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She's No. 1 in Elsmere

Dog will be used to track lost children

By Susan Graves

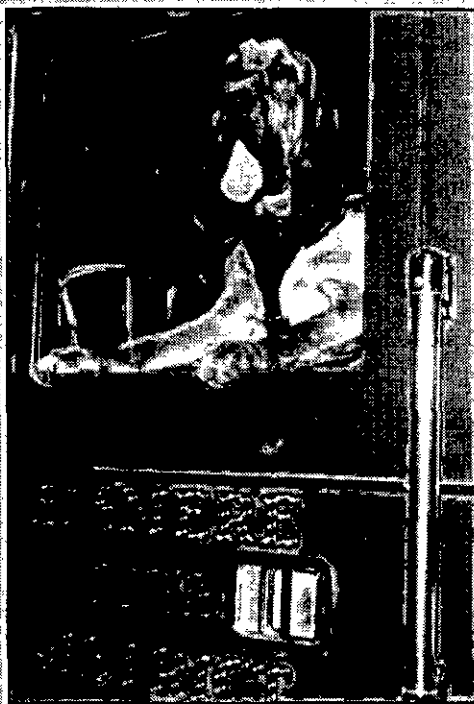
Her nose knows. And if you need proof, talk to Elsmere firefighter Scott Anson about Maple, a 14-month-old bloodhound, who is a whiz and potential lifesaver when it comes to finding things — especially people.

Anson began snooping into the history of bloodhounds and their ability to track suspects or lost children from the National Police Bloodhound Association before he got Maple, who has since joined the Elsmere Fire Co. to aid in locating lost or missing persons.

"We got involved when Scott came to ask if we would basically provide support to train the bloodhound," said Rick Webster, Elsmere fire chief. "We look at it as another tool that is available to us when a call comes up," he added. Elsmere receives several calls a year about lost children or missing adults, Webster said.

Anson said bloodhounds have been bred for 1,000 years as trackers, and that they are used by police and fire department throughout the U.S. Although German shepherds are more common rescue K-9s in this area, bloodhounds have the ability to follow a scent anywhere from 24-to-72 hours old. "Shepherds are only good for the first few hours," said Anson.

Anson, who is also a Bethlehem



Maple

police officer, has been an Elsmere firefighter since 1979, and when he offered Maple's services to the department, they were delighted. "They thought it was a great idea," Anson said.

Basically, the fire company helps to defer the cost of training seminars for Maple. Anson and the dog attended the bloodhound association's spring

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Ridge Road neighbors celebrate with thanks

By Katherine McCarthy

In recent years, the American suburb has been reported to be a wasteland of distanced people who work all day and keep their doors closed at night, never getting to know their neighbors. Don't try to prove that by the residents of Ridge Road in Delmar, who gathered at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon for their own Thanksgiving dinner.

The smells of comfort food and the sound of companionable chatter emanated from the kitchen as neighbors arrived laden with hors d'oeuvres, side dishes and desserts. Children shed coats and ran to the church nursery playroom, seniors who have been neighbors for 20 or even 30 years took seats together at the



Gladys Wriston and Bradley Bettinger span the generations.

ends of the tables, and the parents of the energetic children greeted each other with warm smiles and happy conversation.

"We're so lucky," Karen Thompson said, "we all get along, and we all help each other out."

"It's like a Norman Rockwell painting," John Guastella added. "It's old time America; people really look out for each other, like

during last April's storm when all the branches came down."

"The neighbors are so nice," his wife, Karen Guastella, added. "They don't

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Board says humbug to Christmas tree sales

By Michael Hallisey

Though Bethlehem is blanketed with snow, it's not looking at all like Christmas for one North Bethlehem family.

Robert Mosall, of Mosall's Grove in North Bethlehem, wanted to sell Christmas trees and wreaths from the Schoolhouse Road property for the holidays.

The family has owned Mosall's Grove for 48 years, and frequently leases out the property for picnics and clam bakes during the summer months. In the winter, it is relatively quiet.

"I figure just for a little bit of extra income for the winter months, I'd try something new, a new adventure," said Mosall.

Robert Mosall is the nephew of Milton Mosall, the actual property owner. Robert Mosall has been running the summer business of leasing out the property for the past three years. But, "years back" Milton Mosall had sold Christmas trees from 289 Schoolhouse Road. At the time, it was not thought to be worth the effort, said Iris Senecal, Robert Mosall's girlfriend.

Because of the family's summer business, Robert Mosall thought he had no reason to think his "new adventure" would be a problem. However, because the property lies within a residential district, he had to approach the town zoning board of appeals for a use variance.

Last week, the use variance was denied. "You are in an 'A' zone there," said Robert Wiggand — Mosall described

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Pressure builds to open up Lawson Lake

By Dev Tobin

It's better late than never, but is half a loaf better than none?

Comparative clichés aside, supporters of opening county-owned Lawson Lake park to the general public view the recent proposal by County Executive Michael Breslin as a first step, but far less than they would like to see, especially after waiting 18 years.

The county acquired the 421-acre park on the New Scotland-Coeymans border in 1979 from Trinity Institution, which operates a summer camp, Camp Opportunities, there for Albany city youth.

The federal government picked up half the \$594,000 purchase price, and an essential condition of the federal grant, unfulfilled since then and only partially fulfilled by the Breslin proposal, is that the park be open to the general public.

An ambitious plan to develop the northern side of the lake, with ball fields, parking and swimming access, was shelved in the 1980s due to its multi-

million dollar expense.

Breslin's proposal is to open one trail for public access, "keeping a reasonable distance from the (Camp Opportunities) buildings on the property."

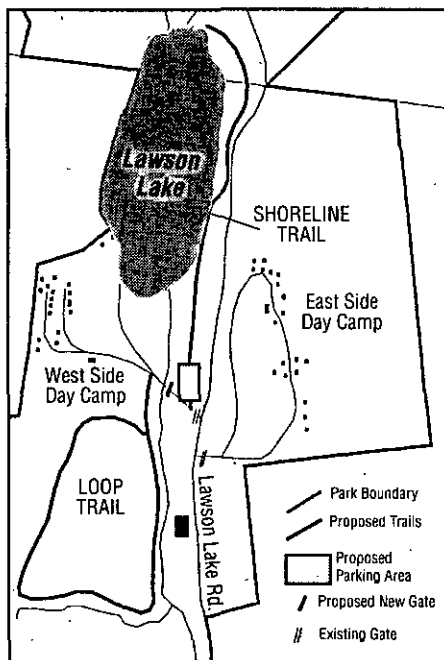
His plan also calls for a new 10-car parking lot on Lawson Lake Road, rather than a parking lot inside the gate as recommended in a 1996 draft management plan by the county planning department.

Breslin's resolution will be sponsored by County Legislator Michael Richardson, D-Albany, chairman of the Legislature's Conservation Committee. Richardson will also propose a budget amendment of \$25,000 to pay for the plan.

Breslin's proposal will "open and expand access while protecting the wetlands" along the lakeshore, said Breslin spokeswoman Susan Pedro.

"This is a solid proposal that should be passed now," said Pedro, adding that if the Legislature is "interested in working on"

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The 1996 plan for Lawson Lake proposed a lakefront trail and parking inside the gate.

Police still looking for arsonist

By Michael Hallisey

Bethlehem Police are still looking for the person or persons who caused a September fire that forced four Elsmere stores temporarily out of business.

Head investigator Detective John Cox was not available for comment, but Police Lt. Fred Holligan said police are still questioning people about the fire.

Within days of the blaze, fire officials determined that arson was the cause of the fire.

Though Holligan would not say if police had any suspects, police have been investigating numerous thefts at the Mail Boxes Etc. store, occurring over a five-month span, and ending shortly before

the fire.

Mail Boxes owner Richard Schaefer's car, which was parked in the back of the store, was also reportedly vandalized the night of the fire.

Investigators from the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the county District Attorney's office were called in to help town police and fire departments with looking into the cause of the fire.

However, since then, only local investigators have pursued the case.

The fire started inside the back of Mail Boxes Etc. in the early morning of Thursday, Sept. 18.

The fire spread quickly in the packaging and shipping business and caused heavy smoke damage to neighboring stores Pizza Hut, Cyber Haus and Knuffles Children's Center.

Smoke also traveled to the state Dormitory Authority offices where an automatic fire alarm was triggered.

Fire crews from Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, Selkirk and Albany responded to the fire. Two firefighters were injured while fighting the blaze.

V'ville firefighters start calendar drive

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department members will distribute calendars on Saturday, Nov. 29.

Calendars include advertising from local businesses and features a picture of the 1934 department.

Donations from the calendar drive support school and community activities including fire prevention education programs in the nursery and elementary schools, Dollars for Scholars, New Scotland Pop Warner, Albany County Sheriff's Department D.A.R.E. program and New Scotland Kiwanis baseball.

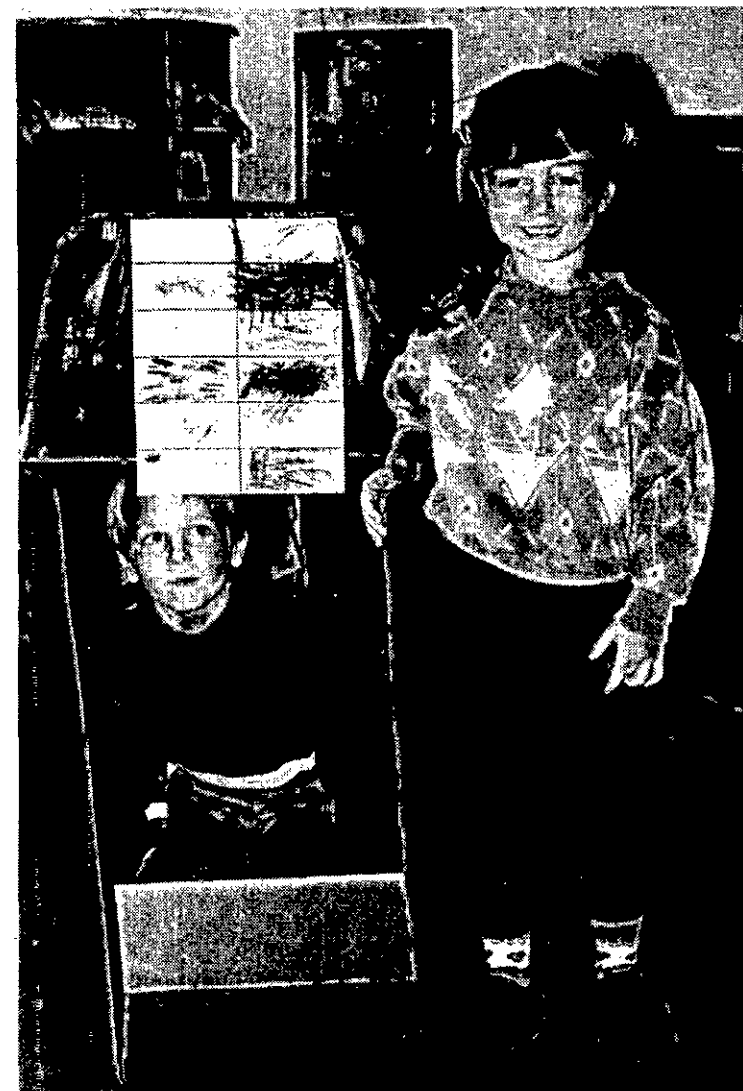
Delmar church offers children's programs

Delmar Reformed Church on 386 Delaware Ave. will offer a Christian child care program on the Saturdays of Advent, Nov. 29, and Dec. 6, 13 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help preschoolers through fifth-graders prepare for Christmas.

The program includes Bible lessons, crafts, recreation, music, a snack and lunch.

The cost is \$5 per session. For information, call 439-9929.

Long and short of it



Pre-school children at Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church learned about early American Indian culture. Andrew Robertson (left), sits inside a model of a Mohawk Longhouse as Alexandria Van Wie stands outside. The emblems, or "totems" above the entrance, lets people know who lives inside the longhouse.

Hugh Hewitt

Police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police arrested three people recently on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Richard Van Vorst, 23, of 1498 Fifth St., Rensselaer, was stopped along Delaware Avenue in Delmar Friday, Nov. 7 at approximately 9:50 p.m. for a missing tail light.

Police also charged Van Vorst with unlawful possession of marijuana and driving while ability impaired by drugs.

Van Vorst was scheduled to appear in town court at a future date.

Mark E. Denton Jr., 26, of 261 Kudlack Road, Greenville, R.I., was arrested by police for an alleged DWI incident.

Denton reportedly drove his car off the side of Route 32 in Delmar at approximately 6:01 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.

The car was spotted by the town animal control officer Richard Watt, who reported it to police.

Denton was also charged with speeding and having an inadequate tail light. He was released to a family member to appear in court Dec. 2.

James P. Moutray Sr., 41, of 23 Asprion Road, Glenmont, was arrested for felony DWI and unlicensed operation after another driver called police on a cellular phone at approximately 5:58 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

The caller stated he was following a possible drunk driver out of Albany, said police.

Moutray was arrested at his home, after a positive identification from the caller, and transported to the police station where he was processed and released to appear in court Dec. 2.

Delmar library sets Thanksgiving hours

The Bethlehem Public Library 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and resume regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 29.

The library will be open on Friday, Nov.

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BC board to review all-day kindergarten

By Dev Tobin

Three months after opening the new all-kindergarten Early Learning Center, Bethlehem Central School District administrators will report next week on whether the district should expand from half-day to full-day kindergarten.

The board will discuss the issue at its meetings on Dec. 3 and 17, with a decision on whether to pursue the option slated for its Jan. 7 meeting, according to Superintendent Les Loomis.

Parents interested in the full-day alternative have attended school board meetings since September, asking for a formal review of the proposal.

The parents point out that full-day kindergarten better prepares children for first-grade and that the state, in recognition of the value of full-day programs, will provide additional incentive aid to districts who make the transition.

Loomis said his report Wednesday will objectively present the pros and cons on the educational side and on the cost side.

But having recently reviewed the district's kindergarten program as part of the planning for the Early Learning Center, Loomis seems reluctant to recommend

more than doubling the district's kindergarten program.

"It would have required additional space at a time when we were looking for space, and some studies found it wouldn't make a significant difference in education," Loomis said.

Full-day kindergarten has been found to help at-risk students, he noted, adding that the district already has a program, Early Learning Focus, that seeks to help students in their first years in school.

"We would need eight more teachers and eight classrooms," essentially another Early Learning Center, Loomis said.

Loomis also estimated that more students would attend BC kindergarten if it went to full-day. Currently about 80 percent of eligible district children attend kindergarten, and Loomis said that figure could rise to 90 percent with a full-day program.

He said that more children in kindergarten will eventually translate into more children in grades one-through-five, about an extra classroom per grade.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Loomis will present the annual update on the district's long-range planning process.

Sundram gets award while Senate dawdles

By Michael Hallisey

When the U.S. Senate reviews candidates for federal judgeships, Delmar resident Clarence Sundram will be among the many names under consideration.

Sundram, 48, was nominated by President Clinton in January to fill a vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

He had been recommended by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Though Sundram has been waiting nearly a year for the appointment, he said he is not impatient.

"A lot of people have been ap-



Sundram

pointed, so it is not unusual," he said.

After graduating with honors from Buffalo Law School in 1972, he clerked in the appellate division of state Supreme Court and the state Court of Appeals for three years.

After that, he served as assistant counsel for former Gov. Hugh L. Carey from 1975 to 1978. Carey then named him to be the first chairman of the Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled.

The commission is an independent agency that monitors conditions in mental health institutions and community programs. It also investigates cases of alleged abuse, neglect and unnatural deaths of people with mental disabilities.

Sundram's work and that of the commission was recognized during a recent awards ceremony held at the United Nations by the American Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation group.

He received the Irving Blumberg Human Rights Service Award.

In addition, Sundram has received numerous awards for public service from SUNY Buffalo, the University at Albany, and was honored as Public Official of the Year from the state Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

"It was pleasant," said Sundram. "I've been to the United Nations before, but it was the first time as a recipient of an award."

The award "is more a reflection of the work of all who work at the commission. It just happens I'm the head of it," Sundram said.

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Something for everyone



Boy Scouts Marc Perez, Eric Hanson and Nate Rauch show off some of the winter sports merchandise available at Boy Scout Troop 75's Sportsmart last Saturday.

Doug Persons

Bethlehem plans town hall improvements

By Michael Hallisey

The growing pains of nearly 20 years as the center of local government has forced the Bethlehem town board to plan for a \$780,000 addition to town hall.

Many have referred to Town Hall as "bursting at the seams," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

The town hopes to build an elevator on the northeast side of the building to improve handicapped access to both the first and second floors of the building.

The town must also replace its 20-year-old generator with a new, larger generator to provide emergency power for the elevator and the entire building.

According to a written proposal by Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor, "This will make the building safer and allow us to use the entire building as an emergency shelter in case of a major storm or area-wide power outage."

Approximately \$480,000 of the project will be funded by the town's reserve, said Fuller. The remaining \$300,000 will come from bonds.

"This is a real commitment to keep town hall here," Fuller said. "We have thought about moving town hall. We looked at the Dormitory Authority building, now that they are moving, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. But, when you think about the location, it's very convenient for townspeople to have town hall here."

Town hall has had a wheelchair lift inside the northeast wing of the building since the former

Delmar School became town hall in 1979. However, Secor noted that the lift does not accommodate today's larger chairs.

Fuller agreed there is a need for an elevator in the building.

"An elevator is necessary to bring people to offices upstairs," she said. "Wheelchairs are now larger than the lift here."

A temporary, wooden ramp has been erected on the police station side of town hall, to provide handicapped access to the building's second floor. If the elevator proposal is accepted by the board, the wooden ramps will be torn down after the project is completed.

The proposal also asked for the construction of a new staircase from the parking lot to the building's second floor to meet current building requirements.

The existing metal stairs, located at the rear of town hall, are "very slippery," Secor said.

Computer automation in various town officers have also put increased demand on the building's "ancient" electrical system, Fuller said. The project will also upgrade the electrical system.

The project, after it is placed out to bid, is expected to start by next spring.

Two fall for driveway scam

By Michael Hallisey

Two Selkirk residents were victims of an apparent scam earlier this month after a man offered to seal their driveways.

Police said a 71-year-old woman was approached on Nov. 11 by a man in his early 40s, offering her to seal her driveway for approximately \$77. But once the man finished, he said he used more materials than he had anticipated. The final price: \$749.

"It's the oldest scam in the world," said Bethlehem police Lt. Fred Holligan. "They say, 'I was driving by and noticed your roof needs fixing. It just so happens I have some spare materials.'"

Police said the Hackett Street resident thought the price was too

high, but paid the man anyway.

Police also found a similar story nearby, where a man calling himself "Richard Stanley" of Ravena finished a driveway, said he used more materials, and raised his price. When the victim said he did not have enough cash at home, "Stanley" became assertive and demanded payment, eventually driving the homeowner to a bank in Ravena to get his money.

A records check with the Department of Motor Vehicles did not turn up a "Richard Stanley" of Ravena.

The best advice for people to prevent becoming a victim of such scams: "They shouldn't do business from people who come door-to-door," Holligan said.

More towns look to partnerships to support youth

By Katherine McCarthy

It's been five years since Bethlehem founded its community partnership, and last year's Festeeljk celebration, which gave the community a chance to come together and celebrate in alcohol-free environments throughout town, was a tangible tribute to what a group of people can accomplish.

Mona Prenoveau of Bethlehem Networks co-founded the Community Partnership with Holly Billings Partnerly of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, in response to DWI related tragedies.

"In the fall of 1992, 40 people met in Rensselaerville. Our purpose was to bring together people from different walks of life for prevention," Prenoveau said. "We hammered out a compact, and a mission statement, and met a month later to come up with four simple projects." The first meeting included police, business people, the Chamber of Commerce, teachers and administrators from Bethlehem. Copies of the compact hang in the school district's office and the library. "Basically," she said, "the partnership is about making a safe and healthy environment."

Prenoveau said there are two criteria when a project is taken on: it must be simple, and take place within a certain time frame, so that volunteers can see how long they will be involved.

Prenoveau points to Middleworks, a program aimed at middle school students, as one of the Partnership's accomplishments.

"Kids are pushing parents away, and sometimes the parents are willing to let that happen, out of respect for the kids," Prenoveau



Richard and Mary Ahlstrom, left, are congratulated by STOP-DWI coordinator Denis Foley. Each year, an award in the Ahlstroms' name will be presented to an outstanding person in the partnership who best exemplifies the motto: Keep it simple.

Katherine McCarthy

said. "Middleworks lets parents stay involved with their kids, which is essential at this age." Middleworks hosts a back-to-school picnic each year. "People said it wouldn't work," Prenoveau said, "but at this year's picnic, there were 400 people."

The Partnership is also responsible for an award-winning video on teen drinking, and a pamphlet called "Parent to Parent," designed for parents of teen-agers.

The Partnership met recently, and formed four project-specific committees. Anyone in the community is welcome to work in any of the groups. "We have a huge paperlist" of members, Prenoveau said.

This year, there is a media committee to work with local news outlets, a mentoring committee to let older kids work one-on-one with younger kids, a committee looking to reward non-academic posi-

tive behavior and a respect committee, which will focus on the middle school and likely draw on the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference program.

Prenoveau believes that the Partnership has made a difference. "We've taken away some of the denial about teen drinking," she said, "and I think we've improved relationships between the town, the school district and the police. Now people say, 'We're all in this together.'"

Other towns in the Capital District have also formed partnerships, among them Colonie, Guilderland, and Berne, Knox and Westerlo. The latter three joined together to form the Helderberg Community Partnership in 1996, the same time that Guilderland's partnership began. Cathy Allen teaches physical education, serves on the Knox Youth Council and is involved with the Helderberg partnership. "We're not reacting to a tragedy," Allen said, "but are trying to be proactive."

The Helderberg Partnership formed a teen activity group which meets once or twice a month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Berne, and provides board games, card games, refreshments, and a place for teens to gather. The community pride group meets regularly, but the partnership's largest group is the Inter-Town group, which tries to draw the towns together.

In January of 1997, the Inter-Town group sponsored a winter festival at the Knox Town Park, with skating, hay rides, sleigh

riding, snow sculptures and orienteering.

"We used the Knox Town Hall next door for exhibits, like from the 4-H and the Conservation Club," Allen said. "The firemen also offered a blood pressure clinic."

The group also sponsored a float in the Memorial Day parade, and a summer block party in the town park. They're now in the planning stages for a New Year's Eve party in Westerlo, and the winter festival for this year.

"Things are pretty well going for that," Allen said.

The Guilderland Partnership also held its first meeting in September of 1996, tackling the issue of teen drinking head on. Its first task forces included one to reduce the availability of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and that group actually trained people who might be in a situation to sell those products to teens. They are also looking at setting up a Youth Court. Another group looked to increase awareness of alcohol and drug issues, and a group of students took advantage of the Great American Smokeout Day last Thursday to encourage smokers to quit and non-smokers to stay away.

Two other committees are seeking to improve communication among youth, parents and business, and another is looking to increase activities for youth. A fifth group was formed to explore building a Habitat for Humanity House in Guilderland. Anne Linendoll, the chairperson of the Guilderland Partnership, was pleased to report that construction of the house will begin in April. "That feels exciting," she said.

For Linendoll, the reason to be involved with the Partnership is a simple one.

"The whole community works well if our youth are well served," Linendoll said the Partnership has drawn a great deal of community support. "We have a number of groups here that might not have interacted without us, like HOPE, and St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center and Brattleboro Retreat Alternatives. We also have a big business base, and we'd like to increase the number of groups involved."

With accomplishments like Habitat for Humanity house, and the Youth Court, Linendoll feels

the results are tangible in Guilderland. Their next project is to try to establish a coffee house for teens.

Voorheesville is the next town looking to set up a partnership.

"We made an attempt at establishing a community partnership five years ago," high school principal Terence Barlow said. "We'll try it again, and hopefully work through the PTA to get something started." Barlow said he'd like to involve a wider number of groups in the Partnership.

"I'd like to get the Kiwanis involved, maybe the fire companies, hopefully some of the clergy, town administration, maybe the Elks. I'm not sure what direction this effort will take."

Barlow said he'd like their partnership to be proactive about teen drinking. "If kids have idle time, I'd like to get them involved in some healthy alternatives," he said. "Maybe an ad hoc model would work best for us, where we see a need, set up a committee and address that need. I'd love to see some parenting groups set up, and some networking, so that different parts of the community have better communication. I'd like to see a partnership draw the community together."

Denis Foley, administrator of Albany County Stop DWI, is involved in a number of community partnerships. A Bethlehem resident, he is working on this year's media task force.

Albany County Stop DWI has helped fund partnerships, in which Foley is a great believer.

Foley said he thinks partnerships work because people have a stake, and they see something being completed. The fact that the partnerships strive to keep projects simple and of short duration also make it possible, he said. Foley said he sees a direct impact on communities.

"I've seen, in areas with partnerships, a reduction in the fatality rate for teens," he said. "There haven't been any alcohol-related fatalities in Bethlehem since the partnership began. I'm not saying the partnerships are the sole answer," he added, but he feels they are a great strength.

"The Partnerships are like something out of deTocqueville's America," he said, "I'm amazed at the things people can get done."

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The chorus performed to a packed house Sunday at St. Thomas.

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Ecumenical concert a smash

By Katherine McCarthy

Delmar's Church of St. Thomas the Apostle resounded with applause Sunday when people of all religions gave the fifth annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving choir festival a standing ovation.

"This was an opportunity to bring the community together," St. Thomas' Pastor the Rev. James D. Daley said. St. Thomas choir director, Margaret Dorgan, directed 10 area church choirs, and Jennie Moak, the organist at St. Thomas, accompanied them. Father Daley was particularly pleased with the youth who took part in the performance.

"A significant number of young people participated, not only in the chorus, but in the brass ensemble and the bell choir," he said.

The ecumenical gathering drew choirs from Bethlehem Community Church,

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Thomas the Apostle, Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands, Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delmar Reformed Church, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, First United Methodist Church in Delmar, St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church and Unionville Reformed Church.

The music was an eclectic collection of songs, meant to convey the thankfulness of the season and draw on the traditions of the churches involved. The choir selections ranged from Ed Harris' "To Everything There is a Season," to Handel's "Hallelujah, Amen." The bell choir's "Bells of Praise" portion of the service spanned the old and the new, from the Shaker hymn "Simple Gifts" to the more contemporary "On Eagle's Wings."

The brass ensemble included two trumpets, played by Christopher Jantson and Brian Bailey; Meghan Barrow played the horn, Garry Barrow the trombone; and Daniel Cordell the bass trombone. Their rendition of "Let There Be Music," arranged by David R. Van Deusen, was truly outstanding.

Not only the choirs, but the clergy from participating churches, shared in the service. Father Daley welcomed the congregation; Rev. David Schalekamp of Delmar Reformed Church led the opening prayer; Rev. Allan Janssen of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem dedicated the offer-

ing; Rev. Darius Mojallali of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Rev. Larry Deyss of Delmar Presbyterian Church read from Deuteronomy and Matthew; and the Rev. Edward Marcelle of King's Chapel offered the closing prayer.

Father Daley called the service the ecumenical event of the year, and judging by the full house, he was right on the mark. "The celebrations were prayerful, inspirational and a treat to eye and ear," he said. The best tribute to the gathered performers came at the end, when the whole congregation stood for a heartfelt ovation. What a great way to remember the intrepid group of people who crossed an ocean to be allowed to practice the religion of their choice.

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10-year-old gets to the point

By Michael Hallisey

Ask Elsmere fifth-grader Jeremy Siegel what his favorite movies are and they are likely to have some sort of sword fighting involved.

That is because Siegel himself, is a swordsman, a fencer, to be exact.

For two years, the 10-year old has competed in the sport of fencing, and has already given up the baseball diamond of America's pastime for what some Europeans have called the physical game of chess.

"I tend to like fairly violent sports," said Siegel on why he became interested in fencing. "I quit baseball because I thought it was boring. I played right field, and all the batters would do would bunt or hit the ball three feet in front of them. My coach wouldn't let me pitch or anything. That's where all the action was."

It may be easy for the Siegel family to forget about anything else but fencing, given that Jeremy is ranked No. 1 in the nation for his age.

Last month, he earned the gold medal at the North American Circuit in Denver, Co.

His involvement in the sport influenced his father Arthur to join as well.

"It's a good workout," said Arthur Siegel, 42, who placed sixth in a tournament in Canada recently.

The father and son duo take part in a more "evolved" form of fencing. The Siegels still don the metal mesh face mask and fight



Jeremy Siegel

on a long platform with a referee. However, the weapons they use, the scoring technique and the armor they wear differs from what many may have seen on TV.

There are three forms of fencing — foil, épée, and saber.

Most people may be familiar with fencers using a foil. Opponents duel with one another, using a weapon resembling a car radio antenna, and poking their opponent on the torso for a score.

But the Siegels use a saber. It resembles the foil, in that it is long, and narrow, but it is not as flexible.

Jeremy Siegel said he tried using the foil before.

"The foil is the beginner weapon," Jeremy said. "I thought it was too lame. The saber is much more fun."

Despite the sport's roots in battlefield violence, Jeremy said his parents fully support him.

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Matters of Opinion

Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving. It almost seems like we'll be celebrating Christmas instead with all the snow.

But Thursday will be the traditional day of feasting for most American families, with turkey and all the trimmings. This holiday is especially nice since it doesn't promote the stress we often feel at Christmas and Hanukkah, which call for gifts.

On Thanksgiving, some will celebrate in non-traditional ways, helping out at the Equinox feast delivering meals or serving others.

Some will share the day with family and friends, eating too much and sinking into a comfortable spot in front of the tube.

But no matter how you and yours spend the day, take time out to give thanks. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Enjoy.

Watch out for scams

At least two Bethlehem residents have fallen prey to paying scams this month, according to Bethlehem police.

The scenario is that a driveway paver comes to the door and offers to coat the driveway for \$60 or \$70. When he finishes, however, he tells the homeowner the job will cost \$700 or \$800 because he had to use extra materials. And guess what? He won't accept a check.

The nervy scammer even drove one resident to the bank to withdraw money to pay for the job.

This is one of the oldest con games in the book, and occurs all too frequently in the Capital District.

The lesson to be learned, albeit too late for the recent victims, is to never consent to having work like this done in the first place. Reputable contractors do not go door-to-door to drum up business. And no kind of work should be done on the spot, before references are checked and a contract drawn up.

Should any self-professed "contractor" knock on your door, tell him thanks but no thanks. And then call the police with the best description of his vehicle you can muster up.

This type of scammer will only be put out of business when residents refuse to go along with them in the first place. Remember the old adage, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," and save yourself a lot of grief and money.

Show stopper

Romeo & Juliet was such a smash that even BC Superintendent Les Loomis and board president Happy Scherer had trouble getting a seat at one of the performances.

The rendering of the plight of the young lovers was so popular that another performance had to be added to the scheduled shows.

The students did a remarkable job bringing the Bard to life. And the Theater Support Group deserves a lot of credit for spearheading the effort to get Shakespeare back on BCHS's agenda, and the theatrical swords the group provided were well worth the price.

It's wonderful to see Shakespeare back at BCHS, and we hope he stays there for a long, long time.

Gift ideas

This week's special supplement is designed to help with gift ideas. Get some tips on floral arrangements or find out what's hot this year in kids' toys. You can lessen some of the pains of shopping by planning ahead so you know what you're looking for. Otherwise, you might find yourself wandering aimlessly through the malls.

We also hope you'll keep our advertisers in mind when you shop. They depend on your patronage.

Editorials

Gratitude true meaning of holiday

By the Rev. Ken Cleator

The writer is a former Capital District pastor who now serves in his native country of Canada.

On the eve of the national Thanksgiving are Americans capable of changing their emotional gears from protesting and complaining into the high gear of gratitude for their many blessings?

Not that there isn't a lot to rant about with controversial issues and tough problems troubling the human landscape like wild fire from Washington to Iraq to China and around the world back to the capital.

There is enough American history to confirm Americans have been hopeful and thankful for their blessings even in the worst of times.

From the Pilgrims in the 17th century to President Abraham Lincoln in the 19th, Americans possessed a thankful spirit and a religious faith that saw them through testing times.

A look at the history of the Pilgrims tells a remarkable story of a people who complained and fumed over their hardships and could still be thankful to God for the simple blessings they enjoyed.

Their leader was William Bradford who trusted in God and prayed daily. When life was hard — terrible winters, bad crops, attacks from natives, uncertain future — through it all, they kept on going.

They included farmers, weavers, servants and soldiers. A number were thieves and adulterers. Some could swear like sailors. They were a mix of saints and sinners.

But their virtues included courage, generosity and deep religious faith. They succeeded in carving a way of life more content than many anxious-prone Americans enjoy and which they would welcome. The Pilgrims had what President George Washington was to call "a little spark of celestial fire."

The Puritans brought to the colonies the tradition of the English Harvest Home festival. They observed their bounteous fall harvests at religious services of

Point of View

Thanksgiving, fully appreciating their provident God was blessing them.

As avid readers of the Bible, they believed their annual celebration was similar to that of the Isra-

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elites in their Feast of Tabernacles.

When President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November 1863 a national day of Thanksgiving, he stated, "It is the duty of nations as well as men to owe their dependence upon the overriding power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord."

Something sad and serious hap-

Business survey to be mailed

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is delighted that we included our survey in the Nov. 12 *Spotlight*.

We have had a tremendous response so far — almost 1,000 have been returned, and responses are still coming in. The survey will be sent out again to households in about a week, so that anyone who

opened to the American spirit in the 20th century — the mental disease of "angst," German for existential insecurity, the fear that life has no purposeful meaning according to a *Life* magazine editorial at Thanksgiving 1947.

What insecure Americans need is what the Pilgrims had, a faith in themselves and their future opportunities to work, to improve the democratic way of life and to trust in God to help in their lives.

The happiest and most thankful Americans, *Life* stated, "this Thanksgiving, as in all previous ones, will be those who still nourish the gift, that held the Pilgrims on their course, the base of a freedom, the 'little spark,' each his own."

A national poll, conducted by the Lutheran Brotherhood and released by the Associated Press, reveals 38 per cent of Americans this Thanksgiving are most thankful for their faith in God, while 3 percent named family, 17 percent health, 4 percent friends, 1 percent financial security and 3 percent undecided.

Is it conceivable that a lot of the "angst" in the American way of life could be reduced if more attention was given to the Pilgrims' simpler life style and strong religious faith?

To that end, with the festive board loaded with turkey all the trimmings, let's say a grace at Thanksgiving that acknowledges God's goodness and thanks Him for it, and that recommits us to simpler lifestyles of gratitude, compassion, justice and humility.

missed it will have another chance to express their feelings about the town business climate.

Policy Research Associates of Delmar, who helped develop the survey, will be tabulating the results, and we hope to have a full report available soon.

Marty DeLane

Chamber president

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Your Opinion Matters

Water critic cites 'coverup' examples

Editor, The Spotlight:

According to an article in last week's *Spotlight*, Bruce Secor and James Fraser know nothing about the \$619 that the town spent to have an engineering geologist make an "assessment of potential clogging" during construction of the new Hudson River well.

This is just one example of the attempt to cover up the poor engineering that went into the design and construction of the project. Let's look at other examples.

The contract called for the installation of four turbine pumps, but we only got three. Each pump cost \$65,000. Why was no pump placed in manhole No. 1. It was by far the best manhole in the "huge" sand and gravel aquifer, 0.8 square miles in area, described by Secor and Fraser at the July 13, 1994, public hearing.

The well was completed Sept. 1, 1995. There were portable pumps at the site and a three-day pump test at the design rate of 6 million gallons of water per day could easily have been made. A professional engineer, to protect the town, would have demanded the pump test be made immediately to make sure the town got what was paid for.

Since November 1995, I repeatedly asked Mr. Secor for information on pump settings, water level measurements in the well and results of pump tests. I was completely unsuccessful. I finally made two appeals under the Freedom of Information Act. I was informed that no water level measurements were

made in the well. I later found this was not true. The second appeal to examine the log of the instantaneous pump rates was never answered.

At the town board meeting of Oct. 25, 1995, a representative of Fraser agreed to make a three-day pump test at 6 million gallons per day. When it was not done, Mr. Secor said it was because they could not get an exemption from Niagara Mohawk for peak power demand, and that it would cost the town thousands of dollars to make the test. When I investigated this excuse, I found the extra charge did not apply!

The next excuse that Mr. Secor came up with was there was no place to put the water. He also came up with a third excuse that they had to wait to machine-down the pumps before the test.

The 1997 O'Brien & Gere report shows that 95 percent of the water comes from an infiltration area of 1,000 feet by 100 feet. O'Brien & Gere did not see where gravel was involved at all. The area is only one-half of 1 percent of the total aquifer area claimed by Mr. Secor and Mr. Fraser.

The well yield in March 1997, before the dredging, was only 1.5 million gallons per day. Yet, according to *The Spotlight*, Mr. Secor thinks the town will be foolish enough to spend millions to add additional sections to this poorly engineered well.

Delmar
William Kelleher

Dog walker grateful to Eagle Scout for sash

Letters

Editor, The Spotlight:

For several years, family members have hounded me to wear something reflective when my basset hound Fergus and I walk early in the morning and at night on the sidewalk beside New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Now, thanks to Alex Courtney and his Eagle Scout project, Fergus and I have a welcome measure of safety and comfort.

Several weeks ago, I saw a note in *The Spotlight* about Alex's project — orange sashes containing reflective strips that attract drivers' attention, making pedestrians highly visible.

I picked up one of the reflective sashes at the town clerk's office in town hall. Now I feel much more secure when Fergus and I are out walking early in the morning and in the evening when visibility for drivers is poor.

Alex Courtney deserves recognition and heartfelt thanks from walkers (and their accompanying pets) for his thoughtful and useful Eagle Scout project. Sashes are still available at the town clerk's office.

Slingerlands
Hugh Hewitt

Town fails to address declining well yield

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent *Spotlight* article "Water critic claims invoice proves fraud" offers a number of quotes from Mr. Bruce Secor, town engineer, and Mr. James Fraser, the water plant's designer.

In my opinion, the article emphasizes the response by Secor and Fraser concerning the ground water aquifer and fails to adequately address the declining well yield, due to flaws in the design or failure by Mr. Secor to follow well operation and maintenance recommendations contained in the 1992 Dunn report.

Three comments in the article need clarification and correction. It was reported that "Shortly after the flooding, the water yield from the plant had dropped. A Fraser & Associates report blamed siltation from the January 1996 flood for the lack in yield." This is not true. The significant decline began in November 1996 some 10 months after the January flood.

It was reported that the new plant is producing 2.4 million gal-

lons per day. This is not true. The well yield over the last two months has averaged only 1.9 million gallons per day.

And regarding access to records, Mr. Secor is quoted as saying "If I have it, they are more than welcome to it."

In August, I requested records on well yield and the \$650,000 ozone treatment unit. Specific reference was made to the well-clogging invoice and the engineer or engineers who recommended payment for the non-operational ozone unit. I am still waiting for the information.

It is interesting to note that Secor and Fraser only speculate as to the purpose of the well-clogging evaluation by Jon Howland.

Howland, project manager for the Rust Engineering, billed the town \$619 for an evaluation of well clogging. He declined to provide comments to the *Spotlight* reporter. I wonder why?

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Assemblyman said no vote saves \$2B

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent defeat of Proposition 3, the school construction bond act, represented a victory for taxpayers and New York's school children.

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Our task is now to make sure we spend taxpayer money more effectively. We need to continue improving the existing state building and reimbursement system to local school districts to help pay for needed renovations and building projects. Districts should also be encouraged to set aside funding each year for capital reserve needs.

In the coming legislative ses-

sion, we should closely examine the building aid formula to ensure that all districts are treated fairly when considering their ability to pay for capital projects.

John Faso

Assembly member from District 102

Justice-elect says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the ballots are all counted, and the election is complete, I would like to thank all of you for your support in my bid for town justice. I could not have won without the time, energy and resources expended by many of you.

I would also like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who make Election Day possible. I look forward to the new year and the opportunity to work toward an effective and efficient court system. I look forward to meeting you all, although I hope it is not in town court.

Thank you once again and happy holidays

Theresa Egan

Delmar

School achievements are intrinsic motivators

Editor, The Spotlight:

I very much enjoyed reading Peter Shawhan's letter in the Nov. 12 issue. He related well the many thoughtful positions expressed by meeting participants to those of us who were not in attendance with respect to establishing goals for Bethlehem schools.

With regard to the major premise of the letter, the need for "recognition of genuine learning which has been achieved through hard work," I am left searching for specifics as to what should be done in addition to the current system of quarterly student progress reports to parents and the compilation of honor rolls, portfolio exhibitions, publications, school concerts, plays and athletic games.

If, indeed, Mr. Shawhan's concerns are more related to the additional recognition of students' academic achievements as a motivator to work hard and to learn as much as they can, the effect of such an extrinsic motivator is limited at best.

Intrinsic rewards which encompass feelings of accomplishment, achievement, competence, and self-actualization should lie at the very heart of our schools' mission of educating students to be life-long learners.

And to achieve this goal, as Mr.

Shawhan said, greater attention should be placed on the educational process/delivery system. Teacher professional development, the Lab School, increased integration of technology in the classroom, cooperative and individualized teaching and learning strategies, advanced placement courses, distance learning and the International Baccalaureate accreditation, to name only a few, are current and future trends that our schools should be pursuing toward the additional goal of continuous improvement.

Ted Smith

Delmar

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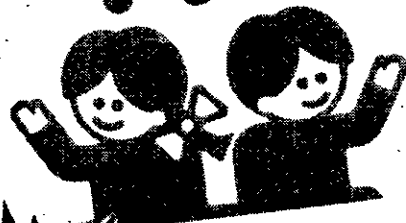
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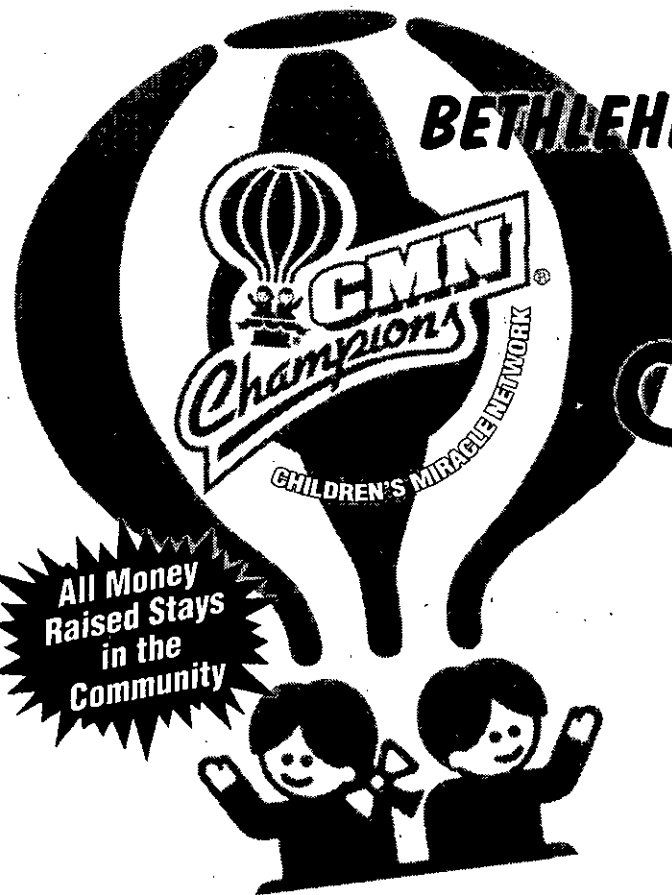
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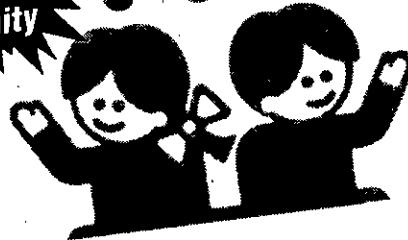
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Neighbors see benefits to CMI proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

As owners and residents of the property immediately adjacent to the site proposed for the CMI Senior Assisted Living Center, we feel it important to express some of the positive benefits which would result from building the center there.

Having talked with residents of the neighborhood, we know there are many who support the center.

First of all, the property is now zoned A residential. This leaves a great deal of leeway for use of the land. The plot is a heavily wooded section, and there is very little restriction on how much of the vegetation could be bulldozed if someone chose to do so. Should the land be split into many building lots, the houses, plus the many paved driveways and streets would greatly re-

Letters

duce the absorption of water, causing greater runoff.

Connecting to another street such as Weigand Lane would continue to exacerbate the water problem.

In addition, the potential 15 residential lots, if developed, would generate one fourth of the tax revenue that CMI would produce. This project would use minimal town services and would not add additional burden to the school system.

Second, as an A zoned parcel, non-profit groups such as fraternal orders, community centers

and churches could occupy the land with only the restrictions of residential zoning. One can imagine the number of cars that would be involved, or the piercing sound of "bingo" when fund-raising took place.

By changing to the required zoning, a 50-foot setback around the perimeter would take effect, (as compared to 25-foot front and back and 8 foot sides in zone A), and the town board would have direct control over development of the land. Vegetation, lighting and water runoff could be directly addressed.

Since the question of water runoff is a legitimate concern, the town could work closely with developers to help solve the problem. It is feasible that if a 25-year flood can be anticipated, a solution for a 50-to-100-year flood could be found. Other towns accomplish it.

There obviously would be more lighting than there is now on the site. However, those who live near the library are already familiar with lighting well into the night.

Having lived here for more than 16 years, we would rather see the land left just as it is. The deer and other natural inhabitants of the area are very pleasant to live with. Even the occasional teen-age party in the woods is not a real disturbance. However to expect such a

section to remain in this kind of forever-natural state is totally unrealistic. It would, therefore, seem that the best path to take is one that provides as much control over development and maintenance of the property as is possible.

It seems there are three choices:

- Reject the current proposal and hope for a benevolent benefactor to donate funds to keep the land in its natural state.

- Wait until someone decides to utilize the land under its current zoning and proceeds to clear it.

- Support the current proposal and participate in making our concerns and requests known so developers and the town board can address them.

Certainly, issues such as drainage, traffic, noise control, screening, safety fencing and lighting must be worked out so that there is a comfortable relationship between CMI and the neighborhood. But this is a good location for senior housing, and there is a need for a center such as this to serve the elderly of our community.

We urge the planning and town boards to move in a positive direction to make this proposal a reality.

Anthony M. Gordon
and Robert D. van Court
Delmar

BCHS class of 1958 planning reunion

Bethlehem Central High class of 1958 will hold its 40th reunion the weekend of June 26 to 28.

Reunion organizers are trying to locate current addresses for the following class members: James Behan, Barbara Booth, Gary Boyce, George Call, Rose Carl, Mary Lee Carr, Judith Carvill, Penny Cowling, Sandra Crandell, Roger Dapson, Sherry Engel, Norman Franz, Peter Hadley, Judith Hamblen, Mary Lou Hazel, Betsy Johnson, Geraldine Joyce, Susan Legg, Gordon Miller, Sandra Parker, Sarah Phinney, Marie Plass, Janet Pugliese, Harry Rezzemini, Andy Schoonmaker, Carolyn Smith, Joanne Strayer, Annette Tangora and Mary Terwilliger.

Call Elli Mikol McEvoy at 439-0009 if you know the current addresses of any of these class members.

Legion post plans breakfast with Santa

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue in Voorheesville will host breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Pictures with Santa will be available, or you can bring your own camera.

Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat portions of eggs, sausages, french toast, home fries, toast, coffee, tea and juice.

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Historical group to hear tattoo talk

Local business owner Huck Spaulding will be the special guest at a meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

Spaulding is a major supporter of the New Scotland Museum.

He will discuss his unique business, Spaulding & Rogers Manufacturing, makers of tattooing equipment, and his equally unique hobbies.

Everyone is invited to this free event. Refreshments will be served.

College planning workshop set at high school

The high school guidance department will sponsor a free workshop on planning for your child's college education on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. in the large group instruction room.

Financial aid information will be presented by Peter Lorenzo, a certified financial planner.

Carolyn Malloch of the Learning Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will lead a study skills workshop for students in grades 10 to 12 starting at 7 p.m.

Call Tim Kelly at 765-3314, ext. 205 to register.

Speaker to tackle talking with teens

Sister Anne Bryan Smollin will lecture on how to communicate with teen-agers on Monday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Street.

Smollin is executive director of Counseling for Laity for the Albany Diocese and an adjunct professor at St. Bernard's Institute in Rensselaer.

She is the author of two books, *Jiggle Your Heart & Tickle Your Soul* and *Polish Your Soul & Spruce Up Your Heart*, which reflects her belief in the power of laughter.

An offering will be collected at the door to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Register in advance to ensure seating by calling 765-2373, ext. 2.

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Salem Hills group sets annual meeting

Salem Hills Park Association's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. at the village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave.

The group will sponsor a holiday decorating contest. Owners of the best decorated house win a year of free association dues.

All Salem Hills residents are encouraged to take an active role in the association.

For information, call Peg Blackmer at 765-2635.

Winter concert slated at school

Schools in the district are closed for the Thanksgiving break Nov. 26 through 28.

The elementary school winter concert is planned for Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium.

The chorus and sixth-grade band will perform.

The community is invited to this free event.

Drama club to present three Rs

The elementary school drama club is busy rehearsing for its production of *Readin', Ritin', and Rockin'* on Jan. 30 and 31, in the large gymnasium.

Parents are needed to help out. To volunteer, call Trish Thorman at 765-4506.

Activity night on tap

The fifth and sixth-grade activity night that was canceled on Nov. 14 due to snow has been rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

Sports supporters to meet at school

Voorheesville Sports Boosters meet on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The group is selling calendars for \$3 each at SuperValu on Maple Avenue and the Mobil station on Route 85A. The calendars are packed with school information and team schedules.

Singers to perform

The eighth annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Local singers are invited to join the Community Choir for this performance. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, starting Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Seniors to hear tales of Australia

Travis Carson will present a slide show of his trip to Australia at the next regular meeting of the New Scotland Senior Citizens on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

The group is planning its Christmas party for Sunday, Dec. 14, at Western Turnpike Golf Course in Guilderland. Menu choices and sign up sheets will be available at the Dec. 3 meeting.

Decorating workshops offered in mini classes

Get ready for the holidays with continuing education mini classes.

Learn how to make a wreath of bows with Karen Finnessey on Tuesday, Dec. 2. There is a \$10 class fee and participants must bring their own materials.

A workshop on making a holiday boxwood tree will be taught by Lara Hladun on Wednesday, Dec. 10. The tree can be decorated in either Victorian or traditional style. There is a \$10 class and \$25 materials fee.

Classes run from 7 to 10 p.m. at the high school. Call Jim Hladun at 765-3314, ext. 314, to register.

Women's group plan benefit

St. Matthew's women's group, Daughters of Mary, will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the parish center on Mountainview Street.

A Discovery Toy party to benefit the church's nursery program is set for Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7:15 p.m. at the parish center. All purchases will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Sheriff's department seek donations for drive

The Albany County Sheriff's Department is holding its sixth annual Christmas in the Hilltowns drive. Donations of nonperishable food and new toys are needed before Dec. 19.

To help out, contact Sgt. Mike Winnie or deputies Amy Carman or Debbie Gilham at 765-2351.

Fire company to serve breakfast

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Library to host career workshop

Ramona Smith, a counselor and resource developer with the Albany Displaced Homemaker Center, will lead a workshop entitled *Getting Back on Track* for women entering or re-entering the work force on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The Displaced Homemaker Center is a nonprofit agency funded through the state Department of Labor.

Job search methods, resumes, cover letters, thank-you notes and interviewing techniques will be discussed.

The free two-hour workshop is appropriate for women who are unemployed, changing careers, entering the job market for the first time or re-entering the job market after a long period of time.

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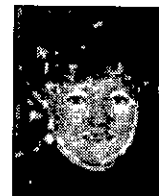
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RCS honor society helps give thanks Periodicals on order

Members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk National Honor Society will spend Tuesday, Nov. 25, helping to prepare Thanksgiving dinners for Project Equinox.

PTSA sponsoring dance Friday

The RCS PTSA is sponsoring a semi-formal dance at the senior high school. The dance will be on Friday, Nov. 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The community is invited to attend.

School board to meet

The RCS board of education will hold its next meeting Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m.

RCS sports group meets Dec. 3

The RCSSports Association will hold its December meeting Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the senior high school.

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Committee sets meeting

The RCS Safe and Drug Free Grant Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 3:30 p.m. in the middle school.

Church announces citrus fruit sale

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue is holding its 20th annual citrus fruit sale.

Naval oranges, Orlando tangelos and pink and white grapefruits will be available.

For information, call June Tidd at 767-9927 or Gladys Gimlick at 767-9690.

Driving course slated at VFW post

A defensive driving and point reduction program will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 3 and 4, from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m.

The course will emphasize defensive driving techniques that help in accident avoidance.

The course will meet at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post on Whitbeck Road in Ravena.

For information, call the Bob Fisk Agency at 756-6794 or Glenmont Safety at 767-2474.

Congrats to Indians

Congratulations, RCS Indians, on another fine year of football. Although the team lost 27-6 in the semi-finals against Brewster, it was another great and satisfying year. Way to go, RCS.

Nursery school to sell fresh fruit

The Herman and Libbie Michaelson Early Childhood Center at Temple Israel on New Scotland Avenue in Albany is conducting its annual fresh fruit sale.

Florida oranges and grapefruit will be sold to benefit the nursery school.

Orders must be placed by Nov. 26, with delivery on Dec. 14.

For information and to order, call 373-8830.

Bethlehem chamber plans holiday mixer

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its holiday mixer on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Albanks Slingerlands office at the Price Chopper Plaza on New Scotland Avenue.

Call the chamber office at 439-0512 to R.S.V.P. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

As the winter holidays approach, the library offers a peek at magazine acquisitions for 1998. Beginning in January, the following new periodicals will be on the shelves:

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

• Arts: *Prairie Schooner, Sight and Sound.*

• Business: *Investor's Business Daily.*

• Lifestyles: *Country Home, Living Fit, Marie Claire, Martha Stewart Living, Vegetarian Times.*

• Special interests: *Birders World, Genealogical Computing, New York History, Vogue Knitting.*

• Travel: *Conde Nast Traveller, Getaways.*

• Youth: *Family PC Magazine, Kids Discover.*

• Young adult: *Thrasher.*

Most of the new magazines will circulate. Those in great demand,

like *Investor's Business Daily*, will be held for in-library use only.

The new UHLAN automated catalog system is expected to be operational in January. This new technology will include an on-line periodical index, providing indexing and abstracts for 3,100 periodicals, 1,500 of which will be accessible in full text.

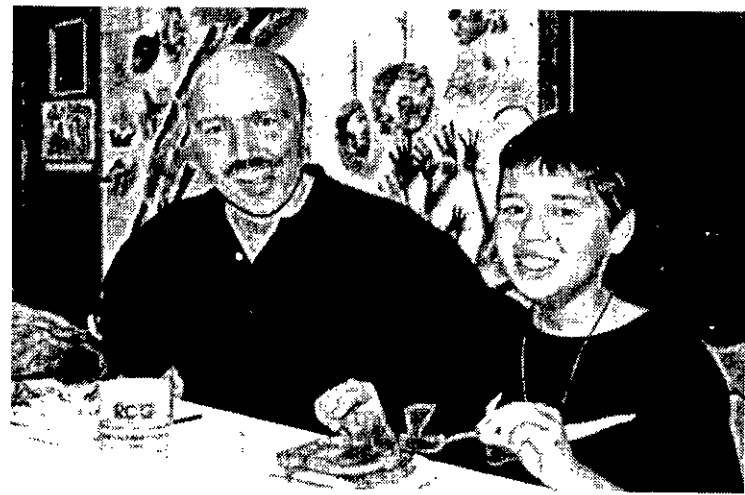
Keep your eyes on the TV-31 program guide next year. Early in the year, periodicals librarian Susan Gorman will present cablecast introductions to the new titles.

A complete list of the library's periodicals is located on the computer tables behind the reference desk. The binders contain a subject guide, inclusive dates and information about microfilm and circulation.

Professional reviews, collection development guidelines and community profiles all figure in decisions about which magazines to buy. Patrons' recommendations are always welcome. Ask at the reference desk.

Louise Grieco

Father & son



Michael Oliver eats with his father, Gary Oliver, during the Men's Breakfast at the Glenmont Community Church Reformed, Saturday, Nov. 22.

Hugh Hewitt

Gift wrapping at Border's

Look for us at Border's Books and Music! Young people's librarian Joyce Laiosa will be overseeing a group of volunteers at the gift wrap booth at the popular Wolf Road emporium.

Voorheesville Public Library

All money collected in the giant tip jar will be donated to the children's department at the library through the Friends of the Library.

Stop and let us gift wrap your purchases on Saturday, Nov. 29, from noon to 5 p.m.

An informational night will be

at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, for parents and caregivers to explore the contents of the new "take-out storytime" bookbags with Laiosa.

The theme-based collections of materials are designed for adults to use with preschool children to provide an experience similar to a library story time. The bags are available for check out on a two-week loan.

Art Expressions, the adult sketch club, meets on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Bring your own materials. Call 765-2791 for information.

Signups are being taken for the Wednesday, Dec. 10, presentation by Voorheesville historian Dennis Sullivan entitled *The Punishment of Crime in Colonial New York: The Dutch Experience in Albany during the 17th Century*. Call the reference desk to register.

The library will close on Wednesday, Nov. 26, and reopen at 10 a.m. on Friday. Enjoy Thanksgiving.

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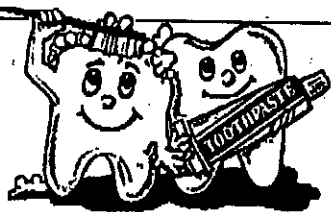
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Indians' run for Syracuse ends with loss to Brewster

By Jennifer Frese

The Indians' football season came to a surprising end last week in Kingston, as the state's top ranked football team in Class B fell to Brewster 27-6 in a re-match of last year's semi-final game.

"All year long (the team) played and won like champions," said coach Gary VanDerzee. "And today, we lost like champions."

Brewster got a head start on Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's defense by utilizing its passing game.

All year long (the team) played and won like champions. And today, we lost like champions.

Gary VanDerzee

Four minutes into the first quarter, Brewster's quarterback Dave Snyder completed a touchdown pass to his brother Scott Snyder. The Snyder tandem connected again in the second quarter, and after a two-point conversion, Brewster was ahead 14-0 near half-time.

However, with 1:15 left in the first half, the RCS offense started to show more life.

Senior Steve Ross scored on a quarterback keeper to narrow the lead, but kicker Norris Ackert—the state's record holder for most

points scored by a kicker—missed the extra point.

The Indian's misfortunes continued in the second half.

After the RCS defense held Brewster to a field goal attempt, the Indians were penalized for roughing the kicker, giving Brewster a first-and-goal situation on the RCS 6-yard-line. Two plays later, Dave Snyder scored on a quarterback keeper.

Brewster would score again before the end of the game, serving RCS its first loss since its 9-0 loss in last year's state championship game against Springfield.

Ross, a member of last year's team, earned both outstanding offensive and defensive player honors in last week's game:

rushing for 100 yards on nine carries on offense, and registering 18 tackles on defense.

"We had a great season this year," said Ross. "It hurts real bad that we didn't win, but their offense and defense dominated today."

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk was figured to be a favorite to play at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse next week, as they have held the position of No. 1 ranked Class B football team in the state for the entire year.

After 2,200-yard rusher Matt

Frese and all-state 280-pound offensive tackle John Frangella graduated last spring, this year's Indians featured a one-two punch in backs Gary Jones and Ryan Merritt.

Jones and Merritt each amassed more than 1,000 yards rushing this year. Jones, with 34 touchdowns, came just one shy from tying a state record for most touchdowns scored in a season.

The two backs represented the majority of the Indians' scoring this year. But, in the second half of

last week's quarter-final game against Ogdensburg, both of them suffered injuries. Though they each played against Brewster, neither was able to run for more than 50 yards.

Ironically, RCS beat Brewster last year 21-6 to advance to the state championship.

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BC swimming looks to extend streak

By Tim Kavanagh

After having won Section II Team Championships for the past quarter century, the Bethlehem boys swimming and diving team looks to peg another champion plaque up on the board this year.

Guided by coach Ken Neff, a former BC swimmer and record holder, and assistant coach Sean Gnat, a first-year diving coach, the team remains the team to beat in the area.

This year might be considered one for rebuilding. Only two returning seniors are on the team. The team is perhaps the youngest in recent history, but many underclassmen are ready for the challenge of becoming strong contributors. Another aid to the BC cause will be four new divers who have come out this year, complement-

ing the diving of veteran Mark Bassotti.

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Ken Neff

pare to defend our title again next year," said Neff. "We have a bunch of new kids out this year, so we've been concentrating on trying to improve for both this year and the future. We've got some kids who I feel have some hidden potential that will be useful to the team down

the road. Losing (Steve) Corson and (Scott) Strickler next year will be tough, and if we don't improve, we will be hurting."

The tough teams in Section II this year, according to Neff, are going to be Albany Academy, Shaker, and Shenendehowa.

"In the past, those teams came into the meets against us pretty much knowing that they didn't have much of a chance against us," said Neff. "But this year they will have a shot at us, and we will need to call upon some of the younger kids to respond to the pressure in these meets."

Additionally, New Hartford and Tappan Zee will also be tough, according to Corson.

"We have a really good team this year," said Strickler, "the whole team is bonding well and we push each other to work hard. We have a young team with a lot of new kids who just recently joined, but everyone seems to be working hard to get the techniques down and to improve. Many of the new guys have a good chance of scoring points this year, and doing even better next year."

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Dolphins take Kingston

Three Delmar Dolphins set new meet records at the Kingston Fall Festival Sunday, Nov. 16, as 13 local swimmers participated in the annual meet.

Courtney Arduini, swimming in the 11 and 12-year-old category, set the record in the 200-meter individual medley. **Becky Corson** set a new record in the 13 and 14-year-old 200 individual medley. And **Teresa Rosetti** set records in both the 13 and 14-year-old category in both the 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

Rosetti also took first in the 50 freestyle and second in the 200 individual medley.

In the 13 and 14-year-old competition, **Ellen Bandel** took third in the 100 breast stroke.

Arduini earned first place in the 50 backstroke, 50 butterfly and the 50 freestyle for her age group. And, Corson, earned second in the 100 freestyle, third in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle.

Larissa Suparmanto placed fifth in the 11 and 12-year-old 200 individual medley.

Mackenzie Wagoner, in 10-year old and younger competition, earned fourth place in the 50 back stroke. **Hana Segerstrom** earned first in the 50 back stroke and 50 breast stroke, and second in the 50 butterfly. And, **Chelsea Arduini** swam personal best times in her events.

In boys competition, **Ricky Grant** earned first place in the 11 and 12-year-old 50 freestyle, 50 back stroke and 50 butterfly. In the same age group, **Caleb Bonville** earned first in the 50 breast stroke and fifth in the 50 back stroke and 500 freestyle.

Matt Pasquini took first in the 11 and 12-year-old 200 individual medley, second in the 50 back stroke and 50 butterfly, and third in the 50 freestyle. **Kevin Perrazelli** earned second in the 50 breast stroke, and achieved personal best times in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

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Parks and rec offers Sunday swim times

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The fees are \$1.25 for youth ages 5 to 13 and \$2.50 for adults. Anyone under 5 or over 65 swims for free.

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FIRST PART

Toys to make your head spin

By Michael Hallisey

The nightmare of holiday shopping has begun.

Like Oklahoma "Sooners" getting a head start on choice land, some parents have already bought the gifts that will light up their children's eyes this Christmas.

But some parents wake up in a cold sweat, thinking of the battle for parking at crowded malls and worrying that they won't know what to get their children this year. If you are one of them, relax, some of the hottest toys of years past continue to be favorites this year.



For Erica Wade-Loop of Latham, a Little People Garage is a sure bet to make her 2-year-old brother Austin happy.

"He already has other Little People toys," she said. "So I know he'll like this."

Other popular stocking stuffers are as simple as bean bags and as complex as computerized pets.

Beanie Babies, the surprise hit toy of last Christmas, continue to be hot items this year. The frenzied need for these hand-sized, bean-bag animals has escalated to the point where some are valued at more than \$100. But if you can get your hands on them, they'll

likely cost from \$5 to \$11.

To one Bethlehem family, Tomagatchis, from Bandai, are what Pet Rocks were a few years ago.

"It's a craze," said Mark Eder, shopping for his 7 year-old son.

Tomagatchi is advertised as "the original virtual reality pet." It sleeps, eats, and needs to be talked to, well, sort of. The digitized pet lives inside an egg, attached to a key chain, can be seen through a liquid crystal display the size of a quarter and cost \$10 to \$20.

Eder's 10-year-old son is hoping to find a Nintendo 64 with some video games when he wakes up Christmas morning.

Video game systems have been on gift shoppers lists since Atari hit the stores in the late '70s. But Atari and Mattel Electronics are no longer the biggest names in video games.

Sony, Nintendo, and Sega — the computer game giants who released 32-bit power game systems last Christmas — are around with even more games to choose from this year.

"It's got better graphics," said 13-year-old Brian Houck of Guilderland. The 32-bit game systems — which are supposed to have better graphics than the 16-bit systems released six years ago — can be bought for about \$150.

Nintendo is still releasing its 16-bit Super Nintendo system at around \$100. But it will probably follow Atari into video game obscurity in the near future.

Prices for games on both 16 and 32-bit systems can range from \$19 to \$60. Shoppers hint: many electronic stores are selling used or pre-owned games for a fraction of the cost of new games.

The science of computers has also given Barney the dinosaur new life. The purple dinosaur is already missing from many store shelves. If found, he'll cost you an arm and a leg.

Microsoft, known more for computer software than as a toy manufacturer, now has Barney sing "I love you" and play peek-a-boo. The doll itself costs \$100, but in order for it to react to TV programs and computer games as advertised, you must also buy special components, at approximately \$30 each.

Mattel has also made an interactive version of its popular Barbie doll, but it too leaves the shelves as fast as it is put on.

And remember Tickle-Me Elmo? The laughing, jiggling doll is back, but now Sesame Street has the Singing, Snoring Ernie, too.

There are still some popular toys that won't put much of a dent in your wallet. With the re-release of the Star Wars movies, toys from the 20-year-old movie trilogy are back on the shelves. Toy guns, light sabres, action figures and vehicles can be bought from \$5 to around \$40.

When you look at your child's wish list, don't be surprised to see familiar names. Longtime favorites like Mattel's Hot Wheels, Barbies (that don't talk or dance) and Legos are still around, and appear frequently in shopping carts this time of year.

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This year, stuff stockings with new ideas

Stocking stuffers are usually the last item on your Christmas list. Sometimes it may be difficult to find the right surprises, so too often we put in the same old gifts as last year.

You can make this year special with these great ideas for sensational stocking stuffers.

Men usually get socks, underwear and cologne.

These gifts are nice, but rarely a big hit. Spice up his stocking this year with some of these great ideas.

- Silky underwear
- Wool argyles or cashmere socks

• Tickets for an upcoming sports event

- Tennis balls or golf balls
- Water bottle, tire pump or cycling gloves for the cyclist
- Fishing lures, line and leaders

- Magazine subscription
- Suspenders

The list for great gifts for women is endless. You're sure to make her smile Christmas morning with these unique goodies.

- Silky or lacy underwear
- Pantyhose with a design
- Imported soaps, powders or scented oils
- A sachet of potpourri
- Scented candles

- A loofa
- Magazine subscription
- Jewelry

It's always fun for children to get candy, stuffed animals, match box cars and windup toys, but here are some other ideas for this year's stockings.

- Savings Bond
- Christmas ornament, with this year's date printed on it
- Funky shoelaces
- Art supplies and craft items
- Movie passes
- A favorite video or music cassette

Don't wait until the last minute — start scouting out your stocking stuffer surprises early this year.

Know what (and what not) to put in Fido's stocking

You've found the perfect gift for that special someone. You searched doggedly, and it's the cat's meow — that's right, it's a gift for your pet.

Be careful that your ideal gift is also one that won't harm Fido or Fluffy. You don't want to give dogs or cats any toys they can rip apart. They can swallow a piece and either choke on it or have trouble passing it.

In some cases, surgery is needed to remove an object. As a result, hard toys, such as a plastic bone for a dog, are better than soft rubber toys.

Keep in mind the size and strength of the animal. A large dog such as a Rottweiler has more jaw power than a Yorkie, and can rip a toy more easily. Small balls, even if they're hard and can't be ripped, can sometimes slip down a large animal's throat.

Remove the noise-making piece from any squeaky toys. The 'squeaker' is quite small and it is easy to ingest if the toy

breaks apart.

The toys you buy at the pet store are non-toxic. But if you're using a homemade toy that isn't intended for pet play, make sure it's constructed of non-hazardous material.

The poinsettia plant, which is popular around holiday time, is very dangerous to cats and some small breeds of dogs. Its milky substance is toxic and can be fatal if ingested. Keep the plant out of reach of pets.

Though not a toy, anti-freeze is also extremely toxic to pets. Don't keep containers around the house.

While you may be tempted to give in when your dog or cat looks up at the dinner table, don't get into the habit of feeding pets human food. They generally don't digest it well, and could develop problems with their kidneys or pancreas. If you want to give them a treat, try animal biscuits. After all, you don't want to end up with, as the saying goes, one sick puppy.



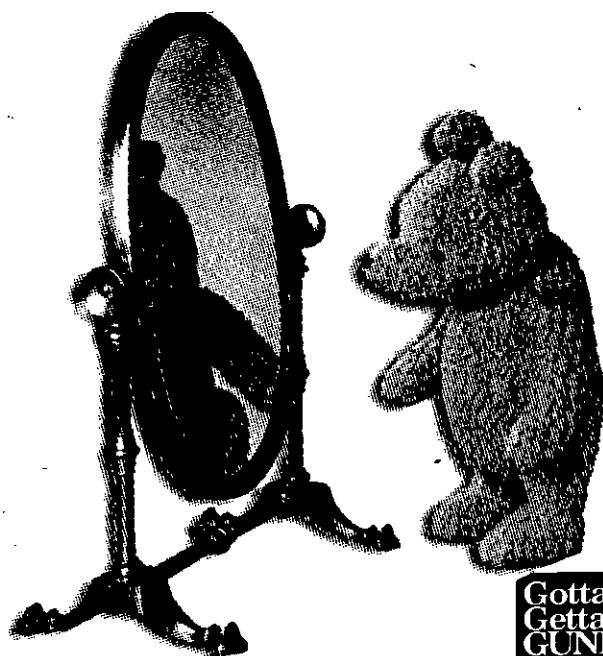
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Toys for Tots celebrates 50 years of giving

By Bill Batchelder

It was in 1947 that the first Toys for Tots drive was held by a local Marine Reserve unit in Los Angeles, Calif.

That first year, the drive produced about 5,000 toys on Christmas morning for local disadvantaged children.

Since that time, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve across the United States has delivered more than 222 million toys to needy children throughout the country during the holiday season.

This year, the 50th anniversary of Toys for Tots, more than 75 percent of the 42,000 Marine



Reservists in this country will be directly involved in the program that has become, for many Americans, an icon representing American generosity at holiday

York, but he is responsible for the Toys for Tots effort from Kingston to the north country and from Montgomery County to the Massachusetts border.

and, in fact, the entire Department of Defense establishment.

"Our assignment relative to Toys for Tots is simple," Diamond explained. "We are told by D.O.D. that we will continue with our best efforts for this program so long as there is a need."

The original Toys for Tots concept has, of course, changed to keep up with the times over its 50-year history.

When first started, the program welcomed all toys — both new and used — and those that needed repainting or repair were taken care of by local reservists.

But in 1979, the Corps realized too many modern toys could not be effectively repaired and that to meet its mission in the modern era, gifts had to be restricted to new toys.

"Of course, cash contributions are important, too," Diamond said. "We cannot accept cash, but checks and money order donations are used to establish a fund each year from which we can purchase new toys for the areas or individual pockets of need where collections might fall short. Either way, it's important that everyone understands that their gift will mean a Christmas toy in the hands of a youngster who might otherwise be left out."

Diamond noted that all time spent on Toys for Tots by reservists is volunteered.

"We are also anxious to respond to groups or businesses that want to learn more about the program. We're always ready to 'call in the Marines' for meetings, special events or whatever will help advance this program," he explained.

Donors are asked to provide new, unwrapped toys at the many Toys for Tots collections sites throughout the area during the holiday season.

Businesses and other groups interested in establishing their own collection sites or those wishing to contribute by check or money order should contact Diamond or any of his volunteer reservists at the Reserve Center at 780 Washington Ave., Albany 12203, or by calling 489-4221.

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The success of the program does not surprise Staff Sgt. Michael Diamond at Company F, 2nd Battalion of the 25th Marines, headquartered at the Reserve Center on Washington Avenue in Albany.

"We know that giving, especially at holiday time, provides the giver a great deal of satisfaction," said Diamond. "We think that good feeling is particularly strong when you know that the gift you give results in a toy for a child that might otherwise not receive anything."

Diamond denies he is Santa Claus for northeastern New

York, but he is responsible for the Toys for Tots effort from Kingston to the north country and from Montgomery County to the Massachusetts border.

By Christmas, Diamond and the area Marine reservists will have established more than 100 collection sites for the program.

Toys for Tots, like the Marine Corps itself, is steeped in a tradition of service and success.

"It was Walt Disney who designed our logo in 1948," Diamond said. "That is probably not a surprise when you know that Disney served as a Marine and you think about his devotion to entertaining the young and young at heart."

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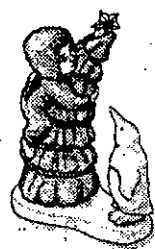
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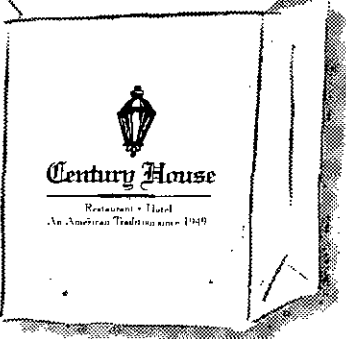
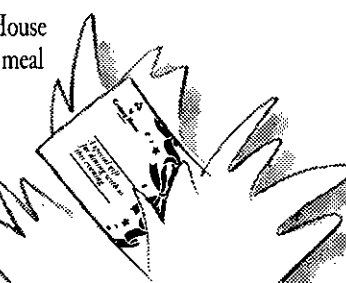
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Timepieces still smart and stylish gifts

By Mary S. Yamin

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Consider a timepiece.

Whatever your preference, they come in all shapes, sizes and varieties, from wristwatches, pocket watches and pin watches for nurses to wall clocks, mantle clocks and grandfather clocks.

Wristwatches are the most popular. Everyone seems to be buying them. Men are purchasing them for their wives, women for their husbands, children for their parents, cousins or acquaintances.

"What is popular now are the watches that don't take battery replacement. They are solar-powered," stated L. Jeffrey Singer, company president of Singer's Watchmakers & Jewelers, which sells the full gamut of timepieces. "While the battery watch is still the most popular, these are coming on strong. They start selling at \$250."

Singer added, "Another watch that is coming on strong are those with titanium casing. The grayish metal offers a new look and doesn't scratch. It is lightweight, non-allergenic, all done for a reasonable price that begins at \$250. This year offers their nicest collection. They have developed a variety of

styles for men and women."

Singer also offers the perfect gift for the person who has everything. In fact, he not only has one such gift, but two.

Whatever your preference, they come in all shapes, sizes and varieties, from wristwatches, pocket watches and pin watches to wall clocks, mantle clocks and grandfather clocks.

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The second unusual piece Singer carries is an Atmos Clock, which is as close to a perpetual timepiece as exists. Made in Switzerland, it has an expandable diaphragm inside a barrel in the clock. As the weather changes and the barometric pressure changes, the diaphragm moves back and

forth and winds the clock.

"You never have to wind it or change the battery," claimed Singer. "It works on the changes in the weather. They keep time extremely well and are designed to last 600 years. They run about \$3,000."

Who purchases these items? "People who absolutely have to have the right time and those who are into having the right time. They are great for those who have everything. They are clean-line and attractive and have a contemporary styling.

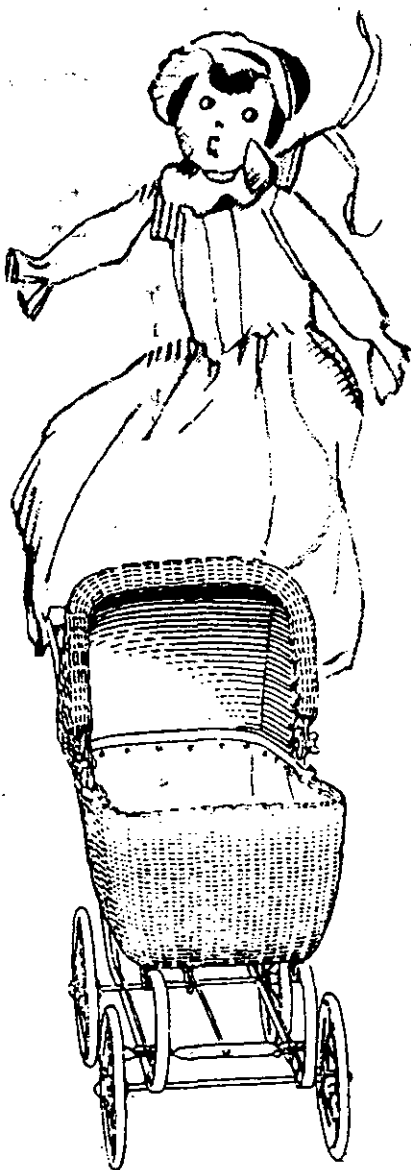
They also make good conversation pieces."

Singer believes there may come a day when all watches are solar-powered or, if they do have batteries, they will last for years.

"We will have more space-aged materials such as titanium, that are scratch resistant. Styles will change as styles do. Designs will come and go, but the wristwatch is here to stay," he said.

Martin E. Finkle, proprietor of Harold Finkle Your Jeweler Inc., agrees. "People will continue to wear watches. No trend is going to change that. I have

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Floral arrangements perfect as holiday decor

By Katherine McCarthy

The turkey's not even out of the oven yet, but it's time to start thinking about the next phase of "the holidays." Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's all seem to call for bringing the outdoors in, and a stop at the florist at least once before the old year leaves us staring at the whites and grays of winter.

"Early in the month of December, most people start out wanting to decorate with greens," said Aleta Lyons, owner of Windflower in the Delaware Plaza in Delmar. "It's time to put the wreath on the door and think about mantel greens."

Greens are great, she said, as long as they're kept moist. "Stay with pines and firs, things like that. For greens on the mantel, arrange them in an oasis, and keep those moist."

An oasis is that green spongy thing that holds the water in a floral arrangement. Its cousin, the racquette, is a large oasis wrapped in plastic that's particularly useful on a mantel, or other pieces of furniture, as the wrapping prevents damage.

"You can use greens for a variety of other things," Lyons said. "You can enhance a



Jane Smith-Dougherty trims a Christmas tree at Windflower in Delmar.

favorite knick-knack or nativity set by putting greens around it. Kissing balls have also become very popular, and you can make them yourself at home with a Styrofoam ball. Put a large one on your porch and decorate it with lights. Or make a smaller

one for inside with mistletoe. It's a different way to display mistletoe and get your point across."

David Michael Schmidt, of Renaissance Floral Design at 467 Albany Shaker Road in Loudonville, says natural

elements available in your backyard or on the roadside are in this season.

"Things like bittersweet, winter berries, and rose hips, combined with something from Renaissance Floral Design make a great decoration," Schmidt said.

For instance, Schmidt, who owns Renaissance with Christine Grattan and Deryck deMatas, said they could combine pine cones and other natural elements with old ornaments to create a great buffet piece, an updated version of a centerpiece.

For an elegant dining room table, Schmidt suggested laying cut evergreens on the table, adding some pine cones sprayed with a little glitter, and intertwining ribbon throughout the whole thing. "Add some new or old ornaments, and put candlesticks throughout the table," he added.

Candles are very popular now, Schmidt said, and Lyons finds them the perfect decoration for Hanukkah, the festival of lights.

Schmidt said he is also seeing a subtle permutation on holiday decorating, with gold, silver and ivory rivaling traditional reds and greens in popularity.

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- For a child who collects dress-up dolls, consider a fashion traveler doll case.

- Children who collect mini-cars and trucks would appreciate a carry case with single and double-car compartments, handy for play dates and road trips.

- Know anyone caught up in

the craze of collecting wildly designed milk caps? Plastic storage units are available that hold 1,000 milkcaps neatly stored for trading or playing.

- For the young artist, there are craft caddies to organize all the essentials. Large compartments hold coloring books and puzzles, while smaller spaces hold markers, pencils, scissors, crayons and other accessories.

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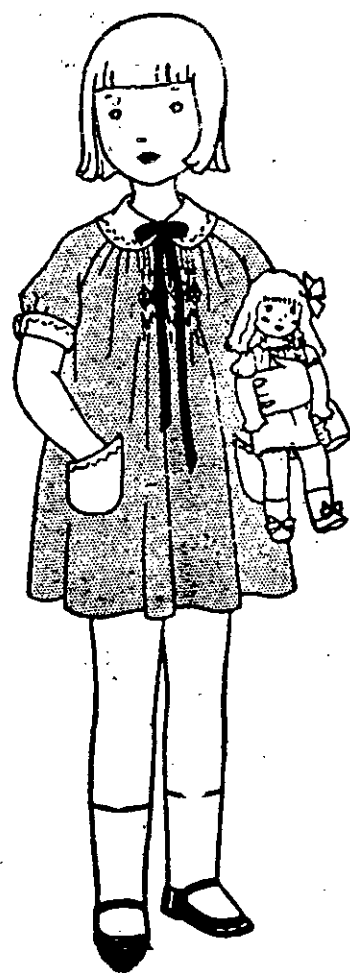
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- Order catalog gifts now.

Five weeks to go

- Send out a list of the kids' sizes and gift ideas to those who have asked for lists.
- Draw names for family gift exchanges so you all have time to shop.
- Make a grocery list for the ingredients you'll need for your holiday baking; shop ahead.
- Start picking up inexpensive stocking stuffers.
- Wrap gifts you have purchased each time you return from a shopping trip.
- Finish up handmade gifts.

Four weeks to go

- Find out sizes and gift ideas for people you are still missing in the family.
- Have the kids work ahead and make gift tags from colored construction paper. They can also decorate wrapping paper by coloring on tissue paper and brown paper bags.
- Write a Christmas letter to include in your Christmas cards and have it photocopied. This

will be a big time-saver!

- Have prints made of family photos to include in your Christmas cards.

Three weeks to go

- If you still need to place a catalog order, be sure to place your orders by phone and verify that your order will arrive before Christmas.
- Check out your wrapping paper supply. Do you need to pick up some more paper, bows, tags or ribbon?
- Finish your holiday baking. Most holiday cookies and candies freeze beautifully.

Two weeks to go

- Get started on your indoor decorating. Don't forget the holiday towels in the kitchen and bathroom.
- Check your gift list and make sure you have something for everyone.
- Get the last of your Christmas cards in the mail.
- Test the tree lights.
- Buy batteries for the gifts that will need them.
- Check the batteries in your camera; don't forget to buy film.

One week to go

- It's time to relax! Put up your feet and enjoy the holidays — you can because this year you're ready!

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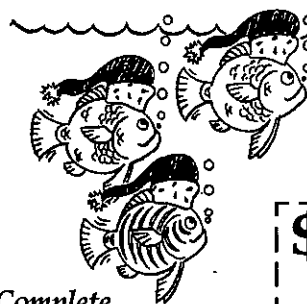
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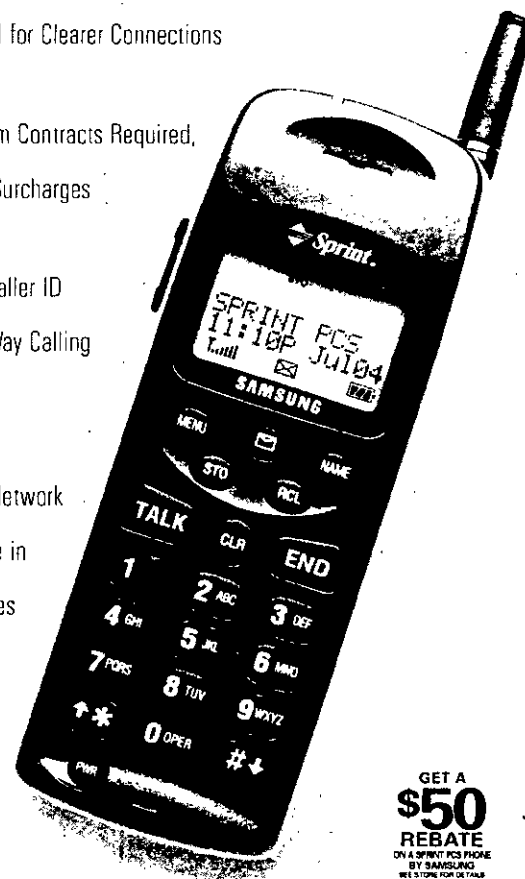
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Id fashion fun with holiday baking

Nothing makes it seem as much like a celebration as the fragrant scent of holiday baking.

Here's a classic cookie recipe that makes celebrating easy. Sprinkle with colored sugar before baking or decorate with icing.

Holiday cutout cookies

- 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 piece vanilla bean, about 2 inches
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose (plain) flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In a bowl, using an electric mixer set on medium speed, beat together the butter and

sugar until light and fluffy, about four minutes. Beat in the egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Cut the vanilla bean in half lengthwise and, using a small, sharp knife, scrape the seeds into the butter mixture. Mix well. In a sifter, combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Sift the flour mixture directly onto the butter mixture. Reduce the mixer speed to low and beat until well-mixed. Divide the dough into four equal portions. Shape each

portion into a ball and then flatten the balls into disks. Wrap the disks in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. (The dough can be prepared up to three days ahead.) Let it soften slightly at room temperature before continuing. Position a rack in the upper third of oven and preheat to 350 degrees. Butter two large baking sheets. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out a dough disk 1/4 inch thick. Using cookie cutters, cut out desired shapes.

Transfer the cutouts to the prepared baking sheets. Gather up and reroll the scraps and cut out more cookies. Then repeat with the remaining dough disks. Bake until the cookies are golden on the edges, about eight minutes. Transfer the cookies to racks and let cool completely. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week. Makes four to five dozen cookies.



A healthy, holiday cookie recipe

By now most people know that the sensible way to stay healthy is to control the amount of fat in your diet and keep physically fit with regular exercise.

A healthy diet does not have to take a holiday during the holidays. It's easy to modify recipes so that your favorite holiday treats are reduced in fat, but taste just as delicious.

For a healthier, flavor-rich

cookie, keep the sugar the same and reduce the fat by 25 percent. Here's a lower-fat chocolate chip recipe everyone will love.

Chocolate chip cookies

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly

packed

- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 medium eggs

2 cups chocolate chips (12 ounce package)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla until fluffy and smooth. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition; gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto greased baking sheets. Bake for nine to 11 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for two minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Makes 45 cookies. Nutrition Analysis Per Cookie: 111 calories; 6 grams fat; 15 grams carbohydrate; 1 gram protein.

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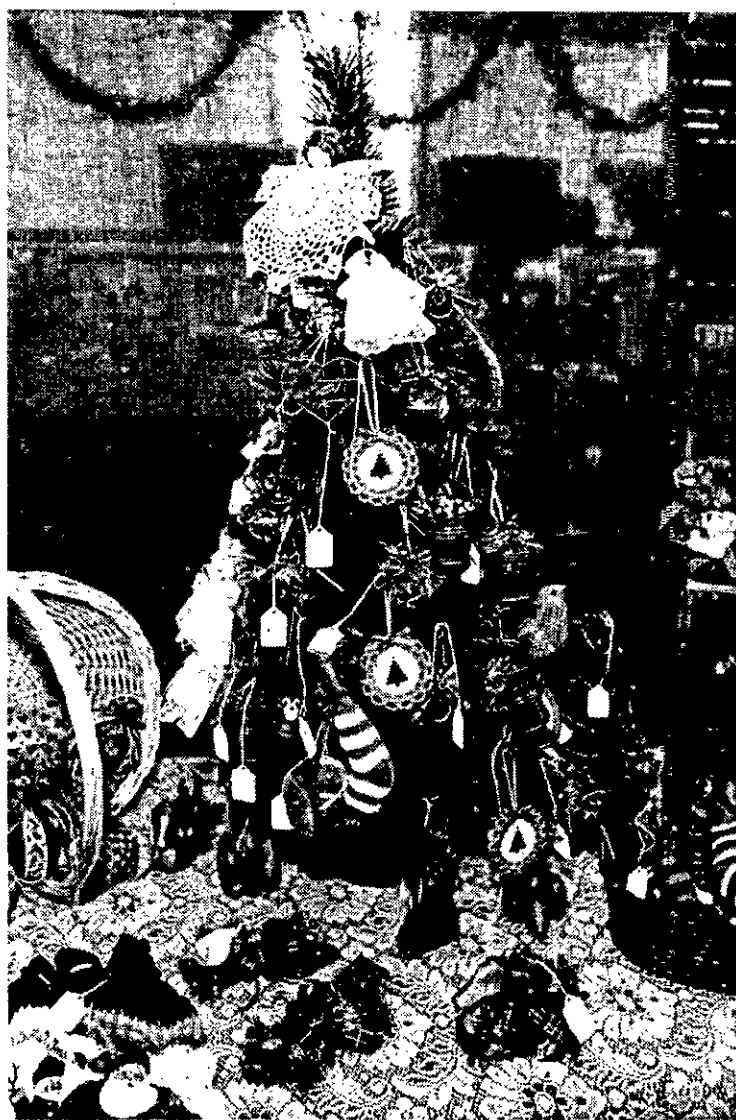
If holiday preparations seem more of a chore than a joy, consider these hassle-free tips to spread the season's cheer all through the house:

- Deck the halls without ruining your walls! Hang garlands in hallways and above windows and doors with Velcro sticky-back coins to eliminate unsightly nails and tacks. Attach coins to wall and to garland. Press together firmly.

- Coordinate placemats, napkin rings and place cards using themed appliques such as santas and snowflakes. Decorations can be changed to suit every occasion when attached with Velcro coins.

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Focus on photos

Your holiday season will be closer to picture perfect if you heed these hints.

- Keep your camera loaded and by your side. Most pictures are missed because the photographer had to load film or just wasn't ready. An extra set of batteries will also prove useful.
- Include family or friends when shooting the Christmas tree or dinner table. Pictures take on a new significance when they have subjects you can identify with and enjoy remembering.
- Avoid the red-eye phenomenon. Red-eye occurs when the bright light of the flash enters the subject's pupil, bounces off

of the eye's retina and reflects back into the camera lens. Babies, people with light eyes, pets and "holiday revelers" (alcohol decreases the pupil's reaction to a flash) are most susceptible to red-eye.

• Increasing the available light will help contract the pupils of your subjects' eyes, which makes it harder for the flash's light to enter, or it may eliminate the need for a flash altogether. Another option is to use a faster-speed film, such as 400 or higher.

• Take advantage of the flash. Many cameras today offer fill-in flash to reduce or eliminate unwanted shadows.



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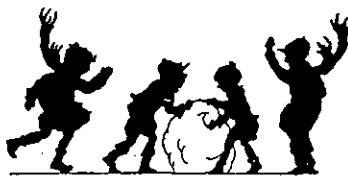
Moderation

Something that many of us should go overboard on during the holidays is moderation.

Here are some sensible tips that will help you enjoy the holidays without overindulging:

- At holiday parties and dinners, everything looks so good it's tempting to go overboard.

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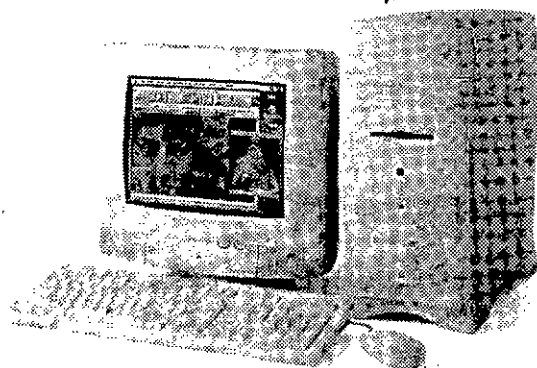
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Smart

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carried TV watches, pulse watches, all different gimmicky watches, but the mainstay tends to be a watch that is functional and comfortable for the individual."

He continued, "Timepieces have become more accurate and durable over the years. People have moved away from the throw-away watch into a finer



timepiece, something that will provide them a great deal of use, so they are willing to spend more money for it. The younger generation, in particular, seems to appreciate a fine timepiece."

With consumer confidence high and unemployment low this holiday season, sales for Finkle have been healthy.

"We are going more upscale. I don't know if that is a function of my store or if people are desiring a Swiss timepiece," Finkle

stated.

The most popular item for Finkle is the Tag Heuer wristwatch. A Swiss brand made since 1852, they sell for between \$695 and \$15,000. "This model has been like a runaway train. It has grown in popularity over the years. It is a trendy model that is popular with sports enthusiasts because all Tag Heuer's are good for 200 meters (600 feet) of water. They are an everyday sports watch rather than a thin,

dress watch," Finkle said.

What is the most unusual timepiece Finkle has sold? "A pocket watch where the front cover had a picture of a person pumping a well and the water would flow down to a bucket. It was a mechanically animated item. There was no water in the watch."

He continued, "It was an intricate, handmade watch. I bought this rare piece made in England at an estate sale. It went out the door at \$4,500."

If you can't get to the showroom, Finkle also sells its merchandise over the Internet. "We have been selling that way for two years. It goes over well. We do an excellent job of selling our own watches because there aren't many Tag Heuer jewelers in this area. We provide them with an 800 number," he said.

Holiday leftovers

Fast and festive main dishes leave you time to enjoy the holidays. Transform turkey and stuffing into a quick, simple-to-serve and delicious meal the next day by using a baking mix.

This tasty impossible pie, which makes its own crust, also shows off the colors of the season with popular dried red cranberries and frozen green peas. When ready to serve, pass hot turkey gravy to top this savory pie.

Impossible turkey and stuffing pie

Prep time: 12 minutes

Bake time: 35 minutes

1 cup cut-up cooked turkey or chicken

1/2 cup frozen green peas

1/4 cup sliced green onions (with tops)

1/4 cup dried cranberries, if desired

1 cup prepared turkey stuffing

3/4 cup Bisquick baking mix

1/2 tsp. salt, if desired

1 1/4 cups milk

3 eggs

Heat oven to 400°F. Grease 9-inch pie plate. Mix turkey, peas, onions and cranberries in plate. Separate stuffing into small pieces on turkey mixture.

Stir remaining ingredients with fork until blended. Pour into plate. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve with hot turkey gravy if desired.

Floral

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ments, forced bulbs, wreaths and garlands already on display.

Janet Gough, owner of The Floral Garden at 266 Delaware Avenue between Boston Market and Friendly's in Delmar, said people should "come on in. We like to work with people on an individual basis. I try to respect people's color scheme, and combine their ideas with our expertise."

For instance, Gough said, she might ask a customer details about where they're doing their holiday decorating. "Tell me about the size, location and color," she said. "Also, I try to respect the price range my customers want to stay in."

In addition to fresh flowers,

Gough said she also takes a lot of custom orders in silk and dried flowers. "We do a lot of centerpieces and wall hangings," she said. "Like dried wreaths to match the decor."

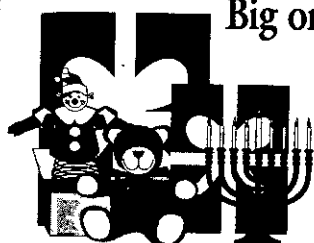
Gough said she tries to match the arrangements to people's taste, be it country, contemporary or somewhere in between. Now in her fifth year at The Floral Garden, said people give a lot of flowers during the holidays, and finds the traditional reds and greens are still very popular in the fresh flower department.

"People have a lot of company coming into their houses, and lot of people give gifts, maybe to family members they want to do something for, but they aren't quite sure what. It's like that old slogan, 'Flowers do it best,'" Gough said.

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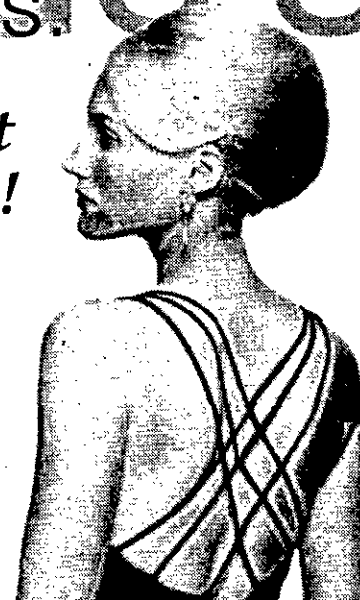
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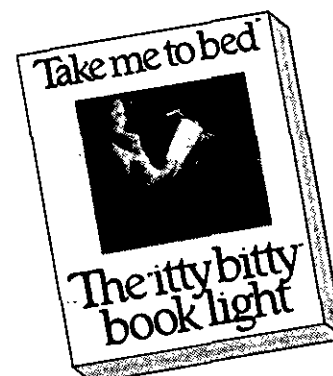
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Eagles have potential

Girls basketball coach wants states

By Christine Potter

Despite two injuries, Bethlehem Central's girls varsity basketball is showing potential for a winning year.

"Our goal is to win sectionals and move onto regionals and

Our goal is to win sectionals and move onto regionals and states.

Kim Wise

states," said coach Kim Wise. "Luckily, we have all of our starters back from last year. We are showing lots of potential."

Last year BC finished with an 18-5 record and made it to sectional finals where they lost to Albany High.

Juniors Kate Strait and Lily

Corrigan are currently injured, but are hoping to make a comeback, said Wise. But those starters ready for the opening tip-off of the team's first home game Friday, Dec. 12 include the following players: seniors Karly Decker, Magan Sellnow, Nicole Conway, and Katie Smith.

Sophomore Bridget Murray will also return as a starter, said Wise. Other seniors expected to do great things this season are Erika St. Lucia, Jen DiLillo, and Katherine Luber.

Juniors Kate Bresnahan and Kerry Staniels, sophomore Lauren Murray, and freshman Megan Fish are all showing promise, said Wise.

The team's first home game is Friday, Dec. 12, at 8:00 p.m. against Colonie.

Star bowlers

The following people earned bowling honors at Del Lanes during the week of Monday, Nov. 17:

Senior Circuit Men: Jack Brennan, 234; George Leach, 244; Cal Bates, 909 in four games.

Men: Paul Douvas, 299; Bill Kaminski, 299; Lou DeVoe, 1,055 in four games.

Women: Beth Matthews, 248; Erin Markman, 827 in four games.

Adult-Junior Men: Steve Vnuk, 258; Paul Spagnola, 238.

Adult-Junior Women: Mary Brandy, 192.

Boys: Joey DeVoe, 213; Mike Brandy, 224.

Girls: Stacey Spagnola, 218; Bari Banner, 206.

Junior-Classic: Bill Pugh, 249, Chrystal Tompkins, 226, Leanna Cady, 210; Matt Costigan, 912 in four games.

Majors: Mark Bohen, 203; April Matott, 202; Denise Doran, 188; John Tisko, 536 triple.

Juniors: Nick Kallner, 220; Jeff Young, 214; Kim Grieco, 161; Audrey Spaulding, 198.

Preps: Daniel Felitte, 133; Amy McFetters, 368 triple; Paul Parker, 402 triple.

CHP to sell bike helmets

In an effort to promote health and safety, Community Health Plan is selling youth bicycle helmets to the general public at the CHP Delmar Health Center on 250 Delaware Ave.

The sale will continue through Christmas.

Helmets are on display at the health center and can be purchased at the business office for \$10 each.

They come in two sizes, small for ages 5 to 8, and medium for ages 8 and up.

Helmets are available in a variety of colors and designs, and are the perfect accompaniment to a new bicycle or pair of roller blades under the Christmas tree.

Cheerleaders take first

Three of five Bethlehem cheerleader squads placed first in the Capital District Pop Warner Competition held recently at Hudson Valley Community College.

The Midget, Junior Pee Wee and Midget Pom squads each placed first, marking the first time in more than 10 years that any Bethlehem squad has earned first place.

The Pee Wee squad finished second in the annual competition.

According to Cheryl Cahill, secretary of the Bethlehem Pop Warner board of directors, its cheerleader squads have routinely placed second and third place over the years.

Basketball sign-ups at BCMS

Bethlehem Basketball Club will conduct a final registration for high school students interested in competing in a late Saturday afternoon basketball league to start in January.

All high school residents of the school district are invited to participate. Registration costs \$50, and is at the middle school, Saturday, Dec. 6, between 1 and 3 p.m.

High school students must have a parent or guardian with them (including those who already have

pre-registered).

Any adult interested in volunteering as a coach, board member or supervisor is welcome. For information, call Pete Myer 439-1009.

Delmar church plans Thanksgiving service

First Church of Christ, Scientist on 555 Delaware Ave. in Delmar invites the community to a Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m.

Local athletes making headlines in college

BC grad named captain of swim team

Franklin & Marshall College senior Marc Kanuk has been named captain of the swim team.

As the only senior on the team, Kanuk will be the veteran member of the 17 member squad that includes five sophomores and nine freshmen.

Kanuk was a member of the 200-medley relay team that set a Franklin & Marshall record at the Centennial Conference championship meet (1:37.61). He was also part of the 400-medley relay team in 1996 that set a school record at the conference meet.

Ex-BC soccer standout receives accolade

1995 Bethlehem Central graduate Jessica Romano was among five St. Mary's College (in St. Mary's City, Md.) women's soccer team players named to the All-Capital Athlete Conference team.

Romano, a junior at the St. Mary's College, started every game in 1997. At midfield, she scored three goals and had three assists.

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Lake

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greater access to the lake and grounds, it is "welcome to do it."

Chris Cleary of the Alcove Preservation Association, which has been pushing for access to the park, calls it "a great place, with pine forests, wetlands, plenty of room — all they have to do is drop the chain."

Cleary said the 1996 plan was superior to Breslin's proposal in other ways besides more convenient parking — it calls for public access to a second, shoreline trail; it would allow shoreline fishing; it would consider allowing portable watercraft like canoes; and it envisioned building additional trails.

Cleary said he is also uncomfortable with the control Camp Opportunities exerts over the park, which would continue to some extent under Breslin's proposal.

"We feel the camp is a guest of the people of the county, not the other way around," Cleary said.

County Legislator Peter Clouse, R-Coeymans, has been working to open up the park in his district for four years.

"The important thing is to get this park open," he said.

Clouse added that the key issue with the Breslin plan is, "With inconvenient parking and one trail, how open to the general public is that?"

Clouse said the 1996 management plan is "more in line with public access" to the park than Breslin's resolution.

Noting that he will offer amendments to Breslin's resolution that will increase access, Clouse said he hoped "Everyone will come to the table and work in a cooperative manner. This is a park, and we all should be able to line up and cut the ribbon, rather than have more years of finger-pointing."

Clouse emphasized: "No one wants to close Camp Opportunities. My intention is to work on a compromise."

After years of no progress on the issue, Clouse finally brought his concerns to the attention of the federal government earlier this year.

"The document we signed was very clear that the park had to be developed for public use," Clouse said. "We made a promise. The American people and county taxpayers paid for the whole park, so why are we being told we can use only one corner of the park?"

In response, the National Park Service asked the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to investigate the complaint and seek a series of documents from Albany County, according to Julia Stokes, deputy commissioner for operations.

The original deadline for completing the state investigation of Nov. 28 was "too tight," especially since her agency has not yet received the documents from the county, Stokes said.

The new deadline is the end of December, she said.

In the worst case, the Park Service could ask for return of the money or could recommend that the state take over the park, Stokes said.

Welcome Wagon plans holiday party

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club will host a holiday party for members on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Call Patti Hoeg at 478-9840 by Monday, Dec. 1, to R.S.V.P.

Welcome Wagon is a community newcomers group with many social activities and community service projects.

To join the group, contact Debbie Swyer at 459-9222, or pick up a newsletter at the Bethlehem Public Library and fill out the membership form.

Anyone who is new to the area can contact Marge Thurlow at 439-1531 for a Welcome Wagon visit.

Local artist holds exhibit at Five Rivers

A reception for local artist Ed Kenney and the opening of a retrospective exhibition of his work entitled Telling The Story With Paint will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Kenney was staff artist/designer for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's award-winning magazine, *The Conservationist*, for more than 27 years.

The 40-piece retrospective reflects an unusual variety of wildlife, historical and scenic themes, and expresses the broad range of Kenney's talent and interests.

Co-sponsored by Five Rivers Limited, the reception will provide an opportunity to meet the artist and hear about his unique approach to art.

Preregistration for the evening reception/opening is required.

The fee is \$2 for Five Rivers Limited members and \$3 for non-members, with a \$5 maximum for family groups.

For information or to preregister, call 475-0291.

The exhibition will be open to the public free of charge through Sunday, Jan. 18.

German groups plan Christmas service

The German-American Culture Club in Troy and the German Language School in Albany will co-host the eighth German-English ecumenical Christmas service on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

A fellowship hour, with singing of old German Christmas songs, will follow the service.

St. Nikolaus will have small gifts for children who attend.

For information, call 273-4984.

Humbug

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Mosall's Grove as commercial during his presentation — "You're there by kind of grandfathered in."

During initial discussion, it appeared the board was split on the decision. Only Wiggand and Richard Lewis appeared in favor of the issue.

Town Building Inspector John Flanagan said, "There would be no conflict with the use that would be during winter months for the sale of Christmas trees."

The trees and wreaths were to be sold from the day after Thanksgiving, to Christmas Eve. Robert Mosall had figured, by operating the business from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends, his uncle's land would be able to accommodate parking for 40 to 50 automobiles.

However, traffic was still of concern for board members Marjory O'Brien and James Morgan.

Traffic on Schoolhouse Road has increased dramatically since the completion of Crossgates Mall in 1984. But, just how the Christmas tree business would affect that traffic is unknown. No traffic study was made.

"There are specific tests for the board to consider for approving a use variance," said board chairman Michael Hodom. "You haven't addressed any of those issues this evening."

Mosall had the opportunity to adjourn the public hearing, but since he said he was already late in ordering trees, he wanted to get an immediate decision.

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Obituaries

James R. Adams

James R. Adams, 81, of Slingerlands died Monday, Nov. 24, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong area resident.

He attended Albany Academy and Governor Dummer Academy. He was a graduate of Williams College, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Mr. Adams was a lieutenant commander in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during World War II. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star.

He was an administrator for the state Department of Civilian Defense and the state Transportation Department.

He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, where he taught Sunday school. He was also a member of the Winnisook Club.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Shultz; three sons, James R. Adams Jr. of Voorheesville, Edwin D. Adams of Putney, Vt., and Peter Adams of Altamont; a sister, Helen P. Adams of Stamford, Conn.; and two grandchildren.

Following cremation, Mr. Adams will be buried in the family plot in Rensselaerville.

A memorial service will be Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Church Building Restoration Fund, 107 State St., Albany 12207.

Paul Greenberg

Paul Greenberg of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 4, at his home.

Born in Brooklyn, he was raised in Queens and Brighton, Mass.

He attended Columbia School of General Studies.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Greenberg worked for the state, first as secretary to the Tax Commission. He is credited for creating the Tax Appeals Bureau.

Before he worked for the state, he was a labor organizer and a civil rights activist in the 1960s.

From 1993 until his death, he was president of the Alliance for Environmental Review. He was a member of the Interfaith Alliance of New York, the People of Faith Working for Justice in Public Policy and Democratic Socialists of America.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Novogrodsky Greenberg; two daughters, Francine Reizen of Chicago and Jessica Greenberg Dennis of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; a son, Benjamin Greenberg of

Somerville, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Howard Jacobson Jr.

Howard Jacobson Jr., 79, of Guilderland and formerly of Voorheesville, died Sunday, Nov. 23, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was raised in Voorheesville.

He was a graduate of Altamont High School.

Mr. Jacobson worked for Albany Garage before he was self-employed in the dairy business. He retired from the Guilderland water department in 1976.

He was treasurer of the Guilderland Fire Department for 34 years and had also served as fire chief. He was a member of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Glendora Ebert Jacobson; two sons, Howard F. Jacobson of Guilderland and Robert W. Jacobson of Shelburne, Vt.; two daughters, Elizabeth Bluto of St. Albans, Vt., and Marilyn Kaddaras of Arizona; a brother, Ernest Jacobson of Voorheesville; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Nov. 26, from the Fredendall Funeral Home, 199 Main St., Altamont. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church, PO Box 151, Guilderland 12084.

James L. McBride Sr.

James L. McBride Sr., 54, of Norristown, Pa., and formerly of Slingerlands, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown.

Born in Slingerlands, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. McBride attended California Polytechnical and Northrup Institute for mechanical engineering.

He was a senior applications analyst for Conrail for 28 years. He was a member of Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

Survivors include a son, James L. McBride Jr. of Voorheesville; and two brothers, Garry McBride of Troy and Leon McBride of Wren, Ga.

Arrangements were by the Szpindor Funeral Home in Trooper, Pa.

A memorial service at Community United Methodist Church will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Associa-

tion, 1 Plymouth Meeting Mall, Plymouth Meeting, Pa. 19462.

John A. Robertson

John A. Robertson, 89, a longtime resident of Delmar, died Sunday, Nov. 16, at his son's home in Cambridge.

Born in Framingham, Mass. he worked for the state Thruway Authority as an assistant chief engineer, before he retired.

Mr. Robertson was a navigator in the Navy. He retired as a lieutenant commander in 1962.

He was husband of the late Frances M. Robertson.

Survivors include a son, John A. Robertson Jr.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Anthony Riccardo

Anthony L. Riccardo, 88, of Selkirk died Thursday, Nov. 20, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of Selkirk and South Bethlehem.

Mr. Riccardo was a self-employed barber retiring in 1965. He had worked for the Army Depot in Voorheesville during World War II.

He was a charter member of the Greater Ravena Area Lions Club and a life member of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1.

He was also a harmonica player who entertained at hospitals and nursing homes and at Community Hospice of Albany County.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah DiSanto Riccardo; two sons, Frank Riccardo of Glenmont and Robert Riccardo of Selkirk; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, PO Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

James C. Wall

James C. Wall of Bedell Avenue in Elsmere died Thursday, Nov. 20, in Cambridge, Mass.

Born in Nashua, N.H., he graduated from Nashua High School and Boston University.

Mr. Wall was a public records analyst for the state Education Department, retiring in 1981 after 18 years of service.

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

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle Dutton Wall; two daughters, Janet Wall of Brooklyn and Lucy Wall of Lexington, Mass.; two sons, David Wall of Port Chester, Westchester County, and Christopher Wall of Houston, Texas; and four grandchildren.

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

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Northfield, Mass.

Contributions may be made to Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Building Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054 or the American Diabetes Association, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

Louis K. Jensen

Louis K. Jensen of Selkirk died Sunday, Nov. 16, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a disabled veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela Plum of Rocklin, Calif.; a son, Bruce Jensen of Oneonta; two sisters, Dorothy Joralemon of Ravena and Irene Jensen of Colonie; a brother, Floyd Jensen of Utica; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Zwack Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to the Ann Lee Home.

Andris Kroms

Andris Kroms, 57, of Elsmere died Sunday, Nov. 16, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

He was a lab technician at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include a brother, Janis Kroms of Rotterdam; and a sister, Maija Kroms of North Greenbush.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Services were from Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Frances Lowe

Frances Seibert Lowe, 92, of Niskayuna and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing

Home.

Born in Guilderland, she was a longtime resident of Niskayuna.

She was a graduate of Albany High School and attended Hope College in Michigan.

She was a member of the Schenectady Women's Club and a communicant of First Reformed Church in Schenectady.

She was the widow of Eugene E. Lowe.

Survivors include two nephews, David Dence of Westerlo and the Rev. Merrill Dence of Pennsylvania; and a niece, Wilma Johnsen of Florida.

Services were from the Baxter-Andrew Funeral Home in Schenectady.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Maven, 703 Union St., Schenectady 12305.

Guy A. Smith Jr.

Guy A. Smith Jr., 71, of Feura Bush died Saturday, Nov. 22, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He had lived in Albany for many years before moving to Feura Bush.

Mr. Smith attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He was a plumbing and heating contractor.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Post in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Brady Smith; a son, Brian Musella Smith; and a granddaughter.

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

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Correction

Jean Cornell's name was misspelled in her obituary last week.

Death Notices

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

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Town of Colonie at no charge.

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



Laura and Robert McEwan

Hibbard, McEwan marry

Laura Louise Hibbard, daughter of James and Tina Hibbard of London, Ontario, Canada, and Robert Stirling McEwan, son of Edward and Nancy McEwan of Delmar, were married June 30 at the Elsie Perrin Williams estate in London.

The matron of honor was Whitney LaGrange and the flower girl was Ceildh Rothwell, the bride's cousin.

The best man was Reed McEwan, the groom's brother, and the groomsman was Mark

Hibbard, the bride's brother.

The bride, a graduate of The Juilliard School of Music, is a pianist.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, The Eastman School of Music and The Juilliard School of Music. He is principal percussionist of the Rhode Island Philharmonic in Providence.

After a wedding trip to Prince Edward Island, the couple lives in Old Lyme, Conn.

Delmar resident receives award

Clyde Cole, a life trustee and co-founder of the New York Council of Administrators of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, recently received a special service award at the group's state conference in Albany.

Clyde was a member of the state Education Department's administrative staff for more than 20 years.

He supervised and coordinated statewide workshops on curriculum, personnel, facilities, physical fitness and administration.

With other council members he initiated the development of the American Council of Administrators of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, a nationwide organization.

Clyde has been a resident of Delmar since 1951, and served as administrator of the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department in the 1970's.

Delmar library to show kids films

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will show the short children's films Red Hiding Hood, Smile for Auntie, Happy Birthday Moon and Musical Max on Friday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m.

The free, drop-in event is for children ages 3 to 6.



Mary-Ann Muth and William Flansburg

Muth, Flansburg to wed

Mary-Ann Muth, daughter of David and Bunny Muth of Ballston Spa, and William L. Flansburg Jr., son of William and Sandy Flansburg of Voorheesville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is employed as an engineering/scien-

tific consultant by Logic Technology Inc. in Schenectady.

The future groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School. He is employed as a maintenance assistant by the state Department of Health and is also a senior airman in the Air National Guard.

The couple plans a June 20 wedding.

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Tammy and Daniel Rowland

Smith, Rowland marry

Tammy Lynne Smith, daughter of Wayne and Lynda Smith of Delmar, and Daniel Martin Rowland, son of Wanda Rowland of Melbourne, Fla., and the late James Rowland, were married Aug. 9.

The Rev. Robert Hess performed the ceremony in Delmar Reformed Church, with the reception following at the Crossgates Banquet House in Albany.

The maid of honor was Crystal Fournier and bridesmaids were Robin Crocker, Kimberly Freckleton, the bride's cousin, and Cynthia Lam. The junior bridesmaid was April Rowland, the groom's niece, and flower girls were Shalini Chippa and Mary

Graves, the groom's nieces.

The best men were Daniel Balda and Patrick Rowland, the groom's brother, and ushers were Kenneth Kingston, the bride's cousin, and Scott Pettit. The junior usher was Matthew Freckleton, the bride's cousin.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Boston University. She is employed as a physical therapist by Memorial Hospital in Houston, Texas.

The groom, also a graduate of Boston University, is employed as a biomedical engineer by NASA in Houston.

After a wedding cruise to Bermuda, the couple lives in Houston.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Benjamin Patrick Andrews, to Darlene and Scott Andrews of Voorheesville, Oct. 6.

Boy, Hwang Seung Lee, to Hye Young Shin and Jong Hyun Lee of Slingerlands, Oct. 8.

Girl, Morghan Katherine Albright, to Chelsea Hannon and Michael Albright of Voorheesville, Oct. 9.

Girl, Sophia Marie Gallucci, to Madelyn and Thomas Gallucci of Glenmont, Nov. 1.

Girl, Madeleine Elizabeth Hartmann, to Suzanne and Stephen Hartmann of Voorheesville, Nov. 7.

Girl, Michelle Lynn VanAlstyne, to Deborah and Michael VanAlstyne of Voorheesville, Nov. 7.

Glenmont student receives scholarship

Michael Bonenfant of Glenmont recently received an Arkell Hall Foundation Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year at Ithaca College in Ithaca, Tompkins County.

Bonenfant is a health services administration major in the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

He was also selected for the president's host committee.

Host committee members lead campus tours and contribute to other admissions office programs.

Bonenfant is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Welcome Wagon helps needy family

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club is adopting a family this December.

Program coordinator Alexandria Sanchez will collect gifts and nonperishable food items.

For information or to make a donation, contact Sanchez at 439-6245.

Welcome Wagon is also selling Pampered Chef cookbooks, *Recipes from the Heart*.

Money raised through this fund-raiser will benefit adopt-a-family and other community service projects. Contact Sharon Schultz at 439-8009 to order a cookbook.



Carolyn and Sean Cahill

Sommer, Cahill marry

Carolyn Sommer, daughter of Dr. John and Barbara Sommer of Slingerlands, and Sean Cahill, son of Michael and Kathleen Cahill of Syracuse, were married July 12.

The Rev. James Walsh performed the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with the reception following at The Desmond in Colonie.

The maid of honor was Katie Sommer, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Lisa Pederson, sister of the bride, Shannon Power and Molly Nilan, sisters of the groom, and Sandy Hawkins.

The best man was John LaRow and ushers were Michael Cahill

and Jim Cahill, brothers of the groom, Jason Towlen and Steve Burk.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Nazareth College and the University at Albany. She is employed as a Spanish/French teacher by the Niskayuna Central School District.

The groom, a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, is employed as a mechanical engineer by Clough, Harbour & Associates in Colonie.

After a wedding trip to Quebec City, the couple lives in Slingerlands.

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Diabetes screening set at Delmar CHP

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No sign up is necessary.

Little Princess gives lessons for living

NYSTI stages family classic for holidays

By Dev Tobin

The New York State Theatre Institute production of Frances Hodgson Burnett's *A Little Princess* is perfect for the holidays because it will "touch people's hearts with a story of hope, giving, trust and commitment," according to co-director Adrienne Posner.

The story of Sara Crewe, a young girl away at boarding school who goes from riches to rags upon the death of her father then to riches again, has been told before on stage and in film, but this new version, adapted by John Vreeke, is "closest" to the book, Posner said.

"This show is about attitude," she said. "So much in life happens to you, but with the right attitude, you can get through anything."

Posner's background in choreography comes in handy in coaching actors in the two dance scenes and generally in staging the movements of the 30-plus cast members, many of them students from area colleges and high schools.

"The kids are just remarkable," Posner said. "After just two weeks of rehearsals, I'm amazed at how far they've come."

Posner said the production uses two storytellers so that each of its two acts proceeds without a blackout, "like a (rhythmic) gymnast's ribbon."

While not a musical, the new production will feature two original songs and musical underscoring by Broadway veterans Will Severin and George David

Weiss, who are part of the institute's ongoing collaboration with Warner/Chappell Music.

The show is co-directed by Patricia Di Benedetto Snyder, the institute's producing artistic director. It stars Emily Anna Crockett, an eighth-grader from Saratoga Springs, as Sara; institute veterans David Bunce (Captain Crewe), Erika Johnson Newell (headmistress Miss Minchin) and Joel Aroeste (Mr. Carrisford); and guest artists Ron Nakahara (Ram Dass) and Jeanne Vigilante Cherubino (the Nurse).

Local students who will be on stage for

A Little Princess include Saheer Umar from Bethlehem Central High School, Leslie Shrager from Slingerlands Elementary School, Annie Bunce (David's daughter) from Veeder Elementary School and Kristin Van Steenburg of Shaker Junior High School. Behind the scenes, Rebecca Guiley of Shaker High School will do stage electrical work and Emily Kindlon of Colonie Central High School will work on costumes.

A Little Princess will be presented at 10 a.m. on Dec. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18; at 8 p.m. on Dec. 13, 19, and 20; and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 14.

Performances are in the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, just over the Congress Street Bridge from I-787. Tickets are \$16, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. For information and reservations, call 274-3256.



Princess co-director
Adrienne Posner



NYS Theatre Institute's holiday show will be *A Little Princess*, based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic tale. Emily Anna Crockett, seated, plays Sara Crewe, the "little princess" of the title. NYSTI regular David Bunce plays her father, Captain Crewe, and Ron Nakahara plays the storyteller Ram Dass.

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Family Entertainment

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Young actor carries overlong production at Capital Rep

There's no question that Ryan Sommers Baum is an acting find who at 13 is capable of carrying a new show despite the faults which run counter to his efforts.

Baum, a Guildford high school freshman who has made his mark in the last few years in various productions, including those at Capital Rep, is the central character in Tom Dudzick's new play, *Over the Tavern*. It opened this past weekend at the the Capital Repertory Company's North Pearl Street theater. It runs through Dec. 21.

As a bright young man, Baum's Rudy Pazinski questions his faith, particularly in afterschool sessions with an elderly nun trying to convince him that he needs to know certain facts about the church before making Confirmation.

Baum's Rudy is not a wise guy, rather a rambunctious boy who'd just as soon tease his mentally disabled brother as talk to God about working out a deal on this religious teaching problem. His scenes alone in church are worth the price of admission—good acting and bright writing are a winning combination.

However, Dudzick who grew up in Buffalo over a tavern, appears bogged down with some autobiographical material that helps create an overlong production. The boy's father, a tavern owner, and his mother, a parttime barmaid and a Donna Reed (June Cleaver) look-alike, are at odds about dealing with the family of four children and the need to talk more. It's the stuff of sitcoms, particularly since this play is set in the 1950s.



Martin P. Kelly

SPOT IN THE LIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

The real meat is the boy Rudy and the nun, Sister Clarissa, played with sharp wit and completely delineated characterization by Billie Lou Watt. The scenes between Baum and Watt are beautifully performed, gaining the comedy and the conflict with clarity.

Dudzick's failing is that he attempts to crowd too much into a fragile script. While the three other children add fullness to the family, with the exception of Sean Patrick Fagan in a remarkably skilled performance as a mentally disabled youth, the siblings are not necessary. The daughter is shy around boys and the oldest son hides girlie magazines. Jason Brophy and Allison Sharpley are attractive young actors who are saddled with roles that are simply backdrops.

As for the parents, it is difficult to believe that Tim Barrett's father and Dorothy Stanley's mother were ever inside a tavern, much less run one. Barrett moans about his father's drinking while helping in the tavern but we see none of the weariness of the work nor the hard edge of serving losers. Neither does Stanley convey any of the brittleness a woman might have acquired in dealing with the drinkers in the tavern below.

As Dudzick reveals a fine test of bright minds in the combat between student and teacher, the comedy and revelations are muffled by the plot of teenage angst and family squabble about forgotten spaghetti.

Reservation and information are available at 462-4531.

Disney breaks hold of Webber on B'way

The buzz around Broadway now is that the Disney Corporation will present a second company of its highly successful *The Lion King*, a stage version of its equally successful film musical.

With \$40 million in advance reservations for the \$13 million production, the ticket has become the hottest on Broadway.

Reports are that Disney may find another large theater to house a second *Lion King* company to take care of the overflow of reservations. Even with a second company on Broadway, the musical is expected to run for years.

It will take about four months to build a copy of the original set while recruiting and rehearsing a new cast and crew. The only other possibility is to get a union waiver to play another five performances to go with the eight that are permitted in the Equity contract for the version now running. This would mean recruiting more actors but would help sell tickets almost immediately.

Meanwhile, a road tour is being organized while companies are being rehearsed for long runs in Los Angeles and perhaps Toronto.

Disney has caught up with Andrew Lloyd Webber. The company still has *Beauty and the Beast* running on Broadway with no sign that it is near the end of its run.

AROUND THEATERS!

The Wizard of Oz at Home Made Theater at Spa Little Theater Dec. 12-21 (587-4427) ... *The Messiah* by the Octavo Singers at Union College Memorial Chapel, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. (344-7464)

The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 26

BETHLEHEM

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

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

BINGO
Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar, 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.

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 27

BETHLEHEM

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m.

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

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 28

BETHLEHEM

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 29

BETHLEHEM

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

AL-ANON MEETING
The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
traditional worship, 9 and 11 a.m., T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship, 5:30 p.m., nursery care and Sunday school for children during all services, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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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., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. 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 service, 9:30 a.m., 282 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

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

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.

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, large-print materials and assistive listening devices, coffee and fellowship following services, 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

NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

HOME-STYLE BREAKFAST
Clarksville Firehouse, County Route 301, 7 a.m. to noon, \$4, \$3 for children.

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., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

MONDAY
DECEMBER 1

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-1100.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-2181.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 2

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., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 3

BETHLEHEM

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

FREE DIABETES SCREENING
Delmar CHP Headquarters, 250 Delaware Ave., 9 to 12 a.m. Walk in, no sign up necessary.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB
Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m. Information, 439-5786.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

MAGIC MAZE


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AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 26
ALBANY COUNTY
WINTER FARMERS' MARKET
 Concourse, Empire State Plaza,
 Albany, 11 a.m.

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

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

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

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 27
ALBANY COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL
 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.

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, 1
 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

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

MONDAY
DECEMBER 1
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHESES
 Albany Jewish Community
 Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 4:45
 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 2
ALBANY COUNTY
INFORMATION SESSION FOR
ADULT STUDENTS AT ST ROSE
 Campus Activities Center, 420
 Western Ave, 6 p.m.
 Information, 454-5143.

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

SINGLE PARENTS MEETING
 sponsored by Parents Without
 Partners Chapter 380, Colonie
 Community Center, Central
 Avenue, 7 p.m. Information, 865-
 0870.

BINGO

 Albany Jewish Community
 Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 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., 7:30 p.m.
 Information, 346-8595.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

CIVIL AIR PATROL

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
MS SELF-HELP GROUP

 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help
 Group, Sunnyview Hospital,
 Belmont Avenue, Schenectady,
 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP

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

TOASTMASTERS TO MEET

 Building 4 (Department of
 Transportation.) Starts at 5:30
 p.m. Information, 482-1237.

EATING DISORDERS GROUP

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

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 3
ALBANY COUNTY
WINTER FARMERS' MARKET
 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.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING
OF INFANTS

 Bellevue Woman's Hospital, Troy
 Rd., 10 a.m. to 4
 p.m. Appointment required, by
 calling, 346-9499.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

 Albany Jewish Community
 Center, 340 Whitehall Road,
 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.

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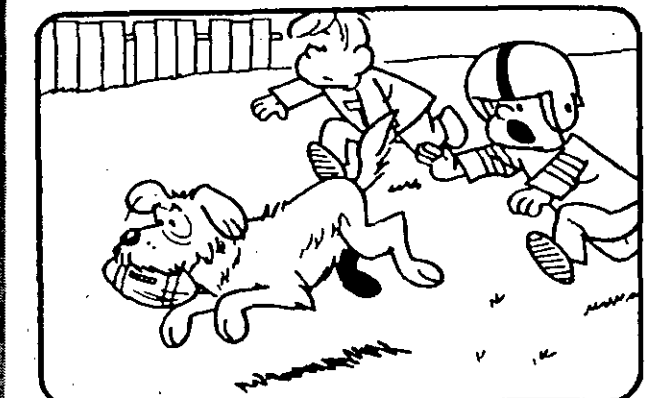
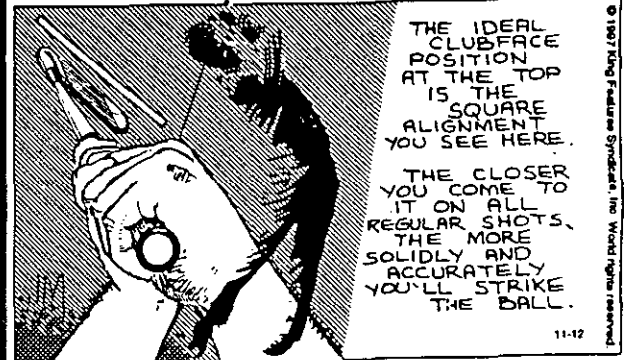
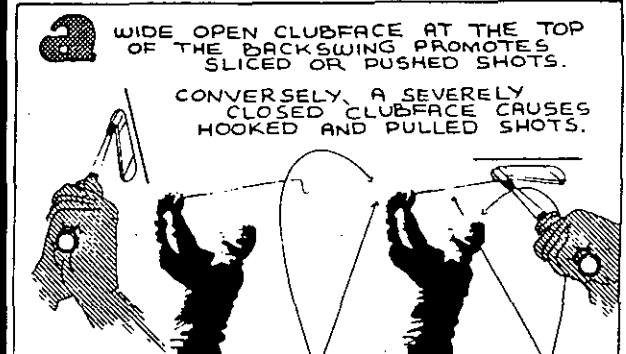
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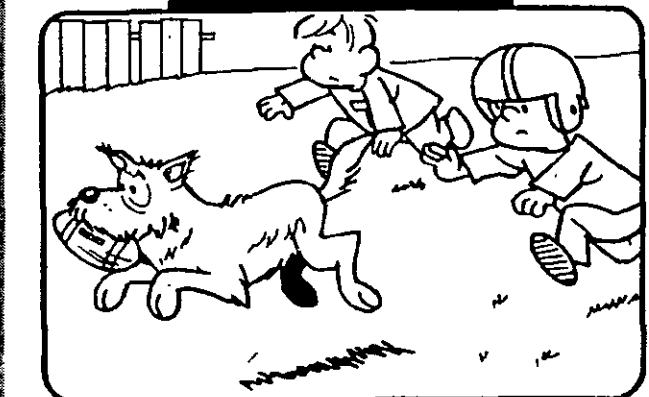
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Access Case Management Service, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 21, 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 776A Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110. (November 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FLP).

The name of the FLP is MM FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, L.P. The Application for Authority to do business in New York State of the FLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 9, 1997. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is August 19, 1997. The principal office of the FLP is located at 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is c/o Massry Realty, 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose of the FLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. A list of the names and addresses of all general partners of the FLP are available from the Secretary of State. The name and address of the authorized officer of the FLP in the State of Georgia where a copy of its Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed is the Georgia Secretary of State, Suite 315, West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530. (November 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

ARC, L.L.C., has been formed as a limited liability company in New York. The Articles of Organization were filed on October 30, 1997 with the Secretary of State. The office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 48 Troy Avenue, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose of the business of ARC, L.L.C. is to engage in all lawful business for which a limited liability company can be formed pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. (November 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

COLUMBIA HAWKINS GROUP, L.L.C. was converted from a New York partnership into a limited liability company. The name of the partnership was COLUMBIA HAWKINS GROUP. The Certificate of Conversion of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 3, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The LLC is to be managed by one or more members. 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.

SEGEL, GOLDMAN & MAZZOTTA, P.C.
s/Christine A. Linn, Secretary
(November 26, 1997)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia Central Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 22,

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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. (November 26, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

CLIFTON COUNTRY ROAD ASSOCIATES, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "CLIFTON COUNTRY ROAD ASSOCIATES, LLC."

SECOND: The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Saratoga 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 whom 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 served upon him or her is: Clifton Country Road Associates, LLC., P.O. Box 1549, Clifton Park, New York 12065.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 2nd day of September, 1997 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

Frank A. Tate, Jr., Organizer
(November 26, 1997)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia Ch ester Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 22, 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. (November 26, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

THE RAND COMPANY, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company is THE RAND COMPANY, LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York is May 19, 1997.

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

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 or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

Michael P. Mansion, Esq.
112 State Street Suite 1320
Albany, New York 12207

5. The latest date upon which the LLC is to dissolve: None.

6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business, including but not limited to, the ownership and/or sale of real property.

7. The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the filing date with the Secretary of State. (November 26, 1997)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia Salina Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 9, 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 Nia C. Cholakis, Esq., 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12703 (November 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Competitive Edge, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 9, 1997, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. Amendment filed with SSNY on October 14, 1997 changed name to Pioneer Technologies, LLC. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 333 Kingsley Road, Burnt Hills, New York 12027. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL. (November 26, 1997)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia Haven Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 6, 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 Nia C. Cholakis, Esq., 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12703 (November 26, 1997)

NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability partnership ("LLP"). Name: Lutz, Cichy-Selig & Zerronda, Limited Liability Partnership, now amended to LCS&Z Glickman Lutz, L.L.P. Registration filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SOS") on 2/3/95. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLP for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to LLP, 110 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: certified public accountancy practice. (November 26, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

IN THE KNOW, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is IN THE KNOW, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State

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shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is c/o 30 Catherine, Delmar, New York 12054.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 17th day of October, 1997.

Barbara A. Tombros
Member/Organizer
(November 26, 1997)

NOTICE AS TO FORMATION OF CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE IPA, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE IPA, LLC.

2. The articles of organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 28, 1997.

3. The office of the company shall be located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served, and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against him is 700 Walnut Ridge Drive, Suite 102, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029.

5. The purpose of the company is to operate as an independent practice association under contract with one or more health maintenance organizations.

(November 26, 1997)

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

The name of the LLC is The Greens, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 10, 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 1785 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

(November 26, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SDDR ENGINEERING, LLC

Under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is SDDR ENGINEERING, LLC.

SECOND: The Articles of Organization were filed on November 4, 1997.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State shall be c/o SDDR Engineering, LLC, 437 Luther Road, East Greenbush, NY.

FIFTH: The registered agent is Waite & Associates, P.C., 90 N. Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207.

SIXTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

SEVENTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify to the full extent permitted by the LLCL as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

EIGHTH: The purpose of the Company is to engage in the profession of engineering and any lawful act or activity for which limited

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liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1997.

s/Michael W. McNeerney, Sole Organizer
437 Luther Road
East Greenbush, NY 12144

(November 26, 1997)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York, an election for qualified voters of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, will be held on December 9, 1997 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Fire House No. 3, Route 396, South Bethlehem, New York for the purpose of electing a Fire Commissioner for a term of five (5) years commencing January 1, 1998, and a District Treasurer for a term of three (3) years commencing January 1, 1998.

Dated: November 17, 1997

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTY OF ALBANY, STATE OF NEW YORK
s/ Frank A. With Secretary

(November 26, 1997)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Bethlehem 1998 Final Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
Town Clerk
Town of Bethlehem

Dated: November 26, 1997
(November 26, 1997)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Chemicals for 1998, for the use of said Town, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 2:20 p.m. on the 17th day of December, 1997 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Materials for 1998, for the use of Water and Sewer Departments of the Town of Bethlehem, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of December, 1997 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids

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shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC
TOWN CLERK

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Sanford and Robin Cohn, 18 Iroquois Trail, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Area Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem requesting an extension of time to screen in existing deck at premises 18 Iroquois Trail, Slingerlands, New York.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Sal and Rose Tassone, 264 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XX, Nonconforming Buildings and Uses, Section 128-88, Alteration of Building Devoted to Nonconforming Use, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition at premises 264 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SCHENECTADY STATE STREET ASSOCIATES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of SCHENECTADY STATE STREET ASSOCIATES, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on October 30, 1997.

The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership and operation of the property known as and located at 2037 State Street, County of Schenectady, State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

The office of the Company shall be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.

(November 26, 1997)

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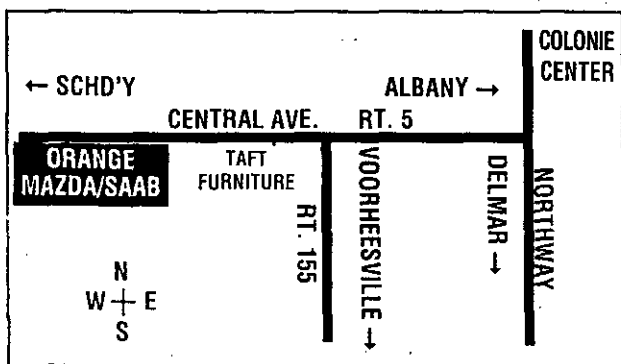
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Neighbors

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pretend to be someone they're not. It just feels very comfortable."

The Thanksgiving dinner started five years ago, when the neighbors were gathered at a Labor Day picnic at Bernie & Carol Smith's house, and Mark Reynolds suggested they get together again at Thanksgiving time. "We put Becky Holligan in charge," Reynolds said. "I shop," Holligan said, downplaying her role. "The Smiths got the church."

Sunday afternoon found Reynolds, Bernie Smith and Holligan clearly in charge, cooking the turkey, potatoes, stuffing and vegetables, and directing the flow of arriving food. "I came early to help," John Church said, "but there wasn't anything for me to do, they had it so in control."

The triumvirate of turkey took a few minutes to reminisce about their years in the neighborhood. The Smiths have lived there for 10 years, and the Reynolds and Holligans for about 21 each. Holligan nodded toward grown-up Aaron Reynolds, back for the dinner. "I remember when I first met Aaron, nearly 21 years ago," Holligan said. "My husband Fred called me at work and said 'There's a blond-haired little boy in the driveway, playing with the gravel. What should I do?'"

"We have a real sense of community on this street," Mark Reynolds said, something he believes accounts for the popularity of the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

"In other places, people don't even talk to each other," Smith said. "The turnout for this is big, and other people in Delmar are surprised that we hold this dinner. Everybody really likes everybody. I hope this dinner continues."

Gladys Wriston lived on Ridge Road for 44 years, giving up her house for a more manageable apartment a little more than a year ago. She comes back whenever she can. "It's the best street in

town," she declared. "Everybody will do anything for you. They still invite me to parties. It's a street of real love, and everybody that moves away wishes they stayed."

"It's a loyal street," Fred Forrester, who has lived there since 1963, added. Forrester survived a concentration camp and the Blitz in London before coming to America in the 1940's. "I've had an interesting life," he said, adding that Ridge Road feels very peaceful to him. "This is a nice neighborhood."

Russell Denegar is the veteran of the street. "I've lived here 45 years as of the first of October," he said. Denegar said he once thought of relocating, but his first wife didn't want to go. "She really liked the street," Denegar has watched a lot of things change, from new housing additions to children reaching adulthood.

"The apartments on the corner of Poplar weren't there,"

he said, "and the other corner was a swamp. Poplar Drive only had two houses, and I remember when Rose Court went in. I raised my son here, and watched a lot of kids grow up. Some of them I still send birthday cards to. Why, I had Gladys as a neighbor for 40 years. It's been fun."

Denegar said he would only move if he were alone, and then only to be closer to his son in State College, Pennsylvania. But Denegar said his wife Katherine wouldn't move.

"I like the young people in particular," Katherine Denegar, who has lived on Ridge Road for 14 years, said. "They have good ideas, and empathy for people."

That's very unusual these days.

Russ Denegar also pointed to the helpfulness of people on the street. "Last winter, when I fell and hit my head, Karen was over here within 30 seconds," he said. "That's the kind of people that live here."

The Ridge Road Thanksgiving dinner also draws former neigh-

bors back. Mary Lou

Morris lived on Ridge Road for 11 years, and brought three babies home from the hospital to her white colonial house. In early November, the Morris moved to a bigger house in a different neighborhood, but talking about her old street brought tears to Mary Lou's eyes. "I moved my furniture, but I left my heart on Ridge Road," she said.

Anne Hurley is also a Ridge Road "alumna," and gives credit for the dinner to Becky Holligan. "To my thinking, the heart and soul of this dinner is Becky," she said. "She's like everybody's big sister."

"And you can never pay her back," Morris said. "Every time you think you've thought of something really great to do, she does something even better. And her kids are like that, too, bringing back your garbage cans if they blow away."

"Or trying to track you down when you've driven off with your purse on the roof of your car," Hurley added, remembering the time she did just that.

In addition to her role as grocery shopper, Holligan served as the organizer for the dinner, sending out sign-up sheets and double-checking on everybody's attendance, never harried and always with a smile. "There are very few neighborhoods like ours. It's important that the kids have a sense of their neighbors. It's hard to say what makes it special, but I know in here what does," she said, tapping her heart. "Even though the

street changes, the new neighbors share the togetherness we have."

The togetherness looks likely to continue, if the younger members have anything to say about it. Carrie Holligan, 16, said she liked growing up on Ridge Road and is glad they never moved. "I like the closeness," she said. "It's like a big family, you can always run next door and ask for a cup of milk."

For 7-year-old Christopher McCarthy, the ease of having kids right around is great. "When you go out, there's always somebody to play with."

Andy Bettinger, 6, said that the street hockey games his dad oversees are fun. He also shows the kind of warmth and openness that the grown-ups on the street cite as its main advantage. "I like the new neighbors that move in."

The residents of Ridge Road smiled as the children gathered to say grace over the bountiful meal, and the applause when they finished seemed a prayer of thanks for their luck in finding each other.

Glenmont man joins law firm

George Conway recently joined the law firm of Martin, Harding & Mazzotti.

He is a graduate of SUNY Morrisville, UAlbany and Western New England College School of Law.

Conway lives in Glenmont with his wife Karly, a trial attorney with the Albany law firm of Edward Fassett, and their three children.

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training in Maryland this year, and have also logged many hours of training each month on the trail.

Contrary to popular belief, Anson said bloodhounds don't howl when they track, and they are generally friendly dogs who are good with people.

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"Having this (Maple) is a win-win thing," Webster said.

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