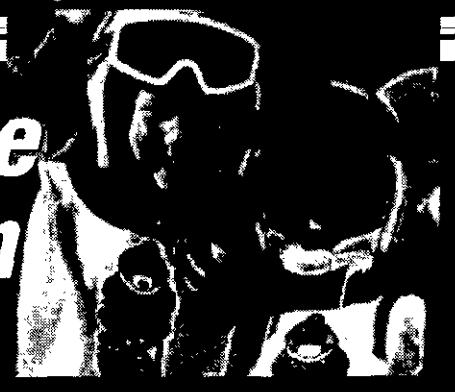


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Price Chopper prepares for June opening

By Mel Hyman

It's not set in stone, but the latest projection is that the new Price Chopper shopping plaza on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands will open in mid-to-late June.

While work proceeds throughout the winter on the 63,000-square-foot Price Chopper, supermarket officials have been busy lining up tenants for the attached strip mall and for inside the market as well.

Cohoes Savings Bank, which opened a branch in Delmar two years ago, plans to operate a full-service office inside the supermarket.

It will be similar to the Cohoes Savings branch in the Westgate Price Chopper in Albany except that it will not offer safety deposit boxes, according to Michael Novak, Cohoes Savings vice president and director of retail banking.

Likely hours for the in-store branch will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Novak said.

Albany also plans on a branch in a freestanding building in the Price Chopper plaza.

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Selkirk family picking up pieces

Fire survivors appreciate kindness of neighbors

By Mel Hyman

There's no bringing back the two dogs, two cats and all the personal belongings Patty Lazano and Keith Whitten lost in the recent fire that destroyed their trailer on Route 9W in Selkirk.

But the generosity and kindness expressed by neighbors, churches and local businesses have gone a long way to ease the pain and help the family of eight get back on their feet again.

Lazano, 31, said she's grateful to all those who donated food, clothes and miscellaneous items to the family. Her heart also goes out to the family of Selkirk firefighter Kevin Seaburg, who died of a heart attack after fighting the Wednesday, Feb. 5 blaze.

"I was sitting at the kitchen table, and three of my kids (three others were in school at the time) were in the living room watching TV and playing Super Nintendo" when smoke started coming from the middle bedroom in the trailer, she said.

Everyone got out in time except for a 1-



Helping Patty Lazano, left, sort out the donations of clothes are her mother Beverly Lozano, daughter Kasarah Whitten, daughter Kayla Sidoti, son Keith Whitten Jr. and son Matthew Whitten.

year-old Rottweiler, a 10-week-old Rottweiler/sheepdog mix and two cats. All the family's furniture and personal belongings were also destroyed.

"It's a little hard when you start think-

ing about what you had and what you lost," said Whitten, a driver for D&T Limousines. "Then you're just thankful that everyone's all right and could get out in time. The little things can be replaced."

The family had been living at 20 Locust Road in Shady Grove trailer park for about seven months. Lazano said her sister was in the process of buying the trailer from a cousin. There was no insurance on it.

Next month the family plans to move into an apartment in Cohoes, thanks in

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Town Dems begin thinking of race

By Mel Hyman

Four years ago, town Democratic committeeman Matthew "Jim" Kelly announced his desire to run for Bethlehem town supervisor.

But when push came to shove, town Democratic chairman Matt Clyne amassed enough support from the full committee to deny Kelly the nomination and garner it for himself.

Now, after two unsuccessful runs for supervisor, Clyne said he hasn't yet made up his mind about a third consecutive run for the \$67,340-a-year position.

Kelly has made his mind up, however, and said he plans on expressing his interest to the 58-member committee which meets on Tuesday, March 4, at the Howard Johnson Restaurant on Route 9W in Albany.

"I've spoken to a number of people on the committee (including Clyne), and a number of people have spoken to me and asked me to go forward," Kelly said. "I will make my interest known at the meeting."



Kelly



Clyne

While the meeting is not intended as a nominating session, Kelly said, "I think we'll have a rough idea of exactly who's running (on the Democratic slate) after that meeting."

Kelly said if Clyne plans on running again, "I will support him."

"I'm interested in running, but I haven't decided yet," Clyne said. "There are other

considerations involved, but I'll be making my decision before the April (committee) meeting" when the actual nominations are made.

"Nobody has expressed anything to me (about running for supervisor) other than Jim Kelly, and Jim said he would support me if I decided to run."

Politics might come up at the March meeting, but that is not the intended purpose, Clyne added. "It's to plan our fund-raising."

In 1993, Clyne came within 54 votes of becoming the first Democratic supervisor in Bethlehem in more than 100 years. His campaign received a significant lift that year when he snared the Conservative Party line from Republican Supervisor Sheila Fuller in the September primary.

In 1995, Fuller won the Conservative Party primary and went on to defeat Clyne handily in the general election.

Democrat Bill Burkhard, a town committeeman since the late 1960s and town

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Local woman publishes book



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Crisp apples available thanks to new method

Local shoppers are accustomed to braving snow, ice and freezing temperatures to take a trip to the grocery store where they select from an enormous variety of fresh produce — leafy, green lettuce, red strawberries, sweet citrus — trucked in from exotic locales such as Florida, California, and South America. But what shoppers may not realize is that right now, our own locally grown apples are as fresh, crisp and crunchy as the sunny September day they were picked off the tree.

How can this be? Controlled atmosphere storage is a high-tech method based on a simple concept. Harvested apples live and breathe just like people do. Apples in storage breathe, inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide, through small breaks in their skin called lenticels.

Look closely at an apple and you will see the lenticels which appear as small dots on the apple's skin. As an apple respirates, it ages. Apples respire faster, and therefore age faster, the older they get. They also respire faster in warmer temperatures and in the presence of a naturally occurring ripening gas called ethylene.

Controlled atmosphere storage halts the aging process by slowing down the rate at which apples breathe. Apples harvested in the fall are placed in an air tight storage room. Once filled the room is sealed. Pumping nitrogen into the room flushes out most of the oxygen.

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Police nab two on DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested two people last week on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Robert C. Willsey, 30, of Meilaks Mobile Home Park in Selkirk, was stopped at 12:47 a.m. Saturday for failing to keep right on Route 9W in Glenmont, police said.

He was charged with failure to keep right, failing to stop at a red light, not wearing a seatbelt and DWI. He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Chris Hughes investigated.

Michael J. Kavanagh, 55, of Devon Road, Delmar, was stopped at 10:06 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, after he was observed driving erratically and nearly hitting trees and guide rails along the side of the road, police said.

Kavanagh allegedly ignored police warnings to pull over until he stopped at a stop sign at the corner of Van Dyke Road and Meads Lane.

He was charged with failure to comply, failure to keep right and DWI. He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Robert Markel investigated.

Thieves steal slide from Normanside

Sometime Saturday, thieves drove into the Normanside Country Club on Salisbury Road in Delmar and stole the slide for the swimming pool.

Bethlehem police, responding to a call from neighbors, made the discovery at 2:25 p.m. The slide is valued at \$2,000, according to Lt. Richard Vanderbilt.

Grad party organizers send SOS to community

Since its inception in 1990, parents and community members have provided a wonderful drug and alcohol-free party on graduation night for Bethlehem Central seniors. It is enormously successful, and seniors look forward to it with great anticipation.

But in order to make the party a reality, the graduation celebration committee needs your help. The committee is reaching out to senior parents for a monetary donation. The entire cost of the party is totally covered by donations. Entertainment, prizes, decorations, and publicity are just some of the costs which need to be taken care of. Of course, donations from junior, sophomore and freshmen parents are also greatly appreciated.

If you would like to make a contribution, kindly send donations to Bruce Scott at 17 Wander Court, Glenmont 12077 (Checks should be made out to Graduation Celebration).

In addition, the committee is seeking volunteers who are also desperately needed for the celebration's success. Senior parents plan and develop the celebration, and junior parents chaperone the event.

And finally, donations of prizes and/or materials for decorations, printing supplies, food, or

whatever (we need everything!) will be gratefully accepted. Please call Maureen Geis at 439-5055 or Mary Ann Vogel 439-5026 if you can help.

Feestelijk committee seeking venue hosts

Feestelijk Bethlehem will take place Saturday, May 3, from 7 to 11 p.m. This community celebration will feature local talent and will provide variety of entertainment for all ages in several venues around town.

Members of the executive committee are: Lorraine Smith and David Young, co-chairs; Mary Ahlstrom, secretary; Bob Johnson, treasurer; and Dick Ahlstrom, Dave Austin and Mona Prenoveau.

The following have volunteered to chair committees: Lana Roman, button sales; Joyce Strand, community groups; Bob Girouard and Chris Graf, entertainment; Marty DeLaney, local business;

Mariangela Bubeck, Carolee Sherwood and Maureen Nyilis, promotion; Jill Rifkin, student entertainment; Mona Prenoveau and Judy Thompson, student participation; Lynne Lenhardt and Peter Walsh, venues; Polly Hartman and Charles Gunner, venue hosts; and Chris Vogel, venue sponsors.

Other committee members include Melody Burns, Martha Shattuck Dickinson, Denis Foley, Cathy Griffin, Bob Hendrick, Skip Parsons, Lynn Rhodes, Karen Singerle and Anne Young.

Hosts for venues are still needed. For information, call Polly Hartman at 439-3291 or Charles Gunner at 439-7238.

Toastmasters to meet tonight

Bethlehem Toastmasters will meet tonight, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse at Adams Station Apartments, 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar.

New members are always welcome to attend the meetings,

which are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

For information about the meeting or the club, which is a local chapter of Toastmasters International, call Ray Bell at 439-0871.

Appeals board meets

The Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, March 5, at the town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The application of Charlotte Flag of Yale Avenue in Slingerlands will be considered at 7:30 p.m.

Arthur McGinn of Center Lane in Delmar will have his application considered at 7:45 p.m.

Manor Drive residents Ronald and Michele Musto of Glenmont will have their application considered at 8 p.m.

Tax form help 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.

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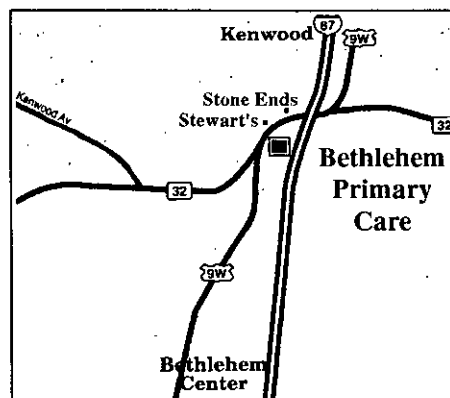
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Stair-climbing star



Dr. Fred Eames of Delmar relaxes on the escalator after finishing second (edged by someone 10 years his junior) in the Empire State Plaza stair-climb in Albany and "a little better than last year, but no trophy," in the biggie, the Empire State Building stair-climb in New York City. *Doug Parsons*

BOU gears up for auction

By Mel Hyman

What do you do that's special? Garden, sail, own a vacation home, organize closets, bake pineapple upside down cake?

Your talents can be put to good use at the 11th annual BOU auction on Friday, March 21, starting at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

Special skills donated by community members are auctioned off to the highest bidder at this fun-filled event. All you need to do is donate goods or services, and you'll be part of history.

The auction supports activities and educational programs aimed at getting young people to make healthy and responsible choices.

More than \$8,000 in grants this year have gone to programs such

as the Middle School Strive for Success Study Skills Program, the Mentoring Program, Peer Helpers at the high school and middle school, the BOU Help Card, the high school graduation party and Feestilijk Bethlehem.

At this year's auction, "Principal for a Day" will be offered in all BC seven schools, and you can also, for the first time, bid on becoming "Superintendent for a Day."

Just so the kids don't feel left out, there will be an even larger children's activity corner, as well as a junior bucket auction. For everyone else, there will be the bucket, silent and live auction.

There's still plenty of time to donate, according to Judy Languish, co-chairwoman of the solicitations committee.

"We are looking for new toys, gadgets and any fun stuff that people might find interesting," she said. It can be as simple as babysitting services or as exotic as offering a weekend vacation getaway.

Auctioneers will be Dave Murphy, principal of Slingerlands Elementary School, and Joe Schaefer, principal of Clarksville Elementary School.

At the dessert and coffee bar, coffee will be provided by Java Jazz and dessert by volunteers.

If you can whip up a dessert, call Pat Kane at 439-2546 or Helga Waller Baus at 475-0841. If you have something to contribute, call Ed or Judy Languish at 439-0892. And if you would like to work on the auction, call Phyllis Hillinger at 439-2585.

Georgian girl gets good look at U.S.

By Dev Tobin

Life in the former Soviet Union is no picnic these days, what with many living for months without a paycheck, organized crime running rampant, life expectancy falling, and ethnic conflicts consuming too much of already limited resources.

But the future looks brighter, in no small part because of the determination and intelligence of people like Ani Margvelashvili of the Republic of Georgia.

Margvelashvili, 17, is spending this year in Delmar and attending Bethlehem Central High School through an exchange program funded by the U.S. government and the American Field Service for students from newly independent states of the Soviet Union like Georgia.

"I'm taking courses I haven't taken at home, but they would be more difficult in Georgia if taught there," she said.

She said she likes Delmar, although she echoed a perennial refrain by local teens — there are "no entertaining places; bowling seems to be the big excitement here."

She added that young people's manners and language here are a little rougher than at home.

Regarding the young Georgian republic's difficulties, she said some older Georgians are nostal-



Ani Margvelashvili

gic for the security of communism, but young people aren't.

"There's more freedom now, and the economy is improving," she said. "You can buy anything, if you have money, which is true in every country."

Margvelashvili has kept up with her piano studies with local teacher Rhonda Ballou.

"Everybody at home wanted me to be a pianist, but I don't want to do only that," she said. "But I do want to play for enjoyment."

She said she likes doing aerobics, but needs to keep at it, since

she also apparently likes American food.

"I've gained 13 pounds, and that's not good," she said.

During her time here, she got to see a good part of the U.S., including New York City, Boston, Vermont, Texas, Florida and Disney World ("very exciting").

Margvelashvili said she will begin university studies in economic geography this fall in Tbilisi, with the goal of establishing the foundation for a career in international business or diplomacy.

"I'm glad I came and had this chance, but I want to go back and do something for my country," she said. "I'm more independent, confident and experienced. I wish everybody had this chance."

Host family mom Happy Scherer can hardly contain herself when talking about Margvelashvili.

"She's a delight, very bright, articulate and interested in everything," said Scherer, a member of the Bethlehem Central school board. "It's been a real learning experience for our whole family. We took her to Disney World, and it was neat to see that through her eyes."

Scherer added that AFS is looking for host families for next year.

Interested parents can contact Cathie Currin at 399-0275.

Coop moves to meet growing demand

By Mel Hyman

Foods cooperatives have been around for many years, but they first started getting popular in the 1960s with the renewed interest in natural and organic foods.

The Honest Weight Food Cooperative in Albany was formed in 1976, but unlike many others coops formed during that period, it has survived.

In fact, Honest Weight has more than survived. It's thrived, in no small part due to the dedication of working members like Nancy Martin of Delmar who contributes 12 hours of her time each month ringing out customers.

Like many members, Martin likes the store because of the unadulterated and environmentally friendly products it offers. Plus there's the added incentive of the sizable discount working members receive.

As a weekly worker, Martin receives a 32 percent discount off the shelf price of everything she buys.

Only a few years ago, Honest Weight's product line was somewhat limited. You could find all the necessary grains, dairy products, produce and breads that you wanted. But there wasn't much in the way of vitamins, prepared foods or household items.

All that is changing, however, with the store's planned expansion. In the fall of 1995, the coop moved from its quarters at 112 Quail St. to a large renovated storefront on Central Avenue in back of the Family Dollar.

The change was startling to many old-time members used to narrow aisles, makeshift displays and erratic store temperatures.

"It was kind of cramped,"



Honest Weight Food Coop's new store in Albany features bright lights and more shelf space. *Mel Hyman*

Martin recalled, "and it made it kind of hard to shop."

But the atmosphere has changed dramatically at the new store, Martin said, and now "You can just about live out of the coop."

If that's the case, it's just what Honest Weight general manager Bill Zeitlow has been hoping for.

The expansion should make Honest Weight an even better one-stop shopping experience, he said, with the planned installation of a small bakery, a salad and juice bar and a food preparation area for takeout items such as pita sandwiches, egg rolls and knishes.

The store's herb and vitamin section will also be enlarged as part of Honest Weight's attempt to keep up with the growing demand for nutritional supplements.

Currently, the store covers 6,300 square feet. Another 2,250 square feet of floor space will be added this year.

In 1996, Honest Weight's gross sales jumped 57 percent, far above the impressive 22.6 percent gain for the natural foods industry in general, Zeitlow said.

"Credit for our success and our ability to cope with the growing pains of the past year should go to Honest Weight's monthly workers, as well as our small team of managers," Zeitlow said.

About 600 of the coop's approximately 2,800 members work on a regular basis. The minimum work requirement is three hours per month, which entitles you to a 16 percent discount.

Even though she has a busy schedule working in the biology department at the University at Albany, Martin make her weekly cashing stint a priority.

"What I have noticed is that some people are a little hesitant to come in," she said. "I don't think they realize that anyone can shop. You don't have to be a member."

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Kiwanians raise \$20K for pediatric trauma unit

The 1996 Kiwanis Bell of Life Project to aid the Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center raised more than twice what it had hoped to raise.

Local Kiwanians had hoped to raise \$10,000 this year for the trauma unit. Instead, the Bell of Life was so popular that just over \$20,000 will be given to the Pediatric Trauma Unit this year.

Dominick DeCecco, originator of the concept of a "Bell of Life," said, "Most people were pleasantly surprised to know that 99 percent of all of the money raised by the project would go directly to a local facility which their children or grandchildren could use in an emergency."

The Bell of Life campaign differs from other national fund-raising programs which have much higher administrative costs and benefit only a few people in our community, he said.

The Delmar Club raised more than \$2,200 in Delmar, thanks to the help of many local businesses and organizations. The support of local banks and retail establish-

ments indicated that this was truly a good reason to shop "Bethlehem First." Locally owned businesses knew that this was a good project and didn't have to get approval from corporate headquarters in Tampa; they just made the decision on the spot.

The remainder of the bells were sold by the Capital Division Kiwanis Clubs, Capital Division Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs. The entire Kiwanis family pitched in to sell thousands of bells at Crossgates Mall, which enabled the Kiwanis to donate over \$20,000 directly to the Pediatric Trauma Unit.

"The most heartening aspect of the program," said DeCecco, "was hearing from parents or grandparents of children who benefited from the use of the Pediatric Trauma Unit when their child was in need of care."

Even more heartening, was actually meeting children who had survived a major trauma and used the facilities at the Children's Hospital at Albany Med, he said.

Richard Sturm, coordinator of the project for the Capital Division



Richard Sturm, left, and Dominick DeCecco, cochairmen of the Kiwanis Club Bell of Life project, announced the campaign raised \$20,000, more than twice its goal. The money was donated to the Pediatric Trauma Unit at Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

said, "We plan to continue and to enlarge the program next year by including several more divisions of Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs. With expanded help and an expanded region, we hope to raise \$50,000 next year."

For information about the Bell of Life Project or Kiwanis, contact DeCecco at 439-2437.

Area nature walkers on the trail of the fox

Naturalists will lead an outdoor walk in search of the red fox at the 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.

For information, call 475-0291.

Maple sugaring tours on tap at Five Rivers

Maple sugaring demonstrations will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on the weekend of March 22 and 23 at the Five Rivers Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Visitors, which may include community groups, will identify a sugar maple, observe tapped trees and taste fresh sap.

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'Irish Eyes' program marks Celtic heritage

The Emerald Isle and the Irish stories and songs that make up its heritage will be celebrated in "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," a program taking place at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. A video, games and crafts are planned.

To pre-register, call 439-9314.

Book group reading Stones from the River

Ursula Hegi's novel *Stones From the River* will be discussed on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Copies of the novel are available at the library's reference desk.

For information, call 439-9314.

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Local author focuses on family's Holocaust years

By Katherine McCarthy

Kate Cohen's first book, *The Neppi Modona Diaries, Reading Jewish Survival Through My Italian Family*, tells the story of her distant relative Aldo Neppi Modona, an Italian Jew who was a member of the Fascist party, and his family.

"I set out to tell his story in the Jewish tradition of text and commentary," said Cohen, who lives on Krumkill Road in New Scotland.

She drew on the diaries of Aldo and his son Leo, who was a child during the war. For six months, Cohen lived in Florence interviewing Aldo's widow, Rachel Neppi Modona and their daughter, Leonella.

Cohen, 26, said she first saw Aldo's diary when she spent a semester abroad while attending Dartmouth College.

"I had the idea in the back of my mind to write about it," she recalled. "I had talked to Rachel about that period, and I knew the general outlines of the war. I knew I wanted to write and had to decide between a graduate program or trying it on my own."

After a brief bout with poetry as a child and finding it hard to create the characters and situations that are the stuff of fiction, Cohen said she decided to concentrate on non-fiction, but discovered there weren't many graduate programs that focused on it.

After graduating from Dartmouth, she moved to New Scotland and took two part-time jobs, one at the *Altamont Enterprise* and another at the now-defunct Martin Luther King Commission.

But even though she was writing for both jobs, it was not only not the kind of writing she wanted to be doing, but it also sapped her energy for other projects.

During that time, Rachel sent her a copy of the diary or the "Red Book," as she called it. Cohen then applied for and was awarded a \$12,000 James B. Reynolds Scholarship for Foreign Study, which enabled her to live in Florence for six months to work on the project.

"I can really smell my privilege," she said.

As Cohen traced each family



Kate Cohen reads from her work at a book signing at Borders. Dev Tobin

member's account of the Holocaust, she found she was forming her own relationship to it.

"My viewpoint is that of an assimilated American," she said. "The Holocaust is important to me, not because I'm Jewish, but because I'm a caring, concerned person. My fight is that the Holocaust never happens again. Period. And not just to the Jews."

She said her feeling is very different from her relatives, particularly Rachel and Leonella. But she noted, "Leo might share my perspective; he was the one most horribly affected by the war. He translated his suffering to all others."

While none of the family was shipped off to concentration camps, their diaries relate how their circumstances declined as the war went on, Nazi influence in Italy grew stronger and they went into hiding.

For example, Aldo writes in 1994, "All the members of the

professor's (he refers to himself in the third person) family are digesting poorly. Water is boiled. The bread gets moldy after weeks and much of it is thrown away. All the members of the family are morally and physically worn out by the prolonged anguish — no news, no light, no water, closed up in the house, lacking necessities more and more."

Before writing the book, Cohen said she had the "naive thought" that if you suffer persecution, you're more sensitive and aware of the persecution of others.

"I learned that's not true," she said. "Being a victim doesn't automatically turn you into a hero."

She said she learned this from the way Rachel and Leonella responded to their experiences. "Sometimes being a victim holds you back; it's hard to get past your own pain."

But despite what she's learned, Cohen remains an optimist.

Cohen said being around Rachel and Leonella made her aware of the need to sort out her own faith.

"I'd just kind of coasted before," she said.

Cohen was raised in Virginia, where her father was an English professor and her mother an administrator at James Madison University.

"Growing up in a Christian community makes you feel Jewish," Cohen said. "I grew up caring about family and feeling connected to a large extended family. We went to a reform synagogue, and I was bat mitzvah. I took it very seriously. I hadn't had a lot of exposure to Orthodox Judaism or keeping kosher until I went to Florence."

Living in Italy also made Cohen more aware of being an American. "There's nothing like being in a foreign country to show you're an American," she said, although living in Italy gave her a greater understanding of the country, Cohen is not Italian. Her relation is to Rachel, whose family was from Rhodes, where they fled after being forced from Spain in the 15th century.

Living in Florence wasn't Cohen's first experience abroad. She lived in London when she was 9, when her father was directing a program there. "I was picked on as an American," she said.

Cohen credits her father for leading her into writing as a profession. "He used to make my sister and me write essays, and he paid us \$1 a page," she recalled. "So, not always accurately, I've always linked money to writing."

But as a child, Cohen said she was "lazier than I was greedy."

Although Cohen said she was terrified of her father's corrections, he gave her a lot of good pats on

the back and positive criticism. Perhaps the highest honor was that he sometimes read her essays to his classes.

Cohen applied the talents her father fostered to the *Neppi Modona Diaries*. When she came back to the U.S., she said she set a 9 to 5 work schedule on the book. "I was afraid of watching the soaps and eating bon-bons all day."

The book involved more than writing, which Cohen said she can't do for more than two to three hours at a stretch. "I worked on transcription, translation and research, much of it at Bethlehem Public Library. I pulled all the disparate elements together."

Once the book was finished, she turned her attention to finding a publisher, no easy task for a first-time author.

As the pile of rejection slips mounted, "I finally asked the Dartmouth professor who had recommended me for the grant what I should do," she said. "She put me in touch with the Dartmouth Press, which led to the book being published by the University Press of New England, which publishes for a number of colleges."

Given the college connection, "I felt like my parents were publishing my book," Cohen said.

Cohen has already done a number of readings and book signings, and is scheduled for another at The Bookworm in Delmar on Sunday, March 9, courtesy of The Jewish Book Maven.

Cohen is currently working on a project that will mean a return trip to Florence. An avid cook, she will write about a restaurant there.

"I'll be sitting in their kitchen for a while, writing about the culture of cooking," she said.

Cohen is also working on a series of essays about marriage.

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Matters of Opinion

Set an example

Unless you're a school child, it's likely you haven't done much to celebrate or even acknowledge February as Black History Month.

But if this week's Point of View writer is correct, we should all give more thought to Black History Month and its importance to the well-being of our society.

Warithu-Deen Umar says it's important for young blacks to know where they have been in terms of their own history as Americans; and it is important for all of us to keep that history in mind.

What better way is there to learn than from those who have gone before us. Role models are teachers, who give us belief in ourselves. Role models are like pathfinders who pave the way for those who come after them. What we in predominantly white suburban communities need to do is give today's pathfinders an opportunity to become role models for future generations.

That means we must provide opportunities for leadership for blacks, and the most logical place to start with would be the schools. Currently, there are no black teachers in the Bethlehem Central School District. That makes blacks conspicuous by their absence, and this is a disservice to black children growing up here.

What better way to promote diversity than to embrace it.

Good business sense

A letter writer in last week's issue believes that the reason people don't shop in Bethlehem is that there is a shortage of upscale stores. This week, a number of residents responded, defending the merchants who currently do business in town.

But even if you can't "smell the money" here, the question remains for ease of shopping and a solid tax base, why is it stores such as Circles, Casual Set and the Village Furniture Co. are no longer doing business in the town of Bethlehem.

It's no secret that there have been problems for businesses in Bethlehem. Small business owners, the chamber of commerce and residents, in fact, have banded together in the Bethlehem First effort to promote patronage of local businesses.

Without casting aspersions on current businesses, what can be done to attract a diversity of shops to town?

There's nothing wrong with diversity in any mall. Just about everyone likes a bargain, and everyone enjoys having a lot of choices when it comes to shopping.

We agree no shopping mall is perfect and Delaware Plaza has its flaws — especially the barriers around the walkways. But that doesn't mean the Plaza couldn't be a better place for all types of businesses.

The problem is one that town officials and residents should assign high priority to. This makes not only good business sense; it makes common sense as well. Bethlehem needs to nurture a healthy business climate.

Perfect choice

Bethlehem resident Dorothy Brown will receive a lifetime achievement award for her contributions to the community at the annual chamber of commerce dinner on March 7.

Brown is the epitome of service, having tirelessly worked with numerous local groups, often behind the scenes, but always there to do what is needed to get the job done.

Dot Brown, as her friends call her, is the perfect choice for the award.

There's still time to make arrangements to attend the chamber dinner at Albany Country Club. Call the chamber at 439-0512 to make a reservation and honor Brown and this year's Businessman of the Year, Tom Rowlands and Citizens of the Year, Helen and Fred Adler.

Editorials

Black youth need role models

By Warithu-Deen Umar

The writer of this week's Point of View, a resident of Glenmont, is founder and president of the National Association of Muslim Chaplains.

There's an old African proverb that says, "When you follow in the path of your father, you learn to walk like him."

This bit of wisdom is part of a great heritage that African-Americans as a people seek to pass on to their youth.

February is Black History Month — an important month for all Americans of good will because it attends to an area of American life that must be cared for in order for the social body to be healthy.

This month is a time for three-fold reflection. African-Americans look to the past, witness the present and envision the future.

First comes the past history of Americanized Africans, brought to these shores in servitude and chattel slavery. Not a proud history under any circumstances. However, we are proud to acknowledge the strength, stamina, and skill it took to survive in a system where we were bought and sold, and treated worse than animals. The fact that we survived is a miracle of human achievement.

It's important for young African-Americans to know where we've been. It helps us gauge our present condition and plan a sound future.

Next in way of reflection is to look at whose shoulders we stand on. African-Americans have been prominent, not only in film, music, arts and sports, but also in science, industry, law, medicine and business.

Black scientists and inventors gave us many modern conveniences. Dr. Charles Drew, a renowned black surgeon, was a pioneer of blood plasma preservation and gave us the blood bank. He was the first director of the Ameri-

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can Red Cross Blood Bank. James Forten invented and perfected a sail to make the guiding of ships easier. Lloyd Hall revolutionized the meatpacking industry with his development of curing salts and patented chemical food processes benefiting many of today's food products. The longhaul trucking business owes its success today to Frederick Jones, who invented the first practical refrigeration system for trucks, ships and railway cars.

Who knows that "the real McCoy" was a term applied to Elijah J. McCoy, a black mechanical engineer who invented the first automatic "lubricator cup." This was a much-needed revolutionary device that made it possible to lubricate the moving parts of a machine while it was operating. His process is still employed in modern machinery. If it worked well, it was "the real McCoy".

Garrett Morgan invented the automatic traffic signal, the forerunner to today's traffic lights that we see on every street corner. He invented a sewing machine fastener still used today. He invented the gas mask used on the battlefields in World War I and much more.

George Washington Carver, the son of slaves, is known as one of the greatest scientists of all time. He developed more than 300 different products from the oils, protein and chemicals from peanuts.

The list of African-American role models goes on to those who invented the whaling harpoon, the telephone transmitter, the first intradermal method of vaccination for smallpox, surgical braces, the shoe lasting machine, the bread making machine and the common air conditioning unit. Most Americans don't know this history.

Black History Month is a reminder that African-Americans are a dominant minority in the greatest nation the world has known. It's still a young nation, so there's

greatness to come.

An African proverb says, "The cattle is as good as the pasture in which it grazes." The future for African-Americans will be determined by the future of America itself. Certainly the future of America will be affected by the development of its largest minority group.

African-American youth is Black America's future. How and after whom they model themselves is a matter of great concern. Black America needs heroes just as any people of culture and values do. There's a crying need for black role models for black youngsters, especially black males.

Thirty years ago, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then a social scientist, produced a report that noted the destruction of the African-American family due to crumbling marital relations, unemployment of males and the government welfare system. He also warned about the danger of the lack of positive role models for children from African-American homes.

In 1981, a national symposium on homicide among African-American males exposed the same conditions. At that time, a growing prison system was filling up with young African-American males.

The meeting, attended mostly by African-American social scientists, focused on the trauma in marital relationships that comes from the man's failure to maintain a sound economic base on which to raise his family. The male-female conflict was fueled by the lack of employment for the male, causing him to lose his status as head of household and "role model" for the children.

That was then, 1981, 16 years after Moynihan. This is now, 16 years later. Things have gotten worse and conditions have gotten better. A conflict of terms? Yes and no.

African-Americans are in disproportionate numbers on welfare. Young unmarried African-

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can girls are having babies in increasing numbers. One in four African-American males age 15 to 32 is in trouble with the law. There are more prisons and more African-American men in prison. This negative side shows young African-American men as society's menace — perpetrators of street crime, drug culture, "gangsta" rap, and the drug/crime/prison cycle.

Other indicators point to opportunities and an improving future. Black History Month has become an institution. The Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday is an annual reminder of history and pride for African-Americans. Kwanzaa is now an annual holiday season event, and for those African-Americans who have reverted to the religion of the Africans during the enslavement, Islam, there is growing recognition in America of the month of Ramadan fasting and other Muslim observances.

These are important times in the life of the African-American communities, times for reflection and change.

Welfare is no longer as we knew it. Welfare is here. A mandate for solutions now must come from the African-American community, and this is good. Prison as a solution to crime is no longer feasible, economically or socially. Educating criminals in prison is producing educated criminals.

The focus is now shifting to ministerial, pastoral and spiritual behavioral modification. The penologists say attitudinal and per-

sonality changes are the only meaningful changes that matter. More and more former criminals are changing for good as a result of ministerial programming that allows the inmate to change himself through changing what he values in life.

When social conditions support and reinforce the African-American man as head of household, he can become a powerful role model. Even feminist scholars note the peculiar poverty of female-headed households. Of course, feminists argue that women should be given higher-paying jobs to improve their lot. But the modern lifestyle that accepts single-parent households is devastating for the African-American family. We can't allow modern dysfunction to become our way of life.

Another African proverb says, "Woman without man is like a field without seed." And yet another, "A home without woman is like a barn without cattle."

The African-American family must be whole! The father and husband must seize the opportunity for education, hard work, achievement and sacrifice. The mother and wife must be the central home support system for the man and youth. She is the first nurse and teacher.

The African-American male's culture must become a culture of ethics, values, moral excellence, discipline, wholesome living, de-

ferred gratification and acceptance of the power of belief and faith.

Without positive, values-oriented role models for African-American youth, America's future is troubling. It is a duty of all right-thinking Americans to work together to identify the problems, locate the resources, and make a collective effort to find solutions.

Yet another African proverb says, "A paddle here, a paddle there, the canoe stays still", reminding us that a half-hearted effort won't work. It's a big job to improve the conditions of America's former slaves, but, as the Africans say, "A big fish is caught with big bait." Those old Africans were wiser than we thought.

Children's author to hold story hour

A story hour featuring the works of children's author Virginia Hamilton will take place on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Hamilton's stories are appropriate for children in grades one and up.

She has won the Newbery Medal, the Edgar Allan Poe Award and the Coretta Scott King Award.

To register or for information, call 439-9314.

Resident dismayed by elitist attitude

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading the letter to the editor in the Feb. 19 *Spotlight*, which suggested people "look in the mirror for answers" to the lack of "high-end" shopping in the town of Bethlehem, I was pretty discouraged.

I wasn't discouraged about the alleged lack of high-end shopping, but rather the elitist attitude espoused in the letter.

I was born and raised in this town, received a Jesuit education at LeMoine College in Syracuse and served five years in the Army, accruing along the way a pretty decent set of values, including empathy for the disadvantaged.

While serving in Haiti during "Operation Uphold Democracy," I witnessed people bathing in drainage ditches doubling as sewers because they had no running water. People who would probably be overjoyed to have a shopping center like Delaware Plaza, but I feel that is probably the least of their concerns in life.

The letter writer made it clear that she is relatively new to the

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town — where there happens to be disadvantaged people. They don't just exist in Albany, Troy or even Haiti. They live in Delmar, Glenmont and even Slingerlands! Some of these people may even rely on having a Woolworth's in town because it allows them to buy affordable clothing and other necessities.


I have returned to this town after being away for the better part of 10 years and can note the changes.

I would like to think that the attitude espoused in the letter does not indicate a change for the worse in Bethlehem. I hope that our town has not become full of people who are so self-centered to think that everyone can afford to shop at places like Stuyvesant Plaza or eat at gourmet restaurants.

Instead of looking in the mirror, try looking around.

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People & money carry equal weight

Editor, The Spotlight:

I must say that I have never written to *The Spotlight*, but I could not pass up an opportunity to let others know that not everyone in Delmar shares the arrogant attitude of Ms. Sovern who had a letter published in last week's issue.

While it is true that many people are in an upper-income bracket here, due to hard work (or fortunate inheritance), that is no reason to put down people who may not seem as fortunate. Everyone has a right to shop here, and as far as I can tell, money has the same value, no matter who is holding it.

Maybe my sense of smell isn't too good — maybe I have to work for a living and should stop and take time to smell the money in the air — right now, I have all I can do to try to figure out how I will assist my three children when it comes time for college.

I really enjoy the Chinese restaurant in Delaware Plaza — they have a wonderful buffet — perhaps some of our teenagers should do an internship there — it might teach them a lot about the Chinese work ethic and the reasons for success in business.

I am very glad we have a Woolworth's — school supplies and the like can be purchased there — and I am very glad we can purchase good but inexpensive shoes for children whose feet seem to grow in between concerts and other "dress-up" func-

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tions.

I feel sad that some people think they are better than others because of their income. Delmar is a lovely town — it can, however, be a difficult place to raise children, contrary to popular belief. It is a struggle to teach important values and manners in this "town of plenty" where some children are given whatever they want. The benefits are that most people are friendly and kind and are trying to do what is best for their family.

Is it surprising that businesses, even small ones, would rather not wait on a customer with an attitude? After all, they have some pride too, even if they are not one of the three "classy" shops in town. I have a feeling that those shops welcome customers of all incomes — perhaps they should have been asked how they felt before Ms.

Sovern's letter was printed. I do not make a habit of shopping in places I cannot afford, but, yes, it is nice to have some fine stores for an extra special gift.

All of the stores in Delmar have something for everyone, fancy or not.

Too bad the money that we can "smell in the air" can't turn into something we can hold onto — or maybe some of the "local income" could be donated to some of the people in Albany. It is a shame that these words were used with such a derogatory tone.

I have always been encouraged from as early as I can remember to find the good in people and to remember that no one has a right to judge other people. For the sake of her children, Ms. Sovern might try to adopt a more caring attitude and remember that in God's eyes, we are all equal, no matter how much money is in our pockets.

Mary Jane Hughes

Delmar

Delmar Scout says thanks for help with Eagle project

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank the residents of the town of Bethlehem for donating more than 1,850 children's books to help with my Eagle Scout project.

The donations are greatly appreciated and will go to a good

cause. I plan to donate the books to Ronald McDonald House, Parsons Child and Family Center and the children's ward of Albany Medical Center Hospital.

I would like to also thank Key Bank at the Four Corners, U.S. Budokai Karate, and St. Thomas School for allowing me to place collection boxes in their buildings.

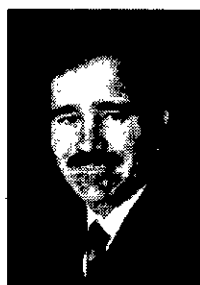
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Not everyone needs to broadcast income

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to Helene R. Sovern's letter in the Feb. 19 issue.

First, let me comment on Ms. Sovern's story that an employee at a local eatery did not seem to care whether or not she ever returned. Having been a waitress, it is not hard to spot snobs, nor is it hard to treat them in a manner to ensure you will never have to wait on them again.

People with attitudes such as Ms. Sovern's are the reason we, as a society, must have affirmative action and equal opportunity programs. Until people stop believing they are better than others, we will be subject to the self-centered, narrow-mindedness of people who choose to live where they claim to be able to smell the money in the air.

And I encourage Ms. Sovern to take a look at the "low-income people from Albany who come here on the bus." Take a look at who is at the bus stops. They are your neighbors who care enough about the environment to park their cars and take the bus to work.

And even if they are from Albany, obviously, they know where to shop. Kay-Bee Toys, Fashion Bug, Woolworth's, The Paper Mill have withstood the hard times and are permanent fixtures of Del-

ware Plaza. Casual Set and Little Folks shops did not. Does that tell you that regardless of your income level, people prefer to shop where they get the most for their money?

Not everyone in today's society needs to show their income level on their sleeve. The days of the Izod status symbol are over. Welcome to the real world, Ms. Sovern. While you are going elsewhere to shop because you are too good for our shops here in town, why don't you move there?

In conclusion, I'm glad Ms. Sovern chooses not to support the "run-down Chinese restaurant, the more run-down coffee shop," Dunkin' Donuts or the Four Corners. Those are places that people who care about their neighbors and their community go. And those are the places where "everyone knows your name" and where if they don't, they ask. And those are the places to find the winners in our society, not the losers and the snobs.

So while you're out sniffing for your money friends, I'll sit right here in this run-down coffee shop enjoying a nice hot cup of coffee, catching up on what's really important and enjoying the company of some of the nicest people in town.

Jill Sharp

Slingerlands

Town could use help

Editor, The Spotlight:

It does seem that the town of Bethlehem could use assistance in evaluating the effects of the proposed formaldehyde plant on the town. There are technical questions related to chemistry, biology, toxicology, engineering controls and public health.

One wonders why the town board hired a lawyer instead of a scientist or engineer who would be able to shed some light on these issues.

Normally, a lawyer is hired when you have decided on what you want done and you wish to stop a project or to have its approval expedited. Even if a lawyer is appropriate, the town's selec-

tion process must be questioned.

Rather than casting a wide net to seek proposals from the ranks of the legal community, the town selected a lawyer from among the aggressive few who contacted the town regarding their services.

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Delaware merchants get writer's support

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to the article "Woman suggests whiners look in mirror for answers," Delaware Plaza has been here for more than 30 years and still thrives today. The locals do shop here and on a regular basis. I've been here for seven years, and I see the same faces every day and new faces consistently.

It sounds as if Ms. Sovern considers herself above the local people who shop at Delaware Plaza. I would like to remind her that the merchants are grateful for their business. There has always been a variety of merchants at the plaza who keep clean and presentable shops.

Furthermore, it is a shorter walk from any place in the parking lot than at any of the bigger malls. Has Ms. Sovern ever shopped at

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Crossgates where the average shopper has to walk behind at least 20 cars before getting into the safety of the mall?

There are always one or more owners at the plaza six days a week and on many a night. We have worked very hard to try to accommodate everybody and continue to make improvements every year.

I spend my money here and proudly support the local merchants. That is the American way and that's why I shop at Delaware Plaza.

Dan Leffler

Delaware Plaza maintenance

Woman should follow her own advice and stop that whining

Editor, The Spotlight:

The letter in the Feb. 19 issue from the woman who wrote about the whiners certainly illustrated the maxim "It takes one to know one."

According to the letter, this woman has lived here less than three years. I cannot imagine what sort of research she did before moving here. Did it consist only of running around town with her nose in the air sniffing for money? And on a clear day, she could almost smell it, so she immediately moved here hoping to hobnob with the upper-income residents whence cometh the desired smell?

Give us a break!

I suggest the woman follow her own advice — stop whining and

denouncing everything and everybody in town. She could lower her nose and try smelling the roses; or she could just follow her uppity nose to wherever she gets a whiff of a giggling banker and move there.

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Diane B. Sharp

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Not everyone can afford 'first class'

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is the flip side of the coin regarding the letter of Helene R. Sovern in the Feb. 19 edition with reference to local residents not shopping in Bethlehem.

She mentioned three shops that are an indicator of the class and income of the locals, says there is a lot of money in Delmar and on a clear day you can almost smell it in the air.

May I respectfully suggest that she try to absorb the fact that not everyone is in the upper-income group that she obviously belongs to. She is riding a luxury liner, but not everyone can.

Having only lived here "over two years" perhaps she is not aware of the fact that many town residents are seniors who have been here for many years and are now retired and living on a fixed income.

As to having a gourmet food shop with a European-style bakery, a nice ethnic restaurant, a nice children's store, a nice women's store — she obviously found that at Stuyvesant Plaza — and is free to go there as often as she likes.

It sounds as if her whole life revolves around class, upper-income and lots of money in Delmar, and that is sad. And what is even worse is that she appears to look down on the "low-income people from Albany who come here on the bus." She doesn't seem to realize what matters is not what you have, but what you are as a person.

Dorothy Wilson

Delmar

Resident offers suggestions to clarify Spurlock issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

As one of the scores of Bethlehem residents who have publicly expressed opposition to Spurlock Adhesives proposed formaldehyde plant, I resent Fred Stratmann's labeling us as "partisans and political wannabes" in his letter to *The Spotlight*.

I suggest that Mr. Stratmann ask himself the following questions to clarify the Spurlock issue:

Would the town board have hired the environmental attorney,

Robert Alessi, if Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air had not alerted town residents about the Spurlock proposal?

Why didn't the town attorney and town board pursue, on their own initiative, amendments to existing town zoning laws that would unequivocally prohibit toxic-chemical-producing companies such as Spurlock from locating in our community?

Jim Cornell

Delmar

Albany middle-income shopper likes Delaware Plaza just fine

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is from a middle-income person in answer to Helene Sovern's letter in last week's issue.

Let me explain why I call myself middle-income. As Ms. Sovern said, the low-income people come to Bethlehem by bus. I go to Delaware Plaza to shop, but I have my own car. So I figure I'm middle-income.

I think the wait person who didn't give Ms. Sovern a menu and didn't seem to care if she ever came back felt this way because of her attitude.

Ms. Sovern was right about one thing when she refers to the "low-end" shoe store. I've never seen O.J. shopping there.

Margaret A. Nolan

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Matters of Opinion

Plaza merchants seem more like caring friends

Editor, The Spotlight:

A letter in this week's edition headlined, "Woman suggests whiners" definitely got my attention! Was that letter for real? Or, was it just created to stir up a little controversy while we are in the midst of a fairly dull winter?

If legitimate, and I am definitely not referring to its contents, then without being aware of it I have just spent one-and-a-half years in an obviously very private and exclusive enclave — as reflected by "an indicator of the class and income of the locals."

Might I ask: where are the gates? Wow! Here I am almost to the top of America's heap and I didn't even know it. Truly, I had no idea that I had placed myself in the middle of such lofty company — perhaps one day the New York Lottery will knock on my door and then I, too, can become a bona fide member of this fair hamlet.

On the other hand, I might be more quickly served by venturing out to inhale the rarified air — perhaps it could lift me to the proper height, of "class," that is.

Let's face it, "what's right is right" — and it is not right to so unjustly malign the businesses of Delaware Plaza. It's pretty well known by many of us that a good number of things in our world, and in ourselves, are less than perfect. Keeping that in mind, I feel compelled to set the record straight where at least two of the identified businesses are concerned — and yes, I am a fairly frequent customer of both.

Woolworth's management and staff are extremely accommodating with the people they serve, and they have a wide selection of merchandise that is adaptable to any "class" of home, and some of

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their sale prices are outstanding. They are also knowledgeable about what they sell and answer questions willingly. By now, they feel more like friends, and not merely business acquaintances, since they most certainly are caring people.

As for Jim and Maria at Maria's Diner — they provide a clean and comfortable setting for dining, and their service is prompt. Their food and its presentation are well above par, as well as fairly priced. Besides, they have a neighborly concern for their customers, which I believe holds special appeal for the older citizens who frequent the place.

Now that I think of it, this is as good a time as any to thank the proprietors of Maria's Diner, as well as the Woolworth crew, for helping to make my stay in this fair community a more pleasurable one. Might I also add, that I have visited the majority of the businesses in Delaware Plaza at least a time or two, and I have found none that should be considered sub-standard.

Thank you Delaware Plaza for being there, at least for me.

Delmar

Barbara Moore

Fax it to us

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BOU auction organizers seek goods, services

Editor, The Spotlight:

The 11th annual BOU auction is less than a month away, and if you have a business or special service, skill or talent and have not been contacted for a donation, we need to hear from you.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is a not-for-profit organization that serves our community, providing funds and manpower for youth activities, workshops and programs. BOU strives to unite youth and adults as partners in responsible decision-making by returning money to the community in the form of grants for innovative projects at the elementary, middle, high school and community levels.

BOU has funded leadership and service clubs, and the youth track and field club at the elementary level. The Step Up and Step Out programs, as well as study skills classes, the Pit, leadership and peer helper training and the Bethlehem Basketball Club at the middle school have all been supported by BOU.

World of Difference training, open basketball, Bethlefest and the graduation celebration are just a few examples of the activities that BOU has supported at the high school level.

Community projects include Bethlehem Community Partnership, the annual Father's Day run, parenting workshops, drug awareness and prevention activities and parent-to-parent support.

BOU funds all of its projects once a year through proceeds from its annual auction slated this year for Friday, March 21, at the high school.

Through the generosity of about 200 local businesses and individuals, BOU raised more than \$11,000 last year.

The types of items and services that raised this money included dinner at a local restaurant and a babysitter for the evening and a weekend at a community member's vacation home. Some student got to be principal for a day (thanks to their parents' high bid), and others got to go on an outing with their favorite teacher. Food, clothing, decorations, sports and recreation items were also auctioned off.

So, if you do business in Bethlehem or live or work in the town, consider donating an item or service to the auction. Give us a call at 439-0892. We would love to hear from you. Hope to see you all at the auction.

Judy and Ed Languish

Delmar

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Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams Street, Delmar 12054. Letters may be faxed to 439-0609.

Bethlehem Preschool holding open house

The 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.

For information, call 463-8091.

Mauro to tackle regional spelling bee

St. Thomas School eighth-grader Vanessa Mauro, the daughter of Maureen and John Mauro of Feura Bush, will compete in the regional spelling bee at The Egg in Albany on March 18.

In order to win her school's spelling bee, Mauro competed against 40 contestants in grades five through eight.

Lindsay McCluskey, a sixth-grader, was runner up. McCluskey is the daughter of Sharon and Mark McCluskey of Ravena.

Rasowsky earns community award

Amir Rasowsky, a Boy Scout with Troop 33 of the Albany Jewish Community Center who is due to become an Eagle Scout in April, was recently rewarded the Alvin Seidenberg Memorial Award for his exemplary community service and good deeds to those in need.

Rasowsky is a senior at Bethlehem High School and resides in Glenmont.

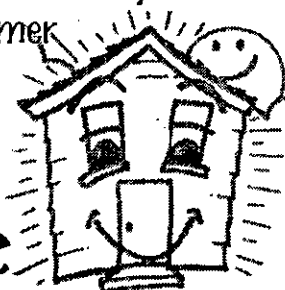
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RCS names honor roll students

The following students at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School were named to the school's high honor and honor rolls for the second quarter.

High honor roll Freshmen

Lara Alicandro, Harold Babcock-Ellis, Kimberly Brown, Sarah Burke, Theresa Carr, Aja Case, Tina Connors, Katerina Fagan, Jesse Felter, Beth Filkins, Amanda Gager, Megan Gorham, Stefania Hostetter, Joshua Houle, Joy Hudspath, Bethany Kriss, Cara LaPlante, James Latter, Brian Lichorowicz and April Matott.

And, Kathryn McDonald, Michael McGraw, Colleen Moore, Laura Nicholson, Maria Orsino, Bradford Palmer, Gabriel Perez-Sanchez, Ryan Perry, Brandon Roth, Allysa Sebert, Carrie Siy, Jessica Slater, Cori Tice, Leia Weidman and Catherine Wilsey.

Sophomores

Jeffrey Andritz, Debra Boissy, Nicole Breen, Matthew Collins, Crystal Conrad, Stephanie Dardani, Cara Davis, Heather Doyle, Courtney Endres, Christina Fahrenkopf, Christopher Glassanos, Kristyn Gordon, Benjamin Hafensteiner, Raquel Haldane and Michael Hamilton.

And, Michael Lintner, Nancy McClumpha, Kara Mosher, Richard Nestlen, Amy Nevins, Daniel Ostrander, Rebecca Ostrander, Sarah Pascale, Samantha Skiff, Helen Tompkins, Laura Trombley, Emily Whalen, Rebecca Whipple and Paul Yackel.

Juniors

Judith Beachler, Christopher Brown, Donald Cross, Alicia Darlington, Krysta Domry, Christopher Gnip, Emily Janssen, Melanie Jeune, Jennifer Jones, Tammy Jordan, Rachel Kriss, Timothy LeBlanc, Anthony Lintner, Thomas O'Connor, Jessica Parker, Melanie Relyea, Kathleen Roark, Terry Turner and Meredith Wyche.

Seniors

Corey Blakesley, Karen Buckley, Anthony Carrk, Mark Deyo, Matthew Frese, Melissa Goodman, Shaelynn Hales, Matthew Hamilton, Mariana Hidaka, Kevin Mastriano, Carrie Nettuno, Michael O'Connor, Laura Pietropaoli, Beth Rienti, Shanna Rock, Stacey Sebert, Jevon Sebring, Meghan Smith, Jessica Stanton and Megan Wilson.

Honor Roll Freshmen

Akra Boomer, Rodney Carpentier, Denis Cheney, Diane Currey, Michael Fink, Kathleen Finnigan, Casey Firstun, Tracy Garcia, Jessica Gardner, Sean Hought, Thomas Johnson, Candace Keezer, Joseph Kolanchick, Jacob Lehmann, Matthew Machia, Rachael Mattiske, Richard McGrail, Melissa Mertz and Christopher Messenger.

And, Matthew Mueller, Brandy Nolan, Nathan Orsi, Jonathan Parker, Samuel Pitts, James Reilly, Danielle Relyea, Sara Ribley and Katrina Ross, Nathan Seaburg, Stacey Shields, Sarah Stewart, Brian Thomas, Robert Thompson, Brandy VanDorn, Charles Williams and Dustin Wolfe.

Sophomores

Louis Barrios, Anthony Ceella, Ryan Doherty, Melissa Eissing, Michael Fernald, Brandi Herse, Gary Jones, Danika Kapusta, Daniel Kowalski, Noah Lamoree, Ruben Lopez, Zachary Luhmann, John McNeilly, Michael Montesano, Christopher Music and Timothy Nevinger.

And, Sara Nolan, Cristal Northrup, Kathryn Orsino, Colleen Prior, Tammy Quenneville, William Raup, Rebecca Rohl, Gordon Ryan, Tera Schraa, Deborah Seufert, Erin Smith, Shayla Townley, Lisa VonSchenk, Samantha Whitbeck, Jennifer Whydra and Antoinette Yaggle.

Juniors

Megan Bailey, Devon Davis, Mark Foulger, Brianne Francolini, Jennifer Frese, Sarah Gardner, Elyse Griffin, Justin Hausmann, Scott Hotaling, Rebecca Marshall, Nicholas Martin, Cheryl Matott, Jennifer Moore, Andrea Myers, Sean Ostrander, Justin Parmelee, Rachelle Ray, Stephen Ross, Brian Shear, Nicole Stott and Rachel Wells.

Seniors

Sarah Bachand, Robin Best,

Steven Boomhower, Andrea Boyajian, Jesse Brozowski, Sara Cross, Jason Danz, Melinda Denn, Gina Ferrusi, Tonya Haldane, Christopher Kullman, John LaFountain, Christopher Luchkiw and Lucas McCullough.

And, Michael Music, Robert Nieves, Jennifer Nulton, Aaron Quigley, John Ross, David Schwartz, Jennifer Selke, Franklin Seyferth, Eric Skiff, Maria Sosa, David Velazquez, Mary Wilson and Scott Winters.

Travel plans a snap when using computers

Using a computer to help with travel plans is the subject of a talk on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Ray Houghton, president of CyberHaus Computer Learning Centers in Delmar, will introduce travel resources on CD-ROM and the Internet in, "Go There First on the PC."

To pre-register, call 439-9314.

Historical society to learn about Dutch

Janny Venema of the New Netherland Project will discuss how colonial Dutch society cared for the poor at a meeting of the Town of New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, March 4, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Russell Sage offers chance to study in Puerto Rico

Students can earn college credit while enjoying a getaway to the "isle of enchantment" from May 7 to 20 through Sage College's annual 14-day educational excursion to Puerto Rico.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to study the language, history and culture of the island through classes at the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. Classes will be taught by professors Dr. Nicolas Hernandez and Carmela Estes of Sage Colleges, as well as

faculty from the university.

Trips to museums, historical sites and El Yunque, the only tropical forest in the U.S. National Forest System, will enhance the learning experience.

The cost of the trip is \$1,600. The price includes round-trip air fare from Albany to San Juan, lodging at the Rio Piedras campus, two meals per day and excursions.

For information, call 270-2237.

Delmar students take part in university's 'space day'

Four Delmar students recently joined more than 800 middle and high school students and their parents for Space and Astronomy Day at Boston University.

Joseph Gaitor and his father, Kenneth Gaitor, Kevin Hotaling and his father, Harry Hotaling, Lauren Marar and her parents, Hani and Dawn Marar, and Terence McNally and his father,

George McNally, were among those who attended the event.

The day included a keynote address by shuttle astronaut Sam T. Durrance; various workshops for students that explored how rockets work, why Pluto is the coldest planet and how astronomers search for extraterrestrial life; and sessions for parents on how to foster their children's interest in the sciences.

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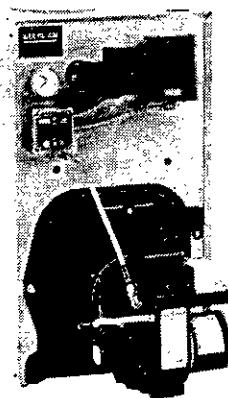
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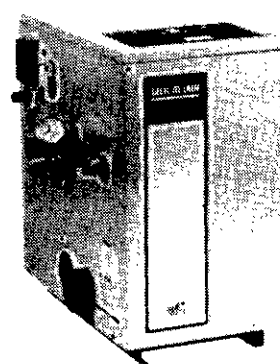


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Fund-raising course slated

Fund-raisers throughout the Capital District will get a helping hand this spring.

Siena College President Rev. Kevin E. Mackin will join other local fund-raising professionals to teach a 12-week course in "The Fundamentals of Fund-raising" at the college.

Mackin has already secured upwards to \$15 million in donations since taking over as college president last October. Prior to his appointment, he was one of the leading fund-raisers in the Holy Name Province of the Order of Friars Minor.

The course will be taught by Mackin and others and is sponsored by Siena and the Hudson-Mohawk Chapter of the National Society of Fund-raising Executives (NSFRE). Designed for professionals and volunteers who want to become more effective fund-

raisers, the class is offered through Siena's Office of Special Programs.

The course will cover a variety of topics, including philanthropy, institutional and development planning, role of volunteers, annual giving, special events, foundation support, major and planned gifts, and capital campaigns.

Instructors are local fund-raising professionals and members of NSFRE from the education, health care and human services fields.

The non-credit course will be held Wednesday evenings, March 19 through June 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuition is \$399 per person. Members of NSFRE will receive a \$100 discount.

For information, call Siena's Office of Special Programs at 783-4202.

Mackey takes part in marketing seminar

Geoffrey Mackey, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a current student at the Indiana University Graduate School of Business, was one of 30 MBA candidates from leading business schools to spend an intensive weekend seminar in late January in New York City.

Mackey worked among students from Harvard and Yale universities, the University of Michigan and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The curriculum focused on cutting-edge direct marketing techniques and media being used successfully by both traditional and non-traditional direct marketers for direct marketing success.

Groups offer varied menu of family-style repasts

Rev's Country Kitchen will serve a baked ham supper at South Bethlehem Church on Willowbrook Avenue on Friday, Feb. 28, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

On Saturday, March 1, Bethlehem Grange will dish up a family style roast beef dinner at the grange on Route 396.

And the ladies auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 will prepare a fish fry dinner on Friday, Feb. 28, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

Takeouts will be available, but patrons must provide their own containers.

PTSA to meet

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk PTSA will meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the senior high school library.

All members of the high school community are welcome to attend.

Orientation program slated for eighth-graders

High school orientation for eighth-graders and their parents is set for Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the high school. All eighth-graders and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Sports group to meet

The RCS Sports Association will meet on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the senior high school

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library.

All members and supporters of RCS athletics are welcome.

Free exercise classes at RCS track

Free exercise classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and noon on Sundays at the RCS track.

All ages are welcome. For information, call 756-3237.

Library to begin biography series

RCS Community Library will kick off the first in a series of "Lives Worth Knowing" on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

The series will investigate biographies and autobiographies. To register for the four-part series, call the library at 756-2053.

Preschool story hours will be on Wednesday and Friday, Feb. 26 and 28. Signup for the story hour by calling the library.

Homes being sought for exchange students

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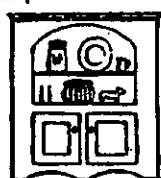
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Speaker to discuss New Netherland topics

Janny Venema of the New Netherland Project has recently translated the Albany Deacon Account Books and will discuss what such documents tell us about the poor of New Netherland at the next meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, March 4, at 8 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on The Old Road in New Salem.

Speaker to discuss perennial gardens

Learn how to design a perennial garden at the next meeting of Helderview Garden Club on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the public library.

Sandra Zwink owner of Sandra Walck Garden Design is the guest speaker. Zwink, a Rensselaer County master gardener and graduate of the Institute of Ecosystem Studies, has been creating custom, ecologically sound gardens throughout the Capital District for nine years.

New members are always welcome. For information, call Joanne King at 765-2261.

Auxiliary to dish up pancake breakfast

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be served on Saturday, March 1, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85.

Breakfast features a choice of blueberry or plain pancakes or french toast, along with bacon, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.75 for children age 6 through 10. Children under age 5 eat for free.

Ecumenical service slated at St. Matthew's

Everyone in the community is invited to the 25th annual New Scotland Kiwanis ecumenical service on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on

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Mountainview Street.

There will be a fellowship hour following the service.

Scouts to serve spaghetti supper

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will dish up a spaghetti supper on Saturday, March 1, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue.

Dinners are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets are available from Girl Scout members or by calling Terri Berger at 765-2674.

Students to join hunger challenge

The junior high student council and student government will participate in the WRGB Hunger Challenge in March. At the end of the month, all items will be weighed and the school with the largest poundage of goods, as compared to its population, wins.

Community members are invited to bring food for the drive during the humanities open house on March 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school.

V'ville art department plans special program

The high school art department will sponsor "Icebreaker—A Win-

ter Art Experience" on Saturday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school. The program includes two workshops presented by area artists with a break for lunch.

Workshops include; wheel-thrown pottery with Bonnie Foster, oil painting with Diane Wozniak, hand-made paper with Sara Ayers and Mexican decorative tin work with Sarah Foster.

Student artists will also hold mini-workshops and create a mural. High school musicians will perform during the lunch break.

Student artwork and crafts will be displayed at the humanities open house on March 26.

The program is open to students in grades 9 through 12. There is a \$3 admission fee. For information, contact Marie Triller or John Lopez at 765-3314.

Fire auxiliary serving fish fry dinners

Fish fry dinners are being served by New Salem Fire Department auxiliary on Fridays, Feb. 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, coleslaw, 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.

Extension to conduct gardening classes

Cornell Cooperative Extension is sponsoring gardening classes

on Tuesdays in March on the following topics: March 4 - tree and shrub care; March 11 - butterfly gardening; March 18 - vegetable gardening; and March 25 - lawn care. Each class will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Booster club slates meeting

The sports boosters club meets on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the high school. Everyone is invited to attend.

Planners to meet

The next meeting of New Scotland planning board is Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

School site team slate March 4 meeting

The elementary site-based management team is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school library. Interested parents are encouraged to attend.

Cemetery association to meet in Clarksville

The Onesquethaw Union Cemetery Association will hold a meeting on Monday, March 3, at the Clarksville Community Church on Route 433 at 7:30 p.m.

V'ville Girl Scouts to hold tea party

In honor of Girl Scout Sunday on March 9, the 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 the First United Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For information, call 765-3747.

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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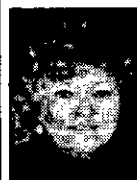
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Laiosa plans session for library club pupils

On Wednesday, March 5, at 3:30 p.m., the library club for fourth through sixth-graders will meet for the first time with Joyce Laiosa, youth services librarian. Laiosa has planned a session of indoor basketball and is looking forward to getting to know all the members of the after school club.



Bus transportation from the elementary school is provided. Signup is necessary. Call the library at 765-2791. The meeting ends at 4:30 p.m.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on March 5, Art Expressions meets in the community room for artists who enjoy painting and drawing with others. Newcomers and beginners are welcome.

Artists should bring their own materials. Refreshments will be served.

The writers group meets Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

Library board of trustees meet tonight, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Vink

In-house publications go like hotcakes

Thanks to some local talent and nifty equipment, the library is able to turn out some good-looking in-house publications on a regular basis. Several departments issue brochures and handbooks on a variety of subjects ranging from thumbnail book reviews to informational brochures to handy directories.

The reference department is-



sues two useful directories each year. The "News Media" directory lists many Capital District newspapers and newsletters (including online news) magazines, and TV stations including college and public access.

This publication is designed by local groups that wish to publicize their activities via press releases or on-air public service announcements. A typical entry includes the name, address, telephone, fax, E-mail information, services area, frequency of issue if it is a print medium, deadline information, special instructions and editors' names.

"News Media" is updated every June.

In cooperation with the town of Bethlehem, the reference depart-

ment also publishes the "Bethlehem Town Directory," which includes a wealth of practical information for residents.

Patrons who want to know about tax deadlines, garbage collection and recycling, parks and recreation, school districts, senior services and other municipal data, can use this directory as a starting point. In addition to names and phone numbers, each entry includes a paragraph or two on basic service information. The directory is updated every January.

On a more literary note, reference staff periodically introduce a new issue of "Pageturners," a collection of short reviews of books they've been reading in their spare time.

In the nine issues compiled since its inception about five years ago, "Pageturners" has had something for everyone: novels, mysteries, westerns, science fiction, classics, best-sellers, short stories and a variety of nonfiction works. The new media directory, town directory and latest "Pageturners" are available on the rack near the reference desk.

Youth services issues "Pre-school Possibilities," which lists

and describes 30 local schools that cater to the needs of young children.

This directory, updated in January, does not endorse the schools it includes, but is prepared to HELP parents make informed choices.

Youth services also issues "YS Notes," a bi-monthly calendar of events prepared especially for young patrons.

Both publications are available at the youth services desk.

All in-house publications are made possible in part by some up-to-date technology. The library is fortunate to own desktop publishing equipment that produces a clean and professional-looking finished product.

Pagemaker, Photoshop and a scanner are the tools of the trade. The Internet is also utilized as a publishing tool. The library generates and updates a Website at <http://crisny.org/libraries/capreg/bethlehem>. So take a moment to browse the Web or the display racks.

All publications are free, and they go like hotcakes. We'll try our best to keep them in stock.

Louise Grieco

Astronomers meet at Five Rivers

The Albany Area Amateur Astronomers will present an introduction to seasonal constellations on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

An indoor presentation by mem-

bers of the group will be conducted, rain or shine. If skies are clear, an outdoor session will follow where participants will be able to view celestial objects through telescopes.

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BCHS to host debate tourney

The Bethlehem High School Speech and Debate Team will host a tournament for 10 regional schools on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 9 a.m., at the high school at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

In the tournament, three broad areas of interest — politics, debate and dramatics — are translated

into tournament categories such as Lincoln-Douglas Debate, extemporaneous speaking and dramatic interpretation.

Bethlehem's team has performed well this year. Throughout a season which begins in October and ends in June, the team has commonly ranked among the top four schools in local tournaments.

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Sports

BC plays Schenectady Saturday in Glen Falls

Upstart Eagles still in tourney

By Mel Hyman

For the first time in recent memory, the Bethlehem boys basketball team is headed to the semi-final round of the sectional tournament.

Bethlehem will take on Schenectady High School at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Glen Falls Civic Center. The winner of that game will meet either Albany or Bishop Maginn for the Section II, Class A championship.

While some people may not give the Eagles much of a chance against such powerful Big 10 schools, head coach **Chuck Abba** says BC not only has a fighting chance, they can take the whole kit and kaboodle if they keep playing like they have.

"The kids are playing really well," he said. "I have confidence in this team. Like I said before we went up against Troy, I think we're ready and able to meet the challenge."

In their opening round game Wednesday against the Trojans, who finished fourth in the Big 10 this year, Bethlehem won easily, 65-53. Senior **Tim Staniels** was the big gun for the Eagles, scoring 17 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. **Geoff Hunter** pitched in with 13, and **Scott Defeo** added 11.

On Saturday, BC pulled off its biggest upset of the season, beating Saratoga, the top-ranked team in the Suburban Council, 55-38.

BC's outside shooters, who struggled for much of the season but who have regained the touch lately, stung Saratoga with their three-point accuracy.

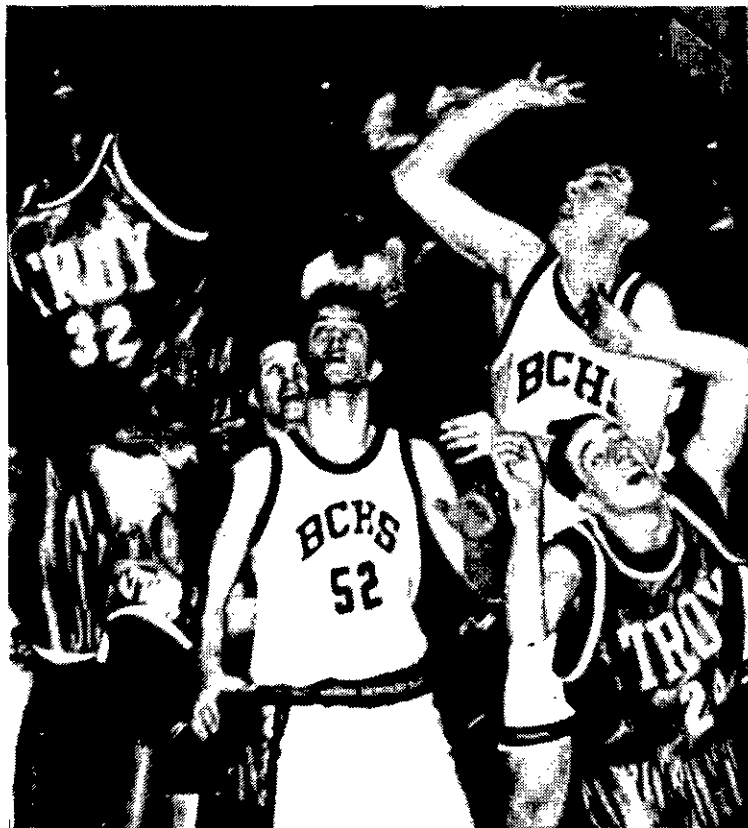
Staniels and Hunter, who fired

Gym opens on Fridays

Beginning Feb. 28, the Bethlehem Central High School lower gym will be open on Friday nights from 8 to 11 p.m. for high school students interested in playing basketball.

Open to boys and girls of all abilities, students must be residents of Bethlehem Central School District or the town of Bethlehem.

A \$1 admission will be charged. For information, call 439-4131.



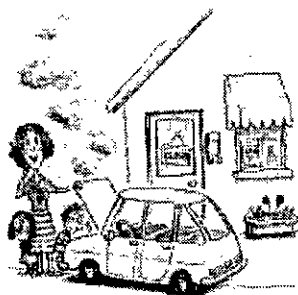
Bethlehem's Mark Svare goes up for a shot against Troy while teammate Tim Staniels waits for the rebound.
Liz Waniewski

in two, three-pointers, led the Eagles with 13 points each. **Seamus Gallagher** pumped in 10, and **Mark Svare** added six. **Ryan Venter** also converted a three-point shot.

BC finished on top of the Suburban Council Gold Division this year, but was seeded fifth in the tournament behind Saratoga, Shenendehowa, Shaker and Guilderland, all of whom have been eliminated.

"I know this sounds like a cliché, but it's really been a team effort this year," Abba said. "Now that our shots are dropping, it gives up flexibility because when they come out to guard our shooters, we can counter with our inside threat, Tim Staniels."

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BC's Umar the best triple jumper in area

By Karly Decker

Triple jump specialist **Khalid Umar**, who placed first in the sectional qualifying tournament, will lead the Bethlehem contingent going to the upcoming state track and field championships.

Bethlehem had an outstanding showing in the state qualifying meet for boys track and field last weekend. Four team members qualified for the state meet, which is the most that Bethlehem has ever sent.

Umar, a sophomore at Bethlehem Central, was golden. He finished first in the triple jump, with a 44 foot, 6 inch jump.

Track

He is considered to have the best chance of taking a medal in the state tournament.

"I'm not surprised at the people who made it," said head coach **Dave Twarog**. "I had a lot of confidence in the guys, and they had the heart to do it."

Tim Kavanagh placed third in the 1,000-meter run, breaking the school record with a time of 2:33.

Matt Clement broke school records in both the one-mile and two mile races. Clement qualified for states with a third place in the mile, completing it in 4:30.

"We were excited that four of the guys made states, and we are all looking forward to the experience of competing with the best in New York," Clement said.

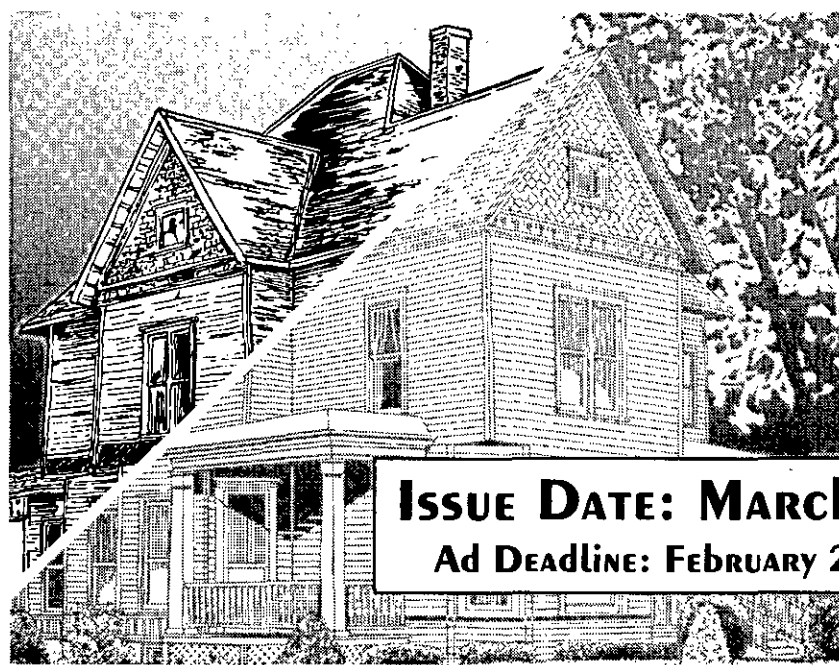
Joey Rossi, who was unable to participate in the sectionals tournament due to illness, also came out strong, taking a third place in the 600-meter run.

"It was disappointing to work hard all year and not be with the team at sectionals," Rossi said. "I felt like I let them down. But that gave me more motivation to do well in the state qualifiers."

Andy Karins finished sixth in the long jump, soaring 19 feet, 5 inches.

The state track and field tournament takes place Saturday at Cornell University.

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BC girls eye sectional crown

By Tim Kavanagh

After a full week's rest, the Bethlehem Lady Eagles cruised to an easy win over Columbia Friday in the quarterfinals of the Section II girls basketball tournament.

The team came out of the blocks fired up, taking a quick 12-2 lead over the Lady Blue Devils. At the half, the score read 26-16 in favor of Bethlehem, and the second half was uneventful as BC pulled away for a 59-46 win.

"We rebounded real well," said Magan Sellnow, who scored 16 points and was a force on the boards. "I thought we also played

Basketball

good defense and maintained our intensity well."

Junior Nicole Conway had a game-high 19 points and eight steals. Karly Decker contributed 10.

"The team did a good job rebounding on both ends of the floor," said coach Kim Zornow, "and we played great defense as well. This was a team effort. Everyone did their job, and we played

well together."

If the Lady Eagles prevail in their semifinal game against Niskayuna, whom they defeated at home on Feb. 12, they will face either Catholic Central or Albany High for the sectional championship Friday at Hudson Valley Community College.

Registration slated for spring track

The Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club has announced registration times for the upcoming spring track and field season.

Pre-registration for club members will be mailed home. Open registration will be held on Thursday, March 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall, room 104, and Tuesday, March 11, at Bethlehem Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m.

All youth born between 1981 and 1989 are eligible to join.

All inquiries concerning the club should be directed to David Strogatz at 475-0332 or Denise Minnear at 439-1415.

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Ladybirds to face Saratoga Catholic

By Matt McKenna

The quest for a state championship continues.

The Voorheesville girls basketball team will play Saratoga Catholic in the sectional semifinals tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at Colonie High School. The winner of that game will play either Watervliet or Hoosick Valley for the sectional crown.

The Ladybirds are trying to make it back to the state tournament, where they lost in the semifinal round a year ago. Voorheesville lost only one player from that team.

"It won't be easy, but we're all looking forward to the up-coming games," said head coach Jack Adams. "We've seen some of these teams before, but the girls will still have to play hard if they're going to reach their goal. Our experience from last year helps a lot when it comes to this time of year."

In their quarterfinal game last week against Hoosick Falls, the girls picked up right where they left off in the regular season.

The Ladybirds, who won the Class C title last season and are the number one seed this year, coasted to 62-44 win.

Hoosick Falls came into the game with a record of 10-11, and the Ladybirds never gave them a chance to think upset. After taking a 15-10 first quarter lead, the Ladybirds erupted in the second

period, outscoring their opponents, 23-8.

Hoosick Falls could not break Voorheesville's press, allowing the Ladybirds many easy baskets. Hoosick Falls finally outscored Voorheesville in the fourth quarter, 18-10, but by then the outcome was not in doubt.

We've seen some of these teams before, but the girls will still have to play hard if they're going to reach their goal.

Jack Adams

Jane Meade led four players in double figures with 18 points. Becky Dawson added 15, and Kristin Person dropped in 14, including three, three-pointers. Regan Burns followed with 12.

"Our defense has been the key all season long and always seems to feed our offense," Adams said. "I'm really happy with how the girls are playing. This was also a big game because it was the last home game for our six seniors."

The Ladybirds coasted to their second straight Colonial Council title this year, losing only one regular season game along the way, to Holy Names.

Star bowlers at Del Lanes

The following bowlers took top honors recently at Del Lanes in Delmar:

Senior Citizen Men: Joe Marino 244; Bill Johnston 802 triple; Dave Palladino 802 triple.

Senior Citizen Women: Phyllis Smith 203; Agnes Neumann 518 triple.

Men: Gary Brooks 289; Lenny Reynoldt 998 four games; Vince Pang 759 triple.

Women: Kathy Tisko 278; Shirley Kennedy 623 triple; Arlene Leto 920 four games.

Adult/Junior Men: Phil Hausman 277 and 681 triple.

Women: Sharon Rohl 235;

Robin Molt 540.

Boys: Michael Brady 245; Minard Carkner 558.

Girls: Stacey Spagnola 215; Leanna Cady 524 triple.

Junior Classic: Mike Westfall 278 and 959 four games; Nicole Stagg 265 and 897 four games.

Majors: William VanHouter 239 and 672 triple; Erika Schmit 179 and 496 triple.

Juniors: Chris Sifka 186 and 543 triple; Denise Doran 173 and 486 triple.

Preps: Greg Pittz 184 and 438 triple; Aubrey Spaulding 158 and 452 triple.

BCMS PTA NEWS

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MARCH PTA UPDATE

March 3rd PTA Meeting: Bethlehem Police Officer Mike McMillen has been invited to talk about his service at the Middle School over the last year. If he is unable to attend, we will have an open forum to discuss parent/ teacher issues of interest to all attendees.

MS Science Research Night: Student science research projects will be judged and on display Thursday, February 27th. The program runs from 2:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for students and scientists, and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for students and parents in the Middle School cafeteria.

MS Grade 6 Social: February 28th: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

MS Grade 7 Dance: March 7th: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

MS Grade 8 Dance: March 14th: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

MS Teacher Recognition Luncheon: March 21st. Volunteers are being sought to help produce this luncheon. This is your opportunity as a parent to show appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our Middle School teachers. Please be willing to help. Contact Barb Eames - 439-8536.

PTA Membership: The support of all parents and teachers is appreciated. If you have concerns or questions that PTA might help with, please contact the PTA President, Jeff Zogg, at 439-6498.

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Obituaries

Nancy Elizabeth Mack

Nancy Elizabeth Mack of Slingerlands died Thursday, Feb. 20.

She was a graduate of Westover School and Finch Junior College in New York City.

She was an elder and former trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany. She was also a trustee of Albany Institute of History & Art and a past president and sustaining member of the Junior League of Albany. She was a recipient of the league's Sustainer's Bowl for volunteer services.

She was a former president of the Northeastern New York Speech Center and served on the board of the Parson's Child and Family Center.

Survivors include a nephew, Peter Voorhees of Maitland, Fla.; and six nieces, Susan V. Nowlin of Selkirk, Martha V. Blackman of Delmar, Carol V. Contompasis of Niskayuna, and Virginia D. Hebditch, Lady Nicholson and Wendy D. Adams, all of England.

Services were from Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Albany Institute of History & Art Endowment Fund.

Myrtle J. Pelham

Myrtle J. Pelham, 91, of Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Delmar, died Saturday, Feb. 22, at the center.

Born in Port Washington, Nassau County, she had lived in Hensonville before moving to Delmar.

She was a graduate of the State College for Teachers in Oneonta.

Mrs. Pelham was an elementary school teacher for many years, retiring in 1971.

She was a member of Hensonville United Methodist Church, where she was organist for many years.

She was the widow of Walter J. Pelham.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Walter Pelham of Delmar; a daughter, Susan Parker of Clifton Park; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Decker Funeral Home in Windham and Windham United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Windham United Methodist Church.

Jens Kingo Follevaag

Jens Kingo Follevaag, 84, of Mountainview Street in Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Norway, he had lived in Guilderland before moving to Voorheesville in 1990.

Mr. Follevaag was a master painter, retiring 11 years ago.

He was a pilot with the Norwegian marines during World War II.

He was a member of VASA, a Scandinavian fraternal organization in Schenectady.

Survivors include his wife, Aase Hansen Follevaag; a daughter, Beatriz Handel of Sprakers; three stepchildren, Ege Gulbrandsen, Mons Fuhr and Ole Fuhr, all of Norway; a sister, Anne Grimstad of Oslo; nine grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Services were from Mountainview Evangelical Free Church.

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

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

John Starr Watson

John Starr Watson, 60, of Delmar died Wednesday, Feb. 19, at his home.

Born in Oshkosh, Wis., Mr. Watson was the principal coordinator of history for the New York State Museum.

He was a 30-year member and past treasurer of the Early American Industries Association, the Delmar Masonic Bowling League, the American Association of Museums and the American Association of State and Local History.

He was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Irey Godala Watson; a son, Kenneth S. Watson of Delmar; his stepmother, Alice Watson of Bogata, N.J.; and a brother, Allen Watson of Sedona, Ariz.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Early American Industries Association, c/o Elton W. Hall, 167 Bakersville Road, South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748.

Helen Louise Frazier

Helen Louise Frazier of Maple Avenue in Slingerlands, died Monday, Feb. 17, at her home.

Born in Slingerlands, she was a stenographer for the state Department of Labor for 22 years.

She taught Sunday school and played the organ at Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands. She was also financial secretary and board member of the church's Missionary Society.

She was a member of the Tawasentha Chapter of the DAR and Slingerlands Fire Auxiliary.

Survivors include a sister, Evelyn A. Frazier of Slingerlands.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

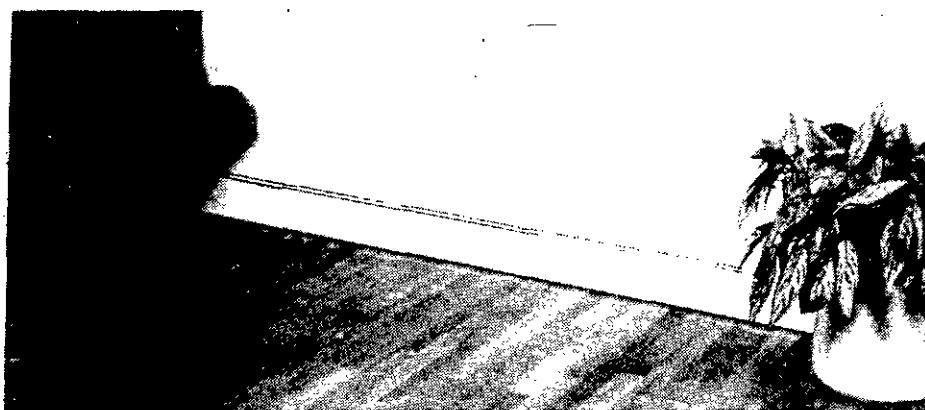
Contributions may be made to Community United Methodist Church.

Mayor honors Ernie



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Seth and Paloma Graham

Garcia, Graham marry

Paloma Garcia Paredes, daughter of Francisco and Magdalena Garcia of Merida, Spain, and Seth B. Graham, son of former Delmar residents Don and Betty Graham of Austin, Texas, were married Jan. 2 in the bride's home in Merida.

The bride is a graduate of the

University of Granada in Spain and attended the Linguistic University of Moscow in Russia.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Texas. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pittsburgh.

The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

Class of '96

Columbia Pacific University — Richard Zaranko of Delmar (doctorate in administration and management).

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Angela Randles of Delmar (master's in business administration) and Thomas Flynn of Glenmont (master's in communication and rhetoric).

Sage Graduate School — Sharon Stein of Clarksville (master's in public administration).

University at Albany — Michael Pratt (bachelor's in English), Jeremy McInerney (bachelor's in geography), and Cynthia Asmus (bachelor's in psychology, *magna cum laude*), all of Delmar; Alison Martin-Noel of Selkirk (bachelor's in English); and Nichole Weston (bachelor's in criminal justice), Valerie Houk (bachelor's in public affairs), Adrienne Ford (bachelor's in criminal justice), and Michael Angelo (bachelor's in sociology), all of Voorheesville.

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

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The Spotlight remembers

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

• Bethlehem Supervisor **Robert Hendrick** said the town had received several inquiries regarding siting a supermarket on commercially zoned property on Delaware Avenue west of Bethlehem Central High School. "I'd say we have three good possibilities," Hendrick said.

• In a front-page profile by **Linda Burtis**, state wildlife pathologist **Ward Stone** said he was "bound to make enemies" in the Department of Environmental Conservation bureaucracy due to his outspoken opposition to DEC-regulated chemical contamination of the environment. "I'm still fighting the same battle I was fighting 20 years ago," Stone noted.

• The Bethlehem Central girls basketball team won its first Sectional game over Troy before losing to Shenendehowa in the second round. Key players were **Julie Francis**, **Wendy Vogel**, **Leslie Anderson**, **Nancy Frattura** and **Anita Kaplan**.

Ragone, Kosoc to marry

Kara Ragone, daughter of Richard and Judith Ragone of Selkirk, and Brent David Kosoc, son of William and Kathy Kosoc of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. She is employed as a medical technician assistant by

Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

The future groom is also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed as an assistant project manager by Barry Bette and Led Duke in Colonie.

The couple plans a June 6 wedding.

Mallin, Roberts to marry

Patricia Lynn Mallin, daughter of Mildred Mallin of Bedford Heights, Ohio, and Thomas Michael Roberts, son of Donald and Emily Roberts of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Miami University of Ohio, is employed as East Coast outreach coordinator by the Institute for

Global Communications in Washington, D.C.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended the University of Albany. He is employed as technology coordinator by Americans for the Arts in Washington.

The couple plans an August wedding.

Robilotto, Hegeman to marry

Laura Robilotto, daughter of Paul Robilotto of Albany and Yolanda Robilotto of Glenmont, and Clinton Hegeman, son of Alan Hegeman of Hudson and the late Joan Hegeman, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Junior College of Albany and Samaritan Hospital Nursing

School. She is a registered nurse in the surgery and trauma unit of Albany Medical Center.

The future groom, a graduate of the University of Albany and Brooklyn Law School, is owner and president of The Silver Parrot in Guelderland.

The couple plans a June 20 wedding.

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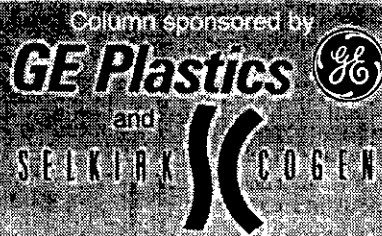
BCHS gym to open on Friday nights

Attention sports fans.

Are you looking for an exciting beginning to your weekends? Friday Night Open Gym Basketball at Bethlehem Central High School starts on Feb 28. This is a fun event which offers students the opportunity to play hoops in a relaxed atmosphere. Players of all ability levels are encouraged to take part.

Basketball starts at 8 and ends at 11 p.m. There is a \$1 fee. All high school age boys and girls who live in the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District are welcome. There is a limit of 80 players. Please come ready to play as locker rooms are closed. This is a great way to start your weekend, so plan to spend your Friday nights shooting hoops and having a great time.

Friday Night Open Gym Basketball is coordinated by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department. The program is a project of a Bethlehem Community Partnership Task Force and is supported by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.



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Kenneth and Nina Hunter

Majdanski, Hunter marry

Nina Majdanski, daughter of Henry Majdanski and the late Otilie Majdanski of Wood-Ridge, N.J., and Kenneth R. Hunter Jr., son of Kenneth and June Hunter of Voorheesville, were married Oct. 5.

The Revs. George Klohck and Sherwood Carver performed the ceremony in First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, with the reception following at the Best Western Inn in Rotterdam.

The maid of honor was Alice Majdanski, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Patti Esty and Giulietta Kensik.

The best man was Dave Carver

and ushers were Tom Flynn and Jim Newell.

The bride, a graduate of Wood-Ridge High School and Holy Name Hospital Nursing School, is employed as a registered nurse in the anesthesia unit of The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, N.J.

The groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Syracuse University. He is employed as senior account manager by Roberts & John Advertising and Public Relations in Parsippany, N.J.

After a wedding trip to Europe, the couple lives in Morris Plains, N.J.

Dean's List

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

Bentley College — Laura Hoffmeister of Delmar.

North Adams State College — J. Adam Cole of Voorheesville.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Gianna Aiezza, Jonathan Bugler, Elizabeth Dunn, Erin Many and Scott Maybee, all of Delmar; Clarissa D'Ambrosio and Kelly Robinson, both of Glenmont; Paul Belemjian, Doryen Bubeck and Peter Losee, all of Selkirk; and Monica Burt and James Cooper, both of Voorheesville.

Russell Sage College — Kauthar Umar of Glenmont.

Spencer Business & Technical Institute — John Dlugolecki Jr. and Philip Heckeler, both of Delmar.

SUNY Cortland — Stephanie Sodergren of Delmar.

SUNY Fredonia — Marcus Anderson and Robert Jordan, both of Delmar; Paul Roche of Glenmont; and Leanna Curley of Selkirk.

SUNY Oswego — John Deyss of Delmar; Jonathan Meester (president's list) and Michael Kohler, both of Glenmont; and Maureen Smith of Feura Bush (president's list).

University of Richmond — Matthew Winterhoff of Delmar.

University of Rochester — Dana Romanoff and Jason Sundram, both of Delmar.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Francesca Marie Salamida, to Kimberly and Frank Salamida of Delmar, Feb. 13.

Out of town

Girl, Kaitlyn Grace Seifert, to Kris and Tim Seifert of Crested Butte, Colo., Feb. 15. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Barbara VanAernem of Delmar.

Clarification

Also nominating Fred and Helen Adler as Citizens of the Year to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce was Sherry S. Putney.



John and Caroline Siary

Kawola, Siary marry

Caroline M. Kawola, daughter of Daniel and Johanna Kawola of Loudonville, and John R. Siary, son of John and Rose Siary of Selkirk, were married Nov. 30, 1996.

Bishop Howard Hubbard and the Rev. Michael Farano performed the ceremony at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville. A reception followed at the Century House in Latham.

The maid of honor was Lori Pellegrino, and bridesmaids were Melissa Haines, Kristin Skinner, Carrie MacPherson, Joanne Smith and Carol Hamilton, sister of the groom.

The best man was Anthony Caruso, and ushers were Joseph Kawola, brother of the bride, James Hamilton, brother-in-law of

the groom, Bryan Stewart, cousin of the groom, Robert Siary, uncle of the groom, and Justin Turley. The ring bearer was Justin Hines, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Bishop Maginn High School in Albany and the University at Albany. She is a member provider service representative for American Chiropractors Network in San Diego, Calif.

The groom is also a graduate of Bishop Maginn High School and The College of Saint Rose. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

After a wedding trip across the U.S., the couple lives in Oceanside, Calif.

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.

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For information or to make an appointment, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

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Hunter hosts Winter Carnival

By Zack Beck

Next Friday will mark the beginning of the 11-day town of Hunter Winter Carnival, the first of its kind for the resort area, which will offer many things to do that go well beyond gliding down a snow covered mountain.

The festival will include a Winter Carnival Family Fun Party, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, A Taste of Hunter in the Winter Dine-A-Round and several exciting ski and snowboarding events at Hunter Mountain Ski Bowl.

According to the president of Hunter Promotion Association Guy Chirico, this is one of the best times to visit the Hunter area because of the more than 100 inches of base snow to enjoy when either skiing or snowboarding.

The Winter Carnival will take place from March 7 to 17, and each day will feature a variety of special events. The Family Fun Party is set for Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at Tannersville High

School. The event will feature games, refreshments, prizes, clowns and face painting. "The emphasis of this event is on the family," said Chirico.

"Everything is reasonably priced with the family in mind," he said.

Every Friday and Saturday night during the Winter Carnival will be the Hunter Music Festival. Live bands will be featured at six locations in the area including Slopes, Tanners Night Club, Club Chapter 11, The Outback Saloon, Tequilla's and Prospect at Scribner Hollow Lodge.

Other special highlights of the carnival include several events at the Hunter Mountain Ski Bowl. These include: the SnoFest Challenge '97 fun race for skiers and snowboarders on Saturday, March 8; Snowfest Learn to Ski/Snowboard Day for beginners (reservations required, includes lift ticket, rental equipment and a lesson),

on Wednesday, March 12; Local Motion Race on Monday, March 10; the Burton Snowboard Demo Days on Saturday, March 15; Rolling Rock Rolls the Moguls on Sunday, March 16; and the Local Motion race series finals on Monday, March 17.

For information on these events, call Hunter Mountain directly at 263-4223.

"One of the highlights of the carnival will be the Taste of Hunter in the Winter Dine-A-Round," said Chirico. This event will take place on Sunday, March 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. Participants in the Dine-A-Round can sample the best that Hunter's restaurants have to offer for one ticket price of \$15. Tickets are available at any one of the following participating restaurants: Alfredo's, China Pavilion, Villa Vosilla, P.J. Larkin's, Cheers, Tequilla's Outback Saloon, Tannersville Yacht Club, Chateau Belleview, Mountain Brook Dining & Spirits, The Prospect at Scribner Hollow Lodge and Club Chapter 11 at Hunter Highlands.

Other dining events include Mountain Brook Dining and Spirit's first annual cigar dinner on March 11; a wine tasting dinner at The Prospect Restaurant at Scribner Hollow Lodge on Sunday, March 9; and a free midnight buffet at Club Chapter 11 on both Fridays of the Winter Carnival.

Another highlight of the festival will be the revival of an old time tradition of a St. Patrick's Day Parade which will take place on Saturday, March 15, at 1 p.m. There will be a post-parade party at Tanners Night Club and other Tannersville locations.

Other carnival events include Snow Beach Volleyball at Alfredo's, located on Main Street, from 2 to 5 p.m. on March 16; an ice skating party at Rip Van Winkle Rink at Tannersville Lake on Sunday, March 9, from 2 to 5 p.m.; a fun run and kids race with hot chocolate and awards ceremony afterwards at Mountain Brook Dining and Spirits on Sunday, March 9; ice sculpting demonstration at Villa Vosilla, Saturday, March 15, from 12 to 4 p.m.

"This is the first year in hopefully a long a tradition of winter carnivals in Hunter," said Chirico.

Hunter is located south on 9W off exit 23A. For information, contact Hunter Promotion Association at 263-4524.



Theatre Institute juggles projects with film and theatrical co-production

At a press conference held this past Tuesday at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady it was announced that a joint benefit in April would be centered around the premiere of the video version of *A Tale of Cinderella*. The New York State Theatre Institute also announced they were preparing a stage co-production with a Pennsylvania theater.

Excerpts from the video of the production were shown in Troy last year featuring the original musical with a script by Delmar's W.A. Frankonis. These same excerpts were shown to the press yesterday (2/25) while it was explained that the benefit showing at Proctor's on April 23 will provide funds for both organizations, Proctor's and the Theatre Institute.

The Warner Home Video release will be available in stores following the premiere in Schenectady.

Another Delmar playwright, Ed. Lange will have his new script, *Sherlock's Secret Life*, presented March 16 at Russell Sage in Troy, the home for the past four seasons for the NYS Theatre Institute. Following the 10-day engagement in Troy, the production will be taken to Queens on Long Island for a limited run.

Next season, the production will travel to the Actors' Company of Pennsylvania in Lancaster where the new show about Sherlock Holmes will be presented in the historic Fulton Opera House. The Lancaster-based professional company is assisting in presenting the new production in Troy as part of its contribution to the joint undertaking.

Lange's play deals with Holmes' early career, observing his foibles and idiosyncrasies that provide comedy along with the



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mystery associated with Arthur Conan Doyle's creation.

The production will run at Schacht Fine Arts Center through March 23. Then it will be taken to a theater at the old 1939 World's Fair site in Queens for viewing by New York audiences.

According to the Theater Institute's spokesman, theaters from around the world are interested in the new script, including several in Germany and Australia.

Information on the play is available at 274-3256.

Mental Health Players start training of cast for touring productions

Two-day long training sessions have been held for new actors in the Mental Health Players company but performers seeking to work in this all-volunteer troupe can still contact Harriet Comfort, the company's director at 447-9611, ext. 6835.

The training prepared the troupe for improvisational work and role-playing before audiences in schools, churches, civic organizations and youth groups.

The 15-year old improvisational theater group is a community education program of the state psychiatric hospital in Albany. The Capital District Psychiatric Center on New Scotland Avenue has been a home to the troupe which prepares its plays and scenes with the help of mental health professionals working at the Center.

The Mental Health Players recruit dozens of actors so that the schedule, often two to three shows a week, will not burden

the performers. When one can't play a date, another fills in. The performances are given free of charge within a nine-county area.

Active performers with the troupe are expected to participate in at least one performance a month.

Theatre Barn lists auditions for next summer's shows

Auditions for the Theater Barn's 1997 season of five musicals and three plays in its New Lebanon theater will be held Saturday, March 8 from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The auditions will be held in The Gathering Place at the Palmer House on Route 22, one mile south of Route 20.

All types are being cast.

Call Joan Phelps at 794-8989 for further information.

Cloud 9, an English play to open at University at Albany theater

Caryl Churchill's *Cloud 9* opens at the University at Albany's Lab Theater starting March 7 and running through March 15.

The play, to be staged by Langdon Brown, chair of the theater department, examines sexual situations through two time periods.

Churchill, popular in England in the 1980s, uses a surrealistic look at sexual repression and revolution.

Information and reservations are available at 442-3997.

Around Theaters!

Prelude to a Kiss at the Albany Civic Theater through March 16 (462-1297). *The Deal*, a new play at the HomeMade Theater in Saratoga through March 2 (587-4427). *Carousel*, the famed Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, at Proctor's Theater Feb. 28-March 2 for five performances. (346-6204).

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"CLOUD 9"

Caryl Churchill's comedy, produced by University at Albany Theatre Department, Laboratory Theatre in the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., March 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15, and 3 p.m., March 9, \$10, \$7 students, seniors, university staff and alumni. Information, 442-3997.

"THE DEAL"

play about the clash of political egos, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. matinee on Sundays, through March 2. Information, 587-4427.

"PRELUDE TO A KISS"

Craig Lucas' romantic fantasy, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 28 through March 16, \$10. Information, 462-1297.

"AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'"

Motown legend Martha Reeves and the Vandellas put on 1960s musical, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m., March 8, \$34.50 to \$26.50. Information, 383-5392.

"CAROUSEL"

tragic and comic love story of a Gilded Age couple, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. on Feb. 28 and March 1, 2 p.m. on March 1 and 2, and 7 p.m. on March 2, \$39.50 to \$32.50. Information, 382-6204.

MUSIC

SUNY-COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND

Main Theatre of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., March 10. Information, 442-3995.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLE

from 1940s swing to modern fusion, The College of Saint Rose Music Building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 28, \$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, \$6 and \$9. Information, 382-7581.

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT

to benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum, Andy Cooney, Hal Roach and Catherine Coates, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, 8 p.m., March 13, \$20. Information, 432-6598.

STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN AND AUDIO ADRENALINE

Pepsi Arena, Albany, 7:30 p.m., May 1, \$18.50 and \$13.50. Information, 476-1000.

FESTIVAL OF 20TH CENTURY MUSIC

University at Albany Percussion Ensemble, Empire State Youth and Repertory Percussion Ensembles to present a concert of 20th century music, including Foss' "Quartet for Percussion" and Ravel's "Enchanted Garden," Main Theatre, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., Feb. 27. Information, 442-3995.

SUNY ORCHESTRA

works by Shostakovich, Schubert, and Beethoven, conductor Findlay Cockrell, Main Theatre, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m., March 9. Information, 442-3995.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

New York State Theatre Institute is looking for students interested in working on a new musical over the summer, 25 openings, NYSTI Summer Theatre Institute, 155 River St., Troy 12180, application deadline March 3. Information, 274-3200.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

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The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, slide lecture on Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m., exhibit runs through March 30. Information, 792-1761.

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minority men and women who served in this nation's war 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, 766-5450.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Binghamton Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 7, 1997. 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 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (February 26, 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 26, 1997)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 1716 CENTRAL ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. 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

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24 Child, to Robert Burns	65 List of passengers and cargo	112 Beauty salon service	12 It might be co-ed	57 — Gables, Fla.	99 Wheels on spurs	
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27 Large African baboon	71 Virginia of history	119 Auctioneer's word	15 Site of two Civil War battles	62 "A Shropshire —"	104 Membranous bract	
29 Click in Morse code	72 Kipling's city on the Irrawaddy	121 It's before pencil or glass	16 Bridge star Sharif	64 Babylonian hero	106 Minister's home	
31 Member of an elite group	76 City on the Rhone	122 Puccini heroine	17 Calcutta garb	66 Word with simple or tail	107 Role for Rosalind Russell	
33 Columnist Barrett	78 Wobble	123 Blinding contract	18 Not now	68 Sahara stopping places	108 Greedily eager	
34 Father, to Caesar	82 Special acct.	124 Friendly Scandinavian goblin	28 Medieval stringed instrument	70 Returns to custody	109 Parent-to-be's choice	
36 Understands fully	85 Victim of Charlotte Corday	125 Actress — Joyce, of "Roc"	30 Elevator man	72 Kind of racehorse?	110 Quantity of paper	
37 Waxy ointment	87 Middle of a French cap?	126 First orchard?	32 Anagram of fade	73 Bakery byproduct	112 Fine spray	
40 Figures of speech	88 Weaving machine	127 Island near Leyte	34 Dupes for con men	74 Ruth's mother-in-law	113 River in Africa	
42 Talked impudently	90 Biological partitions	128 Do a tailor's job	35 Boisterous festivity	75 Exclamations of dismay	114 Chest rattle	
46 Conjure up	91 Heavy clubs	129 Appear to be DOWN	37 Goddess of agriculture	77 Drops from the payroll	115 Yellow Dutch cheese	
47 Not for real	92 Lion's pride	1 Ending for Mail or Candy	38 Today's "happening"	79 Pull one's leg	118 Initials for Jefferson Davis	
48 Anatomical duct	93 Bovy and Samms	2 Pro —	39 Movement of 54 Down	80 White-tailed eagles	120 Salad dressing base	
50 Optional test answer	95 Select group					
51 Film director — Clair	96 Lengths of coiled yarn					
	97 Florist's					

AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26**
ALBANY COUNTY

COXSACKIE ANTIQUE CENTER
"Early Pattern Glass and Modern Reproductions," Corner of Rt 9W and Rt. 81, West Cocksackie, 7 p.m. Information, 731-8888.

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

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

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 27**
ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

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

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

SARATOGA COUNTY

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

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 28**
ALBANY COUNTY

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

**SATURDAY
MARCH 1**
ALBANY COUNTY

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

**SUNDAY
MARCH 2**
ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

**MONDAY
MARCH 3**
ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHEONS
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
MARCH 4**
ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

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

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

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

Musical comes to Proctor's



The '60s musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will be performed at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady on March 22 and 23.

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

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

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

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5**
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.

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

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

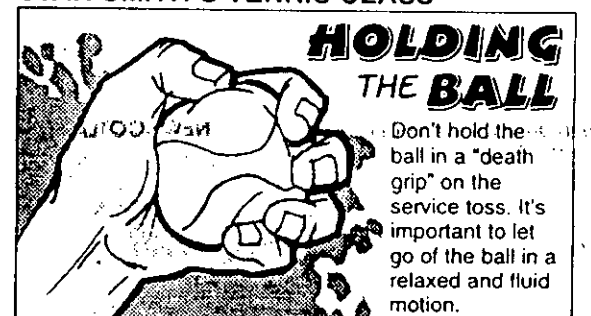
APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB
Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

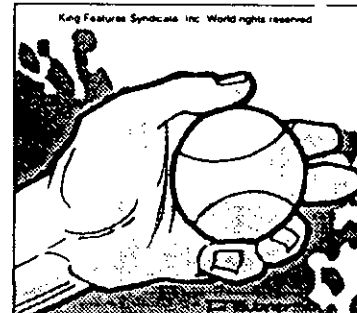
WRITING WORKSHOP
for advanced fiction writers, room 210, Proctor's Arcade, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 381-8927.

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

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Don't hold the ball in a "death grip" on the service toss. It's important to let go of the ball in a relaxed and fluid motion.



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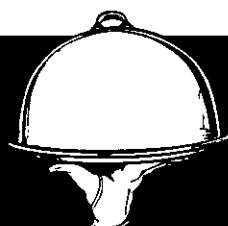
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY
26
BETHLEHEM
BC SCHOOL BOARD
 budget work session, district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

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

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

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

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

WELCOME WAGON
 newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-1531 or 439-4067.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
 Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
 Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
 Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
 village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY
27
BETHLEHEM
RECOVERY, INC.
 self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY
28
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING
 First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

"LONG-TERM CARE"
 a look at long-term care and emotional and financial independence, reservations required, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

NATURE WALK
 nighttime walk through the woods and a search for owls and other evening creatures, dress warmly, Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

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

SATURDAY
MARCH
1
BETHLEHEM
PROGRAM ON MORNING DOVES
 dress for the outdoors, Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-0291.

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

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 New Salem Reformed Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:30 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$4. Information, 765-2354.

SUNDAY
MARCH
2
BETHLEHEM
UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
 Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

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

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

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

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

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

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

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

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
 worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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

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

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

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
 Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 462-2016.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

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

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

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

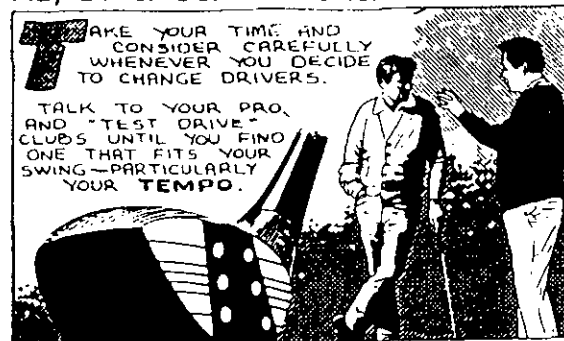
FAITH TEMPLE
 Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

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

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH
 worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
 church school, 10 a.m., worship service, 8:30 a.m., adult classes, 5:30 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

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

MONDAY
MARCH
3
BETHLEHEM
INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
 Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

BLANCHARD AMERICAN LEGION POST MEETING
 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

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

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

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
 Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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

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

TUESDAY
MARCH
4
BETHLEHEM
PLANNING BOARD
 town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
 First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BINGO
 at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

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

ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
 firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY
 Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

A.W. BECKER PTA
 Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
 firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9734.

NEW SCOTLAND
PLANNING BOARD
 town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
 Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH
5
BETHLEHEM
BC SCHOOL BOARD
 district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

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

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DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF FILING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF XATA, LLC

FIRST: The name of the limited 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 26, 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

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 462-2016.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, handicapped accessible, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

NEW SCOTLAND

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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 26, 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 professions 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 26, 1997)

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FAITH TEMPLE

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

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

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

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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 26, 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.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

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

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

church school, 10 a.m., worship service, 8:30 a.m., adult classes, 5:30 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

LEGAL NOTICE

6. The Company may engage in any lawful business.

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

Date of filing
Articles of Organization
with Secretary of State: 1/22/97
(February 26, 1997)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC

A Limited Liability Company filed with the Secretary of State on May 29, 1996. The name of this Limited Liability Company is Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purposes of the company are to engage in the rental real estate business, real estate development, and acquisitions and sales of real estate. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC, 1004 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.

(February 26, 1997)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO PARTNERSHIP LAW SECTION 121-1500

The name of the registered limited liability partnership is Upstate Infectious Diseases, LLP. The date of the filing of the Certificate of Registration with the Secretary of State was December 5, 1996. The County in which the office of the RLLP is to be located is Albany. The agent of the RLLP upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: The RLLP, 8 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203. The business purpose of the LLP is to engage in the practice of medicine.

(February 26, 1997)

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Bethlehem Soccer Club will be held on March 3, 1997 at 7:00 pm at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Members will be asked to vote on the election of several Directors.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors should submit their name, address, phone number and a statement of why

MONDAY
MARCH

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BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

SUNSHINE SENIORS

covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-7179.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

large group instruction room, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A. Information, 765-3313.

LEGAL NOTICE

they are interested in serving on the board, in writing, ASAP, to:

Bethlehem Soccer club
c/o Sherry Gold
30 Carstead Drive
Slingerlands, NY 12159
(February 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 206(c) OF THE New York Limited Liability Law

1. The name of the limited liability company is DUNLOP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 11, 1997.

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located 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 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: DUNLOP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, 25 Slingerland Street, Slingerlands, New York 12159.

5. The name and street address within New York of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is:

Richard O. Bollen
Dunlop Property Management, LLC

25 Slingerland Street, Slingerlands, New York 12159

6. The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is February 1, 2032, unless dissolved before such date pursuant to the New York Limited Liability Company Law or the Operating Agreement of the Company.

7. The limited liability company is formed for any lawful business purpose of purposes.
(February 26, 1997)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS

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, March 5, 1997, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Ronald and Michele Musto, 64 Manor Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition at premises 64 Manor

STORY HOUR

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

TUESDAY
MARCH

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BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BINGO

at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

A.W. BECKER PTA

Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

LEGAL NOTICE

Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(February 26, 1997)

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Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(February 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on March 12, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to consider proposed Local Law No. 6 of 1997, amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, Chapter 119, Vehicle and Traffic, Article VI, Section 119-27, Schedule 1, Traffic Signal System to add a traffic signal at the intersection of Elm Avenue at CR-52, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF COLONIE
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK

Dated: February 12, 1997
(February 26, 1997)

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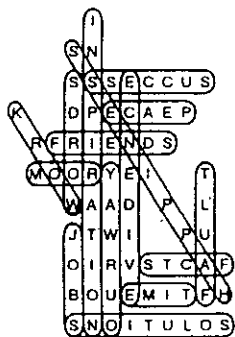
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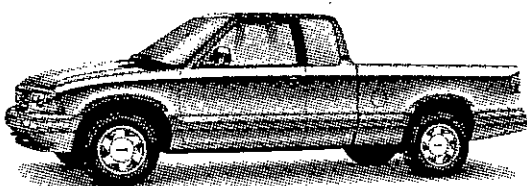
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Race

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Democratic chairman from 1974-78, said the unwritten rule is that you don't run for the same office three times in a row.

"That's always been this understanding that if you're rejected twice, that's it," Burkhard said. "We've got to find a new horse to back."

"That seemed to be the applicable rule two years ago when I expressed a desire to run again (for the third time) for town board," he continued. "I was told point-blank that some mysterious committee had chosen (Theresa) Barrowman and (Joseph) Duclos, and my input was never sought."

Burkhard came fairly close to breaking the Republican stranglehold on town government in 1994 when he outpolled Republican Doris Davis in a head-on-head Democratic-Republican matchup, but lost because of the extra lines Davis ran on.

Burkhard said he has no personal preference as to who should head the Democratic ticket this year, but added, "It would be nice if the committee truly had an opportunity to make its intentions known instead of what we're becoming used to, which is a sort of a fait accompli. A choice of one is no choice at all."

Clyne, who has differed with Burkhard in the past on campaign issues, replied, "The committee is the committee. They're the ones who make the decision."

Kelly, 43, works as an attorney in Albany, specializing in civil and criminal litigation. He has coached local sports for many years including teams in the Bethlehem Soccer Club, the Tri-Village Little League and Bethlehem Babe Ruth.

He is vice president of the Albany County Bar Association and formerly served on the TVLL

board of directors.

Kelly said he would make traffic safety a primary theme of his campaign and pledged that if elected, he would push for a capital outlay to construct sidewalks in Bethlehem, particularly in those areas where there are a lot of joggers, walkers and runners, such as Kenwood Avenue and New Scotland Road.

The all-Republican town board "has a tendency to react to things," he said. "We need a board that acts instead of reacts."

Fuller has not yet announced whether she plans to run for a third, two-year term.

Family

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part to the Albany County Department of Social Services. Until then, they are staying in the trailer of Keith Houghtaling, Lazano's uncle.

"The community has really helped us out with clothes, food and a lot of stuff we can really use," Lazano said.

Some of the many groups that have aided the family, she said, include the Red Cross, St. Patrick's Church in Ravena, Delmar Reformed Church, Kmart, Grand Union and the Selkirk Fire District.

Free adult CPR course

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Your move



Second graders Brian Potter and Willie Foss play a Chinese checkers during Chinese New Year festivities at Slingerlands Elementary School. *Doug Persons*

Opening

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