.

The phone calls and comments we receive following investigations of animal abuse have been largely favorable. The public appreciates our efforts in general. They have shown their support with increased gifts of pet food, supplies and cash donations.

The outpouring of public support for our attempts to eliminate animal cruelty has been heartwarming.

Conclusion: Fight cruelty with careful complaints

Much time, effort and money have been expended in the past year to raise public awareness on the subject of animal cruelty. The problem extends beyond starving animals or subjecting them to lack of proper shelter. There is always the lack of consideration by some for the privacy rights of their neighbors. Not everyone owns, or wishes to own, a household pet, so pet owners need to respect the rights and privacy of their neighbors.

Resident thinks \$100K unnecessary expense

Man views \$100K as small pricetag

Your Opinion Matters

Editor, The Spotlight:

Some Bethlehem residents want the town board to appropriate \$100,000 to monitor the state Department of Environmental Conservation's environmental review and permitting process for the proposed Spurlock plant in Glenmont.

I believe these folk, while sincere, are mistaken. The town board should not appropriate the money at this time.

As was pointed out in *The Spotlight* last week, once DEC completes its preliminary review, its findings will be made public and will be open for a 21-day public comment period.

I am sure that our town government will monitor the process closely. During the public comment period, there will be plenty of opportunity for input by both the public and our town government.

At this time, the town board can hire outside experts if they consider it necessary based on the process and findings up to then.

Let us not jump to conclusions prematurely and needlessly. Let us act on facts, not speculation.

Finally, let us remember that our town board and government are as concerned about our environment as the rest of us. After all, they breathe the same air and drink the same water the rest of us do.

Bertold E. Weinberg
Delmar

Walkers should face traffic

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am glad to see the news about pedestrian safety in the Jan. 29 *Spotlight*, however, I wish it had included a very important point that has been issued in a bulletin issued to the schools.

The point is that walkers should face oncoming traffic.

This is a major part of walking defensively. As a walker, you should be responsible for your own safety and need to see the cars coming at you and not have them approach you from behind.

George Tilroe
Elsmere

Editor's note: The Spotlight has made this point in recent editorials.

Editor, The Spotlight:

An appropriation of \$100,000 to provide legal and technical expertise to evaluate Spurlock Adhesives' proposed formaldehyde plant is a small price to pay. Otherwise, how will our elected officials evaluate the health, environmental, nuisance and property depreciation concerns?

One specific concern is Spurlock's plan to discharge 18,500 gallons of industrial wastewater per day into the Bethlehem sewer system. What will be the impact on our sewer district employees and the potential for contamination for the new water supply located less than a quarter mile below the plant discharge.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has asked Spurlock to prepare an environmental impact statement. One argument by DEC for an EIS is the short-nosed sturgeon in this part of the Hudson River. DEC makes no mention of Bethlehem's new water supply located less than two miles from the proposed plant.

Can we speculate that DEC is more concerned about the short-nosed sturgeon than a public water supply?

On Sept. 30 last year, Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's commissioner of public works, wrote Spurlock and provided an estimate for connecting to the sewer system and suggested that Spurlock could enter into a contract with the town to accept waste from the plant.

Spurlock subsequently advised DEC that they would connect with the town sewer system. Was this part of the "done deal" and how could the commissioner of public works make such a deal without evaluating the hazards and seeking the approval of the town board?

Spurlock's 1996 industrial waste water permit issued by the state of Arkansas identifies more than 50 toxic chemicals. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has not yet developed drinking water standards for 33 of the chemicals, including formaldehyde.

I urge the town board to appropriate \$100,000, which may not all be spent, in order to assure residents that all health and community concerns are addressed.

The town needs a board of water and sewer commissioners to curb the unilateral actions by the commissioner of public works and to provide the needed oversight which we now lack.

Sherwood Davies
Delmar

Chamber faces site dilemma

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading Sharon Fernandes' recent letter to *The Spotlight*, we felt compelled to respond. The annual awards dinner is the highlight of events sponsored by Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, and we agree that it should be held in Bethlehem.

Here is our dilemma. Three years ago, our attendance figures went through the roof, and we were forced to move our event to a venue that could hold the nearly 300 people who attend. With Normanside Country Club currently under construction, we had no choice but to find another suitable location for this occasion.

We hope the location will not prohibit Sharon or anyone from attending this gala event, when we honor our Business Person and Citizens of the Year.

When Normanside finishes its expansion of its dining room, we hope to be back in Bethlehem.

Marty DeLaney
President
Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

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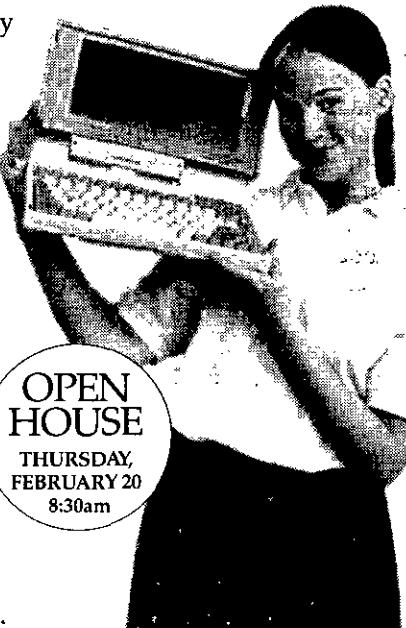
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Matters of Opinion

Citizens should urge board to spend \$100K

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been following the story of Spurlock Industries with great interest and concern.

It may seem to be redundant, as *The Spotlight* Jan. 27 editorial implies, for the town to fund an independent professional research effort on the influence of this company on the air quality of our town and health of our citizens.

It is the Department of Environmental Conservation's legitimate role and responsibility as lead agency to protect us. However, it cannot erase the recent history of DEC and the Empire State Development Corp. welcoming Spurlock in advance of a review of the environmental impact of manufacturing formaldehyde.

I trust that the interim appointment of John P. Cahill as commissioner and the governor's recent statements will, in fact, mean a return to objective assessments and oversight.

But, I hope that citizens attending the town board meeting tonight, Feb. 12, will encourage the expenditure of the necessary funds to conduct an independent professional assessment of the effect on our air quality and health. It seems a sensible use for monies already set aside in the town's capital reserve funds.

Spurlock Industries is said to be the first company ever to approach New York state for permission to manufacture formaldehyde. This is one time when it would be best not to be first!

Rena Button

Delmar

Bikeway could help solve problems

Editor, The Spotlight:

Whatever happened to the proposal for a bikeway/recreation way through the town along the abandoned D&H railroad bed?

It would be a partial answer to recent safety concerns for pedestrians, joggers and bikers who are now using busy town roadways.

A convenient, alternate route would take some pedestrians off the streets and perhaps even eliminate the need for some motor vehicle trips.

Perhaps the town would consider contributing to the cost of purchasing, grading and maintaining the line, since its residents would be among the primary beneficiaries of such a project.

Albert B. Lawrence

Delmar

Fire company grateful for drive support

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the members of Elsmere Fire Co., I would like to sincerely thank all of the residents, business proprietors and property owners in the district for their generous support of our annual fund drive, which began in October and is now coming to a close.

I would also like to apologize for the fact that our letter announcing our Sunday door-to-door campaign arrived too late to notify residents that we were coming.

This year, our bulk mailing was shipped from a remote facility and was apparently delayed in a regional mailing processing facility.

Our sincere thanks to postmasters Tom Porcaro of Delmar and William Schwartz of Glenmont for their assistance in trying to locate our mail.

We are also grateful to Michael Jenks of Albany, the Garden Shoppe and Red Goyer for making it possible to announce our fund drive on their marquees.

It is truly rewarding to provide service to an appreciative community like the one we have in the fire district and the town of Bethlehem.

Paul Millhausen

Elsmere

BCHS adopts new safety rules

Editor, The Spotlight:

Pedestrian safety is of real concern to our community and our school faculty. At Bethlehem Central High School, we have a renewed emphasis on safety instruction in classes.

One new initiative is improving safety conditions along VanDyke Road at the beginning and end of our school day. Van Dyke Road is no longer the dirt road that once connected farms to Delaware Avenue. School bus traffic, in fact, has significantly increased on VanDyke as our fleet has grown from 12 to 70 vehicles.

Consequently, Bethlehem police, transportation department employees and school administrators have developed a procedure to inform students, and if necessary, remove students who stand along the roadway.

School Resource Officer Vince Rinaldi will meet with students on the street to provide safety information. School administrators will call parents to enlist their support to remove their children from this dangerous roadway situation.

Bethlehem police are ready to support this initiative if students continue to act in a disorderly or reckless manner.

Our police, school personnel and transportation staff are working together to improve pedestrian safety.

Jon G. Hunter

BCHS Principal

Doctor will continue practice

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to inform everyone that Dr. Virginia Lazaro will continue her practice at 834 Kenwood Ave. in Slingerlands. She will no longer be affiliated with Albany Memorial Hospital's primary care network.

If you are a patient of hers, you will need to go to her office before

March 1 and sign a release allowing her access to your records. Otherwise, your records will be sent to Bethlehem Primary Care in Glenmont, and you will no longer have Dr. Lazaro as your physician.

Hazel Van Wormer

Delmar

BC Lab School says thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

Students, teachers and parents of Bethlehem Central's Lab School

would like to express their sincere appreciation to Nancy Karins—"Danci Nanci"—for providing a fun-filled night of country line dancing recently for more than 70 enthusiasts.

As chairperson of the event, I would like to thank *The Spotlight*, Price Chopper Pharmacy, Channel 31, and the school secretaries for helping us get the word out, and the middle school staff, lab school teachers, students and parents for helping on the night of the dance.

Darlene Dowse

Lab School parent



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Slingerlands school third-grader Brittany Hedderman makes decorations for a celebration of the Chinese New Year at the school. Doug Persons

St. Thomas names honor pupils

The following pupils were named to the first and second honor rolls at St. Thomas School in Delmar. Pupils on the first honor roll had an average above 91, with no grade less than 83, and all As in effort and conduct. Pupils on the second honor roll had an average from 83 to 91, with no grade less than 76, and all As and Bs in effort and conduct.

First honors Fifth-grade

T.J. Kieper, Evan Marsh., Kevin Perazzelli and Po Róyo.

Sixth-grade

Robert Barrowman, Joseph Clyne, Frances Ford, Jamie Kieper, Sean Lichorowicz, Kimberly McCall, Lindsay McCluskey and Jessica Murphy.

Seventh-grade

Nicole Comi, AshLee Coye, Emily Crandall, Lisa DiStefano, Megan Dole, Aimee Gould, Katherine Gould and Catherine Luke.

Eighth-grade

Tracy Bukowski, Kate Emminger, Michele Frangella, Erika Orner, Jill Parsons, Carly St. Lucia, Andrea Schmit and Audrey Ting.

Second honors Fifth-grade

Abigail Corwin, Bridget Daley, Meredith DeFlumer, Andrea Eberhardt, Anne-Marie Fouhy, Vanessa Gamarra, Colleen Heilsberg, Reynald Lescarbeau, Daniel Mauro, Lindsay Neubauer, Peter Olsen, Annemarie Papandrea, Lisa Papandrea, Michael Rana, Erica Roccario, Alicia St. Jacques, Patrick Smith, William Spadola, Michael Sullivan, William Ting, Tracy Werek and Autumn Wood.

Sixth-grade

Mark Black, Jacquelyn Cary, Christa Clay, Peter Fouhy, Lindsey Hallenback, Susannah Kelly, Stefan Kidalowski, Megan Kindlon, Jacqueline Knabe, Honor

Lawler, Justine Moreau, Melissa Orner, Jessica Schubmehl, Stephen Strait, Justin VanDyke-Restifo, Thomas Wilsey and Angela Zullo.

Seventh-grade

Michele Fido, Stephen Hoghe, Stephanie Morse, Michael Nuttall, Stephen Perazzelli, Jeffrey Ricchiuti, Michael Ricchiuti and Maggie Touchette.

Eighth-grade

Jose Colon, Vanessa Mauro, Jada Schaming, Nicole teRiele, Brandy VanAlstyne and Katy Whyte.

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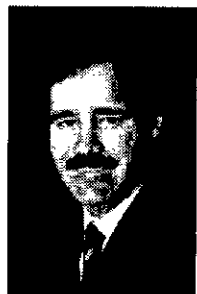
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Festival celebrates adult home opening

Good Samaritan Homes will host an Evening of Festivities on Saturday, March 1, at the new Lutheran Adult Care Facility at 141 Rockefeller Road, Delmar.

The fund-raising event is in celebration of the opening of the new 67-bed adult home. The public is invited to join the board of directors and the capital campaign steering committee as they dine on fine foods prepared by Glen Sanders Mansion and listen to music performed by local artists.

The Evening of Festivities will begin at 8 p.m. as Ruth Rice and her brass ensemble greets guests on the first floor. On the second floor, Martha Gallagher will be playing her celtic harp while Sugar and Spice add to the merriment.

The beat will change as Ralph Mead tickles the ivories with favorites from the '40s and '50s. Throughout the evening, special guests will spin the wheel and give away door prizes donated by local restaurants, resorts and merchants.

The cost for the evening is \$125 per couple or \$75 per individual. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible. To join in the fun and celebration, call Good Samaritan Homes at 439-8116.

In December 1994, Good Samaritan Homes was granted a certificate of need for a \$14 million construction, renovation and expansion project. This project is now well under way, with the new 67-bed adult care facility scheduled to officially open March 1.

The new adult home will be decorated with flowers donated by Edward Seagroatt and arranged by Aleita Johnson of Windflower Florists and Carol Jonas.

Events committee chairwoman Norrine Cooke and her committee have been working for a few months to ensure that a good time is had by all.

Session to explore local literary figures

Jack VanDerhoof, professor emeritus of history at Russell Sage College in Troy, will give a lecture on the region's literary characters at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. "Legendary Figures: Real and Imagined" spans the region's literary history from the 17th century to the present.

For information, call 439-9314.

Five Rivers holding sessions for children

Naturalists at 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 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.

Tax form assistance available for seniors

Bethlehem Senior Services is accepting reservations for the AARP Income Tax Form Assistance Program to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 8 at the town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Copies of 1995 federal and state tax returns should be brought in, along with a W-2 form, 1099 forms and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and school tax receipts.

To make an appointment, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

Antiques auction



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Historical association to hear art lecture

A lecture entitled "Winslow Homer — America's Artist" will be presented on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Association on Clapper Road.

Jean Lauber, docent and art lecturer, will deliver the lecture.

PTSA sponsoring roller-skating activity

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk PTSA will sponsor a roller-skating party on Monday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Guptill's on Route 9 in Latham.

Members of the community are welcome to attend.

Education group slates meeting tonight

RCS Partners in Education will meet today, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the large group room at the middle school.

Faculty will discuss computers in the middle school, and Gloria Jean, middle school guidance counselor, will present a sneak preview of a program she will head up in the spring.

All members of the community are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Geri Roth at 756-8585 or Joe Scalzo at 767-9735.

Discussion series to focus on everyday people

RCS Community Library will present a four-part discussion series on the lives of everyday people. Each session will focus on a different American whose life will be highlighted by reading materials and study guides.

The first session is set for Thursday, Feb. 27, with the reading of *Growing Up Female in America: Ten Lives* by Eve Merriam.

The series is open to the public, but there is a registration limit of 25 participants.

The series is sponsored by the

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library and the Coeymans-Ravena Women's Club. For information, contact the library at 756-2053.

Scouts to meet

RCS Girl Scouts will hold a District 9 meeting for delegates on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar.

V'ville Girl Scouts to hold tea party

In honor of Girl Scout Sunday on March 9, Girl Scout troops of Voorheesville will hold a "Heritage Tea" for the senior citizens of the community.

The event is a celebration of ethnic origins. Each troop will select a nation and prepare a food dish and entertainment that represent the culture of that nation.

The tea will be held at First United Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For information, call 765-3747.

Help is available for business owners

Resources for current and future small business owners, many of which are free, are listed in Cornell Cooperative Extension's "Sources of Assistance."

Tax information, loans, educational opportunities, business counseling, permits and licenses are discussed in the publication.

For information, call 765-3500.

Youngsters invited to celebrate winter

Preschoolers and students in the lower elementary school grades can celebrate winter through a program at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m. The program, blending storytelling, an outdoor walk and refreshments, will also take place on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$1. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, call 475-0291.

Saturday storytimes to continue at library

"Saturday Storybreak," a program for children of working parents who are unable to attend weekday storytimes, takes place at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Sessions are scheduled for Feb. 15 and March 1 and 15.

The program explores a theme through great children's literature, media and hands-on projects.

Parents must accompany their children.

To register, call 439-9314.

Iris society to meet at Bethlehem library

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society will meet Sunday, Feb. 16, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Don and Donna Lowry of Brockport will speak on the familiar bearded iris. Members, guests and all gardeners interested in ornamental gardening are welcome to attend.

For information, call Katherine Mohr at 393-8205.

Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Hardcover textbook and paperback recycling is under way and will continue until Friday, March 10.

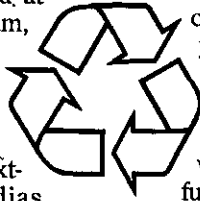
There is a bin located at town hall for this program, next to the recycling bin for paperboard boxes.

As in prior years, the town will recycle old, worn-out and outdated textbooks, encyclopedias, hardcover books, manuals and school review books. Do not include magazines, telephone directories, metallic edged publications or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. Telephone book recycling will begin March 14.

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Feestelijk Bethlehem seeks local performers & artists

The Bethlehem community is accepting applications from performing artists for Feestelijk Bethlehem, a community-wide celebration of local talent.

Reflecting Bethlehem's Dutch heritage by incorporating the Dutch word "feestelijk" (pronounced face-te-lick) or "festive," Feestelijk Bethlehem will showcase local performing artists.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 3. Feestelijk Bethlehem will feature continuous performances from 7 to 11 p.m. in 10 centrally-located indoor venues, including churches, schools and municipal buildings.

All artists are encouraged to apply, including musicians, children's performers and theater groups. Each applicant or group must submit a promotional package including an audio or video tape.

Interested parties should send materials to Feestelijk Bethlehem, attn: Entertainment Committee, P.O. Box 1, Delmar, 12054. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15. Selections will be based on artistic and logistic priorities.

'SONshine' offers kids entertainment

Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar will hold its "February SONshine" program Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 18 to 20, from 1 to 3:15 p.m.

The program offers singing, crafts, games, Bible study and refreshments for children ages 4 through the fifth grade.

The cost of the program is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. To register, call the church office at 439-4328 between 9 a.m. and noon by Thursday, Feb. 13.

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Kiwanis schedules ball club registration nights

New Scotland Kiwanis Little League and girls softball will hold a parents information night on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Registration for the newly restructured program will be held immediately following the meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25 and 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

This year's league will have five player levels: T-ball for 5 and 6-year-old boys and girls; big sticks T-ball for 6 and 7-year-old girls and boys; pee wee for 7 and 8-year-olds; minors for boys and girls age 8 through 10; and majors for girls and boys age 10 through 12. Girls from age 10 through 13 are eligible to play softball.

The season begins on April 28 and ends June 14. All games are played at the high school. The league is open to school district residents and residents of New Scotland. A \$20 fee is payable at registration. The maximum fee is \$40 per family.

All players receive team shirts and hats.

For information about Little League, call Kyle Schlappi at 765-9337. For information about girls softball, call Fred Wiley at 765-2724.

The league also has an im-

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Auxiliary to serve fish fry dinners

Fish fry dinners will be served by New Salem Fire Department auxiliary on Fridays, Feb. 14, 21, 28, and March 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A.

Dinner includes a fish fry, french fries, cole slaw, and a beverage. Dinners are \$6, \$5.50 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

Clam chowder and desserts are available for an additional \$1.25. Take-outs are available. For information, call 765-2231.

Winter concert set at high school

Don't miss the high school winter concert on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

A wide range of classical and popular music will be performed by students in the band, chorale, symphonic band and wind ensemble.

Everyone in the community is invited to this free concert.

Schools to close for winter recess

Schools will be closed for mid-winter recess from Monday, Feb. 17, through Friday, Feb. 21.

Kindergarten registration slated March 6

Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium. Parents of prospective kindergarteners are asked to contact Joann Donohue at 765-2382 so the school can update its records. Every parent should receive information in the mail prior to the meeting.

Children must be 5-years-old on or before Dec. 1 to register. There is also a new regulation requiring children who turn 6 on or before Dec. 1 to attend school from the start of classes in September of that year.

Nursery school to hold drawing to fill classes

Community Nursery School of First United Methodist Church of

Voorheesville will hold a drawing to fill classes on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the church on Maple Avenue.

Applications will be accepted until 7 p.m. that evening.

To participate in the drawing, children must be 4-years-old by Dec. 1.

For information, call Ivy Brockley at 765-2131 or the church office at 765-2895.

Legion to dish up Sunday breakfast

Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon.

All-you-can-eat helpings of eggs, sausage, home fries, french toast and beverages are \$4 for adult and \$2.50 for children age 5 through 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.

Board announces grievance night Feb. 18

The village of Voorheesville board of trustees has scheduled a tax grievance night for Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 5 to 9 p.m. in village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave.

The current assessment roll can be examined at the village office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be considered by the board, all grievances about assessments must be filed on or before Feb. 18 with the village clerk. Grievance forms are available at village hall.

Planning commission to meet Feb. 19

The next meeting of Voorheesville's planning commission is on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Pastor receives council award

Congratulations to George Klock, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, for receiving the Capital Area Council of Churches Joyce Steinkraus Giles Pastoral Service Award.

The award is for outstanding pastoral ministry, active participation in the council, and exemplifying the ideals of racial, gender and interdenominational inclusiveness.

Fellowship collecting food for animal shelters

This month, the Junior United Methodist Youth Fellowship of First United Methodist Church is collecting pet food and supplies to be donated to area animal shelters.

Donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the church social hall on Maple Avenue.

Senior youth fellowship members will make their third annual "midnight run" on Saturday, Feb. 15, to deliver care packets and blankets to the homeless in Albany. Thanks to everyone who donated money and supplies to this worthy cause.

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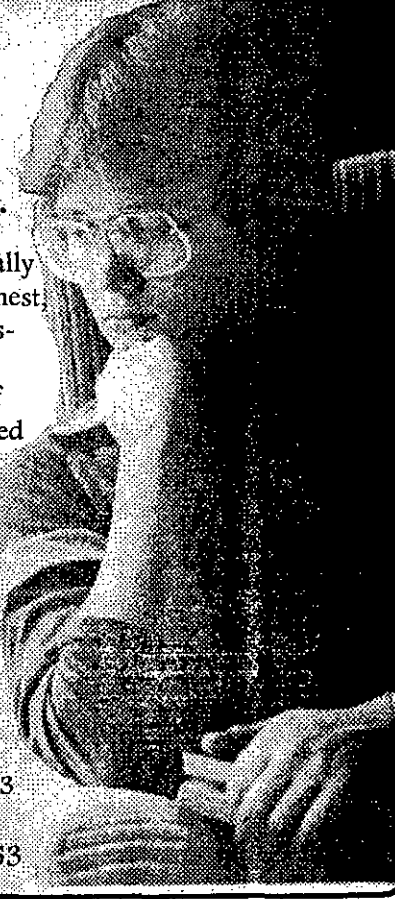
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Sports

BC gymnasts making noise

By Alli Tombros

The Bethlehem gymnastics team continues its upward climb.

In two exciting meets against Shenendehowa and Shaker last week, the girls set new records for themselves, and the team as a whole, despite coming out on the losing end.

In the meet against Shen, the girls set a new season-high point total of 115.65 in what was a close match throughout.

"We were really excited," said captain Sharon Fellows. "They're a tough team, and we all did really well."

This was reflected by the number of ribbons Bethlehem took home at the awards ceremony. On the vault, captain Heather Mann took second, Zara Carkner took third, Fellows placed fourth, Emily Haskins finished fifth and Jill Pappalardi placed sixth.

On bars, Mann again placed second, while Fellows took fourth and Jaime Pivar finished sixth. This was Pivar's first ribbon in the parallel bars competition.

Fellows also placed fourth in beams, and Haskins took fifth. Kelsie Van Buren finished fourth on the beam. In the all-around competition, Mann took second, and Fellows was third.

The team's performance against Shaker was equally impressive. Carkner took third on vault, while Mann place second in the vault, third on bars and fifth on floor.

Fellows placed fifth on beam and took first on the floor with a spirited performance of her routine. In the all-around competition, Mann took first, Fellows second, Haskins fifth, and Rian Kovarik placed sixth.

In a recent match against Niskayuna, Bethlehem again came close, finishing with 107.5 points to Niskayuna's 125.95. Mann captured first place on bars and placed third in the vault.

The girls are getting ready for the approaching sectional tournament. It is certain to be an exhausting competition, both mentally and physically. However, the girls say they are ready for the challenge, with several members hoping to qualify for the state tournament.

Star bowlers

The top scorers recently at Del Lanes included:

Senior Citizen Women: Mary Remert 195 and 514 triple; Peg Stuart 176; Judy Dedes 462 triple.

Adult/Junior Men: Steven Vnuk 264 and 688 triple; Karl Bieber 250 and 658 triple.

Juniors: Jim Stanton 200 and 527 triple; Melody Weaver 157 and 446 triple; Amanda Plog 184 and 467 triple; Sam Pitts 197 and 525 triple; Bridget Auclair 184, 497 triple.

Preps: Matt Antonio 189 and 543 triple; Dana Vroman 139 and 378 triple; Greg Powell 269 and 589 triple; Aubrey Spaulding 186 and 464 triple.



Senior Rian Kovarik is one of several standouts on this year's Bethlehem gymnastics squad.

Rob Tocker

Stott is upbeat about RCS tourney prospects

By Meghan Smith

As the season winds down, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team continues to play well in preparation for the sectional tournament.

Last Tuesday, the Indians defeated Lansingburgh, 71-67. Senior Mike Decker led the way with 23 points and nine rebounds. Corey Blakesley, Mike Patounas, Jevon Sebring, Rob Nieves and John Weinheimer all made contributions to the team's victory.

Friday night was a slightly different story, with the Indians hosting Watervliet in their final home game of the season. RCS took the early lead and maintained it until the third quarter when Watervliet staged a comeback and pulled out a 63-57 win.

Decker was the leading scorer with 20 points, and Weinheimer had 10. Sebring made three, three-pointers, and Blakesley dropped in one.

Despite the tough loss to Watervliet, coach Bruce Stott was optimistic. "Each loss prepares us for sectionals," he said. "We have tough competition ahead, and now we know what we need to do in order to survive."

"The league is so balanced that if you don't play your top game, you are bound to lose," Stott said, "especially if you are on the road. Every team is very similar in their style of play, so each game is a challenge. There is not just one top team in the council because we are all just about equal."

Stott noted that RCS has been hit hard with illness the past few weeks. Several players have not been playing up to their potential because of the sickness going around the school.

"We have lost one or two guys for a day or two with them being absent from school," he said. "Hopefully, they will pull themselves together and get healthy."

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Ladybirds tuning up for the post-season

By Matt McKenna

With three wins this past week, the Voorheesville girls basketball team clinched at least a tie for the Colonial Council title. They can wrap up the honor this week.

Junior Jane Meade added another record to her growing list of accomplishments, becoming the second Ladybird to eclipse the 1,000-point mark for her career.

With victories over Mechanicville, Watervliet and Lansingburgh, the Blackbirds improved to 14-0 in the league and 18-0 overall.

On Tuesday, Voorheesville traveled to Mechanicville to take on the last-place Red Raiders. The Blackbirds did not push hard offensively for most of the night, but they did not need to as their defense held Mechanicville down until the last quarter. Voorheesville jumped out to a 14-4 first quarter lead and increased it to 23-8 at the half. Mechanicville outscored the Ladybirds 11-9 in the final period, but by that time the outcome was decided. The Blackbirds prevailed 42-24.

Meade led the team with 16. Becky Dawson and Regan Burns added 10 and five points, respectively.

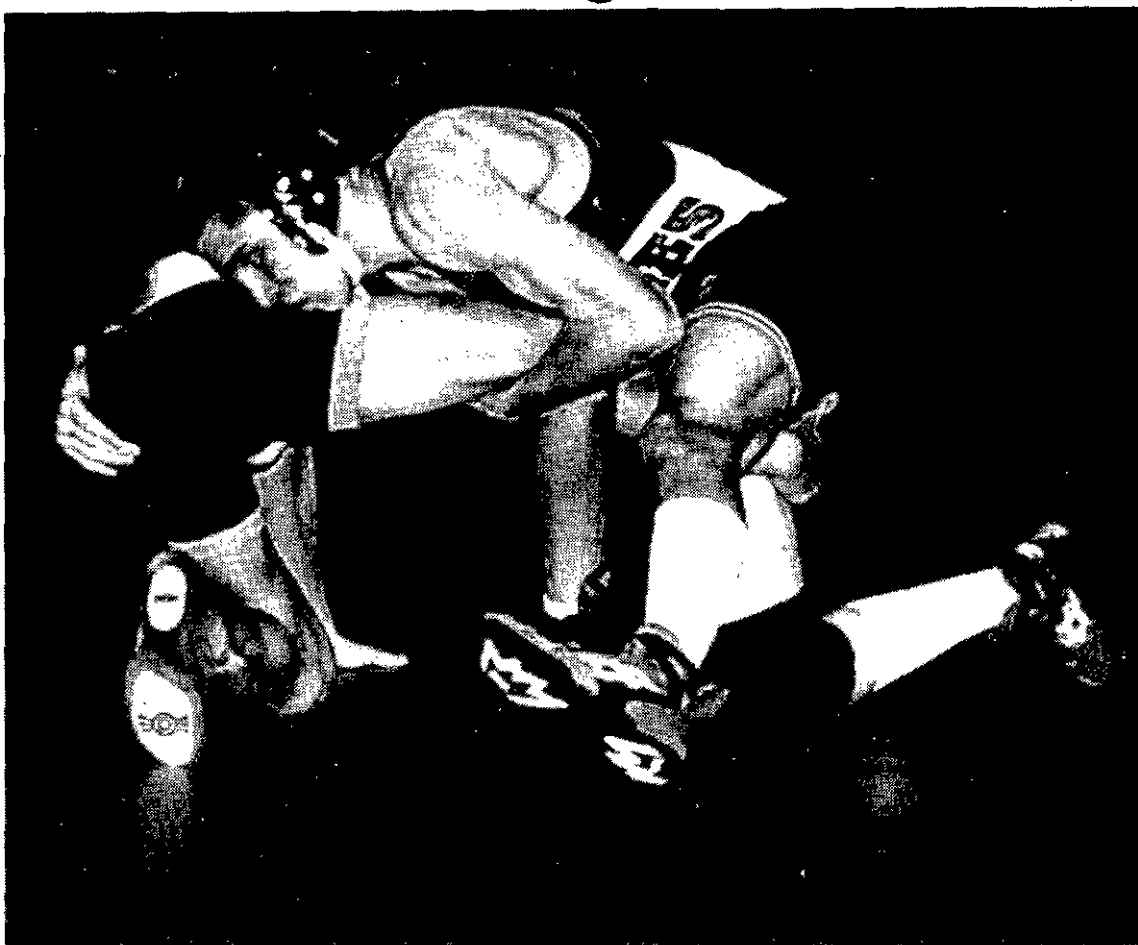
The Blackbirds traveled to Watervliet on Thursday to take on the tough Cannoneers in a game that was previously postponed. Driven by their stifling defense, the Blackbirds jumped out to a 18-4 first-quarter lead and never looked back on their way to a 59-32 win. Meade had 21 points, including 12 in the third period. Burns followed with 14, and Kristin Person added 13.

The team traveled to Lansingburgh on Friday, expecting to clinch the Colonial Council title. It was business as usual, as the 'Birds won easily 54-35.

Person provided the spark for the Blackbirds, pouring in 20 points, including four, three-pointers. Meade, who leads the Colonial Council in scoring scored her 1,000th career point on a bucket at the end of the first-half. She finished with 19. Person hit that mark earlier this season.

"The team is playing very well at this point in the season," said coach Jack Adams. "We have a lot of experience and are playing well as a team. Our defense is our key, though, and that has really been the spark all season long. Hopefully, we can clinch the title this week and set our sights on the post-season."

The man in charge



Bethlehem's Tim Leonard has the upper hand in a recent Suburban Council wrestling match.

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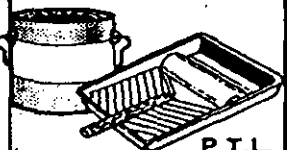
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Dutchmen flatten BC

By Jessica Fein

A flat offensive effort hurt the Eagles against Guilderland in an opening round Suburban Council basketball tournament game.

While the Eagles' defense has been strong over the course of the season, their offense has sputtered at times and the game against Guilderland was a good example.

The Eagles only scored 21 points in the first half as Guilderland jumped out to a 36-21 lead and never looked back on their way to a 72-57 win.

During the first four minutes of the third quarter, it seemed as though the Eagles had regained their shooting touch, closing the lead to only six. But Guilderland made a few quick shots and matched BC basket for basket.

"We got ourselves into good position, but Guilderland got hot and came right back," said BC head coach Chuck Abba.

Geoff Hunter led the Eagles

with 14 points, including two, three pointers. Scott DeFeo and Tim Staniels each chipped in 12.

Earlier in the week, BC suffered a tough loss to Saratoga, 65-59, in a regular season game. Staniels came up big with 20 points, and Hunter added 12.

The Eagles struggled in the first half, but were able to hold Saratoga in check with a powerful defense.

"I think the guys did a terrific job against Saratoga. They're a tough team, and it was as good a game as we've ever played," said Abba.

Bethlehem is still a team capable of turning things around and making a comeback in upcoming tournament action, Abba said.

"We are going to need to work hard to hit our stride offensively in the next few games," he said, "but we're also going to have to maintain our defensive performance."

BC battles Columbia in the next tournament game on Thursday.

Soft touch



Nicole Conway goes up for a shot during Bethlehem's win over Saratoga. The first-place Eagles also beat Mohonasen last week. Liz Waniewski

Bandits snare soccer tourney

The Bethlehem Bandits captured the Under-10 Division A soccer tournament over the weekend.

The tourney marked the grand opening of the new Center City Sportsplex in Schenectady. Because of the large indoor field, it was necessary for the Bandits to control the midfield play. This was adeptly handled by Chris Dudek, Chris Lee and Scott Strogatz. They were assisted by Vanessa Patry, Karen Cioppa, Jeff Dolder, Pat Doyle and Zach Sherman who pitched in with strong midfield and wing play.

Cameron Brown, Elon Backer and Justin Puccio provided the goalscoring. Cioppa also aided the offense from her wing position.

Cecelia Corrigan, Doyle and Dolder anchored the defense, while the goalkeeping was handled by Ryan Virgil and Sherman.

With two ties going into the final day of the tournament, the Bandits needed to beat both East Greenbush and Brunswick. They did just that.

With only two minutes left in the game against Brunswick, Backer sent a crossing pass in front of the goal that was headed in by Puccio to give the Bandits a 2-1 win.

RCS wrestlers mount successful campaign

By Meghan Smith

Despite their loss to Schalmont last week, it has been a fairly successful season for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk varsity wrestling team.

Senior Jesse Brozowski has been the leading wrestler with 19 wins and just three losses in the 152-pound weight class.

"Jesse has been on the team for several years," said coach Gary Vanderzee. "Last year he continued on to sectionals. He's a great kid."

Tony Litner, wrestling in the 189 pound weight class, is 17-4 on the season and is the second highest scorer on the team.

In the match against Schlamont,

Rick Weisheit (103) won by a forfeit, and John Edick (140) won by pinning his opponent.

Brozowski decisioned his opponent, and Jared Wells (189) also won by a decision.

Brian Shear was decisioned by his opponent in the 135-pound weight class.

"This team has made good improvement since the beginning of the season," Vanderzee said. "Our team has dwindled down to 14 kids, losing a few to injuries and other things."

"These kids are dedicated and hard working. Hopefully, we will take a few to sectionals again this year."

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St. Matthew's Church schedules lecture series

A special lecture series titled "Perspectives from our Christian History" or "How Did We Get Here from There?" is scheduled for St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville for Tuesday evenings during Lent.

The lectures will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on each Tuesday, starting Feb. 18 and ending March 18.

The sessions will be of interest to anyone who wonders what Vatican II was all about and the changes we've experienced since then.

What led up to Vatican II? What changed and why? What remained

the same? Come prepare for the new millennium by putting the last two in perspective.

Although you may register at the door, advance registration is requested in order to plan space, refreshments and provide for notification in case of cancellation due to snow or icy weather.

Call 765-2805 and leave your name, phone and address by Feb. 16.

The schedule of lectures is as follows:

- Feb. 18 - What does the Church teach about baptism? Do we still believe in original sin? Limbo? Purgatory?

- Feb. 25 - Confession, Penance, Reconciliation - what is it called now, anyway? Do we still have venial and mortal sins? Does anyone still go to confession? How is it done now and why did it change?

- March 4 - The Celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass, has undergone the most radical changes since Vatican II. Why we do it the way we do today? What changes may be coming down the road?

- March 11 - How has our growing scientific knowledge affected our religious beliefs? How does the Genesis account of the

creation mesh with the Big Bang theory? What is Church doctrine on euthanasia, dying with dignity, and living wills?

- March 18 - What might the church look like in the 21st century? Also, Whatever happened to ...? This one's for you. Questions on topics not covered the first four weeks will be collected during the series and discussed here.

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Discussion series set for RCS Middle School

A discussion series entitled "Lives Worth Knowing," is scheduled for the next several weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. in the library of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School.

You are invited to join a series of four discussions about the lives of everyday Americans. At each session, a different biographical or autobiographical book will be the focus of discussion.

Reading materials, study guides, and discussion leadership are provided by the New York Council for the Humanities. The series is open to all members of the community, but limited to 25

participants.

The series will begin on Thursday, Feb. 27, with the autobiographies collected in "Growing Up Female in America: Ten Lives," edited by Eve Merriam.

They range from amusing social diaries to eye-opening accounts of the Civil War and Reconstruction.

On Thursday, March 20, "All God's Dangers: The Life of Nate Shaw," by Theodore Rosengarten, will be discussed.

It is an oral history collaboration which recalls a sharecropper's life in the Jim Crow South.

"Plain Folk: The Life Stories of Undistinguished Americans," reprints autobiographical interviews collected around 1905 from working-class immigrants of many backgrounds.

It will be the reading for Thursday, April 3.

The series will end on Thursday, April 17, with Barbara Myerhoff's "Number Our Days," an account of a vibrant, contentious community of aging Jewish immigrants in the 1970s.

Refreshments will be available each evening. You will receive the first book and its study guide after you register. Local sponsors of this

discussion series are RCS Community Library and Coeymans-Ravena Women's Club.

For information and registration, call 756-2053.

Bethlehem Preschool holding open house

Bethlehem Preschool will hold an open house on Wednesday, March 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. for families interested in exploring their kindergarten options for September.

The preschool offers full- and half-day kindergarten classes and a kindergarten enrichment program for children who attend half-day public school programs.

The school offers computers, field trips, math and reading readiness, science and drama in a small, nurturing environment.

Bethlehem Preschool is located at 397 Route 9W in Glenmont, near the corner of Feura Bush Road.

A.W. Becker pupils fold peace cranes

A. W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk recently focused its morning program on the theme of "peace."

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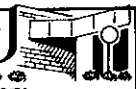
Watercolors adorn hallway

This month, the library's hall galleries will feature the watercolors of Delmar resident Virginia Perez. "Retrospective Show 1943-1996" illustrates Perez' development from impressionist to personal and experimental painting. She names Paul Klee, Arthur Dove and Charles Burchfield as influences on her work.

A graduate of Syracuse Univer-

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sity, she has received honors from her alma mater as well as from the Bethlehem Art Association and the Altamont Fair. Her work has been accepted for several juried shows, including the Mohawk-Hudson Regional.

The glass display cases house a collection of collections — a variety of articles assembled by members of the Hudson Valley Collectors' Club. Collectibles include such memorabilia as hedgehogs, Pez dispensers, Barbie dolls and antique electric engines.

The youth services display case contains a flag collection loaned by Tommy Richards of Selkirk.

February's bulletin board display highlighting alternatives to drug and alcohol abuse is furnished by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. Information on BOU's 11th annual auction is also

posted.

Some of the library's windows have a brighter look this month. New curtains now hang in the adult lounge and the community room, thanks to the Friends of the Library.

Youth services has lined up a variety of activities for school vacation. "Witty, Wacky and Ribbiting," a program of family videos with a froggy theme is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 17.

"Hopscotch Around the World" teaches international variations on a common game on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Youth services puppet theater presents "February Fables" on Wednesday, and the Storycrafters visit Thursday, with a classy mix of stories and ethnic music. All

programs begin at 2 p.m. Call youth services at 439-9314 to register.

Adult programming next week includes "Legendary Figures: Real and Imagined" on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Jack Vanderhoof, professor emeritus of history at Russell Sage College, will introduce a collection of characters who have played a role in New York state history from the 17th century to the present.

The presentation's factual personages include James Fenimore Cooper, Kurt Vonnegut and Richard Selzer. Fanciful personages? Come and find out.

The library is open today, Feb. 12, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Presidents Day, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Louise Grieco

Benefit planned at Elks Lodge

Bethlehem Elks Lodge and Onesquethaw Reformed Church deacons are teaming up to sponsor a buffet dinner and country line dance night at the Elks Lodge to help defray the medical costs of a 19-month-old Feura Bush boy with mid-level brain injury.

Niles Vanderbilt experiences very slow development and is months behind children of his age. His parents have enrolled him in a program of treatment at the Institute for the Achievement of

Human Potential in Philadelphia.

The institute's program costs are not covered by insurance or government subsidies.

The buffet dinner on Saturday, Feb. 15, is aimed at lessening the family's burden. It will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Country line dancing is scheduled for 8 p.m. to midnight.

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The program is scheduled for 2 p.m., but in case of an overflow crowd, the program will be repeated at 3 p.m. Don't miss it.

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the community room, there will be a reception for youth services librarian Joyce Laiosa, who is also the host of TV31's children's program *The Book Shelf*. Laiosa, her husband David and sons, Matthew, Daniel and Michael, live in Slingerlands.

The Princeton SAT Preview is tonight, Feb. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call ahead to sign up.

The writers group meets Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Barbara Vink

Appeals board meets

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the application of Jack and Christine Simeone of 47 Euclid Ave. in Delmar on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the town offices at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-4955.

Pressure screening slated at town hall

Bethlehem residents can take part in a walk-in blood pressure testing clinic at Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Keith Whitten and Lazano's six children. At the time the fire broke out, Lazano was in the living room with three of her children — the others were in school — and Whitten was outside (in the trailer park) working on his van, according to Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan.

Everyone in the trailer escaped unharmed, but the family dog, a Rottweiler, died in the fire.

"As soon as she saw the smoke, she left with the children and went next door to a neighbor's to call 911," Holligan said. "When she left, the door locked behind her, and she couldn't get back inside" to save the dog.

The family is currently staying with friends in the trailer park. There was no insurance on the trailer at 20 Locust Road.

Firefighters were in the cleanup phase, and "Kevin was working on the overhaul" when the tragedy occurred, said Joseph Keller, chairman of the Selkirk board of fire commissioners. "He was ripping the sheet metal off the trailer in order to get at the smoldering inside the walls. He was using what we call a pike pole, and was returning it to the truck. He said he didn't feel good, and suddenly he collapsed."

He was transported by Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he died just before 6 p.m.

Arson units from the Bethlehem police, the Albany County sheriff's department, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Saratoga County fire investigators, Colonie fire investigators, the Albany Fire Department and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigated the blaze.

The cause of the fire was a faulty electrical outlet in a bedroom near the center of the trailer, Holligan said.

"We worked on (the investigation) nonstop and were able to come up with a conclusion we were satisfied with by Friday night," said Bethlehem police Sgt. Paul Roberts. "Whenever you have a firefighter who's injured or dies, you get a lot of help. We wanted to find out the cause before Kevin

was buried (on Sunday)."

"We haven't had a trailer fire out of control in many years," said Jack Bailey, a member of the Selkirk Fire District board of commissioners. "There's not really much to stop a fire in a trailer. The aluminum holds the heat in, and then the vinyl burns very quickly."

Only one other firefighter fatality has occurred in the town of Bethlehem — to the best of anyone's recollection — and that was "10 or 12 years ago," according to Elsmere fire chief Richard Webster.

Elsmere fire policeman Allan Hogencamp was directing traffic at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road when he suffered a fatal heart attack, Webster recalled.

Heart attacks are "not an uncommon cause of death for firefighters, whether they're paid or volunteer," Webster said. "You've got to remember they're going from a relaxed state to a high anxiety situation where there's a lot of stress, and the adrenalin starts pumping."

A trust fund has been set up for Seaburg's wife and two daughters, ages 5 and 13. Contributions can be made at the Key Bank branch in Glenmont Plaza on Route 9W, or at any Key Bank branch in the area.

Johns Hopkins begins academic talent hunt

The Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth at Johns Hopkins University is beginning its 1997 Talent Searches to identify fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders with high verbal and/or mathematical skills.

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Science

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personal with the gray tree frogs of McCormack Road Pond, measuring their call frequency during the mating season to test several hypotheses about the relationship between energy expenditure and sexual selection.

Ciprioni and Rapp visited the pond on five consecutive week-ends in June and July, noted the frogs' call frequency and size, and determined, as often turns out in scientific research, that "Not one of my hypotheses came true," Ciprioni said.

"I can't emphasize how much help Mr. Rapp has been," Ciprioni said. "He was in the pond every night I was in the pond."

A senior, Ciprioni is waiting to hear from colleges, with Harvard, Cornell and Carleton at the top of his list.

"I will major in evolutionary biology and hope to become a college professor," he said. "It's a great career — defining your own questions then finding out the answers. It's really exciting to be the first one to find out something new."

BCHS teacher George Seymour said Ciprioni's Westinghouse award is hopefully the first of many, and credited the district's support of the fledgling course, which is outside the basic curriculum mandated by the state.

Providing high school students with the opportunity to do college-level research is "win/win — good for the students and good for the community," Seymour said.

Youngsters invited to celebrate winter

Preschoolers and students in the lower elementary school grades can celebrate winter through a program at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m.

Budget

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management restraint."

Good news on the expenditure side includes a reduction of about \$550,000 in contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System (due to a rate cut from 6.37 percent to 3.57 percent) and a reduction of about \$160,000 in electricity usage (due to efficiency improvements provided by the district's energy performance contract), said Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business.

Besides the basic year-to-year carry-over, Loomis outlined about \$740,000 in recommended additions to the fundamental operating budget.

The largest portion of that is in instructional staffing, where enrollment growth continues to drive hiring additional teachers, Loomis explained.

Next year, growth is expected at the elementary (40 more pupils) and high school (76 more students) levels, so Loomis recommended hiring 2.4 full-time-equivalent (FTE) elementary teachers and 4.7 FTE high school teachers.

Along with a .5 FTE supervisor of the new Early Learning Center for all district kindergartners and picking up half the cost of school resource officers at the middle and high schools, the total cost of the instructional staff recommendation is \$357,406.

Loomis also recommended increased support staffing, in custodial, transportation and technical aide areas, in the amount of \$157,505.

In the non-staff part of the budget, Loomis recommended \$263,558 in increased spending for the following: leasing music equipment (\$53,060); support staff technology (\$45,000); online service charges (\$36,000); automatic floor scrubbers (\$33,500); technology supplies and repairs (\$30,000); instructional staff de-

velopment (\$15,000); support staff development (\$10,000); telephone lines for technology (\$9,300); pilot projects for at-risk students (\$8,500); art supplies (\$8,000); interscholastic athletics (\$7,198); and improving the Clarksville library collection (\$3,000).

Finally, Loomis noted that creating another in-district special education class should save about \$34,000 next year in the pupil personnel services area.

If the board approves all of Loomis' recommendations, spending next year would rise by about \$2.4 million (or 6.2 percent) to just more than \$41 million.

Whatever the final percentage hike in spending approved by the board, the percentage impact on property tax rates will be less, since such a large portion of the increased spending is related to debt service and the district receives state aid for approximately 57 percent of bond issue-related expenses, but only about 22 percent for general educational expenses.

The board will meet tonight, in its first budget work session, to consider spending in the areas of operations and maintenance, transportation, central administration, fringe benefits, insurance and debt service.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the district office at 90 Adams Place.

Help available for business owners

Resources for current and future small business owners, many of which are free, are listed in the Cornell Cooperative Extension's "Sources of Assistance."

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Dean's List

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

Binghamton University — Rachel Kennedy, Amy Nichols, Jennifer Piorkowski and Naomi Shoss, all of Delmar.

George Washington University — Robert Peyrebrune of Delmar.

Hamilton College — Sarah Cook of Delmar.

Hudson Valley Community College president's list — Madeleine Borden, Daniel Bradt, Jason Brooks, William Close, Nicole Du Bois, Erik Froehlich, Joellen Gadomski, Michael Harris, Karen Hogenson, Shawn James, Richard Miller, Thomas Moran Jr., Sherry Palmieri-Nato, Barbara Riedel, Susan Richardson, Lisa Sammon, Jennifer Szesnat, Kevin Valletunga, Wendy Van Derzee and Kelly Walsh, all of Delmar.

Also, Mayling Nielsen of Clarksville; Donald Dawson Jr., Kelly Gerber, Kristyne Kondrat, Sarah Kowalski, Brian Murphy and Molly Shultes, all of Glenmont; Tina Becker, Tammy Foster, Dolores Fournier, Jillian Gecewicz, Justin Hyslop, Tricia Kanderfer, Norvelle Lasher, Sandra Sweet and Lorri Trotta, all of Selkirk; Richard Baltazar, Mark Barrett, Claude Falzarano, Joseph

Genovesi, Jacquelyn Sessa and Kimberly Walsh, all of Slingerlands; and Marshall Fleming, Heather O'Malley, William Pasquini Jr., Nicole Paquette, Richard Porter and Denise Siver, all of Voorheesville.

HVCC dean's list — Keith Arlington, Jessica Barnes, Katherine Brand, Nicole Clark, Timothy Conway, Robin Crogan, Justin Greenwood, Michele Heiss, Linda McClenning, Virginia O'Brien, Peter Powell, Elecia Ramsey, Susan Rooney, Karra Scisci, Bernard Smith and Scott Velie, all of Delmar.

Also, Carrie Rodd and Kenneth Van Dyke Jr., both of Feura Bush; W. Bush, William Conway, Kimberly Mabie, Jismon Mathai, William Saleh and Shaun Swift, all of Glenmont; Lisa Brown, Frank Cross, Ryan Gill, Vitaly Kolodiychik, Jeffery McDonald, Wenda Raynor, Tracey Roberts and Kevin Shannon, all of Selkirk; Sukrita Bedi, Renee Cascone, Barry Isbister, Amy Margan, Karin Paine and Robert Teal Jr., all of Slingerlands; Jennifer McMullen of South Bethlehem; and Jason Berbrick, Kristen Foley, Daniel Papa, Catherine Reilly, Cheryl Renker and Harry Thornton, all of Voorheesville.

Johns Hopkins University — Kerry Cross of Delmar.

Maria College — Helen Jayet

and Tara Holligan, both of Delmar; Billie Jo Schinnerer and Kelly Seaburg, both of Feura Bush; and Joan Hauser and Danielle Lanni, both of Slingerlands.

St. Lawrence University — Tara Eaton of Delmar.

University at Albany — Kevin Rice of Delmar.

University of Cincinnati — Suzanne Rice of Delmar.

University of Rochester — Jason Gutman and Kerry Johnson, both of Delmar.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

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

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



Kevin Ratta and Jennifer Day

Day, Ratta to marry

Jennifer Carmella Day, daughter of John and Marie Day of Delmar, and Kevin Walter Ratta, son of Henry and Shirley Ratta of Gunderland, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attends Hudson Valley Community College. She is employed

as a preschool teacher by Albany County Head Start in Albany.

The future groom also attends Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed as a lab technician by Colonie Optical Lab in Albany.

The couple plans a July wedding.

Cassidy, Phillips to marry

Stacey J. Cassidy, daughter of Thomas and Lana Cassidy of Poestenkill, and James W. Phillips, son of Edward and Beverly Phillips of Glenmont, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Cazenovia College, is employed

as a design consultant by Builders Square in Clifton Park.

The future groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a sales consultant by Security Supply Corp. in Albany.

The couple plans a June 14 wedding.

Youth Network

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If you are the parent of an elementary, middle or high school child, you can take advantage of two new of parenting classes.

Maryalice Svare, Bethlehem Central guidance counselor, will facilitate the program for elementary school parents, and BC counselor Gwen Guillet will lead classes for teenage and pre-teen parents.

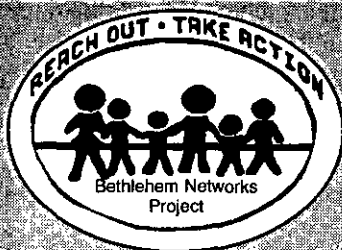
Topics the series will address include positive discipline, setting limits, self-esteem and conflict resolution. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss concerns in a warm and supportive environment.

Classes will run from 7 to 9 p.m. and begin on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Classes will run for six weeks and end on April 8.

There will be no class on March 18.

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David Mistretta and Devra Friedland

Friedland, Mistretta to wed

Devra Sue Friedland, daughter of Dr. Gary and Jane Friedland of Long Valley, N.J., and David Michael Mistretta, son of Anthony and Pamela Mistretta of Voorheesville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of SUNY Geneseo, is studying for

her master's in microbiology at Rutgers University.

The future groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and SUNY Geneseo. He is employed as a project manager by The Pyramid Cos. in Syracuse.

The couple plans an Aug. 16 wedding.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1987, these stories were making headlines in The Spotlight.

- The fundamental operating budget for the Bethlehem Central School District, which projected the cost of carrying over the 1986-87 program into the following year, was \$20,138,842, according to interim Superintendent **Briggs McAndrews**.
- The Bethlehem Republican Committee recommended that **Fred Webster** be appointed to replace **Scott Prothero**, who had resigned, on the town board.
- The Bethlehem zoning board of appeals ruled that the town zoning ordinance did not cover tree houses, so Dr. **Jeffrey Rider** of Northwood Court in Slingerlands did not need a building permit for the tree house he was building for his children.
- **Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk** wrestler **Jerry Baranska**, holder of the school's record for wrestling wins with 99, lost in the finals of the sectional tournament.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Mariah Christine Gill, to Elizabeth and Brian Gill of Selkirk, Jan. 22.

Boy, Luke Christopher McGrath, to Maria and James McGrath of Delmar, Jan. 23.

Girl, Amanda Rose Crowley, to Diane and Peter Crowley of Delmar, Jan. 24.

Girl, Hannah Marie Taranto, to Margaret and Robert Taranto of Slingerlands, Jan. 24.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Reilly Scott Brown, to Carrie and Peter Brown of Voorheesville, Jan. 22.

Delmar native takes Pennsylvania AG post

Delmar native Gerald J. Pappert was recently sworn in as first deputy attorney general for the state of Pennsylvania.

The ceremony took place in Harrisburg, Pa.

In his new position, Pappert will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the 800-employee department.

A graduate of Villanova University and the University of Notre Dame Law School, Pappert has been associated with the Philadelphia law firm of Duane, Morris & Heckscher, where he focused on general litigation practice, since 1988.

Delmar Navy recruit on duty in Persian Gulf

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Todd T. DeVoe, son of Loren W. DeVoe of 229 Elm Ave. in Delmar, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard the ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

DeVoe is one of nearly 3,000 Marines and sailors who departed Camp Pendleton, Calif., in October as part of the three-ship ARG.

So far during the deployment, DeVoe has visited Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

The 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School joined the Navy in March 1992.



Michele and Patrick Fabbio

Mecca, Fabbio marry

Michele Mecca, daughter of Michael and Darlene Mecca of Delmar, and Patrick Fabbio, son of Patrick and Joan Fabbio of Palisades Park, N.J., were married Nov. 23.

The Rev. James Daley performed the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with the reception following at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs.

The maid of honor was Katie Menzie and the matron of honor was Amy Scarlett. Bridesmaids were Lisa Leone, Kristen Parrino and Alexandra Marsden.

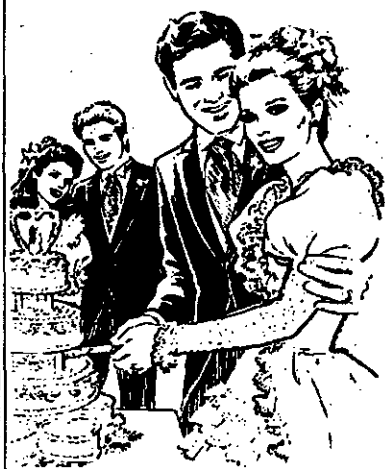
The best men were Joseph Fabbio and John Fabbio, brothers of the groom. Ushers were Michael Mecca, the bride's brother, Peter Ort and Joseph Romana.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Fordham University and New York University. She is employed as an analyst by Salomon Bros. in New York City.

The groom, a graduate of Pace University and New York University, is employed as an accountant by Biomatrix in Ridgefield, N.J.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple lives in Manhattan.

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Community Corner

Tawasentha antiques show on tap

The Tawasentha DAR's 26th annual antiques show and sale is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Academy of the Holy Names, 1075 New Scotland Road, Albany.

A donation of \$3.50 is requested. Dennis Holtzman of Slingerlands will provide appraisals of small items for a modest fee.

For information, call Marian Jewell at 439-4142.

Obituaries

Kevin C. Seaburg

Kevin Charles Seaburg, 38, of Selkirk, a volunteer firefighter, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Albany Medical Center Hospital, after he was stricken at a fire scene.

He was a driver for Callanan Industries and Main Brothers Oil Co.

Mr. Seaburg was a member and first assistant chief of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3, Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, the Albany County Firemen's Association, Teamsters Union Local 294 of Callanan Industries and South Bethlehem Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Marie Futia Seaburg; two daughters, Jessica Seaburg and Sarah Seaburg, both of Selkirk; his parents, Stewart Seaburg Jr. of Coxsackie and Mildred Ginter Biittig of South Bethlehem; his step-parents, Lulu Seaburg of Coxsackie and Joseph Biittig of South Bethlehem; two brothers, Stewart Seaburg of Feura Bush and John Seaburg of Selkirk; a sister, Mary Ellen Felter of Selkirk; three step-brothers, Craig Seaburg and Alexander Mathes, both of Coxsackie, and Jeffrey Mathes of Portville, Cattaraugus County; and four stepsisters, Diana Seaburg, Tami Mathes and Elizabeth Bakerian, all of Coxsackie, and Sheryl Sopris of Fishkill, Dutchess County.

Services were from South Bethlehem Methodist Church.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in New Scotland.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Kevin Seaburg Family Trust Fund, c/o Key Bank, Glenmont Plaza, Glenmont 12077, or at any Key Bank in the Capital District.

Richard Wolbert

Richard "Slug" Wolbert, 75, of Delmar, died Saturday, Feb. 8, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born and educated in Albany, Mr. Wolbert founded Northeastern Dental Lab in Albany. He retired in 1995 because of illness.

He was an Army veteran.

He was a former member of the Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Desnoyers Wolbert; four sons, Robert F. Wolbert of Rotterdam Junction, Richard D. Wolbert of Selkirk, John C. Wolbert of Cohoes, and Michael D. Wolbert of Delmar; a sister, Minnie Cozzy of Albany; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. today, Feb. 12, from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

John B. McCarthy

John B. McCarthy, 88, of Delmar died Saturday, Feb. 8, at Loudonville Adult Home in Colonie.

Born in Schenectady, Otsego County, he was a graduate of Hartwick College.

He was an Air Force veteran.

Mr. McCarthy worked for the federal government for 30 years, retiring in 1969.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post and a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, both in Delmar.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Ricupero of Colonie; and four grandchildren.

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

Spring burial will be in Schenectady Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Northeastern New York Chapter, 1717 Central Ave., Colonie 12205.

Ida Mae Parker

Ida Mae Losee Parker, 74, of Selkirk died Friday, Feb. 7, at her home.

She was a waitress at Smith's Tavern, Clara's Restaurant, Uncle Albert's and the Glen Bar.

She was the widow of Bernard C. Parker.

Survivors include five sons,

Kenneth Parker of Coxsackie, James Parker of Deltona, Fla., Leon Parker of Selkirk, Karl Parker of Delmar and Paul Parker of Watervliet; two daughters, Dorothy Parker of Delmar and Kathryn Stahl of Porter Corners; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to Selkirk Volunteer Ambulance, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

Ross H. Beyer

Ross H. Beyer, 78, of Onesquethaw Creek Road in Feura Bush, died Thursday, Feb. 6, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Mr. Beyer worked for Prudential Insurance for many years, retiring in 1978.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bowkley Beyer; a daughter, Elizabeth Mullens of Greenville; a son, Henry A. Beyer of Delmar; a sister, Edith Toll of Albuquerque, N.M., and five grandchildren.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Capital City Rescue Mission, 50 Hudson Ave., Albany 12207.

Lavantia Clary

Lavantia Bennett Clary, 90, of Scotch Pine Drive in Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Worcester, Otsego County, she was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

She had worked as a real estate agent for Walter Bell Real Estate in Altamont and also for the state Department of Taxation and Finance. She retired in the 1970s.

She was the widow of Edward Patterson and Earl Clary.

Survivors include three daughters, Patricia Aldrich of Pittsboro, N.C., Barbara McCurdy of Danbury, Texas, and Mimi Michele of Voorheesville; two sons, John Patterson of Glendale, Ariz., and Bill Patterson of Amherst, Mass.; and 48 grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

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

Spring burial will be in Schenectady, Otsego County.

Preschool listings on tap at town library

The 1997 edition of *Preschool Possibilities* is available at the youth services desk at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The annual publication prepared by the youth services department lists and describes 30 local schools that cater to the needs of preschoolers. The list is not an endorsement of any particular program, but is prepared in order to aid parents in making informed choices.

Nuttall earns spot on Who's Who list

Maureen Andrea Nuttall, daughter of John Nuttall of Delmar, is named in the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

A senior psychology major at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., Nuttall earned a place on the list for her academic achievement, community service, leadership and potential for continued success.

Pedestrian committee seeks neighbors' input

The Bethlehem Committee for Pedestrian Safety would like to get feedback from the community in order to prioritize pedestrian needs and set goals.

Bethlehem residents can share areas of concern with the committee by writing to: The Bethlehem Committee for Pedestrian Safety, P.O. Box 241, Slingerlands 12159.

Nature walkers on the trail of the fox

Naturalists will lead an outdoor walk in search of the red fox at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m.

The tracks, scents and other signs of the red fox will be explored during the walk. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

New Salem auxiliary planning fish dinners

New Salem Fire Department Auxiliary will host a fish fry on Fridays, Feb. 14, 28, March 14 and 28, from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at 705 New Salem Road in Voorheesville.

Dinner includes fried fish on a roll, french fries, coleslaw and beverage for \$6. Cost for seniors is \$5.50, and children under 12 eat for \$3. Clam chowder and desserts are also available at an additional charge of \$1.25 each.

Take-outs are available.

For information, call 765-2231.

Raffle winner to get a BMW Roadster

The Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is selling raffle tickets to benefit the 1996-1997 annual fund.

The raffle grand prize is a two-year lease of a limited edition 1997 BMW Roadster, the type seen in the most recent James Bond movie, "Golden Eye." The winner may also choose to take a \$10,000 cash option instead.

Only 300 tickets are being sold. The drawing will be held at the chapter's annual Awareness Dinner in the spring. Purchasers of tickets will receive an invitation.

For information, call 438-2217.

Snowshoe walk planned at Five Rivers

A snowshoe walk will take place at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Naturalists will lead the walk. If there is insufficient snow for snowshoeing, the walk will take place on foot.

Participants should dress for the outdoors. Children must be at least in fourth grade in order to fit into Five Rivers' snowshoes.

Reservations are required. For information, call 475-0291.

DiSorbo adds name to Who's Who list

Anna M. DiSorbo of Delmar was chosen recently for inclusion in the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

A third-year student majoring in psychology, DiSorbo was among 31 students selected from Russell Sage College in Troy. The book lists outstanding campus leaders from across the nation.

Cross in Hong Kong for college survey

Kerry M. Cross, daughter of Keith and Paulette Cross of 46 Longmeadow Drive in Delmar, is currently in Hong Kong surveying university student attitudes prior to the takeover by the mainland Chinese government. The study is funded by a grant from Johns Hopkins University.

Cross is a senior at Johns Hopkins University majoring in international relations and East Asian studies.

Death Notices

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

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

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Kids discover cures for winter break blues

By Alvaro E. Alarcon

School ends, vacation begins, and the kids are ecstatic. But before long, winter vacation doldrums set in. But there is a cure. The region's libraries and museums have much in store for families who want to avoid a long week of kids glued to the TV and parents trapped by migraines.

The Albany Institute of History & Art Museum Explorers program not only promises to provide a day of entertainment, but to engage the intellects of children ages 4 through 10. The Institute has numerous galleries detailing the region's historical and cultural fabric of the past 300 years.

Museum Explorers take youngsters on a self-guided tour. A free Museum Explores kit, complete with a map of the museum, activity sheets for each gallery, and a pencil, allows the child to explore the museum at his own pace. The kit includes looking games, drawing, poetry, puzzles and questions.

The Institute is located at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. The Institute is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Regular adult admission is \$3. Children under 12 are free. To contact the museum, call 463-4478.

Only a few blocks away on Madison Avenue, the State Museum is offering a number of family programs. The following are on the agenda:

- "Are You Sleeping?" on Tuesday, Feb. 18, is a display of non-hibernating animals taken from the Flag Acres Zoo, including a baby tiger, a prairie dog, and a hopefully shy skunk.

- Over 69 engagingly real puppets are featured in "Ivy Vine Players" on Wednesday, Feb. 19. An audience of kids and adults will learn about nature and ecology in this interactive presentation.

- "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," on Thursday, Feb. 20, has owls, hawks, and other live predators greeting kids and adults. Melodee James, director of the Outdoor World for Learning, and wildlife artist Wayne Trimm lead the program.

- In "Friendly Birds of Prey," Cody, a golden eagle with seven foot wingspan, along with owls, falcons and hawks, will educate visitors on what birds of prey are all about. This program takes place on Friday, Feb. 21.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week. Admission is free, but a donation is recommended. For information, call 474-5842.

Families seeking to enrich their knowledge of America's cultural history during Presidents Week can take a trip to the Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, which is celebrating Black History Month



Renee Alexander draws at a recent activity for kids at the Albany Institute of History & Art. Alvaro E. Alarcon

by presenting a variety of programs joint-sponsored by the museum and Hamilton Hill Arts Center.

- Hamilton Hill Art's Center Umoja, directed by Sue Wilson Deane, will present this unique African dance form on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Performed by a troupe of students dressed in costume, the dance is filled with athletic movements. There is no admission fee.

- Families can prepare African ethnic delights on Monday, Feb. 17, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

- The different styles of African drumming can be explored by families in Dave Henderson's program

taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

- Physicist Marshall Jones will lead an interactive presentation on lasers and laser technology on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

- Family members can make their own African masks in a two-hour workshop on Friday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m. Pre-schoolers can not participate. Pre-registration is required.

Families that have a membership with the museum pay \$15. Non-member families pay \$18. Individuals nine years and up pay \$10. Regular admission to the museum is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12.

The museum is located on Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady. Its open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and open from noon to 5 p.m. on the weekends.

The museum can be reached at 382-7890.

The Bethlehem, Colonie, and Voorheesville libraries also have much in store for the vacation.

The Bethlehem Public Library, located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, has three programs during the week.

- "Witty, Wacky, and Rribit-ing!" a program of family videos, takes place on Monday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. Several videos featuring frogs and toads are shown, including Arnold Lobel's classic *Frogs and Toads Are Friends*.

- Hopscotch games from the past and the four corners of the globe are played in "Hopscotch Around the World" on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

- Some of Aesop's fables are shown in "Puppetry Delights" on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.

The library can be reached at 439-9314. Reservations are recommended for all programs.

Voorheesville Public Library at 51 School Road will have "animal dude" Dean Davis present "Animal Defenses" on Monday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. Using snakes, spiders, frogs and toads and birds of prey, Davis will take a look at nature's wild side. The library can be reached at 765-2791.

William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library at 629 Albany-Shaker Road has several activities planned.

- A puppet show of the classic fairy tale *Little Red Riding Hood* will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m.

- Two films, *Angus Lost* and *Harry, The Dirty Dog*, are shown on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m.

- Dan Shultz will entertain on his piano on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m.

The library can be reached at 458-9274.

SPOTLIGHT ON Family Entertainment

CALENDAR • ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre Institute offers intriguing Witness for the Prosecution

Agatha Christie moved from her suspense thrillers to courtroom drama in *Witness for the Prosecution* and produced a sold piece of theater that is not without her patented surprise ending.

The play, first produced in the early 1950s and later made into a fine movie, also features some strong characters, all of whom are well delineated in the production playing through Saturday night, Feb. 15, at the NYS Theatre Institute at Russell Sage in Troy.

While *Witness* is rarely done because of its large cast, the Theatre Institute has been able to draw upon a group of mature supporting players to dress the large courtroom where most of the action takes place.

Not only does the set design of Richard Finkelstein and the lighting of Harry Feiner provide an exquisite setting that uses a turn table to good effect, but the costuming by Lynda L. Salsbury captures a period of 40 or more years ago quite vividly.

Coupled with the human dressing of the stage — jurors, secondary attorneys, and police — the total effect is engrossing.

As for the play, staged by Ralph Allen, the action varies between dry exposition to emotional outbursts so that the director is able to knit the action to a fulfilling climax.

Christie's plot concerns a young man's plight when he's accused of murdering an older woman he has befriended. Married to a German woman whom he helped get a passport to Britain, the unemployed man has an easy streetwise charm which David Bunce gains with his understated performance. Bunce does not convey an aggressive charmer; rather, he remains open to the fact that women find him attractive.

The force of the plot is given fuel by Sondra Weimar as the German woman, the "witness for the prosecution." The actress offers an intensity in her first appearance that stamps the character with a personality that intrigues throughout the play.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

John Romeo adds to his collection of fine characters at the Institute with his portrayal of the defense attorney whose courtroom manner blends dignity with incisive thrusts at the witnesses. His lack of restraint because he's denied cigars and brandy due to high blood pressure, lends a human dimension to the disciplined attorney.

What fails is John McGuire's overdrawn prosecuting attorney. There's almost a lizard-like appearance as he sharply enunciates his accusations and postures. There is more evil in his appearance than in the crime he's prosecuting.

Among the witnesses, Larry Gray provides the dry, no-nonsense police inspector while Mort Hess adds a controlled man as the forensic technician.

Carole Edie Smith lets out all stops as the angry housekeeper of the dead woman as Eileen Schuyler provides fun as the distracted secretary for the defense attorney.

Michael Steese's presiding judge keeps a firm hand on the character and the trial.

Witness for the Prosecution has performances through Saturday. Information and reservations available at 274-3256.

Capital Repertory Company gets financial boost thanks to mayor

A deal that cuts taxes for the owner of the building housing the Capital Repertory Company on North Pearl Street will relieve the theater management of debt amounting to almost a half million dollars as overdue rent.

The rent which was \$9,500 a month to be paid to Capital Parking the owner of the former supermarket with a parking garage overhead.

Now, the theater will pay \$10,000 a year instead of the more than \$100,000 that it now doesn't pay. What this arrangement means to the theater is it can straighten out its financial situation to the point where it will become eligible for grants and other funding.

As for the Capital Parking firm, it's assessment is lowered so it will pay less taxes. The entity which takes the hit is the city which was having trouble collecting taxes anyway because of the situation.

It may also open up a possibility for the Capital Parking owners to get advantageous dealings with the city and the Industrial Development Agency for other properties.

In any event, the Capital Repertory company is relieved of that rental debt but it still owes an almost equal amount to other creditors. Most of these deficits were accumulated under the tenure of the previous administration of Bruce Bouchard, a co-founder of the theater.

Present managing artistic director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill has kept the theater budget tight and has managed to win the confidence of Albany mayor Gerald Jennings who worked out this deal.



Martin P. Kelly

AROUND THEATERS!

A Bedfull of Foreigners, British farce at Routabab's dinner theater in Troy through Feb. 22 (271-7016) ... *Singin' In The Rain*, musical at Proctor's Saturday, Feb. 15 (346-6204) ... *Stuff As Dreams Are Made Of*, one-man Shakespeare, at The Egg through Sunday, Feb. 16 (473-1845)

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

VISUAL ARTS

MAC FACULTY SHOW

regional artists and instructors in the Albany Institute's Museum Art Class to present work, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through March 2. Information, 463-4478.

"THE CAPITAL COMES TO ALBANY"

paintings, photographs, and documents detailing Albany's two-hundred year history of being the state's capital, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., until June 1. Information, 463-4478.

"ART IS AGELESS"

exhibit featuring 62 works by residents, staff and volunteers at not-for-profit nursing homes, adult care facilities, housing facilities and community service programs throughout New York, Albany Room, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, 449-2707.

"BLACK AND HISPANICS IN DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY"

minority men and women who served in this nation's wars to be honored, The Memorial Gallery, Justice Building, State Street, Albany, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, until March 3. Information, 474-6784.

"THE PASSION: A MYSTERY WITHIN A MYSTERY"

work by Bruce Herman features Lenten themes, Visions Gallery, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through March 28. Information, 766-5459.

"HOPE AND HEARTACHE"

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

PAINTINGS OF MARIE-LOUISE MCHUGH

Leslie Urbach Gallery, 23 Monroe St., Albany, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

"MARBLE DUST AND MAGIC LAKES"

exhibit of 19th century charcoal and pastel drawings on marble-dusted board, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., through March 2. Information, 463-4478.

MUSIC

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLE

styles to range from 1940s swing to modern fusion, The College of Saint Rose Music Building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 28. Cost, \$6 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens, free with student ID. Information, 454-5102.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Stravinsky's *Firebird*, Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, Johannes Brahms' *Tragic Overture*, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 p.m., March 22. Cost, \$6 and \$9. Information, 382-7581.

UNIVERSAL HONEY

Bluz House Rockers to open show for Universal Honey, 18 years old and older only, Park West, North Country Commons, Route 146 and 146A, Clifton Park, 9:30 p.m., Feb. 15. Information, 797-3939.

REGGIE'S RED HOT FEETWARMERS "MARDI GRAS TOUR"

jazz brunch, The Inn at Saratoga, 231 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 16. Information, 782-0577.

THE MOLLYS

raucous mix of Irish, American and Mexican folk music, Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany, 10:30 p.m., Feb. 21. Information, 782-0577.

THE MUSIC OF JOHN HARBISON

Albany Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David Allan Miller and John Harbison, to perform Harbison's work and the music that influenced him, from Bach to Schumann, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 3 p.m., Feb. 16. Information, 465-4755.

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL

fusion of country, swing, jazz, boogie, honky-tonk, Cajun, blues and rock, Park West, North Country Commons, Route 146 and 146A, Clifton Park, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 23. Information, 797-3939.

"BATTLE OF THE BIG BANDS-ROUND 2"

dancing to the tunes of the classic bandleaders, including Glenn Miller, Jimmy Dorsey, and Kay Kyser, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 7 p.m., Feb. 16. Cost, \$25.50 to \$20.50. Information, 382-5392.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

CONTRA DANCE

The Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, 8 p.m., Jan. 25. Cost, \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Information, 765-2815.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOODS

workshop on preparing ethnic foods, pre-registration required, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 17. Cost, \$15 museum member families, \$18 non-member families, \$10 individuals 9 years old and up. Information, 382-7890.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

TALENT AMERICA

actors, dancers, musicians, and singers of all ages are invited to compete, call ahead to receive entry form, Temple Israel, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, Feb. 23. Information, 370-0267.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

"THE CONTEMPORARY FIGURE"

all media are eligible, juried by 35mm slides, deadline April 1, for a prospectus, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Broadway Gallery Membership Group, Inc., P.O. Box 7218, Capital Station, Albany, NY 12224. Information, 439-2955.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

singers needed, rehearsals at Columbia High School, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

"INTERIORS"

juried exhibition for local artists and their interpretation of the theme "interiors," all work must be properly framed and wall hung, any medium, Canterbury Gallery, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, up to three entries accepted from 4 to 7 p.m., Feb. 13, reception 3 to 5 p.m., Feb. 16, exhibit runs through March 29. Information, 439-2955.

"AWARD OF POETIC EXCELLENCE"

send one poem, 20 lines or less, on any subject. In any style, deadline March 31, send entry to: Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc., Dept. CT, 609 Main Street, P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175.

"HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS"

sentimental photographs should be submitted on slides by Feb. 14, submit 9 by 12" envelope so slides can be returned, Center for Photography at Woodstock, 59 Tinker Street, Woodstock, NY 12498. Information, 914-679-9957.

FILMS

"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN"

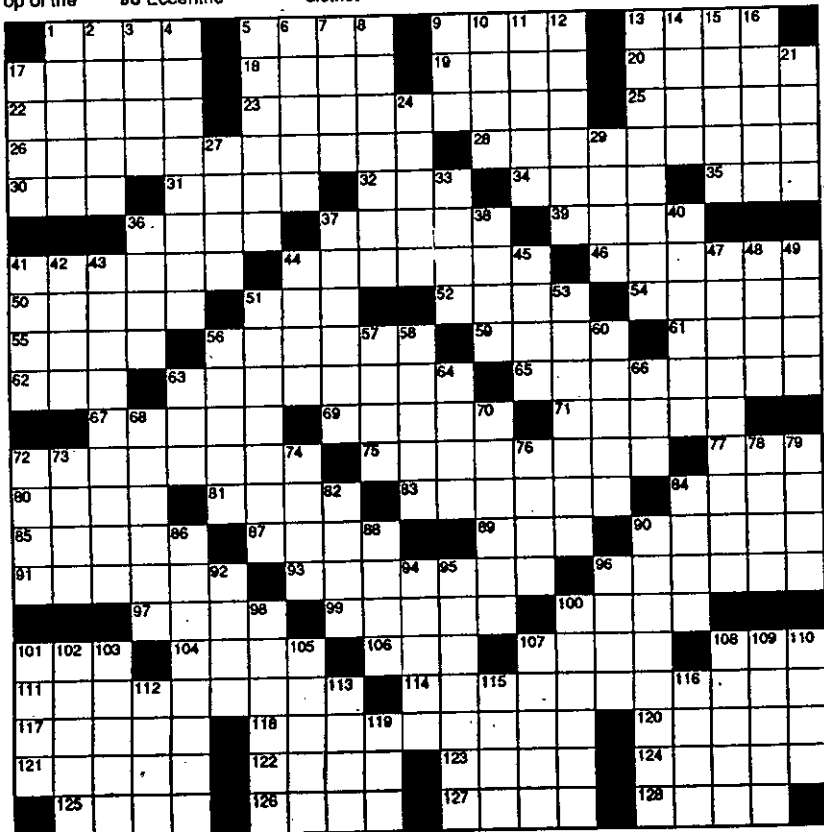
1952 Oscar-winning film set in Hollywood during the Roaring Twenties, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 2 and 8 p.m., Feb. 15. Cost, \$28.50 to \$24.50, \$15.50 for children under 12. Information, 382-5392.

EARLY BLACK CINEMA

"The Scar of Shame" and "Within Our Gates" black and white silent films detail problems of the past and parallel those of today, Page Hall, SUNY downtown campus, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 21.

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | cake | ones | 4 Rank or reputation | 40 Malay garment | fluent |
| 1 Ending for head or head | 51 Nickname for comedian Bill | 97 Numbered hwy. | 5 Window frames | 41 Queen of Carthage | 84 "Let's Make a" |
| 5 Word repeated in a Doris Day song title | 52 "Trinity" author | 99 Cotton packer | 6 White-tailed birds | 42 Habitat plant form | 86 Asks earnestly |
| 9 Canadian prov. | 54 More thirsty | 100 British prison | 7 Electric catfish | 43 Nitwit | 88 Bedouin |
| 13 Beaver structures | 55 Pub missile | 101 Tax preparer, abbr. | 8 Moslem sacred book | 44 Gaze intently | 90 Pedestrian |
| 17 Spartan serif | 56 Father of Charlie and Emilio | 104 Quantity of paper | 9 Raided the ice box | 45 Lacking energy | 92 Leak out slowly |
| 18 Inland sea of Asia | 59 Jane Austen heroine | 106 Top of an apron | 10 Short, narrative poems | 47 Place for savings? | 94 Guest at a strange t-a party |
| 19 Old salts | 61 Fairy tale monster | 107 Barren woman | 11 Log entries for Captain Kirk | 48 Architect Saarinen | 95 Formal discussions |
| 20 Actress Massey | 62 — man out | 108 Fr. holy | 12 Take for granted | 49 Controversial Scott | 96 Clear and sunny |
| 22 Nebraska's largest city | 63 Ransomed | 111 Rough, bolsterous fun | 13 Traded by bargaining | 51 Member of a Girl Scout division | 98 Highly seasoned game dishes |
| 23 Two, at dice | 65 Baal, for one | 114 Envious position | 14 Below, to a sailor | 53 More chic | 100 Complained |
| 25 Put in symbolic writing | 67 June star? | 117 It means "love" | 15 Current fashions | 56 Early Persians | 101 Country south of Libya |
| 26 Make a show of elegance | 69 Word before City or transit | 118 Long-running Agatha Christie play | 16 Exhibit contempt | 57 Mosque prayer leader | 102 Propels the gondola |
| 28 Noxious plant | 71 Long-limbed and slender | 120 Mural or muscular lead-in | 17 Crosby's "Road" partner | 58 Neighbor of Tibet | 103 Bakery byproduct |
| 30 Before | 72 Low walls or railings | 121 Resign an office | 21 Egyptian skink | 60 Size of type | 105 Native of New Zealand |
| 31 Income source for clubs | 75 She was naughty, musically | 122 Babylonian war god | 24 Country bordering the Red Sea | 63 Catskills sleeper | 107 Degrade |
| 32 Deli loaf | 77 Hoskins or Dylan | 123 Comfort | 27 Long, pointed tooth | 64 Urgent | 108 U.S. naturalist Ernest Thompson |
| 34 Captain Hook's alde | 80 King of comics | 124 Broadway signs | 29 Close at hand | 66 Literary collection | 109 Mountain lakes |
| 35 Mme., in Madrid | 81 Party line? | 125 Weakens gradually | 33 Jacob's twin | 68 Deep malice | 110 Anagram for seat |
| 36 Goose or snake sound | 83 Fictional Simon | 126 Location | 36 "The — for Red October" | 70 Rover, at times | 112 The Bounty, for one |
| 37 Slip of the tongue | 84 Borge or Hamlet | 127 Hastened | 37 Noted English surgeon | 72 Historian's time frame | 113 Mongolian tent |
| 39 Dumbo's "wings" | 85 Bad shot from the tee | 128 Ancient Roman clan | 38 Ireland | 73 Auk genus | 115 Speed or sand followe |
| 41 Expose false claims | 87 Logan or Fitzgerald | DOWN | | 74 Box or bush lead-in | 116 Small dagge |
| 44 Kind of duck | 89 Pike-like fish | 1 Monkey's cousin | | 76 Special times | 119 Engineering org. |
| 46 Harvested | 90 British pennies | 2 Gladden | | 78 Story starter | |
| 50 Top of the | 91 Partners of mortises | 3 London district | | 79 Quilting groups | |
| | 93 Harangues | | | 82 Overly smooth and | |
| | 96 Eccentric | | | | |



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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.

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

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

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 13
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHES
 Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

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

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.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 14
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 LUNCHES
 Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 15
ALBANY COUNTY
GIFT OF LIFE VALENTINE DINNER DANCE
 Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Van Rensselaer and Northern Bldgs., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 465-5579.

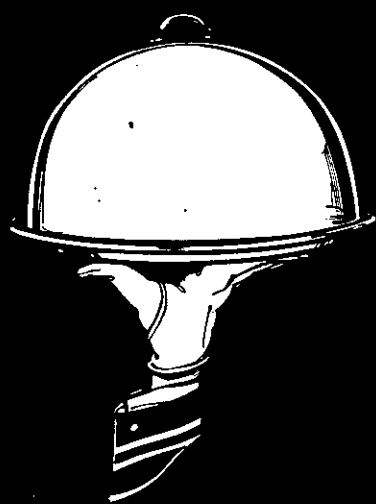
SELF-HELP GROUP
 "The Compassionate Friend," for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chesnut Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 872-2222.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 16
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.

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 17
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHES
 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
FEBRUARY 18
ALBANY COUNTY
SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
 for all persons and their family with Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0252.

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


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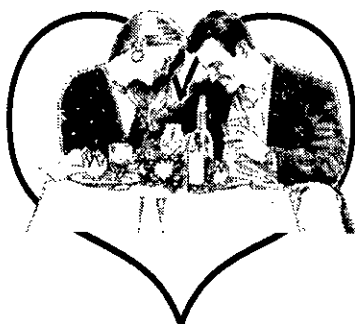
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY 12**
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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5708.

CHP INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

understanding Medicare coverage, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 462-0318.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

WELCOMEWAGON

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.

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.

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
SAT PREVIEW

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 13**
BETHLEHEM
"HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS"

stories, songs, games, poems, Valentine craft, pre-register for one program only, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m., Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m., Feb. 14. Information, 439-9314.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185

404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 14**
BETHLEHEM
CAPITAL DISTRICT CIVIL WAR

meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. Delmar, 7 p.m.

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
FEBRUARY 15**
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
LIFESTORIES MEMORY WRITING

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

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 16**
BETHLEHEM
CAPITAL-HUDSON IRIS SOCIETY

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Information, 393-8205.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Five Rivers, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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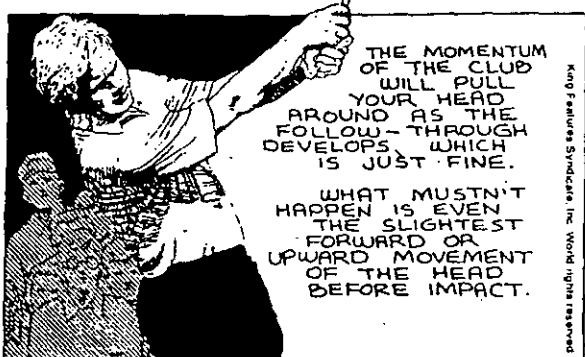
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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MORRIS ROAD PROPERTIES, LLC.

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "Ward Hill Properties, LLC."

SECOND: The county within the State in which the office of the limited company is located is Albany County.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is June 1, 2050.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it 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 limited liability company served upon him or her is: Ward Hill Properties, LLC, 116 Old Stage Road, East Berne, NY 12059.

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 5th day of December, 1996, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Gary Burton,
Organizer

(February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 90 SO. SWAN ST., LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of 90 SO. SWAN ST., LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 30, 1996.

The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership of the property known as and located at 90 South Swan Street, County of Albany, State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is c/o Cohen and White, Esqs., Andrew Mohr, Suite 504, 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20007. (February 12, 1997)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MRP ASSOCIATES L.L.C. Notice of formation of a domestic limited liability company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 15 purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203 (February 12, 1997).

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is LYNCH ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 18, 1996. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 16 Forrest Hill Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OR ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

LEGAL NOTICE

COMPANY UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company is: Pace Development, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization of the limited liability company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 8, 1996.

3. The limited liability company maintains its office in Albany county.

4. 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 this state to which the Department of State shall mail copy of any process served against it is: 1025 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.

5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OR ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company is: MDB Enterprises, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization of the limited liability company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 8, 1996.

3. The limited liability company maintains its office in Albany county. 4. 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 this state to which the Department of State shall mail copy of any process served against it is: P.O. Box 1428, Albany, NY 12201-1428.

5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PARK ROW ASSOCIATES GENERAL PARTNER, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of Park Row Associates General Partner, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 18, 1996.

The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership, leasing, purchasing, selling and financing of Park Row Apartments and New Scotland Gardens and any activities necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 782 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

CHILD AND FAMILY PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC. UNDER SECTION 1203 OF THE NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY LAW

The name of the professional service limited liability company is CHILD AND FAMILY PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 12, 1996. The county within the State in which the principal office of the professional service limited liability company is to be located is: Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The latest date on which the PLLC is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. The professional service limited liability company is formed for the practice of the pro-

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fessions of psychology and to provide psychological care, therapy and counseling. The post office address within or without the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the professional service limited liability company served upon him or her is 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12208 Dated: January 22, 1997 COHEN AND WELLMAN, LLP 7 Thurlow Terrace Albany, NY 12203-1005 (518) 436-5409 (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF COHEN AND WELLMAN, LLP PURSUANT TO SECTION 121-1500(A) OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Cohen & Wellman, LLP.

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the Partnership is 7 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203-1005.

THIRD: The profession to be practiced by the Partnership is: law. The Partnership is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to Section 121-1500(a) of the New York Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process against the Partnership served upon it is: 7 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203-1005

FIFTH: The effective date of the certificate of registration is the date of filing.

SIXTH: The Partnership is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

Dated: January 3, 1997
 ZACHARY WELLMAN, Partner
 (February 12, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MALTA PROPERTIES, LLC. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "MALTA PROPERTIES, LLC."

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

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is June 1, 2050.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it 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 limited liability company served upon him or her is: Malta Properties, LLC, 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to the 14th day of January, 1997, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Frank A. Tate, Jr., Member
 (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 1716 CENTRAL ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 22, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1716 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF XATA, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited

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liability company is XATA, LLC. **SECOND:** The date of filing with the Secretary of State was 12/23/96.

THIRD: The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company is: 34 Willo Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

In witness whereof, this certification has been subscribed to this 23rd day of Dec., 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true and under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Askold R. Wynnkiw, organizer and member
 (Jan. 27, 1997)
 (February 12, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF WILLOW CORNERS, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Willow Corners, LLC.

SECOND: The date of filing with the Secretary of State was 12/23/96.

THIRD: The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company is: 34

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Willo Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. **FIFTH:** The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

In witness whereof, this certification has been subscribed to this 23rd day of Dec., 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true and under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Askold R. Wynnkiw, organizer and member
 (Jan. 27, 1997)
 (February 12, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

MARION COMPANY LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

The undersigned, desiring to form a limited liability company under the laws of the State of New York, affirms under penalties of perjury:

1. The name of the limited liability company is Marion Company LLC (the "Company").

2. The county within this state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

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

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her is: c/o Philip A. Sabatino, 230 Woodlawn Avenue, Albany, New York 12208.

5. The Company is to be managed by one or more managers.

6. The Company may engage in any lawful business.

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Dated: January 15, 1997
 (s) Philip A. Sabatino
 Organizer

Date of filing
 Articles of Organization
 with Secretary of State: 1/22/97
 (February 12, 1997)

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, February 19, 1997, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Thomas R. Gibbons, 34 Southwood Drive, 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 screened porch addition at premises 34 Southwood Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159.

Michael C. Hodom, Chairman
 Board of Appeals
 (February 12, 1997)

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Michael C. Hodom, Chairman
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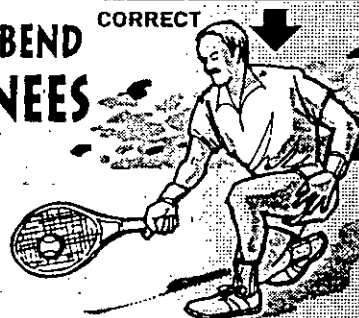
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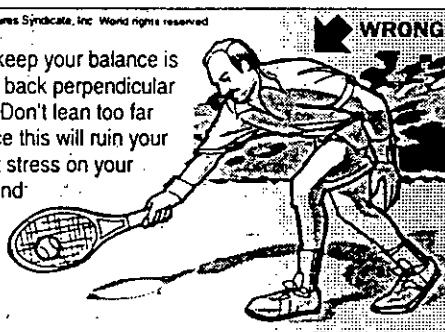
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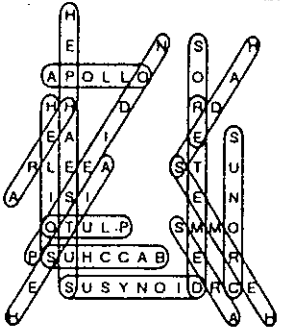
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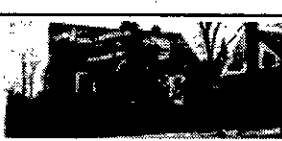
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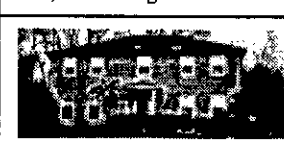
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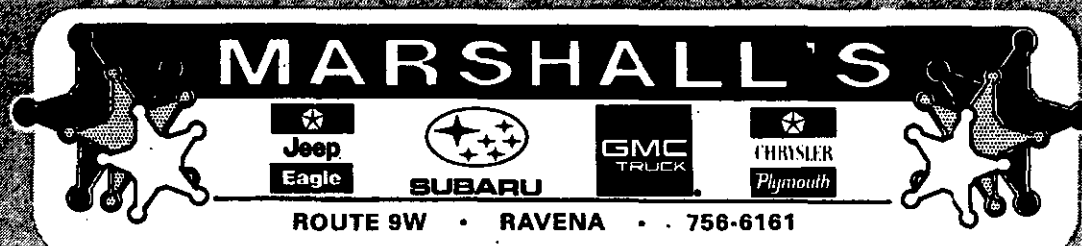
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7S98A 1991 ACURA INTEGRA 3DR., ONE OWNER, CLEAN
7S66A 1993 SUBARU IMP. 4DR. AWD, AUTO, ONE OWNER
6CH38A 1995 PLY. NEON - AUTO, STEREO, A/C, CLEAN
7S54A 1995 GMC SONOMA, 1/2 TON, ONE OWNER
5PC65A 1992 PLY. VOYAGER - 7-PASS., A/C, FULL POWER
7B4A 1993 FORD AEROSTAR - AUTO, AC, CLEAN
6GC8A 1993 DODGE INTREPID 4DR. - FULLY EQUIPPED
6CH49A 1992 BMW 318i 4DR, SUN ROOF, EXTRA SHARP
5PC40 1995 PLY. ACCLAIM 4DR. - A/C, P.W. LKS., SHARP
5PC44 1995 PLY. ACCLAIM 4DR. - FULLY EQUIPPED, CLEAN
5PC45 1995 PLY. ACCLAIM 4DR. - LOADED WITH EXTRAS
6V58A 1995 SUBARU IMPREZA CPE. - AWD, ABS, 5SPD. A/C
6CR21A 1993 CHEVY ASTRO VAN - A/C, AUTO, P.S., P.B.
6PC20M 1994 PLY. VOYAGER SE - FULLY EQUIPPED
7S88A 1994 SUBARU LEG. SW, 5-SPD., AWD, FULLY EQUIPPED
7S51A 1993 HONDA ACCORD 4DR. - AUTO, LOADED
5PC47 1995 PLY. ACCLAIM 4DR. - LOW MILEAGE, NICE CAR
6GC46B 1994 DODGE INTREPID ES 4DR. - 3.5 ENG., LOADED
7T81A 1993 FORD RANGER 4X4 - AUTO, ALL THE TOYS
6PC48MA 1995 SUBARU IMP. SPT. WAG - AUTO, ABS, AWD, A/C
7S79A 1995 SUBARU LEG. WAG., 5SPD., LOADED, AWD
6SC11A 1994 FORD F150 4X4 - EXT. CAB, VERY CLEAN
6PC53M 1996 SUBARU LEG. 4DR., ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, LOADED
6PC39M 1996 SUBARU LEG. WAG. - A/C, FULL POWER, AWD
7S23B 1996 CHRYS. CONCORDE 4DR. - LOADED, ONE OWNER
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