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Lawson Lake continues, as

Republicans on the county

Legislature's Conservation

Committee refused to back

a proposal for limited public

access to the county-owned

park made by Democratic

County Executive Michael

committee, Republicans said

they would try to get a vote

during Monday's meeting of

the full Legislature on a

resolution calling for greater

and more immediate public

the 421-acre park on the

Coeymans-New Scotland

The county has owned

border for 18 years, and has reserved it

almost exclusively for Camp Opport-

unities, a summer camp for Albany city

county a \$297,000 grant to fund about half

The federal government gave the

access to the park.

After the 3-3 deadlock in

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Make food deliveries to post office

By Michael Hallisey

Donating non-perishable food items for the holiday season this week is as easy as dropping something off in your mailbox.

As part of a nationwide effort by the Postal Service, local carriers are picking up food items during their mail runs.

The 10th annual food drive started Monday, and continues through this Saturday. Joining in the effort this year is

Key Bank of New York. "As the holiday season

approaches, there is a need for food to be collected for the food pantries," said District Manager Anderson Hodges. "Last year's drive resulted in the collection of just over 500 tons of food."

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Political fur flies over lake access **By Dev Tobin** The political furor over

Signs tell real story of Lawson Lake park

By Dev Tobin I took a ride into the hills south of Clarksville Saturday to see what all this Lawson Lake Park fuss is about, and found out soon enough.

County Route 109 out of Tarrytown brings you right up to the lake, so close at spots that if you went off the road, you would get wet. The rugged, rural land is, for the most part, untouched by human hands.

I parked off the road near the west gate of the park, where a fancy, albeit dated, stone sign announces "Lawson Lake County Park," and lists James Covne as county executive.

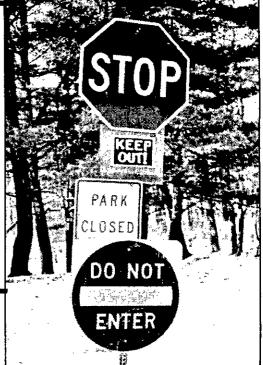
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the property's cost, and an essential condition of the federal grant, unfulfilled since then and only partially fulfilled by the Breslin proposal, is that the park be open to the general public.

On behalf of the federal Department of the Interior, the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is conducting an investigation into whether the grant funds were misused.

Breslin's resolution proposes opening one trail for public access, away from the Camp Opportunities buildings on the property, and a new 10-car parking lot on Lawson Lake Road, rather than a parking lot inside the gate as recommended in a 1995 draft management plan by the county planning department.

Two Democratic absences made a majority vote for Breslin's plan hard to come by at the Nov. 25 Conservation Committee meeting.



Breslin reacted to the committee defeat by accusing the Republicans of "dragging their feet."

Breslin's plan is a "reasonable way to start it now, then see how many problems we have with additional use." said Legislature Chairman Charles Legislature Chairman Houghtaling, D-Feura Bush.

Houghtaling, who will control whether the Republican resolution can come up for a vote Monday, represents the northern part of the park that is in the town of New Scotland.

"I'm not hearing from my constituents that they want more use of the park," said Houghtaling, adding that "Many people □ ACCESS/page 32

Andrew Marcoux and Colleen Bernstein of Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School show off the Indian longhouse they helped to build. Hugh Hewitt

Festival fund campaign Group known for 'quiet' helping hand

By Susan Graves

Bethlehem Festival Fund might not ring a bell with you unless you're a longtime Bethlehem resident or are already one of the group's supporters.

The fund, which began in 1942, is fueled by community spirit to lend a helping hand to neighbors undergoing temporary hard times.

Initially, there were holiday performances, where donations were collected.

When the performances were discontinued in the 1960s, however, the festival was kept alive in the spirit of



Sue Cunningham, Eileen Perkins and Greg Jackson are longtime Festival Fund volunteers.

community and sharing.

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Festival Fund President Greg Jackson, who has been working with the group for 18 years, said this year the fund-raising goal is \$10,000.

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K-9 cop receives settlement for training time

By Michael Hallisey

Bethlehem and Wayne LaChappelle have come to terms on overtime the K-9 officer has not been receiving.

According to the settlement, LaChappelle will receive \$36,750, \$18,750 of which to be paid to his lawyers, Chamberlain and Kaufman.

LaChappelle will receive the remaining \$18,000 through his regular paychecks through Jan. 31.

But, money is not the issue for LaChappelle.

"Money isn't the issue," said LaChappelle. "I didn't get into it for the money. I'm happy working as a police officer and working with the dogs. In fact, the town comptroller (Judith Kehoe) approached the police department and said beware of this."

The issue, said LaChappelle, stemmed from a lawsuit where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a New York City transit police officer who was denied overtime payment he declared for the care of his dog. LaChappelle, who has been

town K-9 officer for 10 years, has been taking care of the dog on top of his eight-hour shift. Part of LaChappelle's responsibility is to take care for and train the department's dog. However, LaChappelle has not been paid for

this. LaChappelie said he was aware

of the Supreme Court case and

approached the police department about it in 1990. At that time, LaChappelle wanted to negotiate with the police department on ways to avoid straining the police department's budget. But, he said he was told to "mind my own business."

In accordance with the agreement, LaChappelle will spend six hours on normal duty, and the remaining two hours to care for and train the police dog.

The agreement was pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. The law was originally passed to apply to private business, but in 1986 Congress amended the law to pertain to government employees as well.

"What made Mr. LaChappelle's agreement out of the ordinary," said LaChappelle's lawyer Jeffrey Chamberlain, "was in virtually any other situation the matter would be resolved by litigation, a lawsuit. This was a very cooperative situation. Both (LaChappelle) and the town resolved the difference straight up without calling anybody names."

"The agreement saved the town a lot from a costly lawsuit," Supervisor Sheila Fuller said.



Crime heats up

Bethlehem Police are investigating separate incidents where portable heaters were taken from two local businesses last week. "It's kind of a crime of opportunity," said Lt. Fred Holligan. "Where heaters were left out on construction sites. It's not something that we usually get a rush of every year."

Police said between 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 and 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, someone walked into a storage building owned by Shrub Ritz Inc. in Selkirk, and walked off with a \$1,200 Salamander heater.

There was no sign of forced entry, said police. The storage building was secured by a hook latch.

At roughly the same time a kerosene heater and two saws were stolen from a construction site on Delaware Avenue.

At 7 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, an employee of Vision Construction arrived to work on the site located on 74 Delaware Ave. At the time, he said he saw a person standing next to a ladder and yelling out another employee's name.

Police said when the man was approached, he said he was looking for a job. He was told the man he was looking for was not at work, and he left.

Later in the day employees discovered the heater and two saws missing.

"We have no reason to believe they are related," said Holligan. "They took place in totally different ends of town."

Holligan said police had a suspect on the Delaware Avenue theft.

Investigations on both crimes continue.

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Bethlehem board OKs town hall expansion

By Michael Hallisey

The town board unanimously accepted a \$780,000 expansion proposal for town hall that includes an elevator and a new indoor staircase

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

The town will build a two-story expansion of the northeast corridor of the building to install the elevator and staircase. New poweroperated doors leading from the side parking lot will be built to assist the handicapped.

In order to install the elevator, the town must replace its 20-yearold generator with a newer and larger one.

Computerization of town offices has also put increased demand on the buildings "ancient" electrical system, said Supervisor Sheila Fuller. Money will also go to place a new electrical system in the building.

According to Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor, the generator will allow town hall to shelter residents during an emergency.

The new staircase will be a safer replacement to the metal, outdoor fire escapes on the north side of town hall, Secor said.

Fuller said the expansion will help ensure the former school building remains the center of town government. Local officials had looked at moving town hall to other locations, such as the soonto-be vacant Dormitory Authority building and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building.

Aside from moving town hall, Fuller said there was the option of building a wheelchair ramp on the Delaware Avenue side of town hall. But in order to do so, Fuller said part of the building's facade would have to be temporarily removed and reinstalled.

Fuller said she opposed that because removing the front entrance of the building was likely to: be cumbersome.

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, the lift does not accommodate today's larger chairs.

Councilwoman Doris Davis said she was concerned the powered doors would be too heavy to open manually, as some people have complained with the doors presently located on the side of the building.

Secor said the current doors are difficult to open manually because the hydraulic closer is too heavy for the door.

Davis asked about the possibility of automatic sliding doors, but Secor said the sliding doors are two to three times more expensive, require more maintenance and could be hazardous during emergencies.

The wooden ramp built on the west side, or police station side, of town hall, will remain after the elevator is installed, Secor said last week.

"We expect to see it there for sometime," Secor said.

After the project is placed to bid, it is expected to take five to six months to complete.

And your little dog, too



The Wicked Witch (Maeve McEneny) tries to get at Dorothy (Abigail Hessberg), but the Tin Man (Sarah Mayrer) protects the plucky girl from Kansas in The Wizard of Oz, presented by Lower and Middle School students of the Academy of the Holy Names Friday through Sunday at the school's arts center at 1069 New Scotland Ave. in Albany.

Delmar Village gets another extension

By Michael Hallisey

Delmar Village, a controversial apartment complex proposal which after 20 years has yet to break ground, was granted another extension last week.

In 1993, the

town board established а deadline where construction on the apartments would begin in March 1995.

However, be-

cause the designers were involved in litigation, the company has not been able to build nor approach the town with another extension request until recently.

The town voted 4-1 to allow more time for the project. Developers now have from June 30, 1999, to start building, and until 2007 to finish.

But before Delmar Village can be built, the developer must first extend Fisher Boulevard from its intersection with Orchard Street to Delaware Avenue, just west of Bethlehem Central High School.

Fisher Boulevard must now be extended by June 1999.

Councilman Ted Putney, the ione vote against the resolution, wanted to see things happen sooner, rather than later.

"I have difficulty believing it will take them two years to com-plete Fisher Boulevard," said Putney, who proposed the town board should force the developer to start construction by June next year. "The need for this road has increased since it was first accepted. My feeling is it should be built one year from now rather

than two years. I'm losing my patience with this whole thing. There is a major need for this road.'

Both Town Code Enforcement Officer John Flanigan and Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor agreed

> tend the town road would be a one-season project.

mated the cost to the developers on the half-mile road exten-

\$900,000.

Delmar Village, said the owners of the property have yet to hire a developer. And, if the town board had passed Putney's amended resolution, obtaining a developer would "be close to impossible."

The agreement with the town requires a developer to come in and build Fisher Boulevard first,' said Wakeman, who said he has been "living" with the project for almost 20 years. "Then and only then can they start construction on the apartments. In my opinion, it's been hard enough to find a developer now. It will be close to impossible to find one with this type of gun-to-the-head time limit."

Self-storage facilities fall outside outdated zoning law

Glenmont resident Ion VanDerpoel owns property in a planned commercial district off of Route 9W, and wishes to build a mini-storage warehouse facility.

Though such facilities have been built more frequently over the past 15 years, VanDerpoel was still compelled to approach the town board with his proposal.

When the town's zoning law was last revised in the early 1970s, storage warehouses are not a listed as a permitted use, said Code Enforcement Officer John Flanigan.



"This is just another example, out of many, that we have to update our codes," said Councilwoman Doris Davis. Supervisor Sheila Fuller

agreed.

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Doris Davis

"We have to join the 20th century," said Fuller, her statement eliciting laughter from the board and those in attendance. "Oh, the 21st century. We missed a century.

VanDerpoel said the storage facility would not be used by commercial businesses.

There won't be hear truck traffic," said VanDerpoel. At most, Vanderpoel said he estimates traffic to be "10 to 12 cars daily."

The proposed storage facility will be located off Old Route 9W near the Thruway. VanDerpoel estimates the storage facility will encompass one to two acres.

VanDerpoel's request for a permit was referred to the town planning board.

Michael Hallisey

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Robert Wakeman, representing

Local artist retrospective on display 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 Conservationalist, for more than 27 years.¹

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 nonmembers, 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.

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Delmar accountant named to State Insurance Fund top post

By Katherine McCarthy

Delmar resident Susan D. Sharp is the new chief fiscal officer and actuary at The State Insurance Fund. This is the first time there will be a chief fiscal officer at the agency, the largest writer of workers' compensation insurance in New York state.

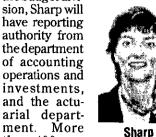
"The State Insurance Fund is a state agency, run like an insurance company, but we only handle workers' compensation and disability benefits," Sharp said. "In 1996, we had \$1.3 billion in written premiums in workers compensation, and \$25 million in premiums in disability benefits. This is the largest market share in New York state for workers' compensation."

In her new position, Sharp, who came to the agency as the supervisor of accounting in the Albany office in 1993, will have overall

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responsibility for verification of the Fund's financial status, including calculation of reserves and projections. In addition to overseeing the budget divi-



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Sharp's main goal in her new position is to not only retain this market share, but make it grow. "We used to write more than half of the premiums in the state," Sharp said, "but we've lost some market share over the last couple

of years."

To accomplish this growth, Sharp will focus on improving customer service, re-engineering business processes, and looking for expertise within the Fund.

"I'd like to pick leaders and shining stars from the staff, and give them the opportunity to create a fund that's customer-service oriented and economically efficient," she said.

Sharp is one of those shining stars who came up through the ranks at the Fund. "They found me in the trenches," she said, adding that the four years she has already spent at the Fund have given her an insider's view of what works and what doesn't. "I've got the insight of what it's like to work here at the middle management level. I know where the frustrations are in the system, and how the accounting systems work, what their strengths and weaknesses are.'

Sharp was surprised that there was not a chief fiscal officer to oversee all of the Fund's financial processes, and credits the fund's executive director, Henry Neal Conolly, with creating the position. "It's exciting to be here now," Sharp said. "The fund is 83 years old, and had been running on its own.

People are stepping up to the plate, and getting excited about making a turnaround. This is due to Mr. Conolly and Ken Ross, the chief operating officer.'

Sharp sees her new position as a great opportunity to serve both

the State Insurance Fund and Gov. George Pataki's focus on economic development in the state. From a professional standpoint, I'm looking forward to promoting economic development in New York," Sharp said. "This "This governor's really looking to give businesses the ability to stay and prosper in New York."

Conolly said Sharp has already made a difference at the agency

'Susan Sharp's financial reporting and analysis has been exceptional," he said. "Her work in financial analysis has already made a significant impact on the fund.'

Sharp, 34, left New York City for the Capital District in the mid-1980s, and has lived in Delmar with her husband, Bill Sharp, since 1990.

Before joining the fund, she was an accountant for the State Department of Environmental Conservation, and worked in private firms like Arthur Andersen and ITT International. That experience gave her good people skills.

"With large auditing firms, you have to go in and understand the accounting systems quickly, and deal with different kinds of people, like vice presidents and controllers who might not want you there," Sharp said. "You learn to go, do it, and get out. This taught me how to analyze and get along with people.

Sharp said she feels like she's achieved a good sense of balance with her current position. "I was living in New York City, and looking for more well-rounded life. I

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wanted to have everything instead of working 70 hours every week. Now I have an interesting job, a great husband, and a lovely home in Delmar.

Sharp will also be adding one more aspect to her life in about eight weeks, when her first child is due. "I'm looking forward to juggling," she said.

"I've got good support at the fund."

V'ville firemen host breakfast with Santa

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will host breakfast with Santa on Saturday; Dec. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the firehouse on Altamont Road in Voorheesville.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includeseggs, sausage, pancakes, french toast and a choice of beverages.

Breakfast costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for children over 5. Children under 5 eat for free.

For information, call 765-4500.

Library sets talk on organ donation

Steven Relyea, organ procurement coordinator of the Center for Donation and Transplant, will present a talk on organ and tissue donation on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Relyea will provide information about useable organs, family decision making, donor cards, donor shortage and other issues.

For information or to register, call 439-9314.

Delmar man joins real estate office

Charles Bassett recently joined Blackman DeStefano Real Estate's Delmar office as a licensed salesperson.

Formerly with Century 21/Roberts Real Estate, Bassett has more than 12 years of real estate experience.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

Bassett lives in Delmar with his wife Betty.





THE SPOTLIGHT

V'ville looks to go the distance

By Katherine McCarthy

First there were filmstrips, then reel to reel movies, then videos for instructional use. When the last full school year of this century begins next

September, Voorheesville will be moving to the next level of audio/ visual instruction -- distance learning.

Superintendent Alan McCartney

presented the school board with a distance learning reference manual recently, explaining that this year will be a configuration year, and students will be able to learn from interactive TV next fall.

McCartney

Distance learning puts a television, a camera, microphones and students in a room together, and links that classroom to other classrooms in other schools configured exactly the same way.

One room is the host site, with that teacher providing the instruction. The other classrooms are remote, or receive, sites.

Distance learning is completely interactive, McCartney said, with all the students and teachers able to see, hear and speak to one another.

Classrooms are designed to be small, and an adult staff member will be in the room during the instructional time.

"Distance learning will allow us to expand our course offerings. board president John Cole said. "For instance, interested students could take a Russian course, something we don't teach here."

Board members Erica Sufrin and Steven Schreiber expressed concerns that interaction among students and teachers would be reduced through distance learning.

"It would be interesting to compare AP test results (of distance learning students) to those of students with live teachers," Sufrin said.

Both McCartney and elementary school assistant principal Lisa DePaulo have some experience with distance learning, and they assured the board that the interaction remains the same as in a traditional classroom.

"I've been in two classes at SUNY Albany that use distance learning," DePaulo said. "There is a lot of interaction. It takes a while

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to get used to, but the discussions are seen and heard by all 29 students.'

McCartney participated in an international management course at IBM that used video conferences.

'The only difficulty was in waiting for the translation of the Japanese speaker to come through,' he said. "It was really interesting. I don't know how or where else I would have had the opportunity to be involved with such an international group.'

McCartney also said that distance learning is not intended to replace teachers, and that a distance learning classroom generally would have a smaller number of students.

"Awhole class of 30 kids would not be in a distance learning classroom," he said. "It's designed to provide kids with something different.'

He added that distance learning has been successfully in place in the Capital District for the past two-to-three years.

The funds for a distance learning project were part of this year's budget, and the first step is to set up the classroom.

learning.

Distance learning is available through BOCES, who will train the teachers, and financially aid the host sites.

McCartney sees distance learning as a potential money-saver.

With a "fiber optics backbone" in place in the high school, and the bulk of the elementary school wired that way, McCartney is confident that Voorheesville has the infrastructure in place to take full

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advantage of the future.

"As the distance learning network expands," he said, "we'll be able to offer teacher in-service and conferences. We may be able to offer adult education courses from SUNY or Hudson Valley Community College. We might be able to offer college classes to our high school students. Teachers can attend a conference here instead of traveling to get to one. If there's a speaker in Arizona we're interested in, we can do it through distance learning instead of having to fly that person to us.

Most important, he said, "It allows us to provide kids with more opportunities."

Distance learning could also help solve some of Voorheesville's space problems.

Although the numbers in the elementary school are lower than in the past, McCartney said high school enrollment is still bounding. "We feel we can currently meet the state's new standards, but we will need to make some decisions soon."

In other business, Cole said that the budget vote will take place on May 19, instead of in June. All of the state's school districts will vote on their budgets on the same date, he said.

As a result, Cole said there will not be a public annual meeting the day before, but as part of the regular school board meeting now scheduled for May 11.

Blood pressure clinic slated for town hall

Bethlehem will sponsor a blood pressure screening clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the town hall auditorium on 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.



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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 plans breakfast with Santa

GRANT'S CHRISTMAS TREES

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-caneat portions of eggs, sausages, french toast, home fries, toast, coffee, tea and juice.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.



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McCartney estimates the cost to be about \$50,000, which is eligible for aid, as is the salary of the staff person working on distance Matters of Opinion

End lake fiasco

Sam gives Jim \$30 and asks him to buy a gift for John. Jim takes the money and buys gifts for some down-ontheir-luck friends of his, but

not for John.

Eighteen years later, Editorials

Sam runs into John and asks him how he liked the gift.

John says, "What gift?" Sam and John go looking for Jim.

On a personal level, such a transaction is at least unfriendly and at worst criminal. On a government level, though, it is a rough approximation of the fiasco that is the county park at Lawson Lake, with Sam being the federal government, the \$30 being \$297,000, Jim being the Democrats who control Albany County and John being the general public.

Back in 1979, the county bought the 421-acre park on the Coeymans-New Scotland border with the federal government paying half the \$594,000 tab. The feds require that parks they subsidize be open to the general public. For 18 years, county government, controlled in the main by Democrats, has refused to permit general public access to the park, instead reserving it as an eight-week summer camp for Albany city youth.

Now that the feds are investigating what happened to their money, County Executive Michael Breslin has a plan to open part of the park part of the time.

The summer camp for city youth is important and should be maintained, but the time has finally come for the park to be really open to all the people who paid for it.

Given the county's record in this matter, perhaps the best thing would be for the state to take over the park and run it in the professional way it runs Thacher Park.

Give board your input

The Bethlehem Central school board will begin discussion of the pros and cons of all-day kindergarten at its meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at the district offices on Adams Place in Delmar.

Full-day kindergarten has been an issue of some debate, at least on our matters of opinion pages in recent weeks.

One proponent of full-day kindergarten in a letter this week reiterates his case and has formed a group who support the concept.

They will likely be well-represented at this meeting and at another on Dec. 17.

Several parents, who have written in opposition to fullday kindergarten, will likely also air their views.

The meeting will also afford residents, other than parents, to learn more about what all-day kindergarten would mean in terms of taxes to fund such a program.

We hope they will also attend the meeting, since they will at least through their taxes be affected should full-day kindergarten eventually become an option for the district. Mounting a full-day program would definitely mean more teachers and more space, which translates into more taxpayer dollars.

The best way for all residents to form an opinion on the matter is to be as informed as possible.

Complaining one way or the other after the fact doesn't usually accomplish much, if anything,

Good business sense

Jon Phillips, vice president of Phillips Hardware in Jeimar has not only done something to promote shopping locally over the holidays, he has also sweetened the pot as a fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network.

Through coupon books, group advertising and decorated storefronts, the campaign should have a ripple effect, benefiting all who participate in it.

Phillips, who spearheaded the effort, demonstrates what is really best about doing business in Bethlehem the sense of community and the fact that it takes cooperation and innovation to move ahead.

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By Dr. Joanne H. Van Woert The writer practices internal medicine in Slingerlands. She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High

School and Yale University. After attending Albany Medical College, she did her internship and residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

As a new

health insur-

ance enrollment period approaches, many people will be confronting the bewildering issue of what is the best health insurance coverage for them. Twenty years ago, people might have chosen among a variety of indemnity plans.

Today, however, the choice is between a number of HMOs and a few indemnity plans, as HMOs with their lower premiums, have been able to out-compete traditional indemnity plans. If you are inclining toward coverage through an HMO, proceed with caution. Choosing an HMO can be a tricky business. As a physician, I witness on a firsthand basis the impact the choice of HMO can have on a patient's access to and quality of care. I suggest that you consider the following points before making the choice.

Availability of desired physicians

It is common knowledge that HMOs traditionally limit their members to seeing the doctors in their network. It is not so well known, however, that recently, in an effort to cut costs, some HMOs have attempted to limit visits to specialists. Thus, in choosing an insurance company, patients should ask themselves the following questions before selecting a plan:

 Does the plan's network include your established family physician?

• Are the specialists that you have seen before included in the plan's network?



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necessary or are the number of visits limited?

• Are visits for mental health counseling covered? Is your counselor in the network?

Convenience to you of services under the network

In an attempt to cut costs, some HMOs attempt to funnel patients to specific contracted labs and Xray centers. You may want to ascertain the location of the labs and X-ray centers are that your prospective plan uses. Many of my patients have been surprised to find out that they cannot get their lab work done at their local hospital, but rather must go across town to the plan's contracted laboratory center.

Out of town coverage

Many HMOs cover their members only for emergency services they receive when out of town, leaving the members to fend for themselves to deal with bills relating to non-emergency services they received while out of town.

ceive calls from distressed parents of college students who are stranded at school without coverage for ordinary, non-emergency illness. Of course, this lack of coverage for medical expenses incurred out of the area is also a concern to retirees who head South for the winter. The lesson is that you must read the fine print in your HMO guide about out of area coverage.

Prescription plans

Many companies that offer prescription plans use formularies a list of drugs that will be covered under the plan. The drugs on a plan may not include the ones you take and therefore you would be responsible for the full cost of the drug even with a prescription plan.

I have encountered situations in practice where patients were very happy to acquire a prescription plan and then very disappointed to learn that the medicine they require is no longer covered. Furthermore, formularies are constantly changing. Thus if you regularly take an expensive prescription, you may want to call the HMO and assure yourself that the drug is on the company's formulary and that the company has no impending plans to remove it.

Method of reimbursement

While I have saved this section for last, it may be the single most important factor in choosing among HMOs, as well as the least understood. Some HMOs have begun to encourage their participating doctors to accept a "capitation" form of reimbursement in lieu of the established "fee for service" payment system. Under the fee-for-service method, which is the traditional means of reimbursement, the doctor receives a fee for each patient treated.

Under a capitated form of reimbursement, in contrast, a doctor is paid a fixed amount of money for each patient on his or her patient roster per month, regardless of the number of patient visits or the amount of time spent with patients. While no definitive study has been performed, many in the medical

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patient care.

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Lake rightly belongs to county taxpayers community are concerned that capitation can have a negative effect on

Two dangers have been identified. First, capitation gives the doctor a financial incentive to maximize the number of patients but little incentive to see those patients. Thus, one of the responses of doctors to capitation has been to increase their use of lower paid non-physician providers.

A second concern about capitated reimbursement is that this method ultimately encourages doctors to "cherry pick" their patients. On more than one occasion, I have heard mycolleagues express the concern that capitated reimbursement makes it more difficult to accept patients with complicated medical problems.

HMOs seldom advertise whether they rely on a capitated system. Given the gravity of the above concerns, it would be pru-dent to call the HMO and inquire whether or not the HMO mandates its participating doctors to accept capitated reimbursement.

In conclusion, I believe it is possible to receive excellent medical care through an HMO. However, it is necessary to exercise care in choosing an HMO. Costs must be weighed against availability and quality of care. In my view, you should be very wary of choosing health insurance based solely on low premiums and little out-ofpocket expenses because you may end up with a plan that does not meet your needs or offer you the quality of care that you deserve.

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing about the longneeded management plan for the taxpayer-purchased and supported Lawson Lake, a park on Coeymans/New Scotland town line owned by taxpayers of Albany County.

We the taxpayers bought the park in 1979 for \$511,000 plus and spent an additional \$225,000 in 1979 and 1980 for plans and improvements. Furthermore, \$297,000 of your federal tax dollars were also used to purchase the park.

Taxpayers purchased the park nearly 20 years ago, have maintained it since then, and it has always been closed to you, the taxpayers, the owners. Now, after the announcement of a federal investigation questioning Albany County's use of federal aid, and the insistence of the minority members of the conservation committee, the county executive has proposed his plan.

The county executive's contrivance does not include the basic points of the management plan proposed by the county's own professionals in the conservation and planning department.

As a member of the County Legislature and the conservation and improvement committee, I am obliged to inform the taxpayers of the following:

There was a bipartisan con-

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sensus until November 1997 among the conservation committee to first and foremost, adopt the management plan provided by professionals in the conservation and planning department.

The county executive's version eliminates the logical uses associated with Lawson Lake, the focal point of the park. He has ignored management plans and the public's desire by eliminating a shoreline trail providing access to the lake, which basically eliminates passive recreation such as fishing, canoeing, nature studies, cross country skiing and hiking.

Mike Breslin's planned one loop trail in the woods away from the lake is not reasonable for an "open park." I want open government and open parks.

The bottom line is we need a management plan, detailing the quality of public access to this resource. We need a management plan void of any generalities, one constructed by responsible agencies in county government and passed unanimously.

The taxpaying owners of this park deserve a plan created by county professionals to manage and protect their park, not a scheme that limits access and has little accountability. Overwhelming support from the public sector will generate the needed plan to

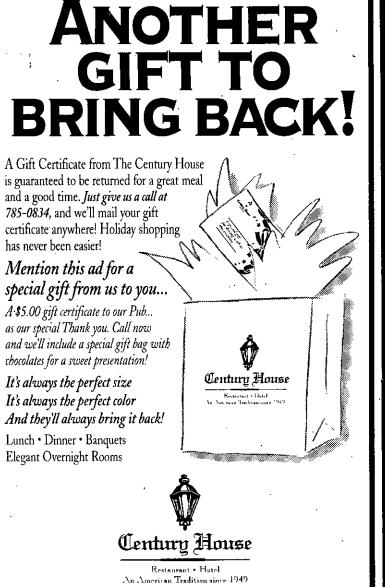
finally drop the chains across the entrance and provide a welcome mat to Lawson Lake and its pine forests.

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Your Opinion Matte Full-day kindergarten advocate outlines views

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central school board will be making a decision on the issue of full-day kindergarten soon, and its meetings on Dec. 3 and 17 will be devoted to the subject.

I urge all parents who can attend to do so, because I think we have a chance to make a big improvement in early childhood education offered to children in our district, while taking advantage of new state aid that is available.

As one who favors moving to full-day kindergarten, I have been talking to a lot of people about it, and I know that not everyone agrees. I wouldn't expect full agreement on this issue or on any other, but I do hope that parents and taxpayers on

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both sides can discuss it without calling each others' motives into question.

For example, I have heard it suggested more than once that those interested in full-day kindergarten are really more concerned about day care than education, and I believe this is a misconception.

As it happens, the majority of families participating in our group (Bethlehem Parents for Full-day Kindergarten) have a parent at home. And full-day kindergarten in this instance means a 5-hour day, probably from 9

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oorheesville & Altamont 765-2956 a.m. to 2 p.m. We're looking for a full instructional day, not for day care.

But most of all, the desire for a full-day program isn't from parents who aren't interested in spending time with their children — for many of us who now supplement BC's half-day program, in fact, our children would be home more hours overall if they were simply in one complete program.

On the other side of the issue, perhaps the hardest people to answer are those parents who feel that a half-day program is sufficient and who would prefer to have their 5-year-olds home as much as possible. I might disagree with these parents, but I surely do not doubt their sincerity. To these parents, the common arguments — that academic studies show that full-day programs are effective, or that two-thirds of the school districts in the state have full-day programs, or that greater individualized attention is available in fullday programs — simply fall short.

Given these concerns, I think it might be appropriate to examine the possibility of having a voluntary full-day program, with it being an option at parents' discretion. A lot of people I have spoken with support this approach, and perhaps we should search for creative solutions, such as allowing the half-day programs to continue at home schools with full-day programs at the Early Learning Center or elsewhere.

A recent letter to *The Spotlight* (which opposed full-day kindergarten) nonetheless made an important point. The writer noted that we should base our evaluation of full-day kindergarten on whether we think it is beneficial to our children, not on the new state aid available.

I agree, and I would extend this principle to the availability of space. If it is found, for example, that we cannot have a full-day program without building additional classroom space, then that should not be a reason for staying with a half-day program.

The Early Learning Center is a wonderful facility, but that doesn't mean we couldn't build another one, or that we couldn't let parents have the choice of keeping their children at home schools with additional classroom space constructed if necessary.

And while I agree that money should not be the single overriding concern, it is obviously important to all taxpayers, and so a few facts bear mentioning. The \$365,000 or more that would be available for start-up costs would exceed the estimated increase in annual costs for a full-day program. The first year's excess state aid could be applied to any other worthwhile educational need, such as musical instruments or athletic equipment.

In succeeding years, the incentive funding would be replaced by additional aid and received through regular operating aid and other aid formulas. Unfortunately, because the aid formulas applying to schools are complex and changed annually, it is not possible to project with certainty what the impact will be.

However, it is certain that additional aid will be generated, and the magnitude may approach the amount initially received through the incentive aid. Funding is also available for any related building needs, and Bethlehem can now receive state reimbursement for 68 percent of any new building costs.

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68 percent of any new building costs.

After accounting for the additional state aid available, the impact on taxpayers for full-day kindergarten should be very low. Other savings might also be achieved, such as lowered expenditures in remedial and special education costs and transportation economies (if midday bus runs were eliminated). I believe that full-day kindergarten is an investment in our children worth making under any circumstances, and the offsetting state aid only makes it that much better a bargain.

I admit that for some children. the current half-day program may be sufficient. I think it is not enough for many others, however, including those who are ready for more, and those who need extra help, and I simply do not believe that this can be accomplished in a two-and-onehalf hour time span.

Under the new higher standards being implemented in the coming years, all children will be required to pass Regents exams (rather than the 60 percent who currently earn a Regents diploma).

In this environment, I think it is vitally important to provide all children, especially those with special needs, with as much help as we can

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.

For information, call 439-9314.

Simcha Hebrew School welcomes students

The Simcha Hebrew School, a project of the Delmar Chabad Center, has started its second year of studies. Children are currently enrolled in the fourth and fifthgrades and new students are welcome

The Hebrew school aims to get children excited about their Jewish heritage through songs, stories, arts and crafts and involve ment in Jewish holidays.

Mastery of Hebrew reading is stressed and children are taught to write Hebrew script.

Hebrew school meets on Thursday evenings from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Children and families do not have to be affiliated with the Chabad Center to enroll. For information, call 439-8280.

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as early as we can, and I think a fullday kindergarten program is one very cost-effective was to do this.

I look forward to the school board's examination of the issue. I think the board should be commended for so forthrightly taking up the issue, and I hope we all profit from the ensuing discussion.

Those who favor a full-day program are invited to join our group for a meeting Monday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library community room.

John Clarkson Bethlehem Parents for Full-day Kindergarten

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.

John Hopkins searches for talented students

The Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth at The Johns Hopkins University announces its 1998 Talent Searches to identify second through eighthgrade students with high verbal and/or mathematical abilities.

Students qualify for Talent Searches by scoring in the top three percentiles on in-grade standardized tests.

As participants in the Talent Searches, they take an abovegrade-level test to better assess their academic talents. This assessment can be used as a starting

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point for designing an individual learning program.

The institute offers Talent Searches at different levels because ongoing assessment demonstrates students' progress over time.

Eligible students can obtain Talent Search information and forms from their schools or by writing IAAY Talent Search, The Johns Hopkins University, 3400 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. 21218. The phone number is 410-516-0278.

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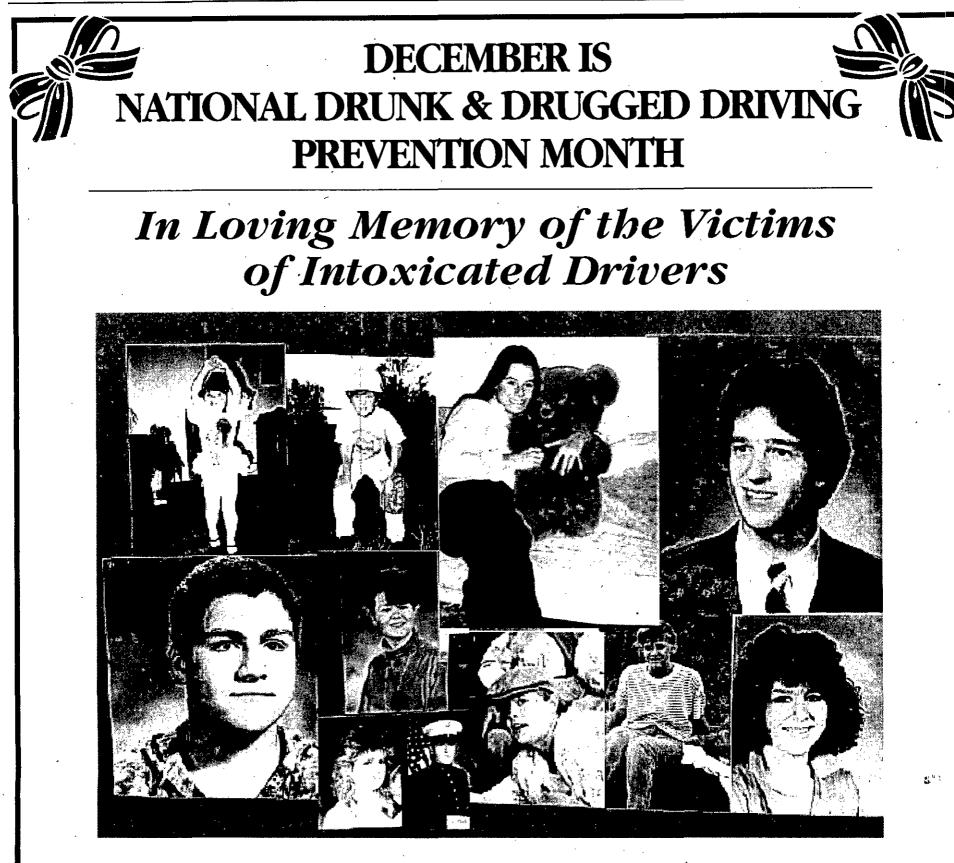
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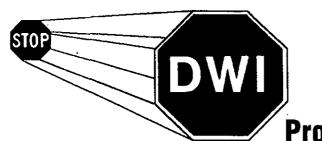


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Holiday parade steps off at gazebo

This year's Christmas parade and tree-lighting ceremony will take place on Friday, Dec. 5, starting at the Coeymans gazebo at 6:30 p.m., when the tree will be lighted.

A parade follows into Ravena for the village tree lighting ceremony

The public is then welcome to visit the Ravena Firehouse to visit with Santa Claus.

Refreshments will be available.

Historical Association planning Silver Tea

Bethlehem Historical Association is hosting its traditional Silver Tea on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the association on River Road in Selkirk.

The Bethlehem Garden Club will decorate for the event.

Students tuning up for holiday concerts

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools have announced the holiday concerts scheduled this month.

Becker school concert for grades-one and two will be on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at the school. The concert for grades-two and three will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.

Pieter B. Coeymans concert for students in grades-one, two and three will be Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The concert for grades-three and four and the grade-four chorus will be Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The middle school concert is set for Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

LaLeche League plans discussion

LaLeche League of Delmar, a breastfeeeding support group, will discuss nutrition and weaning on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. For information and location, call 439-5254 or 475-0240.

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Parent support group to meet Dec. 10

The RCS special education parent support group will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. in the middle school.

> **Holiday festivities** set at schoolhouse

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Delmar library plans fairy tale program

Children and their families are invited to visit the spellbinding world of the fairy tale in Once Upon A Time on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

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The all-you-can-eat breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes french toast and beverages costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 5 and up. Children under age 5 eat for free.

School concerts on December agenda

The Voorheesville school music department has announced its schedule for this month's concerts.

Thursday, Dec. 4, is the elementary school's winter concert. The chorus and sixth-grade band will perform. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium.

The middle level concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.min the high school auditorium. The program includes performances by the seventh-grade band directed by Charles Reader and the middle level chorus under the direction of Julie Watts.

The community is invited to



these free events. Arrive early to get a good seat.

Kiwanis to sell trees and wreaths

The Kiwanis Club of new Scotland will sell freshly cut Christmas trees and wreaths starting in the evening on Thursday, Dec. 4, in front of SuperValu on Maple Avenue.

The sale will run through Dec. 14 or until all 200 trees are sold. Trees cost \$20 to \$25 and wreaths \$10 to \$12.

Church to dish up Saturday breakfast

New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 will host an all-youcan-eat breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast includes plain and blueberry pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, juice, tea and coffee.

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

Santa to make personal visits

Santa can visit your home if you live in Bethlehem, New Scotland, Altamont or outlying areas.

New Salem Reformed Church is sponsoring Santa visits from Dec. 8 through 23.

The cost is \$15 for a 15-minute visit and \$10 for an additional 15 minutes.

For reservations or information, call 765-3784.

Scouts to serenade V'ville villagers

Voorheesville will be alive with the sound of Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 9, when local Girl Scout troops carol throughout the village from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Scouts will end the evening with hot cocoa and cookies at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

The Scouts have donated gifts to a local gamily.

Cub Scout Pack 73 will also carol in Voorheesville starting a 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Author to host Victorian tea

Local author Cheryl Hurd will host a Victorian tea for members of the Helderview Garden Club on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at Ivy Brockley's home at 2438 New Scotland Road.

The annual gift exchange is also planned that day. Homemade items are encouraged.

For information, call Marilyn Doyle at 765-4736.

School needs data on kindergarteners

Parents whose children will enter kindergarten next year are asked to contact JoAnn Donohue at 765-2382 so the elementary school can update its records and plan for the year.

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

Activity night rescheduled to Dec. 5

The fifth and sixth-grade activity night has been rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

Skating event set at school gym

Roller-skating is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. in the elementary school large gymnasium. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$3.50 each, and the price includes skate rental.

Parents should pick up skaters from the cafeteria. Volunteers are always needed. To help, call Cheryl Hammer at 765-9377.

Student artwork featured in exhibit

An exhibit of artwork by students from the high school entitled "studentvision" will run from Friday, Dec. 5, through Monday, Jan. 5, at the Spectrum Theatre, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany.

An opening reception is set for Friday, Dec. 5, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The exhibit was organized by





Marie Triller.

School board sets meeting date

The next regular meeting of the school board is Monday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Town board slates meeting Dec. 8

The New Scotland town board will meet on Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

Snowshoeing tour set at Thacher Park

Strap on your snowshoes for a guided tour of the winter landscape of snow-covered woods and open spaces at Thacher Park on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. Participants will meet at the Paint Mine parking area.

The program hinges on the weather, so ahead call to confirm at 872-1237.

Park association to meet at village hall

The Salem Hills Park Association has scheduled its annual meeting for Thursday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. at village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave. All residents are encouraged to attend.

For information, call Peg Blackmer at 7652635.

Choir to rehearse for festival concert

The community choir starts rehearsals for the annual Christmas festival on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue. The ecumenical Voorheesville **Community Christmas Festival is** planned for Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Methodist church. For information, call Ken

George at 765-4442.

Pressure clinic to be at church

The Kiwanis Club-sponsored blood pressure clinic will be on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Craft fair features holiday decorations

Sandra Tesch will host her ninth annual craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2689 New Scotland Road in New Salem. Holiday decorations and American Girl doll clothes will be featured.

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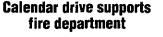
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Delmar student wins scholarship

Leah Staniels of Delmar has been awarded a \$5,500 Empire State Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Staniels is a junior majoring in biology.



Tawasentha chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently began its program year with a luncheon and tour of the executive mansion in Albany.

Delmar resident and Tawasentha chapter member, Gladys Amos, celebrated her 90th birthday at the event.



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Boys host season opening tourney this weekend at high school

By Karly Decker

The Bethlehem boys basketball team are looking for another positive season.

This year BC will defend its title as Gold Division champions, an accolade it earned with 8-5 league and 14-9 overall records.

The team will host the Bethlehem Central Tip-off Tournament starting Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Its first game will be against Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons at 8:30 p.m.

The Eagles have seven players returning from last year's team: Geoff Hunter, Eric Hjeltnes, Justin Pinchback, Kevin Russell, Mark Svare, Ryan Ven-

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their heartwarming, original musical based on the famous Clement C. Moore poem,

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ter, Pat Hughes.

With seven experienced players, the team is looking to take advantage of their quickness and willingness to work hard, said head coach Chuck Abba.

Calvin Brown, Jon Burroughs, and Brendon Bannigan, Chuck Abba, Brendon Dalton and Mitch Lane are all new to the squad, but are expected to make large contributions to the team.

Rebounding is an area f concern for Abba after losing the height of last year's senior Tim Staniels. But, Abba said he is expecting other players to compensate for the loss.

The Eagles will face a very com-

petitive schedule this season.

"There are no easy games in the league or in our two tournaments," Abba said. However, he is optimistic about the challenging new season ahead.

"I am looking forward to working with the players to develop a hard-working, unselfish and competitive basketball team."

Bethlehem Central Tip-Off Tournament

Bethlehem Central boys basketball team begins its 1997-98 season hosting the Bethlehem Central Tip-Off Tournament in the school's lower gymnasium this weekend.

The opening game features a match-up between Brewster and Amsterdam at 7 p.m. BC and Notre Dame-Bishop Maginn will follow at 8:30 p.m.

Championship and consolation rounds for will be played Saturday, Dec. 6.

Winnersof Friday's games will go head-to-head at 7 p.m., while the remaining two teams will play for third at 5 p.m. 👔 🕂 😪

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Senior Citizen Women: Eleanor Moak, 187, 497 triple.

Men: Bob Lynk, 300, 1037 in four games; Glen Southwell, 799 triple; Frank Salamida, 715 triple.

Women: Heidi Cornell, 267; Monique Matuszek, 624 triple.

Adult-Junior Men: Ed Leno, 290; John Kondrat, 635 triple; Paul Spagnola, 611 triple.

Boys: Steve Leno, 211, 563 triple.

Girls: Amanda Martin 149, 363 triple.

Junoir Classic: Matt Costigan, 230,850 triple; Courtney Radick, 245, 787 triple.

Majors: Jeff Young 232, 624 triple; Bridget Auclair, 244, 607 triple.

Preps: Chris Olsen, 212; Bill Comtois, 531 triple.

B-ball sign-ups this week at BCMS

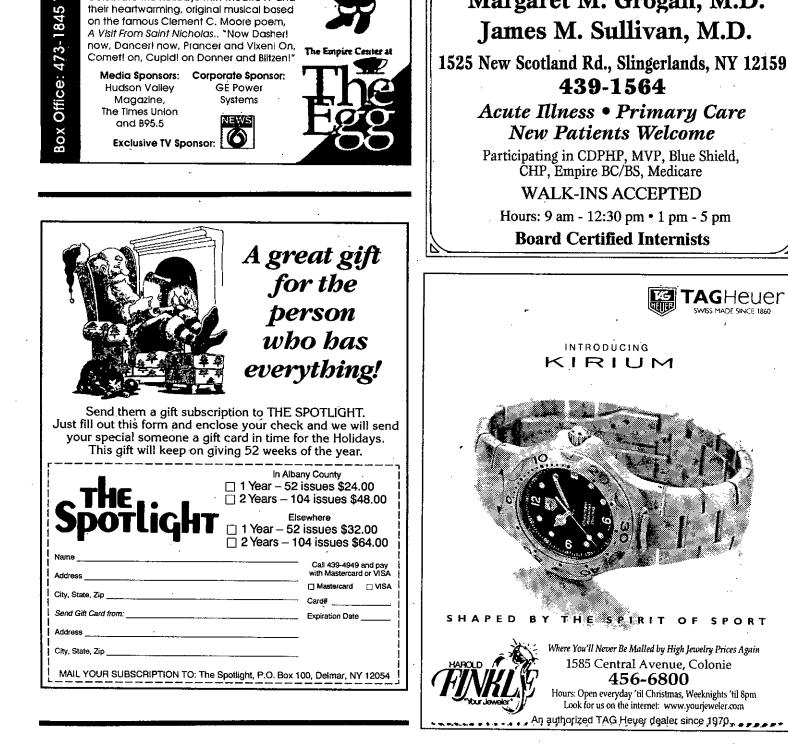
Bethlehem Basketball Club will conduct a final registration for high school students interested in competing in a late Saturday afternoon basketball league to commence in January.

All high school residents of the school district are invited to participate. Registration costs \$50, and is at Bethlehem Central 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.





New year, new coach, but same old problems for BC hockey

By Andrew Hartman

Last week Bethlehem Central slipped on their hockey skates for the first time since finishing at 5-15 last year.

Though they start the year with a new coach, the woesthat plagued the team last year appeared this week with losses to Niskayuna and LaSalle.

At Hudson Valley Community College, Bethlehem sought to make up for a 5-1 loss to Niskayuna the night before as they went up against a strong LaSalle team. How-

ever, the Cadets overpowered the found the net two more times to the second intermission. Eagles and won 10-2.

First-year coach John Battaglino, replacing Paul Machelor as Bethlehem's head coach, said his team's problem may be a lack of aggression.

"We have to improve defensively," said Battaglino. "We have to stand teams up at the blue line and control the puck in the neutral zone. We need to get more shots on goal."

LaSalle started off the first period with a quick goal. The Cadets

finish the first period ahead 3-1.

We need to get more shots on goal. John Battaglino

Freshman John Albert accounted for BC's first goal of the

LaSalle started the second period in the same fashion, scoring four more times for a 7-1 lead by

game.

"We only had four or five shots on goal," said junior Mike Griffiths. "We didn't bear down and shoot. I think we tried to be too fancy. We worked hard but hesitated with the puck."

LaSalle would score three more times before they were through. But, with less than a minute left in the game, BC's Ricky Longtapped in a rebounded shot for the last goal of the contest.

The night before, the Eagles took to the ice for the first time against Niskayuna at Clifton Park Arena. After a great start, where the team scored a goal in the opening period, the Eagles failed to score for the rest of the game

Captain Greg Cooper scored, and was assisted by Griffiths and Brian Noonan. Following Cooper's goal, the Eagles could not get enough offense going to stave off the Silver Warriors, who went on to score five uncontested goals.



The Spotlight *seeks* student reporters

Openings for student writers and photographers are still available at *The Spotlight*.

We are still looking for photographers and writers to cover Bethlehem Central, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville high school sports.

For the winter, we need coverage of basketball, wrestling, swimming, indoor track and gymnastics.

For information, call Sue Graves or Michael Hallisey at 439-4949. Lady Eagles plan basketball clinics

The newly formed Bethlehem Lady Eagles Basketball Club is conducting clinics on Sundays during the basketball season.

Girls in grades-three to eight are invited and encouraged to attend the skills clinics. For information, call 439-2007.

Make a snowman at Deimar library

Children in grade-two and up can make a snowman centerpiece at Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

BCHS grad earns accolade

The alumni association of Life Chiropractic College West in San Lorenzo, Calif. recently named Tim Talmage its 1997 Student of the Year.

Talmage is a 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He was selected Student of the

Delmar cadet earns promotion

Matthew Messina of Delmar has been promoted to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt. Year based on solid academic standing and contributions he has made to the community, chiropractic profession and college.

Talmage and his family live in San Leandro, Calif.

Quilters to meet at Delmar church

Quilters United In Learning Together will meet on Friday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.



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Community Christmas dinner slated at Methodist church

The 10th annual Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner. will be held Christmas day from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the hall at First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 2 p.m.

The festive occasion is made possible by help, coordination and donations from Bethlehem churches, caring individuals and the Bethlehem Senior Services Department.

Transportation for residents over 60 years-of-age will be provided by Bethlehem Senior Transportation.

To make dinner reservations or arrange for transportation, contact the Senior Services office at 439-4955 ext. 170.

There is no charge for the dinner, but a good will offering will be accepted.

To help out on Christmas Day or to donate food for the dinner, call Joyce Becker at 439-4955.

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Indian Ladder Farms plans open house

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road in Voorheesville will host a holiday open house on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 9 p.m.

The event will feature horsedrawn sleigh rides, tunes from Fraser and the Firs, stories by Mary Murphy, visits with Santa, a living manger scene and much more.

The store is packed with unique Christmas gifts, and the holiday barn has Christmas trees, wreaths and arrangements of greens.

Visitors can enjoy a light supper or snack from the Yellow Rock Cafe.

For information, call 765-2956.



Author/historian to focus on crime

What was the infamous "pool cue murder?" What crime did the Dutch fear most? How did the Dutch treat Indians, slaves and



children who committed these crimes?

On Wednesday Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., Voorheesville historian Dennis Sullivan will answer these questions and others equally intriguing based on information in his

newbook The Punishment of Crime in Colonial new York: The Dutch Experience in Albany During the 17th Century. Sullivan will be available at 6:30 p.m. to sign copies of the book, which can be obtained by calling him at home.

A limited number of his Voorheesville, New York history are still available for purchase at the circulation desk. Call 765-2791 to sign up.

"The Magic in Your Hands" is the title of a healing energy lecture by Marjorie Lutz at 7 p.m. Dec. 8. Lutz presents seminars on exploring the energies generated by the body and the ability to use

the energy to alleviate pain and stress.

No sign- up is required. Refreshments will be served.

Art Expressions, the library's sketch club for adults, meets tonight, Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Bring your own materials. Call the library for information.

An informational night is set for Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. for parents and caregivers to explore the contents of the new take-out story time book bags with Joyce Laiosa.

Regular story times will resume on Thursday, Jan. 8.

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Business women set dinner meeting Bethlehem Business Women

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cial time. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

plans holiday mixer

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its holiday mixer on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Albank's 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.

Artists team up talents for still-life exhibit

Local artists collaborate on a common theme in the northwest gallery this month. The pieces for The Still Life from Three Viewpoints were created especially for the exhibit by Judith Mayer, her daughter Nikki Mayer and their



friend Cathy Tracy.

Watercolor, collage and woodcut prints are their chosen means of expression.

Tracy, a registered architect, earned a degree in architecture from Syracuse University. Nikki Mayer's bachelor of fine arts degree from Maryland Institute College of Art is augmented by study in Cortona, Italy. Judith Mayer earned degrees in art education and printmaking from the University of Wisconsin.

Watercolors by Diane Bollman-Buyer and Helen Otterness are on display in the southwest gallery.

Buyer's renderings of old family tintypes are collected under the title One Woman's Family. She is a member of the Bethlehem Art Association and Colonie Art League. Otterness, who has a master's in art education from SUNY New Paltz, has taught in private and public schools and conducted workshops for classroom teachers. She is a member of the Colonie Art League.

In the small display case, local author Russ Gutman's three volumes of Forty Pithy Truths are complemented by a selection of books and articles about self-publishing from the library's collection.

Staff member Betty Albright exhibits her collection of Steiff stuffed animals in the Birchenough case and Delmar tion of snowglobes is in the youth services case.

The bulletin board display complements the program Organ and Tissue Donation: What Every Family Should Know on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker and exhibitor is Steven Relyea, procurement coordinator for Albany's Center for Donation and Transplant, a nonprofit organ procurement organizations for area hospitals.

Louise Grieco

Sunshine seniors set Christmas dinner

The Bethlehem Sunshine Senior Citizen group will hold its membership Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 8, at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue in South Bethlehem.

Fruit punch happy hour starts at 12:30 p.m. followed by a ham dinner with all the fixings at 1 p.m.

The RCS High School Harmonics will entertain at 2 p.m.

Reservations must be prepaid and received by Wednesday, Dec. 3. Seating capacity is limited to 80.

For information and reservations, call Norvelle Lopienski at 767-2384.

Parks and rec offers Sunday swim times

Bethlehem parks and recreation department will hold Sunday recreational swims on Dec. 7, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School pool on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

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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Anna Knickerbocker

Anna E. Knickerbocker, 91, of Delmar died Friday, Nov. 28, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Schodack Landing, she was a longtime resident of Delmar.

She was a secretary for the former Patroon Oil Co. for many years. She was a life member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by a niece, Nancy Johnson of Canastota, Madison County; and two cousins, Shirley Winters of Castleton and Adel Ross of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Services will be today, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Reformed Church of Schodack Landing on Route 9J. Burial will be in Schodack Landing Cemeterv.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Reformed Church of Schodack Landing Building Fund, 15 Elm St., Nassau 12123.

Wallace H. Horowitz

Wallace H. Horowitz, 62, of Lansing Drive in Delmar, died Thursday, Nov. 27, at his home.

Born in the Bronx, he moved to Delmar when he retired.

He was an elementary school teacher in the Nyack school district. At the time of his death, he was a tutor at the Learning Center in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Maercklin Horowitz; a son, Steven Horowitz of Manhattan; a daughter, Gail Obach of Gales Ferry, Conn.; a sister, Jane Alexander of Paramus, N.J.; two stepsons, Scott Obach and Brian Obach; a stepdaughter, Beth Obach; and four stepgrand-children.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203 or to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Marybeth McAuliffe

Marybeth McAuliffe, 32, of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital

Born in Albany, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. McAuliffe was a customer entative for the Postal Se vice for more than 10 years.

She loved animals and was active in local animal shelters.

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

Survivors include her husband, Shawn McAuliffe; a daughter, Allyson M. McAuliffe; her father, George J. Szary of Albany; two

sisters, Michelle A. McElroy of Albany and Karyn M. Hundley of Ravena; and two brothers, Paul S. Casarotta of Wyoming, Del., and Joseph C. Szary of Albany.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Allyson M. McAuliffe Education Fund, c/o Key Bank, 370 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Carl W. Meeker `

Carl W. Meeker, 48, of New Salem South Road in New Scotland, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Meeker was a technician for Lexington Vacuum in Albany. He was also a dog obedience trainer.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Lyden Meeker; three daughters, Maggie Kuprian of Latham, Jennifer Kelley of Green Island and Armentina Wilder of Cohoes; and a son, Ronald Kuprian of Lansingburgh.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Association of the Blind, the Kidney Foundation or the Diabetes Foundation.

A. Richard Reissig

A. Richard Reissig, 87, of Good Samaritan Home in Delmar and formerly of Glendale Avenue, died Friday, Nov. 28, at the home.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

He was a graduate of Albany

High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Reissig retired as chief engineer for Mobil Oil in Albany after 40 years.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albany and a past president of the church council.

He was a member of the Bethlehem chapter of AARP and a former board member of Good Samaritan Lutheran Home.

Husband of the late Dorothy Hemstreet Reissig, he is survived by a son, Richard H. Reissig; and a sister, Ida Anderson.

Services were from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or Living Resources Corp., 2176 Guilderland Ave., Schenectady 12306.

Gino Arduini

Gino Arduini, 73, of Rockefeller Road in Delmar, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Italy, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Arduini was a weaver at Huyck Felt Co. for more than 32 years. When he retired, he worked part-time for Bethlehem Central School District and for the town of Bethlehem.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a former president, secretary and treasurer of United Tex-

tile Workers Local 76.

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

Survivors include his wife, Assunta Cavalieri Arduini; a son. Anthony S. Arduini of Selkirk; a brother, Francis Arduini of Albany; a sister, Catherine Catalfamo of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Irving Oblas

Irving Oblas, 85, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in New York City, he lived in Delmar for many years.

He was a graduate of City College of New York.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Oblas was a court reporter for New York City courts and later for the state Court of Claims for 35 vears.

He was a member of B'nai B'rith and served as editor of B'nai B'rith Bulletin for several years.

He was an avid tennis player and a member of the Senior Citizens Creative Writing Group.

Survivors include his wife, Lilyan Oblas; two daughters, Rema Goldstein of Albany and Carla Oblas of Marshfield, Mass; and two granddaughters.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel.

Burial was in Temple Israel in . Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders of the Capital District, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Hester J. Ginter

Hester J. Ginter, 65 of Harris Avenue in South Bethlehem, died Wednesday, Nov. 26 at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of South Bethlehem.

She was a teacher's aide for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district at Becker Elementary School, retiring in 1989.

Mrs. Ginter was a charter member of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3 auxiliary and the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church Women's Society. She was a former 4-H Club and Cub Scout leader.

Survivors include her husband, Edward C. Ginter; four daughters, Diane Latter of Ravena, Debra Whiting of Charleston, Donna Girvin of Hannacroix and Doris Brozowski of Selkirk; two sons, Douglas Ginter of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Donald Ginter of Selkirk; a sister, Janis Devenpeck; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. × •

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"An almost unlimited number of requests" necessitates replenishing the fund every year, he said.

Jackson said many of the requests come through school nurses or social workers, but that some are referred to the fund by clergy and even neighbors.

Most requests are modest — a pair of shoes for a child or eyeglasses or perhaps medicine for someone without insurance. And sometimes a family might need help with a heating bill or rent, when an emergency crops up.

"We kind of fill in the gaps," said longtime Festival Fund board member Eileen Perkins.

One woman, whose husband had recently left her, had secured a job, but wouldn't get a paycheck for several weeks, she said.

"She just needed a little bit of help," Perkins said.

A primary goal of the fund is to help children in the school district, Jackson said. And in spite of the perception of affluence in Bethlehem, Perkins added there are needs in every one of the district's seven schools.

"Medicine can be very expensive" for families without insurance, said Sue Cunningham, a Festival Fund board member.

Sometimes helping send a child on a school trip is how the fund pitches in. Other times, it's a pool

pass or summer camp scholarships, she said.

Recent fund contributions include 80 turkeys and holiday baskets, two pair of eyeglasses, three after-school support programs, clothing, a cap and gown and aid to a family for commuting to an out-of state hospital to visit their child.

"It's great to know you've really helped somebody — it's not welfare, not like that — it's just helping someone over hard times," Cunningham said.

All requests to the fund are strictly confidential, Jackson said, and there is no red tape. Once a request is made, aid is given almost immediately.

"The Bethlehem Festival Fund is a true example of neighbor helping neighbors," he said.

The Festival Fund will soon be sending out letters to its 200 previous donors, and about 500 letters of appeal will also be sent in a chamber of commerce newsletter this month.

All money collected, with the exception of the cost for a post office box and postage, goes directly back into the community.

For information about the fund or to make a contribution, write Jackson at PO Box 341, Delmar 12054.

BCHS graduate finishes marathon

Army Lt. Col. Michael Eyre, a 1973 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, recently participated in the 22nd annual Marine Corps marathon in Washington, D.C.

Eyre was one of nearly 19,000 marathoners.

The Marathon of Monuments is the fourth largest marathon in the United States and stretches 26.2 miles.

Eyre hold a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont and a master's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology.

BCHS seniors earn recognition

Bethlehem Central High School seniors Malissa Pilette and Rvan Peterson have been recognized as Scholar Finalists in the National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program.

The National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program is a College Board program that provides national recognition of exceptional academic achievement of Hispanic high school seniors, and identifies them for post-secondary institutions.



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Delmar Postmaster Thomas Porcaro said Bethlehem residents donated 12,225 pounds of non-perishable food last year, an increase from the 11,000 pounds collected in 1995.

Though there was a noticeable increase in amount of food donated during the last two years, Porcaro said his post office is not projecting a goal for this year. It is all done in the holiday spirit.

"This is when the food banks are at their lowest level," Porcaro said. "It's when they need it the most."

Though the Postal Service has organized food drives for the past eight years, Delmar has been at it for a bit longer.

"We started out here about 10 years ago," Porcaro said. "Delmar may have started it out on their own in a limited basis. The first year was one day, the next it was a week. And it's gotten bigger and bigger since."

Postal customers can leave nonperishable food items in non-glass containers inside, or near their mailboxes, where their postal carrier will pick them up.

Porcaro said patrons can also drop off food in the lobbies of local post offices and branch offices of local Key Banks.

Foods in demand include ext. 170.

canned meats, tuna fish, tomato sauce or paste, hearty and creamed soups, peanut butter and jelly, noodles, spaghetti, rice, macaroni and cheese, ravioli, dried milk, infant formula, cereals without sugar, canned fruits and vegetables, tomato and fruit juices.

Porcaro said the Postal Service does not have facilities to keep the food. The town of Bethlehem's senior services department will help separate and distribute the food

"The food stays local," Porcaro said.

Senior department offers health programs

Bethlehem Senior Services Department will sponsor 11 health and wellness programs.

The programs are presented by public health nurses, a nutritionist, a social worker and an occupational therapist from the county Health Department.

The sessions are designed to promote nutrition, healthy bodies and mental well being.

Programs will be held at Bethlehem town hall on 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Thursdays, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. through Dec. 18.

For information, call 439-4955,

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT Join the partnership's task force groups The Bethlehem Community Partnership is a coalition of individuals who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for our youth and families. We urge community members to support our activities, lend their expertise, contribute to our programs, and participate. If you would like to get involved you can attend one of our task force meetings. For information, call 439-7740. The following is a description of our three task force groups: Pride of Bethlehem Youth Award — The goal of this task force is to recognize positive behavior in middle school and high school youth. Join this effort to honor our positive

youth role models. Next meeting at Networks office in Main Square Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 8:15 a.m.

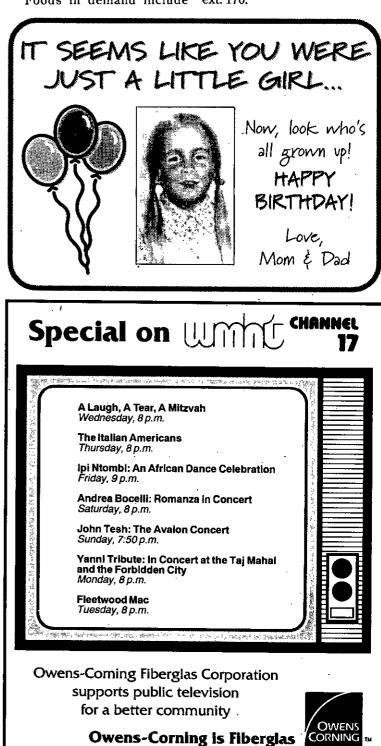
Respect — The group is planning a day of workshops for sixth-grade students which will focus on respectful behaviors. We welcome parents of middle school students, teachers and other interested community members to help plan this event. The group will meet again at the middle school media center Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 3:30 p.m.

Media Task Force - is planning a TV Turnoff Week in April. In conjunction with TV Turnoff Week, the group is working on a community walk and fact sheet about children and television. The next meeting is in the middle school media center Thursday, Dec. 11, at 8:45 a.m.

The very successful community arts festival, known as Feestelijk Bethlehem will be held on Saturday evening, May 2. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Public Library.



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David Nelson and Kathryn Felt Felt, Nelson to marry

Thomas Felt of Silver Spring, Md., and Jean Felt of Delmar, and David Nelson, son of Richard and Jocelyn Nelson of Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, The College of Saint Rose and the

Kathryn Felt, daughter of Dr. University of Michigan. She is employed on the human ecology staff of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County in Voorheesville.

The groom, a graduate of SUNY New Paltz, is employed by the Adirondack Council in Albany.

The couple plans an Oct. 1 wedding.

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Brian Flanigan Malsan, to Kristi and Stephen Malsan of Slingerlands, Sept. 19.

Boy, Christopher Thomas Ebner, to Maureen and Joseph Ebner of Delmar, Nov. 11.

Boy, Garry Bruce DeGonza Jr., to Laurie and Garry DeGonza of Slingerlands, Nov. 13.

Girl, Ashley Rose Germani, to Sara Bartkus and David Germani of Delmar, Nov. 14.

Boy, Zachary Michael Therrien, to Kristy Race and Josh Therrien of Glenmont, Nov. 15.

Girl, Emma Louise Sprotbery, to Jill Swingruber-Sprotbery and Kent Sprotbery of Glenmont, Nov. 16.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Lily Grace Killar, to Tracie and Robert Killar of Slingerlands, Oct. 24.

Boy, Samuel David Bastiani, to Merideth and David Bastiani of Deimar, Oct. 28.

Boy, Angel Sabastian Gonzalez, to Lisa Brayman and Angel Gonzalez of Selkirk, Nov. 3.

Five Rivers elects board members

Five Rivers Limited elected four new board members recently at its 25th annual meeting.

Joan Cooney of Albany, and three Delmar residents - Marilyn Kaltenborn, John Meany and John Smolinsky are the new board members

After a short program, the new board met to elect officers. They are: Marge Farrell, president; Barbara Kolapakka, vice president; and Peter Keitel, treasurer. All of the officers live in Delmar.

BCHS graduate earns college honor

Megan Corneil of Delmar was recently inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national freshman academic honor society.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she attends Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

Membership in the society is reserved for students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average during their freshman year of college.



Susan and Darryn Fiske Brundage, Fiske wed

Susan Louise Brundage, daughter of James and Valerie Brundage of Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, and Darryn Michael Fiske, son of Frank and Donna Noon of Delmar and Calvin Fiske of Chatham, were married Sept. 6.

The Rev Geoffrey Boland performed the ceremony in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Salamanca, with the reception following at The Castle restaurant in Olean, Cattaraugus County.

The maid of honor was Shelley Brundage, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Sandi Brundage, the bride's sister-in-law, and Helen Eisenman.

The best man was Michael Gee, and ushers were Steven Brundage, the bride's brother, and Greg Herrick.

The bride, a graduate of the University at Buffalo, is employed as a certified public accountant by J.D. Cloud in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Buffalo. He is employed as a strength and conditioning coach by the University of Cincinnati.

After a wedding trip to Paradise island in the Bahamas, the couple lives in Cincinnati.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

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



Santa makes house calls

Santa is available to visit the homes of Bethlehem, Delmar, Slingerlands, Voorheesville, New Scotland and Altamont residents from Monday, Dec. 8 to Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The cost is \$15 for a 15 minutes visit, and \$10 for an additional 15 minutes.

The visits are sponsored by New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85. For reservations or information, call 765-3784.

The Spotlight *remembers*

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

• The Bethlehem Central school board appointed an AIDS advisory panel without a clergy member, in apparent contravention of the state Education Department's regulation on such panels. The board acted on the recommendation of Superintendent Les Loomis that the requirement may violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

• Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's commissioner of public works, was named "Man of the Year" by the state chapter of the American Public Works Association. Also, John Flanigan, Bethlehem's building inspector, was elected to the presidency of the New York **Building Officials Association**,

• Jason Baum, a Bethlehem Central High School senior, was one of 700 national winners in a writing contest sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Here's Wonderful Wedding! Albany Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Harold Finkle, "Your Jeweler" 1585 Ave., 489-2981. Banquet Room up to 300 people. P.S., do it on Sunday and Central Ave., Colonie. 456-6600. Dia monds - Handcrafted Wedding Rings & save a lot of \$\$. Attendant's Gifts. LIMOUSINE HONEYMOONS Super Special!!!! 3 hours for only \$99. Enchanting Vacations... at Romantic Advantage Limousine. 433-0100 Prices. When you're on the go... Go Some rest. Global Travel Services. 482-1039. INVITATIONS Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123

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McCartin Doyle, Stroll coordinator for the chamber.

Doyle said that a partial list of just the musical performers shows the breadth and depth of the Stroll's something-for-everybody offerings. Cover charges to see these popular local groups or individuals would easily run into the hundreds of dollars.

Musicians at the Stroll will include Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys, Hair of the Dog, Band de Oxum, the Foothills Trio, the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Voices with the Peg Delaney Trio, Peggy Eyres, Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band, Frank Jaklitsch, Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers, the Lustre Kings, the Franklin Micare Trio, the Tara Hall Pipe Band, the Bethel Baptist Church Choir, Paul Staussman, the Bog People, the Teresa Broadwell Quarter, etc.

And that doesn't count the amateur singing Strollers, dressed to the Victorian nines and singing Christmas carols as they walk through the city center.

For those who tire of Strolling, there will be rides on an antique fire truck, a horse-drawn wagon, the Hedley Park Place trolley and ponies.

Some Stroll venues will offer a variety of performances around a central theme, Doyle noted. For example, the Dauchy Building will be the children's center, with music, clowns, jugglers, puppets and the like for the youngest Strollers; and First Presbyterian Church will host a Celtic Christmas, with Irish/Scottish music, dance and storytelling.

Doyle noted that many shops will be open for holiday shopping, with special sales and free refreshments. Also, Strollers can enter a drawing featuring prizes from Troy merchants

And parking is plentiful and free, at both municipal and private lots throughout downtown, she added.

From my past Stroll experience, wintry weather, should it occur, is not a problem, since you're never more than half a block away from another indoor attraction, where you'll warm up right away.

Plus, there are plenty of warm refreshments, from chestnuts to spiced cider, available at a modest cost or free. For information about the Stroll, contact Doyle at 274-7020.

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board the Hedley Park Place trolley.



Annie arrives in town as Proctor's signs Peter Pan

The touring Broadway musical, Annie, arrived in town Tuesday for a run through Sunday for a total of eight perfor-mances. While the show stars Nell Carter as the evil Miss Hannigan, the local news is that Ballston Spa's Brittny Kissinger is playing the lead role.

From an almost soap opera opening on Broadway when the young Miss Kissinger beat out an older child for the lead until the present performance, this production has gotten the news. The odds that a revival wouldn't make it again on Broadway were overcome when the show had a respectable run and is now booked through the year on the road.

Carter will leave shortly after the first of the year. Her contract locked her into to playing the first 10 cities of the tour. The show's been out since early October so her stint will be up just after Christmas.

As for the Ballston Spa youngster, she's booked through the end of the tour but she travels with a tutor so she won't miss school.

While this production is playing the week in Schenectady, in prospective audiences from distances the theater announced that Cathy Rigby's production of Peter Pan had been signed for eight performances beginning March 24.

Rigby, a former Olympic gymnist, has made Peter Pan her life mission, doing productions of the show during the past 10 vears.

Proctor's is marketing this production with special tickets for children 12 and under and offering a free CD soundtrack sampler of the show with a ticket purchase for as long as supplies last.

Information and reservations for both shows are available at 346-6204.

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Troy's Victorian Stroll, Sunday, Dec.

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Two theaters agree to work in tandem to cut costs

An idea this past summer to merge the staffs of Proctor's shot down rather early. However, with

some amendments, an agreement has been reached to work together.

The two theaters will do joint advertising where possible and work out noncompetitive scheduling of events in both theaters.

Most of all, the theaters hope to broaden their regional appeal, drawing beyond the Capital District.

Ads placed in cities 60 or more miles away would plug the schedules of both theaters and urge people in those far-flung areas to come to the

Capital Region to see live theater in established houses. places but has not been able to do extensive advertising in papers outside the area.

By cross-promoting each other's shows, both will benefit, according to Proctor's Gloria Lemere and the Palace's Bob Goepfert. Both manage their respective theaters and have Gallery during the Troy Victorian Stroll, Dec. 7 from 12 p.m. to 5



Martin P. Kelly

Proctor's has long been working with groups from distant 20 at the New York State Theatre Institute, Troy (274-3256) The Wizard of Oz at Home Made Theater at Spa Little heater Dec. 12-21 (587-4427) ... The Messiah by the Octavo Singers at Union College Memorial Chapel, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. (344-7464) ... Plays and storyteller at the Fulton Street

Auditions have been scheduled for Dec. 9 and 11 for roles in the March production of Thornton Wilder's Our Town .

Capital Repertory Theater

auditions for local actors

Actors will be heard from 4 to 6 p.m. each day. There is need for a one-minute dramatic monologue and an unaccompanied song.

The auditions are for five males, ages 40-60, and four Theater in Schenectady and the Palace Theater in Albany was females, ages 35-70. There is also need for five young males, 12-21, and six females, 12-21.

The production runs March 3 to Apr. 12. Successful applicants will be rehearsing from Feb. 2 to Mar. 1. Actors wishing to schedule an appointment, should call

Christina at 462-4531. **Albany Civic Theater wins**

three awards in state test

The production of Don Juan in Chicago won three awards for Albany Civic Theater at the Theater Association of New

YORK'S FESTIVAL IN AUDURN ON NOV. 24. The awards were for best production and for acting, won by Doug deLisle and Patrick White.

AROUND THEATERS!

A Little Princess, new version of old fairy tale, through Dec.

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"ME AND MY GIRL" Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, 6, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 11, 12, 13, 2 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 7, 14. Cost, \$16. Information, 233-7739, "BURNING THE DAYS"

James Salter and his new memoir, Recital Hali, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Albany, 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4. Information, 442-5620.

"SWEENY TODD" Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State Street, Schenectady, auditions, 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8, Wednesday, Dec. 10, performance, March 6 through 8, 12, 15. Information, 877-5340.

"ALWAYS ... PATSY CLINE" Ted Swindley, Capital Region's Award-Winning Professional Theatre, Capital Repertory, 111 North Pearl Street, Albany, Jan. 15 through Feb. 15. Information,

462-4531 ext, 293 "OVER THE TAVERN"

comedy by Tom Dudzick. Capital Repertory, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, 7:30 p.m., through Sunday, Dec. 12, Information, 462-4531, ext. 220

"A LITTLE PRINCESS" new adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett story, New York State Theatre Institute at Russell Sage College in Troy, Dec. 3-5, 9-12 and 16-18 at 10 a.m., Dec

13, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., Dec. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m., \$16, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 under age 13. Information, 274-3256. "ME AND MY GIRL"

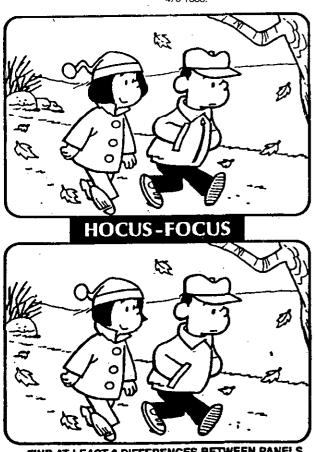
Opera House, Schenectady, Dec. 5, 6 and 11-13, 8 p.m., Dec. 7 and 14, 2 p.m Information, 355-1699

"TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS'

original musical based on the famous Clement C. Moore poem A Visit From Saint Nicholas The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 473-1845. "THE NUTCRACKER"

Northeast Ballet Company, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St.

Schenectady, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., and, Dec. 14, 2 p.m Information, 382-3884



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"SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE" music of famed songwriting team of Leiber and Stoller, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St. Schenectady, Dec. 9 and 10, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

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Proctor's Theater, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Dec. 7, \$32.50 to \$42.50. Information, 382-3884.

"ARCADIA"

Program of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institutes's Electronic Arts Department. comedy by Tom Stoppard, Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett Ave., Trov, Dec. 4 through 6. Information, 273-6373

"ANGELS IN AMERICA, PART 1: MILLENNIUM APPROACHES' by Tony Kushner, University at Albany, through Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995

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MENDELSSOHN CLUB

advent of Yule season, Ray Charles arrangement of Jingle Bells, Frostiana, Sleigh Ride, Christmas Cantata, O, Holy Night, the Egg, Albany, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Cost, \$12 for reserved seating, \$8 adults, \$4 children. Information, 482-8701. **KENNY ROGERS CHRISTMAS**

SHOW

Pepsi Arena, 51 South Pearl Street, Albany, 8 p.m., Dec, 11. Cost, \$32.50. Information, 476-1000

THE YOUNG MESSIAH TOUR Pepsi Arena, 51 South Pearl Street, Albany, 8 p.m., Dec. 14. Cost, \$26. Information, 476-1000.

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Pepsi Arena, 51 South Pearl Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12, 13. Cost, \$22.50. Information, 476-1000.

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Information, 434-1703. **ALLAN ALEXANDER** guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays, 7 to 11

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AUDITION for Capitol Hill Choral Society for the 1997-98 season. All voice parts. Information, 465-3328 or 374-4399 SOUP MULTIMEDIA currently looking for artists, photographers, paints, musicians, writers. Information, 869-0766.

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MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

WOMEN'S CHORUS invitation for new members to join them singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave. Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454. **CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES** singers needed, rehearsals at

Columbia High School, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

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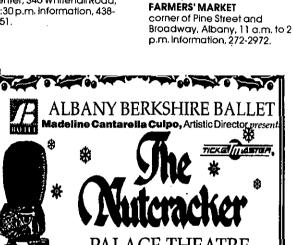
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Bellevue Woman's Hospital, Troy Rd., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.Appointment required. by calling, 346-9499. **SENIORS LUNCHES**

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PALACE THEATRE Albany, NY ✵ December 6, 1997 - 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. December 7, 1997 - 1:00 p.m. Tickets: \$26.00 \$22.00 \$14.00 Discounts: Seniors (60+) \$2.00 off Children (12 & under) \$5.00 off Tickets available at Palace Theatre Box Office (518) 465-4663

TicketMaster (518) 476-1000 Albany Berkshire Ballet (518) 426-0660 For group discounts call the Albany Berkshire Ballet at (413) 445-5382

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LECTURE

The Political Aftereffects of the Famine," Seamus Deane, award-winning author and poet, Irish literature and culture, Auditorium of St. Joseph Hall, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102. **BREAKFAST PRESENTATION** *Surviving the Transition: Meeting the Challenges Faced In the Formation of Healthcare

Allances," Institute for the Advancement of Health Care Management of the School of Business, University at Albany, New York State Nurses Association Conference Center, 11 Cornell Road, Latham, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Information, 442-3913.

WORKSHOP

*Take Back Christmas: Reclaiming the Holiday Spirit In a Consumer Society," Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

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SENIOR CHORALE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651. **SENIORS LUNCHES** Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road,

12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651. **CONCERNED FRIENDS OF**

HOPEHOUSE

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information,

465-2441.





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.

SENIORSLUNCHES Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651. **ROOFERS RECRUIT**

APPRENTICES

applications accepted by those at least age 18, Roofers Joint Apprenticeship Committee of the Capital District, Local 241, 890 Third St., Albany, 8 a.m. to noon. Information, 457-5519.



DECEMBER ALBANY COUNTY

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GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

Albany, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information, 465-2146.

presented by JAK Productions, Sage Junior College of Albany for the update of the State Open Space Conservation Plan, Gymnasium, Academy Road, State Department of Environmental Conservation. Guilderland Public Library, Route 20, Guilderland, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

WORKSHOP

TUESDAY

DECEMBER

ALBANY COUNTY

female incest survivors support

group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St

Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information,

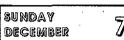
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ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER AND Information, 357-2048. REFLECTION Abba House of Prayer, 647 **TRUE FRIENDS**

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Western Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. tc 2:30 p.m. Information, 438-8320. SIBLING CLASS prepares young children for the

arrival of a new baby, Believue Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 10:15, 11:30 a.m. Information, 346-9410.



ALBANY COUNTY

DANCEPROGRAM

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

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



ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHES

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

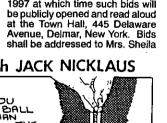
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of one (1) Stationary Emergency Power Gen-erator for the Department of Public Works Garage, 308 Kenwood Av-enue, Delmar, NY.

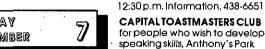
Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 1997 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud

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

489-0936.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Multiple Scierosis 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 aroup for recovering alcoholics,

Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

LEGAL NOTICE

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. ORIGI-NAL 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 25, 1997 (December 3, 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 "Com-pany") were filed with the Secre-tary 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

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ALBANY COUNTY

WINTERFARM Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

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

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING Russell Sage College, Sage Hall

Counseling Center, Iroy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550. **SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

MEETING

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



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-P.O. Box 5369 Albany, New York 12205

whom process against the Com-

pany may be served. The post office address to which the Secre-

tary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, Albany,

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Com-petitive 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 Tech-nologies, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE - 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 lo-

cated in Albany County. The Sec-retary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

cess 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 Corpo-rate Circle, Albany, New York 12703

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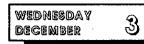
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LEGAL NOTICE

New York 12207.

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THE SPOTLIGHT



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

BETHLEHEM

BINGO

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

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

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

WELCOME WAGON

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

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857. Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886. ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512. SOLID ROCK CHURCH evening prayer and Bible study, Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave

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BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233 Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-

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BETHLEHEM BUSINESS

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., 7 p.m. Information, 765-

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ENERGETIC

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

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First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779. MOUNTAINVIEWEVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH evening service, Bible study and

prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390. FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870. **BOARD OF APPEALS TO MEET** Board of Appeals, 445 Delaware Ave, 7:30 p.m SUNSHINE SENIOR CITIZEN'S TO HOLD CHRISTMAS DINNER South Bethlehem Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, Fruit Punch happy hour starts at 12:30 a.m. Ham dinner served at 1 p.m.



BETHLEHEM

Information, 767-2484.

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RECOVERY, INC. self-help for chronic nervous

symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976. **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955. WHAT IS OSTEOPOROSIS AND **ITS IMPACT ON YOU"**

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave, 1:30 to 2:30 p.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 **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. in a local home, children's program and nursery provided for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

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

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P.O. Box 5349, Albany, NY 12205

Advent at Delmar Presbyterian Church 585 Delaware Avenue

Share the Spirit of

439-9252

Advent Services: 10:00am December 7, 14, and 21 December 24, 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service **Carols and Candle Lighting 11:00pm** Communion Service

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS 4-H group for ages 8 to 19. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush Road, 7 to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY DECEMBER

First Reformed Church of

information, 489-6779.

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YOUTH GROUP

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kiddush at sunset, '109 Elsmere

Five Rivers, 56 Game Farm Rd.,

non-members, \$2 for Five Rivers

Limited Members. Information,

NEW SCOTLAND

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m.

Information, 765-4410.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost, \$3 for

Ave, Information, 439-8280.

WILDLIFE ART EXHIBITION

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

HAMAGRAEL PTA TO HAVE Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

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CRAFTFAIR Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 475-1464.

AL-ANON MEETING

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT VOORHEESVILLE FIRE

DEPARTMENT Voorheesville Firehouse, Altamont Rd. Rt. 156, 8 a.m. to noon. Cost, Adults \$5, children under 5 \$3. Information, 765-4500.

Spotlight on Dining Italian & American Restaurant Sam's

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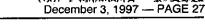
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LEGAL NOTICE. NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC 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 776AWatervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110.

(December 3, 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 Sec-retary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her 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 Lim-ited Liability Company Law. (December 3, 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 lim-ited liability company. The name of the partnership was COLUMBIA HAWKINSGROUP. 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 mem-bers. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Sec-retary of State is designated as the retary 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 & MÁZZOTTA, P.C. s/Christine A. Linn, Secretary (December 3, 1997)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC 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 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be lo cated in Albany County. The Sec-retary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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LEGAL NOTICE cess 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. (December 3, 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

the state in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Saratoga County. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited laibility company is to dissolve is June 1, 2050. FOURTH: The Secretary of

State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whorn 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 com-

pany is to be managed by one or more of its members

IN WITNESS THEREOF, 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

penaltirs of perjury. Frank A. Tate, Jr., Organizer (December 3, 1997)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY OMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia Chester Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on Octo-ber 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 desig nated 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. (December 3, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

OF THE RAND COMPANY, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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 Sec-retary of State of the State of New York is May 19, 1997.

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3. The county within the state in which the office of the limited liabil

Albany. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. The post office address within or with-out 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 Ar-

ticles of Organization shall be the filing date with the Secretary of State. (December 3, 1997)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC 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 ecretary 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 Corpo-rate Circle, Albany, New York 12703 (December 3, 1997)

NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability partnership ("LLP"). Name: Lutz, Cichy, Selig & Zeronda, Lim-ited 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.

(December 3, 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 be-ing 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 Com-

pany is IN THE KNOW, LLC. SECOND: The purpose of the

Company is to engage in any law-ful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be orga-nized 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 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 mem-

bers. WITNESS WHEREOF IN 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 (December 3, 1997)

NOTICE AS TO FORMATION OF CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE IPA, LLC

1. The name of the limited li-ability company is CHIROPRAC-TIC HEALTH CARE IPA, LLC.

2. The articles of organization were filed with the New York Sec-

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retary 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 pro-cess 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. (December 3, 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 No-vember 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 upor 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. (December 3, 1997)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION Law.

OF SSDR ENGINEERING, LLC Under Section 1203 of the Lim-

ited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a atural person of at least eighteen

(18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby be-ing 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 Com-pany is SSDR ENGINEERING, LLC.__

SECOND: The Articles of Organization were filed on Novem-

Ďer 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 uch Secretary of State shall be c

o SSDR 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 pro-fession of engineering and any law-ful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this day of November, 1997.

s/Michael W. McNerney, Sole Organizer

437 Luther Road East Greenbush, NY. 12144 (December 3, 1997)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Al-bany, State of New York has on the 25 day of November 1997, duly adopted, a resolution subject to

permissive resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to undertake the following improvements to Town Hall; reconstruct the Northeast corner of the building along with construction of a building addition to allow installation of a new elevator; construct a new entrance vestibule construct new storage areas for mechanical equipment and materials; and construct a new enclosed stairway from the sec-

ond floor which will meet current building code requirements for fire exits: improve handicap accessibility for the building; replace outdated electrical equipment; install new primary electrical service to building; replace the 20 year old emergency generator with a larger emergency generator capable of running the entire building; (the current generator can only carry part of the building);repair of masonry parapets and other related work, and, WHEREAS, it is estimated that

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and interest by general tax upon all

the taxable real property within the Town without limitation of rate or

amount. The faith and credit of the

Town are hereby irrevocably

pledged to the punctual payment

of the principal of and interest on said serial bonds and any notes

issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds. Such bonds and

notes shall be general obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be

obligated to levy ad valorem taxes on all property taxable by the Town

as may be necessary to pay such bonds or notes and the interest

thereon, without limitation as to

rate or amount. Provision shall be

made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the

amortization and redemption of the

serial bonds and any notes issued

in anticipation thereof to mature in such year for which no provision is

made to renew said notes, and (b) the payment of interest to be due

and payable in such year. If the Town incurs any cost with respect

to the purpose described in Sec-tion 2 prior to the issuance of any

such serial bonds or any such bond

anticipation notes, the Town expects to utilize general or special fund revenues to pay such cost and intends to reimburse itself therefor for such costs with the

proceeds of such serial bonds or

such bond anticipation notes. This

declaration of intent to reimburse

is made pursuant to the require-

ments of the United States Trea-

sury Regulations Section 1.103-18 and is intended to constitute a

declaration of official intent under

Section 6. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution

and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sec-

tions 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00, in-clusive, of the Local Finance Law

the power to authorize bond antici-pation notes in anticipation of the

issuance of the Serial Bonds au-thorized by this resolution and the

renewal of such notes and the

power to prescribe the terms, form

and contents of such serial bonds

and such bond anticipation notes,

and the power to sell and deliver

such serial bonds and any bond

anticipation notes issued in antici-

pation of the issuance of such

bonds is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Of-ficer of the Town. The Supervisor

is hereby authorized to sign any

serial bonds, and any bond antici-

pation notes issued in anticipation

of the issuance of said serial bonds,

and the Town Clerk is hereby au-

thorized to affix the corporate seal

of such Town to any such serial bonds or such bond anticipation

takes effect, this resolution shall be published in full by the Town

Clerk of such Town together with a notice in substantially the form pre-

scribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law and such pub-

lication shall be in a newspaper having a general circulation in said Town and published in Delmar, in

the County of Albany and State of New York. The validity of such

New York. The validity of such serial bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized

for purposes for which such Town

is not authorized to expend money

or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date or publication of this resolu-

tion are not substantially complied

with, and an action, suit or pro-ceeding contesting such validity, is

commenced within twenty (20)

days after the date of such publica-

tion, or if such obligations are au-thorized in violation of the provi-

sions of the Constitution of the

ply with the applicable provisions

of the State Environmental Quality

Review Act before any contracts

are entered into, any expenditures are made or any obligations are

issued for the purpose to be fi-

nanced with the foregoing obliga-

subject to permissive referendum and shall take effect in the manner

provided in Article 7 of the Town

presented for adoption by Mr. Lenhardt, seconded by Mr.

Johnson and passed-by the fol-

lowing vote: Ayes: Mrs Fuller, Mr. Putney,

Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Mr.

Dated: November 25, 1997 (December 3, 1997)

The foregoing resolution was

Section 9. This resolution is

Section 8. The Town will com-

State of New York.

tions

l aw

Johnson. Noes: None.

Section 7. After this resolution

notes and to attest such seal.

such regulations.

the costs of said improvements will be approximately \$780,000 and, WHEREAS, in recognition of

these needs, a portion of the funds for such construction and reconstruction have been placed in the General Fund Capital Reserve Account; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete these improvements to Town Hall; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve monies to fund this project up to a maxi-mum amount of \$300,000 and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Account funds necessary up to \$300,000 in said reserve fund: and,

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as setforth in Article 7 of the Town

> Town of Bethlehem Kathleen A. Newkirk

By: Town Clerk (December 3, 1997)

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 25, 1997, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$480,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUC-TION OF AN ADDITION TO AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN HALL AND APPRO-PRIATING THE PROCEEDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.

SUCH PURPOSE. RECITAL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Al-bany, State of New York, shall issue its serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to ex-ceed \$480,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, to finance the specific object or purpose hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific object or purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed by the issuance of such serial bonds is the construction of an addition to and the reconstruction of Town Hall, a building of Class "A" construction as defined in the Local Finance Law of New York, including but not limited to the construction of an addition to permit the installation of a new elevator, the construction of an entrance vestibule, new storage areas, new stairway and the installation of new electric service and generator, and related costs. The proceeds of such obligations

are hereby appropriated to such purpose. Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the esti-

mated maximum cost of such ourpose as heretofore determined by the Town Board is \$780,000 and that no money has heretofore been authorized to pay the cost of such purpose and the Town Board plans to finance the cost of such purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of the obligations autho-rized by this bond resolution and by applying \$300,000 to said pur-pose from the Town's General Fund

Capital Reserve Account. Section 4. It is hereby determined that the purpose described in Section 2 is a purpose described in Subdivision 12 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of such purpose is ten (10) years. Section 5. Each of the serial

bonds authorized by this resolu-tion and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the

sale of said serial bonds shall con-

tain the recital of validity as pre-scribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said serial

bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said serial bonds,

shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal

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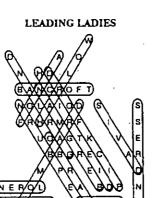
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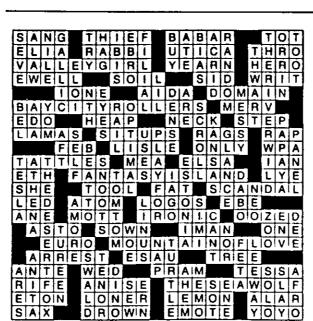
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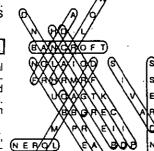
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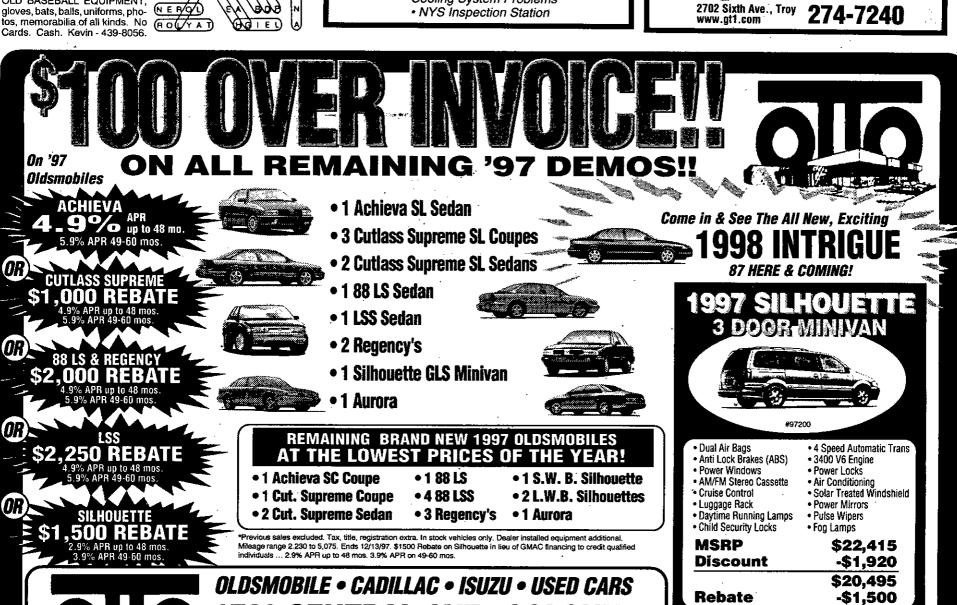




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Signs

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Coyne, who left office in disgrace following a felony conviction, was county executive back in 1979 when the county acquired the Lawson Lake property.

Another sign points to the heart of the current controversy over Lawson Lake — that \$297,000 in federal funds were used to buy a park that is closed to the general public, in undeniable violation of the conditions of the grant.

The metal sign notes that the park is "a cooperative project for outdoor recreation" between the federal Department of the Interior's Land-Water Conservation Fund and the New York State Parks and Recreation (which funneled the federal grant to the county and is now coordinating the investigation into the matter).

I stepped over the chain and walked into the park to get a pic-ture of the four "welcome" signs about 50 yards inside the chain from top to bottom, "Stop," "Keep out!," "Park closed" and "Do not enter."

There were dozens of snowmobile tracks visible on the main road into the Camp Opportunities area and on a trail that went along the east side of the lake.

Otherwise, the lake and woods

Delmar man earns promotion

James Sherin of Delmar has been elected vice chairman of the Retail Council of New York State.

Sherin is the council's senior vice president and director of government relations - positions he will retain.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Villanova University.

Prior to joining the council in 1984, he was an editor and legislative writer for the state Assembly's Minority News Service, and director of communications for the New York State Association of Realtors.

German groups plan **Christmas service**

The German-American Culture Club in Troy and the German Language School in Albany will cohost 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.

Welcome Wagon Club to exchange cookies

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club is organizing a cookie ex-change for Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.

Bring six dozen cookies of the same kind to share and take home six dozen different kinds of cookies

Call Bonnie Barba at 439-7938 by Friday, Dec. 5, to R.S.V.P..

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around it exemplified the quiet, natural beauty of winter. I could see why local outdoor activists are campaigning so diligently for access to the park.

As I walked past the signs to try to get a better look at the lake and the camp buildings, a pickup truck drove up outside the gate and parked in the road. A man got out of it and made it clear he wanted to talk to me.

Anthony Schipano, an employee of Camp Opportunities who is the caretaker and gatekeeper of the park, wondered if I could read.

I assured him that I could, identified myself as a Spotlight reporter and said that I didn't think I was trespassing since the property was not formally posted and, anyway, it's a public park.

"The park is not open yet," Schipano replied.

Indeed, it is not.

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have informal access and use the park now."

Republicans committee members Peter Clouse of Coeymans and Robin Reed of Selkirk said the Breslin proposal does not go far enough.

Clouse said the county should implement its own management plan, which calls for parking inside the camp gate, public access to a second, shoreline trail, and shoreline fishing.

In the future, the management plan envisioned allowing portable watercraft like canoes and building additional trails.

The point is to open the park to the public," Clouse said.

Reed charged that Breslin "only now is interested" in opening up the park "once a federal investigation has commenced."

While the county does not directly give money to Camp Opportunities, it does spend about \$15,000 a year maintaining the property, according to County Legislator Paul Laudato, R-Guilderland.

Bottle drive to help hospice

The Slingerlands Price Chopper on New Scotland Avenue will conduct a bottle drive throughout November to benefit Community Hospice of Albany County.

Shoppers can deposit their bottle returns in specially marked bins and Price Chopper will credit the refunds to hospice.

This drive is part of the National Hospice Month celebration during November. For information, call 1-800-678-0711.

Memorial trees honor deceased

Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar has renewed its affiliation with Lofty Oaks Association, a New Hampshire organization dedicated to reforestation and conservation efforts in New York.

The firm arranges to have a tree planted for each service that they perform to provide a living memorial in honor of the deceased and to renew the forest life of New York.

Honor society inducts student

Caroline Jenkins Slingerlands has been inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha, a new Greek honorary society founded by the Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council at St. Lawrence University in Canton, St. Lawrence County.



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