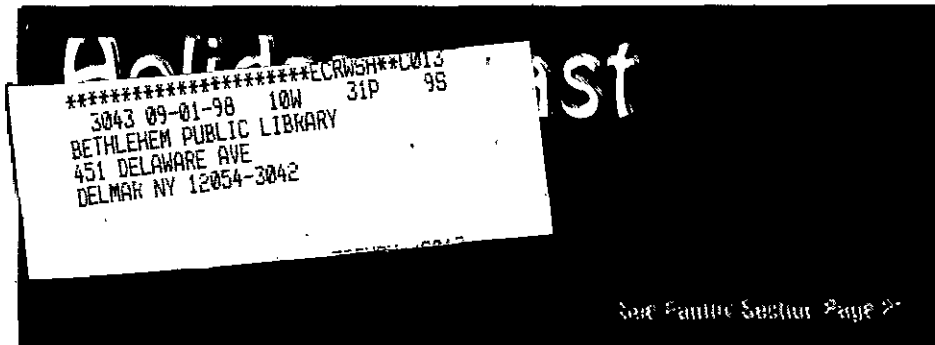


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## BC board hears data on full-day K program

By Dev Tobin

Despite new state incentive aid, moving from half-day to full-day kindergarten is not worth it, according to a report presented to the Bethlehem Central school board at last week's meeting.

The report examines both the possible educational advantages and necessary expenditures, in response to a request by parents that the district expand its kindergarten program.

Helen Salamone, director of the district's all-kindergarten Early Learning Center, reviewed recent educational research on the value of full-day programs.

Her review found that "Little evidence substantiates the long-term effects of full-day kindergarten," but that several studies "found the most consistent advantages accrue to children of low socioeconomic status, with bilingual and 'least-ready' students profiting the most."

She noted that doubling the kindergarten day from two and a half to five hours would not double instructional time.

"There's a lot of downtime — lunch, naps and work on group projects in the afternoon," she said.

Steve O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business, laid out three expenditure options, two of which — transferring existing elementary teachers to kindergarten classrooms and trying to find eight additional classrooms in the district — supporters of full-day

kindergarten said were unrealistic.

The third option is the most politically plausible, but also the most expensive — building a new, eight-classroom Early Learning Center at a cost of about \$2.5 million. O'Shea estimated that this option would cost district taxpayers, net after state aid, about \$1 million in the first year and about \$470,000 annually in subsequent years.

Superintendent Les Loomis noted that the district has other needs, especially dealing with enrollment growth at the high school and preparing every student to earn a Regents diploma.

"Is moving to full-day kindergarten the biggest

difference we can make for our students K-12?" he asked. "If we could provide an additional eight teachers anywhere in the district, where is the best?"

John Clarkson, a leader of the parents favoring full-day kindergarten, said O'Shea's analysis "significantly underestimates state aid in the outyears (after the first year) and overstates the cost impact of the building" by paying it off in one year, rather than borrowing to pay it off over 20 years.

On the educational value of a full-day program, "If you have to bring all students to a Regents level, wouldn't it make sense to give help to those who need it most?" Clarkson asked.

He argued that, because of the state incentive aid (about \$400,000 for the first year), consideration of full-day kindergarten is not "a zero-sum game,"

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**Little evidence substantiates the long-term effects of full-day kindergarten.**

Helen Salamone

## Sweet dreams



Doreen Costa of Delmar, a physical therapist with the Center for the Disabled, auditions for the Cerebral Palsy Telethon singing Linda Rondstadt's "Dream In My Dreams." Doug Persons

## Budget process begins

By Dev Tobin

The process of putting together the 1998-99 Bethlehem Central School District budget began last week, as Superintendent Les Loomis presented the

annual update of the district's long-range planning data.

With this year's elementary enrollment a little less than projected, Loomis said that elementary class sizes are the lowest in 25 years.

No additional staff will be needed at the elementary and middle school levels. But Loomis said the high school will have an estimated 64 more students next year, and so will need 3.7 to 6.4 additional full-time-equivalent teachers, depending on course signups.

Loomis said that high school students are taking more courses, an average of about six, which underscores the need for more teachers.

He added that the state's all-Regents-diploma mandate for current ninth-graders will likely require some additional high school staff, phased in over the next few years.

Using last year's estimated per-teacher cost of \$44,560, the expenditure for the additional high school faculty will range from \$165,000 to \$285,000 in a budget that will likely top \$43 million.

For 1998-99, Loomis recommended and the board approved moving a teacher from Elsmere Elementary School to

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## Crummles troupe readies stage trial



Jim Bell, left, Dan Laiosa and Jessica Burns rehearse for *Inherit the Wind*.

By Dev Tobin

While the O.J. televised circus may now hold the dubious title of trial of the century, an earlier claimant for the courtroom media event of the 20th century — the Scopes trial — has themes that still resound more than 70 years later.

So students in the Vincent J. Crummles Acting Troupe at Bethlehem Central High School chose for their fall drama *Inherit the Wind*, "a powerful and exciting play about the Scopes Monkey Trial," according to its director Frank Leavitt.

The play by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee dramatizes the trial of a Tennessee schoolteacher who deliberately violated a state law forbidding the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution.

Leavitt said that, in addition to its

## Bakers four



Hamagrael Elementary School students from left, Jordy Blumkin, Lindey Adewunmi, Emma Strachman and Matt Bell sold baked goods at the school craft fair Saturday.

Paul Deys

# BCMS girl suspended for assault on teacher

By Dev Tobin

A Bethlehem Central Middle School student who kicked and punched a teacher has been suspended from school and arrested for third-degree assault.

Jeannette Rice, a veteran health teacher at the school, was beaten about her legs, chest, arms and shoulders by an enraged 13-year-old girl Dec. 1 at around 3 p.m.

Rice sustained "numerous contusions" and was treated by her family physician, according to the police report.

Rice had intervened in a shouting match between the girl and another student after the school's final period.

BCMS Principal Stephen Lobban suspended the girl for five days (the maximum a principal can impose) and referred her for a disciplinary hearing this week with Superintendent Les Loomis, who could decide to impose an extended suspension.

The girl will also appear in Albany County Family Court on Dec. 22 at 9 a.m. to answer the assault charge, which is a Class A misdemeanor.

In the past, the girl has been disciplined for "problems with other students," but not for incidents with staff members, Lobban said.

"We are simply not going to tolerate physical assaults by students on students or on staff," he said.

The school staff "will do every-

thing we can to help the student, but we also need to ensure the safety of people who work here every day," Lobban said.

Loomis commended Rice for "excellent judgment, courage and perseverance in preventing the student from confronting another student and in preventing the student from leaving the building when she was so emotionally overwrought."

Loomis explained that the student's hearing will "deal with additional consequences, if any, and with the fact that clearly, she needs help."

A superintendent's hearing is a "very serious situation" at which Loomis, the school principal, a school guidance counselor, the parents and the student "work to develop a cooperative plan to turn that student's behavior around," Loomis said.

Loomis called striking a teacher "one of the ultimate transgressions," and added, "We won't allow any of our staff to be placed in physical jeopardy."

Roberta Rice, president of the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association, said that BC schools are "very safe, but people hear more about incidents like this because teachers are pressing charges."

The union encourages teachers to press criminal charges in assault cases to "show other students we take this seriously and to prevent it happening to a colleague," Rice said.

## Police continue probe of murder-suicide

Police in East Aurora, a suburb of Buffalo, are trying to figure out why a Delmar man drove five hours from Albany to Erie County to kill his ex-girlfriend and her roommate before turning the gun on himself.

"A five-hour trip and a lot of thinking in between," said East Aurora Police Chief William Nye.

Police said Robert J. Lowe, 28, of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, drove to East Aurora, walked into the apartment of 25-year-old Sandra L. Alstatter and 27-year-old Michael J. Eberhart at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

Police found the three bodies in the living room of the apartment house.

Nye said a witness heard someone walk up the stairs leading to the apartment, and "soon thereafter," heard what sounded like "five or six hammer raps."

"We haven't had a homicide here in 15 or 16 years," said lead investigator Steve Bierut.

The crime, said Nye, disturbs him because it is not a "typical" homicide between two spouses. The relationships between the three are not clear.

Lowe had reportedly been involved in a relationship with Alstatter sometime in the past. But Nye said he believes the two victims had been dating.

Michael Hallisey

## Man nabbed for felony DWI

Bethlehem Police arrested a Delmar man for felony driving while intoxicated after he was involved in a personal injury accident on Route 85 in North Bethlehem at approximately 5:06 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Police said Richard L. Shultes, 52, of 572 Delaware Ave., was driving south along Route 85 when he hit a stopped car 200 feet north of the intersection of Route 85 and Blessing Road.

Police said Shultes was reportedly talking on a cellular phone

and smoking a cigarette at the time the accident occurred.

Louise F. Marwell, 60, of Slingerlands was injured in the accident and was treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital.

Shultes was arrested on charges of felony DWI, because of a prior conviction, operation with suspended registration and no insurance.

He was scheduled to appear in town court Monday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m.



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# V'ville mulls \$6M school expansion

*Sixth-grade may move to high school as part of plan*

By Katherine McCarthy

The Voorheesville school board took another step toward meeting the district's need for more space Monday, as board members examined Assistant Superintendent for Business Anthony Marturano's "what if" scenario of having successfully floated a \$6 million bond issue.

"The \$6 million was based on recommendations made recently by Dominick DeSimone," said board president John Cole.

DeSimone, an independent consultant who retired from the bureau of facilities planning at the state Education Department, presented an assessment of Voorheesville's needs at the October board meeting.

He assessed the elementary school's needs for expansion to be 11,000 square feet, and the high school's to be 32,000 square feet, at an estimated cost of \$5,590,000 to the district.

Superintendent Alan McCartney said the package seemed "financially feasible," and suggested sending out requests for proposals to architects to get the board moving on the project.

Board member C. James Coffin stressed the need for a clearer sense of exactly what the board is looking to accomplish in its expansion.

"I'm not sure that this board has a clue about what we want right now," he said. "If we go out looking for request for proposals now, someone will take us where we don't want to go. What we're missing is the big discussion where we beat on each other about what the district wants."

Board member Erica Sufrin added, "I don't imagine that the public is well apprised of our space needs."

Steven Schreiber saw the need for a more succinct report on what the different parts of the package would do. One suggestion, that comes out of both a space need and program philosophy, is to move sixth-graders from the elementary school to join the other middle level students (seventh- and eighth-graders) at the high school. "Maybe we need a short statement about why we're moving the sixth grade," Schreiber said.

Marturano noted that it can take up to three months to hire an architect, and that the first phase of

requesting proposals is mostly to check out an architect's credentials, how they work and how they would charge the district.

Cole said a vote on a bond issue would not take place until after July 1, 1998, when the state will add 10 percent to its aid ratio. The

district's last major bond issue was \$8 million in 1988, to build the public library.

Marturano also announced that the village site for parking school buses, located behind the firehouse, will likely be usable around Christmas. Paving is completed and lighting is scheduled to be installed this week.

Marturano also hopes that the buses can be serviced there, although those details are being worked out.

Board member Nicholas Faraone also presented the board with an addendum to the recently adopted athletic program guidelines outlining expected behavior at sporting events.

Last night's portion set forth the administrative enforcement procedures, delineating the chain of command for reporting a violation, how to report offenses, what the penalties are, as well as the due process rights.

**Next September, we're looking at the strong possibility of having to teach classes in the cafeteria just to maintain the grade seven through 12 program currently in the building.**

Terence Barlow

Board members agreed to let Marturano proceed on that front, and scheduled January's meeting to be a public discussion of the expansion issue.

The Jan. 12 meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

High school Principal Terence Barlow stressed the need to address the issue promptly, as space needs are particularly acute at the high school.

"Next September, we're looking at the strong possibility of having to teach classes in the cafeteria just to maintain the grade seven through 12 program currently in the building," he said.

## Project needs more time

By Michael Hallisey

For two years nothing has been done about McCormack's Hollow, a 78.7-acre, 17-lot subdivision for Delmar.

The planning board granted approval for a preliminary plot plan in October 1994, and designers were to submit plans within six months. In April 1995, an additional 90 days was granted. However, after April, the town had not heard anything from McCormack's Hollow.

But last week, project consultant Edward Kleinke asked to board if he could pick up where he left off two years ago.

"I have a problem," said James Blendell, "It's been a period of two years from submission date for the preliminary plan. The deadline is six months after approval."

Board chairman Douglas Hasbrouck said the only problem is the state does not specify what his board can do once the deadline has passed. He said the regulations only state the board "could" ask the applicant to start the process over again, but no where does it say it should.

If there are no changes in the plans that were approved two years ago, Hasbrouck asked Kleinke to submit the plot design.

The proposed subdivision, which was first submitted in 1992, has not gone without protest.

For the proposed site located off North Street and North Street Extension, the town requested another access road be built to connect to Merrifield Place.

Neighbors protested in 1994 that the road was going to disrupt the neighborhood and would not alleviate traffic problems.

Merrifield Place resident Karl Parker stated in a letter to the board how many town residents are using near-by Hudson Avenue to avoid traffic jams at the Four Corners. He said the town should devise a master plan to solve the traffic issue, and felt the new Merrifield Place Extension would only be putting a Band-Aid on current problems.

The housing development also has issues from the past that could delay construction.

On Lot 17, land surveyor Paul Hite discovered remnants of a home that was possibly owned by the decedents of one of Bethlehem's earliest settlers.

On an 1851 map, there is a home documented as belonging to the Brandt family, which had lived in the town since 1630. Albert Andriessen Brandt de Norman was a Norwegian immigrant to this area. The name of the Normans Kill derives from his name.

Pieces of window glass, carpenter nails and slats used for roofing were found, as was evidence of the home's privies, a well and refuse pits where traces of food was found.

The find, according to Hite's report, is thought to provide "unprecedented" information on food trade in the Hudson Valley.

## Woodwork wizard



Steve Hotaling (a.k.a. The Handy Man) shows off some of his wooden craft items at the Hamagrael Elementary School craft fair Saturday. Doug Persons

## Richardson plans to offer Lawson Lake compromise

By Dev Tobin

County Legislator Michael Richardson, D-Albany, will propose substantially opening Lawson Lake Park to the general public at tonight's meeting of the Legislature's Conservation Committee.

Richardson, chairman of the committee, said his compromise resolution will basically embody the draft interim management plan drawn up by the county planning department in 1995, and will hopefully meet almost all of the concerns of those who have been pushing for opening the park.

"Let's roll up our sleeves and start working on a public use plan for the park," Richardson said. "Let's get this thing done."

In November, the committee had refused to report out a resolution calling for more limited public access, proposed by County Executive Michael Breslin.

The county has owned the 421-acre park on the Coeymans-New Scotland border for 18 years, and has reserved it almost exclusively for Camp Opportunities, a summer camp for Albany city youth.

The federal government gave the county a \$297,000 grant to fund about half 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.

Richardson said his proposal, like the draft management plan, offers access to a shoreline trail for hiking and fishing, two drop-off points for people who want to use canoes or other small non-motorized boats on the lake, handi-

capped accessibility, proper signage and, in general, year-round passive recreation access to all of the park, except for the facilities used by Camp Opportunities during the eight Monday-through-Friday periods that the camp is in session.

The two deviations from the plan are a 10-space parking lot about 200 yards south of the camp's west gate (rather than inside the gate, as in the draft plan) and requiring reservations for group/and/or facility use through the county Department of Public Works.

Richardson said there is \$25,000 in the county's 1998 budget for improvements at Lawson Lake. He said leaving the shoreline trail in its natural, sometimes wet state will substantially reduce the costs of opening up the park.

Richardson said he will also propose a new five-year license arrangement with Camp Opportunities for its use of the park.

County Legislator Peter Clouse, R-Coeymans, who worked on and has been pushing for implementation of the draft interim management plan, said he "could not comment on a proposal I haven't seen."

The Conservation Committee meeting is at 6 p.m. in the County Office Building, 110 State St., Albany.

### Holiday deadlines

The deadlines for advertising and community news for upcoming weeks will be as follows:

Dec. 24 issue - Thursday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m.

Dec. 31 issue - Wednesday, Dec. 24, at noon.

Jan. 7 issue - Friday, Jan. 2, at 5 p.m.

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# Cotazino launches flier investigation

*Candidate was maligned anonymously*

By Dev Tobin

One of the nastiest pieces of campaign literature in memory has prompted a defeated town board candidate to advertise to try to discover who was responsible for it.

New Scotland Democrat Joseph Cotazino came in third in the November balloting, losing by about 600 votes. Now he has engaged a "professional" to investigate the origin of the "Anyone But Cotazino" flier that was distributed by mail and hand the weekend before Election Day.

Cotazino has taken out ads in local weeklies, including *The Spotlight*, offering a reward for information leading to the positive identification of those who financed, produced and distributed the fliers.

"The lies and distortions in the flier go beyond dirty politics to character assassination," Cotazino said. "This kind of thing will discourage people from running" for local public offices.

He said the flier "was thrown out at the last minute to sway 300, 400 voters and it worked."

Cotazino denied ever saying the quotes attributed to him in the flier, and said the flier misrepresented his participation in several lawsuits, making it seem like he was the only plaintiff when he was part of a larger class of Orchard

Park homeowners or Building 8 state workers.

The flier states that it was "paid for by friends of Michael L. Burns," the town Democratic chairman whom Cotazino had strongly criticized in the past.

Cotazino said he was unaware of any investigation by Burns into the flier.

"What is he doing to find out who put his name on this piece of trash without his permission?" Cotazino asked.

He noted that his preliminary investigation "indicates a bi-partisan mailing by Democrats and Republicans."

If he finds that Democratic or Republican committee people were behind the flier, Cotazino said he will ask the county committees "for some kind of sanction against the people responsible for this."

He said his options also include pushing for criminal prosecution, if appropriate, and pursuing a civil suit for libel.

## Make a snowman at Delmar 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.

All materials will be provided. For information, call 439-9314.

## 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.

## Senior department offers programs

Bethlehem Senior Services Department will sponsor a series of health and wellness programs.

The programs are presented by public health nurses, a nutritionist, social worker and 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 ext. 170.

## 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.

The meeting will be followed by a holiday block, cookie and gift exchange.

# DWI cases adjudicated

The following dispositions were recorded in Bethlehem town court recently:

Dexter W. Boni, 22, of 413 Shannon St. in Schenectady pleaded guilty on Oct. 8, to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI). He was fined \$300 plus a \$25 surcharge. His licence was suspended for 90 days.

Michael Follis, 19, of 25 Forest Road in Delmar, pleaded guilty Nov. 3, to a reduced charge of DWAI. He was fined \$300 plus a \$25 surcharge. His licence was suspended for 90 days.

Scott G. Freeman, 30, of 1051 Outer Drive in Rotterdam, pleaded guilty on Oct. 21, to a reduced charge of DWAI. He was fined \$300 plus a \$25 surcharge. His licence was suspended for 90 days.

Dawn Koreman, 28, of 44 Summit Ave. in Albany, pleaded guilty on Nov. 3 to a reduced charge of

DWAI. She was fined \$300 plus a \$25 surcharge. Her licence was suspended for 90 days.

Michael S. Popowsky, 33, of 37 Kosciusko Ave. in Cohoes pleaded guilty on Nov. 18 to charges of DWAI. He was fined \$300 plus a \$25 surcharge. His licence was suspended for 90 days.

Stacey J. Hunt, 28, of 212 Hampton Place in North Greenbush, pleaded guilty on Dec. 2, to a charge of driving while intoxicated (DWI). She was fined \$500 plus a \$95 surcharge and her licence was revoked for six months.

Noah Sprissler, 21, of 80 Elm Ave. in Delmar, pleaded guilty on Nov. 3 to charges of DWI. He was fined \$500 plus a \$95 surcharge and his licence was revoked for six months.

The defendants will all also be required to attend a victim impact panel.

## Pizza Hut reopens

There's a fire at Pizza Hut on Delaware Avenue again, only this time it's the kind that cooks pizzas instead of the kind that shuts down business.

After being closed for seven weeks, the Delmar business is back in action, and will celebrate with a grand opening on Monday, Dec. 15.

"The community was really great about supporting us, and not going anywhere else till we reopened," manager Tony Naclerio said.

"We even had customers who phoned their orders in to our Madison Avenue location, and were great about waiting the extra time it took to deliver the pizzas," he said.

Naclerio said they'd like to give something back to the commu-

nity, and will be making a donation to the Elmsmere school. Fifteen percent of the money they earn between 4 and 8 p.m. during the grand opening will go to the school.

"We'd like to get more involved in the community," Naclerio said. "We'd like to do more school nights in the area." Pizza Hut first opened in that location in October of 1992.

As an immediate thanks, Naclerio said coupons will be distributed throughout town, and every customer will receive some sort of discount on Monday.

Anyone who purchases a pizza on Monday will receive some sort of discount, whether they take advantage of coupons available at the store or just happen in.

Katherine McCarthy



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## Local girl lands lead in Nutcracker

Hamagrael Elementary fifth-grader Susan Coulon will appear in a leading role in the Capital Ballet Company's production of *The Nutcracker*.


Coulon, 11, will play the role of Clara when the CBC and Albany Symphony Orchestra perform the *Nutcracker* Ballet at the Palace Theatre Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m.

A special performance will be held Friday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. for children in area schools.

Other Bethlehem dancers in the production include the following: Meghan Blake, Thea Carlson, Laura Conger, Christine Coulon, Katie Coulon, Rebecca Frazier, Lindsey Johnson and Abby Kahn.

And, Emily Karian, Adele Ricciardi, Jillian Ricciardi, Sarah Sandison and Jane Tsamardinos are also in the production

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## Father & son team up in computer venture

By Michael Hallisey

Put aside the tower hard drives, power notebooks and the 56,000 bps modems with high speed access to the Internet and you may see Solutions By Design for what it really is — a father and son store.

Donald Robbins opened his store in Main Square with his sons Gary and Donald Jr. in March. Though he calls himself the "money man" and president of the business, he said he only works part-time.

Don Jr., 22, has a business degree from Hudson Valley Community College. Gary, 19, has been working with computers throughout his teens.

Don Sr., 50, has been in the computer field since he graduated with a business administration and accounting degree in 1973.

"I've been doing consulting out of the house for years," he said. Now he and his two sons assemble computers, establish networking systems, install and write custom software out of their first-story office next door to Seattle Sub.

Gary, a self-proclaimed "vice-president" of Solutions, works full-time as a technician and salesman. For him, computers have been a serious hobby since he was 13. To help, he has received training on computers through classes with DataTech in Albany.

Now, Gary said he is able to decipher the language of customers flustered by problems with their computers.

"I know the whosawhatsits from the whatchamicallits," Gary said, "because that's the way everyone looks at it."

Many people who walk into their doors talk like that, Gary said. Ignorance is something that should not discourage people from dealing with computers.

"The only way to really learn about computers is to be hands on," he said.

Solutions is willing to help people learn more about one particular software program, said Don Sr. But, if a patron needs help with just the basics, they will refer them to Cyber Haus down the street ("We help each other out," he said.)

Though Solutions sells computers, one will not see a stockpile of personal computers in their store.

"Everything we have is order," Gary said. "By not stocking it, we actually save the customers money."

He explained that the ever-advancing computer technology changes the price on computers on a frequent basis. "We can call in a computer today and it will cost \$50 less tomorrow."

Don Sr. said, "It used to be in the '80s, computer technology advanced once every three years. Now, it's every three months."

But people should not be afraid to invest into a computer because of fear of having it become obsolete in a few years, Gary said.

## Check out books in a.m. program

By Susan Graves

Anyone who spends at least five minutes with Helen Adler can intuitively surmise she is a teacher, a writer, an artist, even a magician of sorts, with her use of words.

And thanks, in part, to a grant from the New York State Council for the Humanities, there's an opportunity to get much more than five minutes worth of Adler at her Books in the Morning series, which runs through April.

For Adler, the program is a way to share literary and life experiences.

"It adds grist to my mill that the elderly are recognized, through programs like books in the Morning," said Adler, whose next session will be on Friday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue.

Adler began Books in the Morning in 1984, following her retirement as an English teacher from Bethlehem Central High School.

"It seemed to me what I had done in the classroom was movable," she said, as indeed it was, given the program's success. Adler said she is delighted with her audience who bring wisdom and experience to literature they are discovering or rediscovering.

"It's just an incredibly responsive, appreciative group," Adler said.

The program was initially presented at the library, but has since moved under the umbrella of the Humanities Institute of Lifelong Learning, which was created by Adler and her husband Fred.

In the morning program, Adler chooses works from authors some might shy away from because of their literary stature, for example, Henry James, James Joyce, Virginia Woolf and William Faulkner.

"Most people are terrified when they hear the name Faulkner or James," she noted, partly because these authors were required read-



Helen Adler

ing for many of the program participants who are happily rediscovering what they might have suffered through in high school or college.

She said participants often discover a commonality with the authors because of their life experiences.

"It's a great feeling for them to know they have been in the same place as the authors," she said.

"It's amazing how these people have had experiences that boggle the mind," Adler said. "They have been 'in these woods,' much the same as the authors were. We're tying it into what is real in human life."

Adler takes great delight in her "students" and what they bring to the program.

"Age is a wonderful thing to take to art," she said.

In the January program, Adler will discuss Edith Wharton's *The House of Mirth*.

For a complete list of remaining programs, call 439-9661.

In addition to the humanities grant, Books in the Morning receives support from Price Chopper, the Unlimited Feast, Stewart's, Bob and Nancy Lynk and Paul and Bonnie Ryan.

## Indian Ladder Farms to host 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 horse-drawn sleigh rides, tunes from Fraser and the Firs, stories by Mary Murphy, visits with Santa, a living manger scene and much more.

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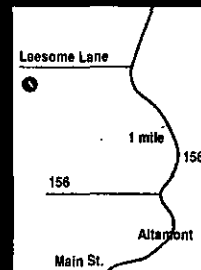
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### Lend a hand

Although budgets are often strapped during the holidays, it is a time when we are asked to give to many worthy causes. It is also a time when we sometimes feel overwhelmed by the number of requests for help.

Telephone solicitations are relentless and often come at inopportune times — usually at the dinner hour. And often only a small percentage of your telephone donation goes to charity. But there are causes close to home that are far less intrusive and most deserving of our support.

In Bethlehem, the Festival Fund campaign and the Kiwanis Club Bell of Life are in full swing.

The Festival Fund only asks for community support once a year during the holidays. The fund is dedicated to assisting fellow community members who need a temporary helping hand. A nice thing about the fund is that help is rendered quietly and quickly, without any red tape or fanfare. Much of what is given goes for simple, yet necessary things — shoes for a child, eyeglasses, food baskets, money for prescription medicine for someone who is temporarily uninsured.

Many fund recipients often become donors themselves when they get back on their feet. You can help out by sending a donation to Greg Jackson, PO Box 341, Delmar 12054.

The Kiwanis Club raises money at this time of year to benefit the Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center. For \$1, a Bell of Life is posted at local businesses. And like the fund, almost 100 percent of what is collected goes directly to the cause. This is an ongoing effort by all local Kiwanians to raise \$500,000 for the trauma unit over the next five years.

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The Albany County Sheriff's Department has launched its sixth annual Christmas in the Hilltowns drive and will use the proceeds for both food and toys for families.

To contribute, make your check payable to ACS D Hilltown Christmas Fund and send to Sgt. Mike Winnie, c/o Albany County Sheriff's Department, 390 New Salem Road, Voorheesville 12186.

These fund-raisers deserve our support. Lend a helping hand — it will be heartily appreciated.

### Going the distance

The Voorheesville school district has taken a bold step toward the future, with the board's decision to begin distance learning next fall.

Distance learning through interactive TV in the classroom is a way to truly broaden students' knowledge of a subject and the world. With fiber optics already in place at the high school and nearly ready to go at the elementary school, the district is already poised to begin distance learning.

Superintendent Alan McCartney is right on target when he says that distance learning will provide students with greater opportunities. One way that is accomplished is by plugging into a course that isn't offered at Voorheesville, such as Russian.

In this high-tech age, students should find distance learning to their liking. And teachers will find sharing with colleagues throughout the country a broadening experience.

The \$50,000 cost of the program is modest and in the long run will probably be a money-saver, allowing teachers to have in-service workshops and conferences in their home schools without traveling. They will also be able to hear speakers, who would otherwise have to be brought in at the district's expense.

This is an exciting educational venture that should only strengthen Voorheesville's curriculum.

Other schools would do well to look into distance learning because of its obvious advantages.

## Editorials

# Chew on some food for thought

By Anne-Marie Davee

The writer is a nutritionist with Hannaford grocery stores.

When it comes to food safety, what you don't know can hurt you.

One in 10 Americans will contract a foodborne illness this year, most resulting in stomach aches and cramps, others causing more serious illness.

Continuing news reports of e.coli-contaminated beef, salmonella-laced chicken and unpasteurized apple juice serve to reinforce everyone's fears, but there are some simple steps people can take to protect themselves.

To help, I've created a list of the Top 10 myth-breakers when it comes to food safety:

#### 1. Washing your hands of it

Myth: If you wash your hands, you'll kill bacteria.

Reality: Unless you wash for a full 20 seconds using hot water and soap, thoroughly dry your hands and clean all surfaces you touched before washing, you can't be assured of killing bacteria. Good handwashing is, nonetheless, one of the most underrated ways to prevent contamination or cross-contamination when preparing foods.

#### 2. Bleach is not just for laundry anymore

Myth: You can't use chlorine bleach to clean countertops and cutting surfaces because it's toxic.

Reality: When mixed properly with water, chlorine bleach is perfectly safe and highly effective in sanitizing countertops, cutting boards, equipment and utensils.

#### 3. The big thaw

Myth: It's OK to thaw frozen foods on the countertop.

Reality: You should never thaw foods, especially meats, poultry or seafood this way. Bacteria grows

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most rapidly at room temperature or above, anywhere from 40 degrees to 140 degrees. Thawing food on a countertop can reach this temperature in about two hours, becoming a breeding ground for bacteria. You should always thaw foods in the refrigerator, under cold running water or use a microwave to speed-up the process.

#### 4. When once is not enough

Myth: Pre-washed fruits and veggies don't need to be washed again.

Reality: Wash all fruits and vegetables, even pre-washed items, to remove any dirt which can hold illness-causing bacteria. Also, remove outer leaves from vegetables to expose any hidden dirt.

#### 5. Only temperature will tell

Myth: If it's not pink, it's safe to eat

Reality: The color of meat is not a true indicator of doneness — you need to use a meat thermometer to be sure. If harmful bacteria like salmonella or e.coli are present, only thorough cooking will destroy them. So checking food's internal temperature is the only sure-fire way to tell when it's safe.

#### 6. Playing it safe

Myth: You can use the same dish to carry food to and from the grill or oven.

Reality: Cooked meat, poultry and seafood should never be placed on the same dish used to hold it when it was raw, unless the dish has been washed thoroughly with hot, soapy water. Putting cooked food in contact with the same surface as raw food re-exposes the food to the same bacteria you are trying to kill by cooking it.

#### 7. The law of leftovers

Myth: As long as takeout or buffet foods are cooked, you can leave them out as long as you want.

Reality: Takeout foods, restaurant leftovers and buffet or party foods must be refrigerated within two hours. Treat leftovers the same as uncooked foods. Wash your hands, utensils, and work surfaces before and after handling them. Reheat them to an internal temperature of 165 degrees and when in doubt, throw them out.

#### 8. Dented won't do

Myth: Even if a can is dented, its contents are still fine.

Reality: Never buy anything in a dented, punctured, rusted or bulging cans. Dents and punctures make food susceptible to contaminants. Also, always wash the lids of canned goods before opening them, so if the lid drops into the can, it won't contaminate the contents.

#### 9. The dating game

Myth: You have to use a product by the date on the package, otherwise it's no good.

Reality: Not necessarily. Different dates mean different things. For example, a sell-by date indicates how long the store should display the product, not its date of perishability. A best-if-used-by date refers to best flavor or quality, not safety. And a use-by date shows the last date the product will be at its peak quality.

#### 10. Don't blame the mayo

Myth: Foods containing mayonnaise will spoil faster.

Reality: Believe it or not, mayonnaise is not the bad guy. Mayonnaise actually helps retard bacterial growth. It's the high-protein foods you mix with mayonnaise such as eggs, chicken and tuna that accelerate bacterial growth and make your salads spoil.

To learn more about food safety, log on to Hannaford's home page at [www.hannaford.com](http://www.hannaford.com) or contact our consumer hotline at 1-800-213-9040 for advice and helpful tips.

Most food poisoning or food-related illness is entirely preventable if you follow a few simple rules — play it safe when it comes to preparing, cooking and storing them.

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**Your Opinion Matters**

**Businessman sees need to restore pride**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Everybody has to come to the party. There's been lots of talk on how to improve Bethlehem's image, and I've been one of the ones doing the talking. We all want the same things, but the common roadblock is how we get there.

I've got a few ideas, but first I think everybody has to be honest on how we got here and why we haven't changed yet.

My personal opinion is that a decade or more ago, large discount stores weren't a big part of our landscape, and Bethlehem had lots of small shops, which distinguished the town from any other. In the '80s, the economy was strong, and people were more interested in convenience and placed a stronger emphasis on saving time rather than money. After all, most assumed time is money.

I also believe some businesses took advantage of this and began to inflate their prices at the same time large discount stores targeted the Albany area for extensive growth.

At first, the consumer noticed a big savings, but then local businesses realized that people were now more concerned with their wallet than saving time. So they too joined the bandwagon of giving fair prices.

The consumer never came back, and now the opposite is happening. Instead of shopping locally, consumers will drive 10 to 15 miles to save 25 cents on a gallon of milk or \$2 on a gallon of paint. When you consider the wear and tear on your automobile, gas, long hours wasted in lines and the time traveling, you're really behind when it comes to money. It's become a game of

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"How much can I save," and it's costing everybody.

The fact is that Bethlehem and Loudonville were always considered the jewels of the Capital District, and now people outside our town are calling our town "dumpy."

It's time to restore pride in this town. Everybody has to get involved to improve Bethlehem's image. I offer three ideas to restore the town.

- Businesses have to create a clean, well-kept inviting atmosphere. We have to keep the shelves stocked and seriously listen to our customers' concerns.

- Residents have to refamiliarize ourselves with what the town has to offer. Drive through the town, flip through the phone book or talk to friends. We have to make a conscious effort to shop here.

- Bethlehem First should be expanded and strengthened. The committee should listen to concerns of both consumers and business owners to create a more inviting environment. It would also be responsible for luring new businesses into Bethlehem and for special events such as decorating the town for holidays, block parties and contests. It also would be a go-between for business and the zoning board to make responsible decisions regarding our community.

As I've said before, I believe the zoning board scares existing businesses from expanding and

new businesses from coming here. We need a friendlier zoning board. The committee might consist of a member from each local business and concerned citizens.

*Bruce Hess*

Ocean Deck Seafood Market

**Happy with C-Span**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to express my gratitude for Cablevision's decision in the fall to restore C-Span 2 to 24 hours.

Happy C-Span viewing to all who enjoy it.

*Virginia Olthoff*

Citizens for C-Span

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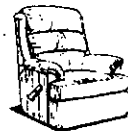
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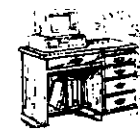
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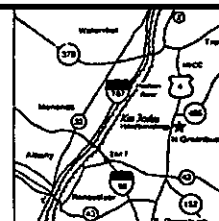
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# Town needs attitude adjustment

Editor, The Spotlight:

According to a recent article in *The Spotlight*, the Bethlehem town board's humbug attitude over the sale of Christmas trees on a town family's property disappoints me, yet doesn't surprise me.

I am a lifelong resident of the Capital District and have lived in Bethlehem since 1977.

What I have witnessed in the town in the past few years has particularly distressed me.

It is no wonder businesses, small and large, don't move into this town, and it is very clear why others are moving out. I feel that this town's attitude toward business and the like has become so controlling that the town I once respected and was proud to be a resident of is starting to look like a ghost town.

What has happened to Delaware Plaza and Four Corners? Two of the top business centers in town are looking empty and crumbled. It saddens me to see some of the stores at the Four Corners — some empty, some with badly peeling paint.

This is certainly not the town where I grew up. I hope things improve.

Considering many of the campaign promises I heard in the fall, I challenge those that govern and represent the town to stick to their promises.

There is much work to be done in order to repair Bethlehem's sagging appearance. The town can remain a top-notch community without looking so pathetic.

I hope the town board members see the light and consider this a priority. It certainly is to me — a registered voter.

Brian J. Smith

Slingerlands

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# Delmar resident sees merit in CMI proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

The CMI senior housing proposal presented to Bethlehem residents on Sept. 22 was particularly relevant for the times. Affordable assisted living facilities are still in short supply in the United States, and we will need many more of them over the next few decades as our population ages.

I thought that company officials handled the initial meeting with residents quite well, leaving most complainants with the feeling that the problems raised would be solved. I hope they will.

Further, I hope that everything possible will be done to secure the proposed site near the library for this facility. The subject of convenient housing came up often during my interviews with dozens of seniors throughout Bethlehem as I collected material for our two bicentennial books.

Most want to live within easy walking distance to the library, town hall, the Four Corners and their churches. They love our town and want to be part of the action during their waning years.

The more I thought about it,

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the more I realized that I am like most of them. That is why I volunteered to help CMI Senior Housing and Health Care achieve their goals in Bethlehem.

Some of us remember that it was Tom Corrigan's dream to build senior housing on the library site, and the disappointment we felt when his excellent plan went astray. Now we have another chance. Let's not let this opportunity pass us by.

It is time for seniors to present their own case for appropriately located housing they may need themselves in a few years. I am organizing a trip to CMI's assisted living facility in the Boston area to become completely convinced of the worthiness of their approach to senior housing.

Call me at 439-6391 to let me know if you would like to become a spokesman for this worthy cause, and if you are interested in making the trip with me.

Floyd Brewer

Delmar



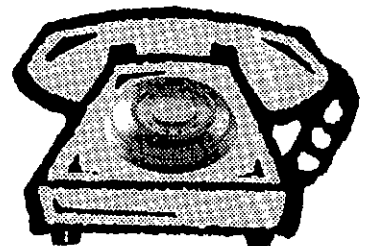
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# Parents favor current kindergarten structure

Editor, The Spotlight:

*Spotlight* readers are probably aware of the recent discussions at school board meetings concerning full vs. half-day kindergarten. There are, however several important issues that readers should also know.

This is not an issue affecting only future kindergarteners. Because of the increases in expenditures and strains on staff and facilities, this proposal affects all students and indeed all taxpayers.

The board is examining three different ways in which our district could provide full-day kindergarten. The least costly method under consideration would be to transfer existing grade-one-through-five teachers to kindergarten assignment.

Using this year's enrollment as an example, eight teachers would leave their current assignments and begin teaching kindergarten. This would increase the grade-one-through-five average class size from the current ratio of 22.3 to 24.7.

The second option involves adding eight more kindergarten teachers and finding eight classrooms within the elementary schools, possibly by eliminating an art or music room from each school. This would cost the district, after possible state aid is subtracted, \$134,096 the first year and \$383,030 each year thereafter.

The third option would be to build a new center. Can you believe our wonderful Early Learning Center, not even a year old, is already obsolete? This would cost the district, after state aid is subtracted, \$1,088,316 in year one and an additional \$469,750 each additional year.

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A review of research in this area since 1970 finds little evidence of any lasting or significant benefit to students through full-day programs. Studies show that full-day programs are most beneficial for low socioeconomic students and students at risk.

It is in communities with the highest number of these students where state aid should be focused. For those students in need of special intervention within our district, there are programs already in place. If these programs need to be improved, it makes more sense to target our attention there rather than changing our entire system.

If we want to spend more money on early education, we can do so in ways that have been proven to benefit students at this stage of development—improving staff to student ratio, adding a foreign language component to the curriculum and increasing staff training.

The school board is scheduled to vote on this issue on Jan. 7. They will be listening to arguments at their Dec. 17 meeting. The group supporting full-day kindergarten is well-organized and has been very successful getting their arguments heard. The board has heard little from those of us who oppose full-day kindergarten.

Do we want to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a plan that provides little or no benefit to the majority of our students? Do we want to take funding away from

successful programs, strain faculty and classroom space for an idea that at best will provide nothing more than a convenience for some parents? Do those of us who firmly believe that a half-day program is best for our young children want to let this go through without letting our feelings be known?

Please consider attending the school board meeting on Dec. 17. Please take a few minutes to write the school board. It will make a difference. And please feel free to call either of us (at 478-9662 or 478-0329) for other ways to become involved.

*Leona Kassoff  
and Jennifer Kaler*

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**Your Opinion Matters**

**Need for full day K not justified**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The new Early Learning Center at Slingerlands Elementary School is working well from what I've heard.

However, the request by some parents to have this become a full-day kindergarten is an expense the

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district should not have to bear. I strongly agree with Superintendent Les Loomis that the cost would be considerable. Taxpay-

ers just approved spending \$14.8 million on Bethlehem schools with last year's bond.

A full-day kindergarten is too long for some children and too expensive for taxpayers. Additional teachers and classroom space would be needed, and the need is not justified.

I applaud the members of the school board who keep in mind the fact that Bethlehem school taxes are very high now and will only continue to increase as long as more residential subdivisions are being built. The majority of buyers of these single-family homes are families with young children.

I don't blame them for wanting to go to good schools, but the sheer volume of kids moving here must be slowed and business construction hurdles lessened to alleviate the school tax burden.

*James Murray*

Selkirk

**Parent likes half-day program**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to express my support for the current half-day kindergarten program at Bethlehem. I am the parent of a 4-year-old who will attend kindergarten next year and a 2-year-old.

I am excited about sending my children to the Early Learning Center, where I am confident that they will receive a wonderful beginning to their educational careers. Bethlehem is well known for its excellent school system which has always been top-notch, starting with the kindergarten program.

On Jan. 7, the school board is going to make a decision as to whether or not to go to full-day kindergarten, starting with the 1998-99 school year.

I urge people who are in support of the current half-day program to attend the upcoming Dec. 17 school board meeting as well as the Jan. 7 meeting, where this issue will again be discussed. Sup-

port is needed to keep this wonderful program as it is.

If kindergarten were to go to full-day, space is obviously an issue. Eight new classrooms would be needed, and the best option would be to build yet another Early Learning Center. To ask taxpayers to spend money on another learning center, not to mention the staff needed to run it, is entirely unfair considering the fact that we have an excellent program in place already.

If new money needs to be spent, it could certainly be used for increased Challenge programs at the elementary level or to staff and make room for more students at the middle and high schools.

Educationally, full-day does not make a large impact except for the "least ready" students. These students are currently being educationally served at the Early Learning Center.

A full day would include time for lunch, recess, extra or longer specials (physical education, music) and perhaps a rest time. This leaves little time for more academics. Children learn when they are developmentally ready to do so, forcing many into a full-day program will not further them academically if they are not ready. It is more important to have the quality of a half-day program than the quantity of full-day.

Again, please let yourself be heard if you are in favor of the current kindergarten program. Write a letter to the school board and attend the Dec. 17 and Jan. 7 meetings.

*Linda Seymour*

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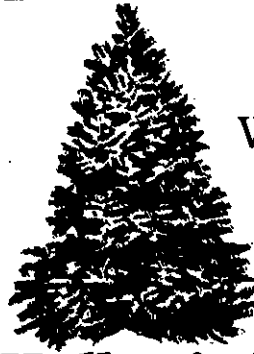
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# Cable viewer questions reason for rate hike

Editor, The Spotlight:

I recently received notice of a rate increase from George Smede, general manager of Cablevision. However, there is no address for Mr. Smede. I called the company on Dec. 1 to attempt to talk to someone about the increase. After waiting on the line for about five minutes, I hung up.

It is my understanding that under the franchise agreement with the town of Bethlehem, the town board can have Cablevision explain rate increases.

I urge the board to ask Mr. Smede to explain the \$2.24 rate increase for family cable. With the town fee, the monthly cost will be \$28.06.

Is the rate increase because the Golf Channel has been added, inflation or for another reason?

I am not interested in the Golf

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Channel, but would be interested in some other additions to family cable.

I think other cable subscribers would be interested in Mr. Smede's explanation.

Sherwood Davies

Delmar

## Delmar library plans Medicare forum

Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will offer a forum for senior citizens and their families entitled Medicare at a Crossroads: Changes and Choices for Consumers on Friday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m.

Michael Burgess, Executive Director of the New York State-wide Senior Action Council, will talk about recent Medicare changes and discuss health care options and consumers' rights.

The program is part of the library's FYI Fridays series of informational programs for senior citizens and other interested adults.

Coffee and tea will be served. For information, call 439-9314.

## Bootery collecting shoes

The Delmar Bootery will participate in the third annual Shoes for the Shoeless program.

Shoe repair stores across the nation will be collecting wearable shoes for men, women and children until Dec. 15th.

All shoes will be picked up by Adventist Community Services and distributed to those in need throughout the Capital District.

People can donate shoes by bringing them to Delmar Bootery stores at Stuyvesant Plaza or 376 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Shoes should be tied together. Don't put shoes in boxes.

The bootery collected 6,000 pairs of shoes for the program last year. This year's goal is 15,000.

For information, call 438-1717.

## Delmar man in light opera role

Dick Harte of Delmar will play the part of The Hon. Gerald Bolingbroke in the Schenectady Light Opera Company's upcoming performance of *Me and My Girl*.

Performances are scheduled for Dec. 11, 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. and

Dec. 7 and 14, at 2 p.m. at the Opera House on 826 State Street in Schenectady.

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**Middle level concert set for tonight**

The middle level concert is set for tonight, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program includes performances by the seventh-grade band directed by Christopher Jantson, the eighth-grade band directed by Charles Reader and the middle level chorus under the direction of Julie Watts.

The community is invited to attend this free event.

**Kiwanis to sell trees and wreaths**

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland is selling freshly cut Christmas trees and wreaths 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.

**Old Songs to present annual holiday concert**

Old Songs' holiday concert

Nowell Sing We Clear, is set for Saturday, Dec. 13, in two performances at 3 and 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple on Maple Avenue (Route 146) in Altamont.

The program of traditional carols accompanied by fiddle, banjo, melodeon, concertina and piano features John Roberts, Tony Barrand, Fred Breunig and Andy Davis.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under.

Reservations are recommended by calling 765-2815.

**Mountainview Church plans children's musical**

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church will host a performance of free Gift, a children's musical for Christmas by Pam Andrews on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the church on Route 155 in Voorheesville.

Everyone is invited to this free event. For information, call 765-3390.

**PTA schedules December meeting**

The next elementary PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the school li-

brary.

**PTA plans fun night with River Rats**

The PTA is sponsoring another family fun night with the River Rats at the Pepsi Arena on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$9.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Tickets include a coupon for a free Friendly's sundae and a buy one, get one free certificate from Laser Trek.

There will be a free raffle drawing for children, and everyone will have a chance to meet Santa Claus at the game.

The deadline to order tickets at school is Thursday, Dec. 11. For information, call Jeff Klembczyk at 765-4987.

**Support PTA through coupon book**

The PTA is selling Entertainment Ultimate and Entertainment Values books. They make great holiday gifts and help support the PTA.

The Ultimate book costs \$40. The Values book is \$20. Both books are on display in the elementary and high school offices and are valid upon purchase.

Order forms were sent home from school. Books will be sold until Jan. 2.

For information, call Trish Thorman at 765-4506.

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air on Saturday, Dec. 13, when Cub Scout Pack 73 will carol throughout the village of Voorheesville starting at 4 p.m.

**Learn snow photography at Thacher Park**

Learn tips and techniques for photographing snow-covered landscapes with professional photographer Warren Burton on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. at Thacher Park in New Scotland.

Participants should bring a camera and tripod, if possible. Meet at the Paint Mine parking lot for this free program.

Call 872-1237 to confirm as the program is weather dependent.

**Indian Ladder sets holiday open house**

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

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

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.

**Trustees change meeting date**

The Voorheesville board of trustees meeting has been changed to Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at village hall on 29 Voorheesville Ave. The trustees normally meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The village planning commission meets on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall.

**Apply now for tax exemption**

Voorheesville residents who turn 65 by Jan. 1 and have total incomes below \$26,000 are eligible for an exemption on village taxes. Applications must be filed by Dec. 31.

For information and an application, call the village office at 765-2692.

**Five Rivers to train winter volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to teach students about the outdoors at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Five Rivers offers programs for school groups every fall, winter and spring on a variety of environmental topics, including wetlands, forests and wildlife.

In winter, classes are taught about the challenges of cold weather and how wildlife survive. Many winter classes are taught on snowshoes.

Training will be provided for those interested in teaching children about the outdoors.

Winter instructor training sessions begin on January 5. Other training sessions are offered in early March and April.

For information, call 475-0291.

**Delmar library has new trustee**

John Cody will fill the unexpired term of Roger Beck on the Bethlehem Public Library's board of trustees.

He is required to run for reelection during regular board elections in May.

Cody, a Delmar resident, is an attorney for Albany Medical College.

As events committee chair of the Bethlehem First task force, he coordinated the annual town-wide cleanup day in 1996 and 1997.

**Delmar residents join real estate group**

Douglas Schenk has joined the Guilderland office of Noreast Real Estate Group.

Schenk, who resides in Delmar, previously worked with ReMax Property Professionals.

Tina Stanoski of Delmar has joined the Delmar office of Noreast Real Estate.

Schenk and Stanoski specialize in the marketing and sales of residential real estate. Schenk can be reached at 456-0400. Stanoski's number is 439-1900.

**Sign-ups set for town parks**

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department starts its lottery-style drawing of mailed registration for winter programs on Friday, Dec. 12.

Telephone and in-person registration starts Tuesday, Dec. 16, for any remaining openings.

Payment must be included with all registrations. Mastercard and Visa are now accepted.

Most programs begin the week

of Jan. 5. All program information is contained in the recently mailed Bethlehem Report.

Participants must be residents of the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.

For information, call 439-4131. The parks office in Elm Avenue Park is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Dinner planned to honor coach**

Bethlehem Central Cross Country Track & Field Boosters is planning for an appreciation dinner for December 27 to honor former cross country coach John Nyilis.

Nyilis retired after coaching the cross country team for 34 seasons, and is thought to have coached

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## Simcha Hebrew School welcomes students

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

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

## RCS schools tune up for winter concerts

This year's Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School holiday concert will be on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The public is welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served during intermission.

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

Becker Elementary School grade-four students will present the school's annual musical on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the school.

### Soccer slates meeting at middle school

The RCS Youth Soccer Club will meet in Friday, Dec. 12, at the middle school.

### PTA announces meeting date

Becker School PTA will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. at the school.

### RCS changes phone numbers

RCS switchboard telephone numbers have changed. The new number is 756-5200. Other num-

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### Scouts to meet at Becker School

Cub Scout Pack 81 will meet tonight, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Becker School.

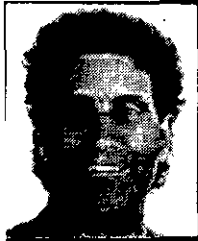
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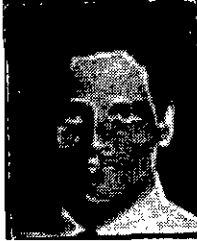


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Your best bet to avoid these problems is preventative care. If you think you are headed for a bad situation, make an appointment to get it fixed now. Sometimes the old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is so true.

About TMJ: if you are prone to jaw joint pain, take small bites of food, avoid tough foods and practice relaxing tense jaw muscles. If you find yourself clenching or grinding your teeth, make a special effort to let your jaw relax and allow it to droop slightly. The tension, and maybe even your headache, will leave and you'll feel better soon.

For the unlucky people who get smitten by Murphy's Law and do develop a dental condition, contact your dentist. They will be more than happy to help. Most importantly, have a wonderful holiday!

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**Delmar church offers children's programs**

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

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# Hanukkah's traditional treats

By Katherine McCarthy

Hanukkah is the Jewish celebration of lights which this year begins on December 24 and lasts for eight nights.

"Hanukkah is the commemoration of the overthrow of the Greek king Antiochus in 163 B.C.E.," David Liebschutz explained. Liebschutz is president of the B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation in Albany and lives in Delmar. "Alexander the Great had allowed religious freedom, but Antiochus outlawed it. The traditional story is that Mordecai and the Maccabees went in to the temple to celebrate the Sabbath, and although they only had enough

lamp oil for one night, it lasted for eight."

Today, Liebschutz explained, part of the Hanukkah celebration is to eat foods cooked in oil. "There are two classic Hanukkah foods," Liebschutz explained. "One is potato pancakes, called latkes. These are a common German and Polish food. The other common Hanukkah food is sufganiyot, or jelly doughnuts, which come from Israel."

Liebschutz pointed out that you wouldn't make a meal of doughnuts, and both latkes and sufganiyot are served in conjunction with other foods, which vary from family to family. The Liebschutzes, for instance, add a regional flair to their latkes by serving them with applesauce. "Living here in apple country, that's a logical choice,"

Liebschutz said. "We might also eat our latkes with sour cream or yogurt."

Liebschutz, along with his wife Libby and daughters Jennifer, 8, and Rebecca, 4, make some family time by cooking latkes together. "There are potato vegetable latkes that are wonderful," Liebschutz said. In adventuresome years the

It's a challenge."

Lynn and Paul Shatsoff of Slingerlands have also developed their own family traditions throughout the years. "We've had a party every year for the last 16 or 17 years," said Lynn Shatsoff, who is co-director of Child's World Pre-School. "The number of guests has ranged from 15 to 52. The whole family spends the entire afternoon before the party making latkes." The Shatsoffs' busiest year was one when they made 200 latkes in one day.

David Liebschutz

**There are two classic Hanukkah foods. One is potato pancakes, called latkes. The other is sufganiyot, or jelly doughnuts.**

The Shatsoffs also play dreidel, a top like toy with Hebrew lettering is spun. "Each letter stands for an amount," Shatsoff explained,



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"and the person spinning the dreidel might receive pennies or candy corresponding to that amount." Shatsoff explained that the letters are the beginnings of a Hebrew word, and together they signify that "a great miracle happened here."

The Shatsoffs bypass sufganiyot. "We're not really dessert people," Shatsoff explained. Each of her three daughters, Staci, 19, Amy, 16, and Rachael, 14, has her own menorah, one of which is a specially requested oil lamp. In addition to lighting their own menorahs and welcoming friends into their home to celebrate, the Shatsoffs keep a special light burning by giving a gift to charity.

Liebschutz shared his family's recipe for potato-vegetable latkes, from *The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen* by Joan Nathan, published by Schocken Books in New York.

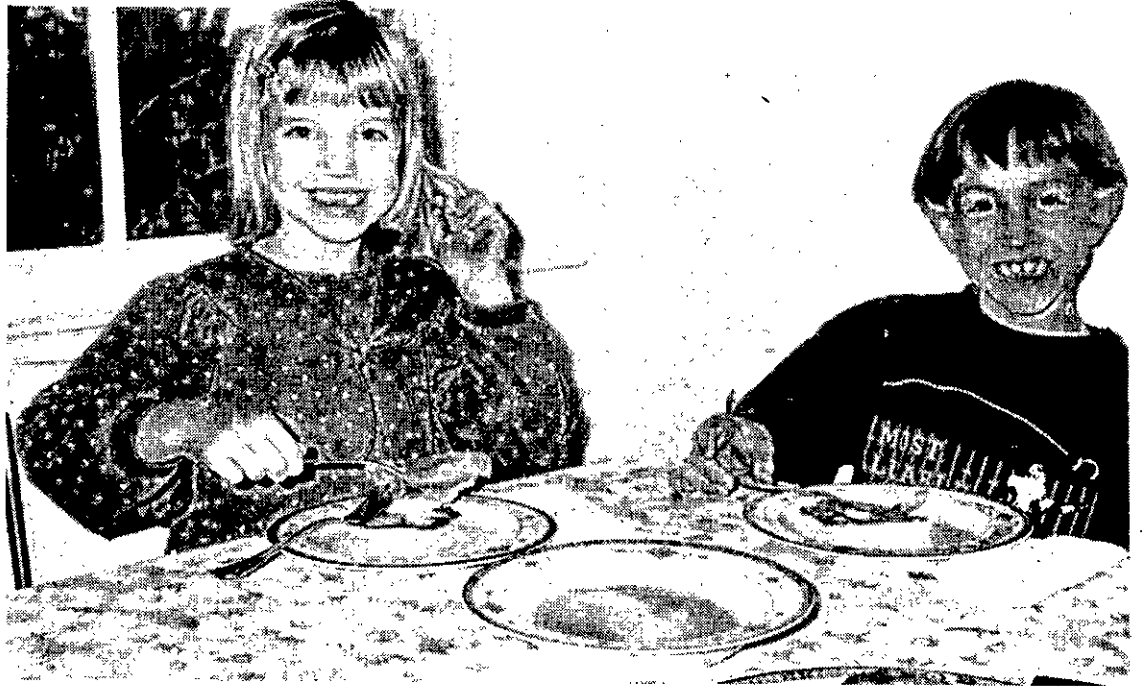
**Ingredients**

- 2 large potatoes
- 2 large carrots
- 2 medium-sized zucchini
- 1 large onion
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 3/4 cup matzah meal
- Vegetable oil for frying
- Child: Peel the potatoes and

to grate the zucchini, potatoes, carrots, and onion. Show the child how to use the "pulse" button or turn the machine on and off frequently so the vegetables don't turn into a soupy mess. Vegetables can also be grated by hand with an aluminum grater.

Child: In a bowl, mix together the grated vegetables, beaten eggs, salt, and pepper. Stir in the matzah meal. Shape the batter into pancakes, using 1-2 tablespoons of mixture for each.

Adult with child: Fry the latkes, a few at a time, in 1-2 tablespoons hot oil for 1-2 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot with applesauce or sour cream.



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2. Consolidate your shopping trips. Spending fewer hours driving to malls and shopping centers (and trying to find a parking place) means less wasted gas, time and stress. Did you know if each family reduced its holiday gasoline consumption by one gallon (about twenty miles), we'd reduce greenhouse

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3. Write clearly on film rolls. One of the best ways to save film — and holiday memories — is to write legibly. Each year Kodak disposes of 400,000 rolls of film due to illegible return addresses.

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5. Give gifts that keep giving. How about starting a savings account or giving savings bonds as gifts for kids? It's fun to watch

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7. Keep it simple. Less can be more. Think carefully about what gifts friends and family really need and want. One thoughtful

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Tours by candlelight will be offered at 3 and 4 p.m each day. Holiday decorations will still be on exhibit and the guided tours will include discussion of 18th century wintertime activities.

Light refreshments will be offered in the visitor center following each tour. Admission fees for Winter Welcome Week are \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and \$1 for children ages 5 to 12 years. Members of the Friends of Schuyler Mansion receive free admission.

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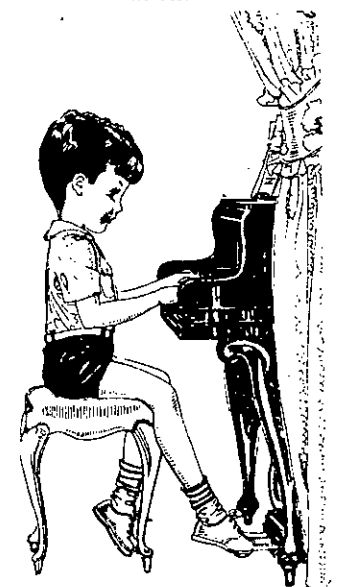
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9. Purchase as much as possible with cash. Use your credit cards only for an amount you can afford to pay off in a limited period of time.

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7. If you plan to use credit for

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your holiday buying, limit purchasing to one major bank card — the one with the lowest interest rate.

6. Pay for purchases over time, but avoid finance charges associated with credit by using

store layaway plans.

5. Keep a running total of the credit purchase for each account you use. With this information at hand, you'll avoid a January mailbox "surprise" when the account statements arrive.

4. Don't become the "Designated Banker." During the holiday season you'll find yourself at celebration lunches with five or 10 friends.

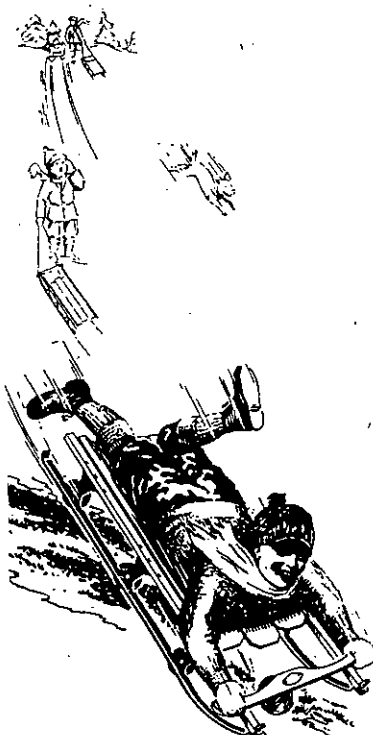
Co-workers will ask you to "chip in" for the boss' gift. Never let the words, "Pay me the cash and I'll put it on my credit card," slip from your mouth. By the time the credit card statement arrives, the cash will be gone

and you'll be stuck with the bill.

3. Be wary of minimum payment, skip payment and deferred billing offers. The first two may end up costing you more than you bargained for with added finance charges. The purchase that was "deferred" can easily become an unpleasant spring surprise unless you've planned your finances well.

2. If you anticipate the need to return any purchases, do two things. Keep your receipts and read return policies first! Policies vary from store to store. If you aren't comfortable with the terms for return, you may want to shop elsewhere.

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Beer, a mezzo-soprano, has received international acclaim for her performances on the stages of the world's major opera houses and concert halls. A native New Yorker, she is a graduate of the Mannes College of Music and the Juilliard School.

Beer has sung with the Metropolitan Opera in numerous productions. She has also appeared with the New York City and Opera, Opera de Nice, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and Opera de Nantes.

By Michael Hallisey

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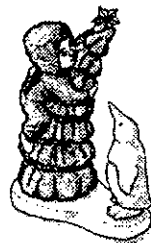
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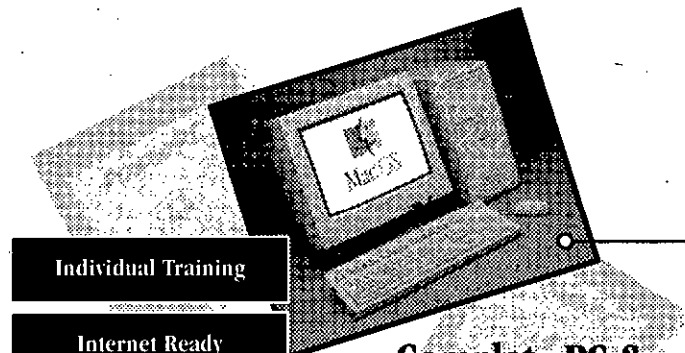


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# spirits



Steve Edic shows off a big bottle of beaujolais. *Mchael Hallisey*

is subtle, said Edic. Because a brandy is made from a wine, it has a more fruity taste than a whisky, which is made from grain and rye.

People have also become more aware of just how much to buy — and drink — during holiday parties.

also popular.

“Champagne is one of those special purpose drinks,” said Edic.

Names to look for include Nicolas Feuillatte, a true champagne from France, and Cotes du Rhone.

For the Christmas goose, Edic recommends Beaujolais Nouveau. It’s a wine that is dry, but light and fruity and fun to drink, he said. It also costs under \$10.

But if you really want to turn heads when you walk through the party or gathering door, try bringing in a three-liter bottle of Beringer Nouveau, a red table wine for about \$30.

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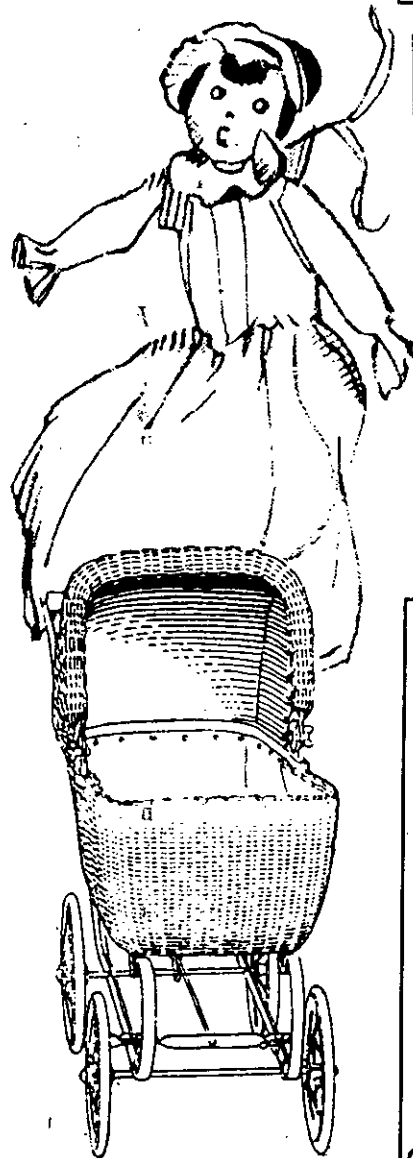
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# American Christmas favorites

By Katherine McCarthy

The beauty of an American Christmas is that we draw on so many cultures for our traditions, especially our culinary ones. In our house, my husband begins Christmas morning by frying up a batch of blood pudding (don't ask), a tradition he got from his Irish grandmother, and we end our day snacking on nut-stuffed dates rolled in sugar, our beloved Aunt Mary's favorite treat.

Christmas Eve is a little more free-form, generally with a big pan of lasagne reflecting not heritage, but the need to feed extended family coming by after evening Mass to view the children's delirious anticipation



Frederika and Verena Baus enjoy traditional German foods.

Katherine McCarthy

of Christmas morning. In Italian-American families, Christmas Eve finds families gathered to dine on seven different types of fishes. Joanne Sericolo, Loudonville resident and a teacher at Elsmere elementary school, explained the tradition's strong Catholic ties. "Christmas Eve was a day of fasting, of not eating meat," she said. "Italians celebrate meatless Fridays, and this ties in with that. Also, the apostles were all fisherman, and many people fished for a living in Italy." Some of the fishes served are baccalla, which is dried cod, anchovies, usually in a red sauce, clams, in a white sauce, squid, eel, smelt, and shrimp.

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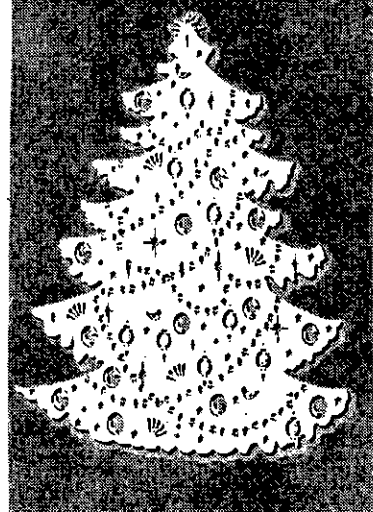
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"People ate what they wanted," Sericolo said. "Depending on their tastes, they could also have scallops, scrod or cod fish."

Bruce Hess, owner of Delmar's Ocean Deck, a seafood store located at the four corners, said he has the biggest sales of the year by far at Christmas and New Year's. "I think it started with the Italian tradition," he said, "but Christmas Eve is a big fish night."

Hess said he sells lots of smoked fish, crabmeat, lobster tails, and a whole array of fresh fish. "A lot of people order salmon and shrimp," he said. "Some of it is for appetizers, but other dishes too, like with linguine."

The fish at the Ocean Deck comes fresh from Boston, and

everything is rotated out within 48 hours. Hess' main recommendation for the holidays is to order early to insure getting the fish you need, whether it's seven or just one.

Isabelle Bublot, who moved from Lyons, France, to Delmar, said French people are also eating more fish at Christmas time. "Something special, like oyster salmon or lobster," she said. The tradition, though, is to eat turkey on Christmas. "We don't have Thanksgiving, so typically, we eat turkey and chestnuts on Christmas." A typical combination, she said, would be to eat fish on Christmas Eve, and turkey on Christmas day. "A traditional dessert," Bublot said, "is the buche de Noel, which looks like

a log. It can be made with chestnuts, but if people have eaten chestnuts with their turkey, that might be too much. Then the buche de Noel can be made out of chocolate."

Bublot's husband, Michel, comes from Belgium. "Belgium is a small country," Isabelle Bublot explained, "but things are very regional there. Michel comes from Namur, and they make a kind of cake out of brioche (a buttery roll), sugar and currants, and it's shaped like a snowman."

Bublot said the French tradition is usually that gifts are opened on Christmas Eve, after everyone goes to church, and "Pere Noel (Father Christmas) has brought the gifts. The Bublots have broken a little with

that tradition, though, letting Santa bring presents to be opened on Christmas morning by their children, Manon, 7; Colin, 5; and Nathan, 1.

Helga Waller-Baus came from Heidelberg, Germany to live in Delmar as part of a three-year job transfer for her husband, Ulf, who works with the German firm BASF. The Baus household was full of homemade goodies this past Saturday, the day that Nikolaus - St. Nicholas - left treats in the shoes that Verena and Frederika Baus had left in front of their door the night before.

"We have vanilla kipferln, and sugar cookies shaped like little men," Waller-Baus explained. "At home, we make cookies with clown faces; here, we made

them like Mickey Mouse."

When she was a child in Germany, Baus explained, Nikolaus frequently appeared at her house, often with his darker Doppelganger, Knecht Ruprecht. "Knecht

Ruprecht told you all the things you'd done wrong in the year," Baus said. But Nikolaus always gave you a little gift anyway."

In some areas of Germany, Baus said, children dress up like Nikolaus and go door-to-door reciting an Advent poem and receiving treats from the neighbors, in a sort of Christmas trick-or-treat.

Fish is also the traditional food on Christmas Eve in Germany. "Carp is the classic dish," Baus said.

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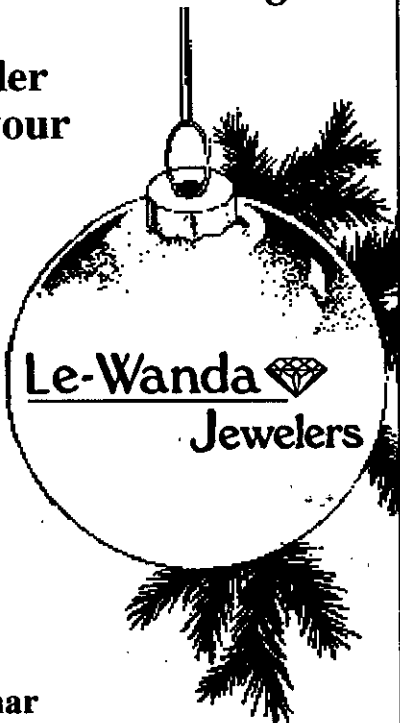
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# Put a winter trip under the tree

By Kathryn Caggianelli

Why not spend this holiday season away from home? Lots of folks take to the sky and sea this time of year, according to local travel agencies, and there may still be great all-inclusive packages if you act right away.

"Places like Disney World, and Florida in particular, are pretty much sold out by now. But if you're willing to fly out of bigger cities like New York or Boston on charters you may still be able to find a bargain," said Frank Champitto, manager of Champion Travel Planners at 599 Watervliet-Shaker Road.

Air availability is limited now, so if you do find a seat on a flight you will probably have to pay a higher fare than you might expect, but there are lots of

other options to consider.

Las Vegas ranks up there in popularity with Florida, he said. The Caribbean Islands of Jamaica, Aruba, and the Bahamas are always the first to sell out on the international scene.

Cruises to the Bahamas are popular, Champitto said, adding that it may be challenging to find a seat on a flight to the ship's departure site.

"Most cruise lines still have open space, but that will also get harder to find if you want to book a trip after the first couple weeks into January," he said.

It was a very popular vacation spot years ago, but saw its tourist trade decline in response to the instability of the Haitian government. Today, however, the island is a very safe destina-

tion that has a lot to offer, said Champitto.

"Cruises are going there again as part of an all-inclusive vacation package," he said.

It's important to book your trip now, and make sure you remember some of the other important details that traveling entails, said Jaye Sprinkle, owner and president of Travel Host Agency in Delmar.

"It's almost too late, but there is air space available on certain days to Florida if you make reservations right now," Sprinkle said. "There are still some nice packages and cruises available. Make sure you bring picture identification with you and to check in at least one hour early for your flight."

Sprinkle agreed that Florida

and the Caribbean are the most popular getaway spots for local travelers this time of year.

"Everybody wants to go to a warm climate or they're traveling to see relatives. Cruises are popular over Christmas and Florida is a big destination for people from this area," she said.

St. Thomas, St. Martin, and Cancun are the more popular Caribbean locations, while some head for ski slopes in Colorado and Utah, Sprinkle said.

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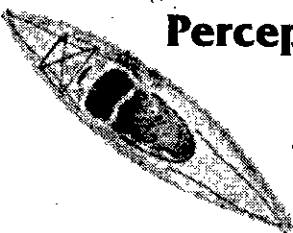
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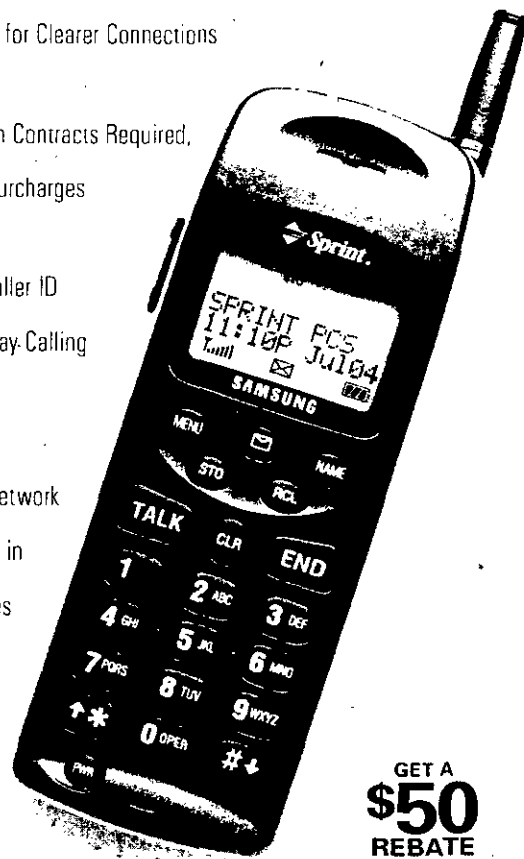
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Featuring recipes from Jose "Chef Pepin" Hernandez, popular television chef and personality, this is your passport to a world of holiday sweets. Six exciting dessert creations, including *Santa's Chocolate Trz-mes*, *Holiday Buffer Biscoffi*, and *Mexican Wedding Cookies*, are showcased in the leaflet. Other contributing chefs include Gale Gand, pastry chef/owner of Chicago's famous *Brasserie T-* and *Vanilla Bean Bakery*, and Mary Bergin, head pastry chef for the star-studded *Spago* restaurants.

In addition, ADADC offers butter usage and storage tips to help holiday cooks bring out the best in their buttery baked goods.

For holiday recipes and a copy of the free holiday leaflet, please send a self addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to:

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Also available from ADADC and the Pillsbury Company is the latest edition of the *Seasonal Celebrations™ from Coast to Coast* cookbook series. This cookbook features butter-based recipes for special occasions and casual entertaining from America's most popular inns and resorts, plus dozens of other quick and easy recipes. For your copy of *Seasonal Celebrations-U from Coast to Coast*, print your name and address on a 3" x 5" card and send UPC symbols from two pounds of butter (any combination of package sizes), plus 2 UPC symbols from any combination of Pillsbury, Green Giant, Progresso, Old El Paso, Martha White, LeSueur, Accent, B&M, Underwood, or Hungry Jack products. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery. We cannot ship to P.O. boxes. Valid in USA only. All federal, state, and local regulations apply. Void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted. Mail to:

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Consider this question, "If someone were to give you anything you desire, what would it be? Better health? The return of a loved one? Time for others?"

If last year's holiday left you with a debt you're still repaying, rather than a sense of satisfaction, take heed of people's true desires and give those you care about gifts which can't be bought that will also help keep holiday spending under control.

- Give your loved ones something meaningful, not just expensive.
- Give food. Most people love to get baskets filled with holiday

cookies and candies, or have a holiday breakfast or brunch instead of dinner. It's still special, but costs less than a big turkey or ham dinner.

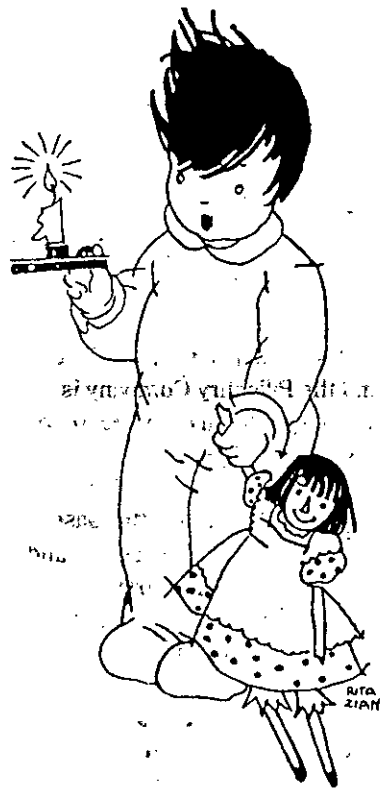
• Show your skills. Some families draw names, then make a gift for the other person. It can be food, craft, or art. The gifts are unique, and it's fun to see what each person makes.

• Give your time - a day of fishing or hiking, help with spring cleaning or yard work, a monthly movie night, when you bring over a tape, etc.

Prepare a holiday spending plan. Try to anticipate the extra food, clothes, decorations, and entertainment.

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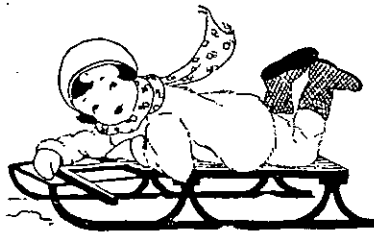
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"One of the best tools at a chef's disposal is real butter," said Chef Mary Bergin, cookbook author and head pastry chef at the star-studded *Spago* restaurants. "Not only is its quality and performance in cooking and baking incomparable, but chefs in the world's finest restaurants agree that real butter enhances the flavor of other ingredients in their recipes—so they keep plenty on hand."

Here are some other easy-to-follow cooking and baking tips:

Stock up on ingredients like flour, sugar, and real butter. These and other staples typically go on sale about one month prior to the holidays. Special note: real butter can be frozen in its original carton for up to three months. As added insurance, place the carton in an airtight, plastic food bag to protect the butter's delicate flavor.

• When you're planning to serve a new recipe, try it out once beforehand. A practice run will help make preparation easier on the big day.

• The following basic butter measurements, usually printed on the wrapper of butter sticks, make measuring easy and convenient. Butter measurements in recipes may appear in the following equivalent amounts:

- 1 pound = 4 sticks
- 2 cups = 32 tablespoons
- 1/2 pound = 2 sticks
- 1 cup = 16 tablespoons
- 1/4 pound = 1 stick
- 1/2 cup = 8 tablespoons
- 1/8 pound = 1/2 stick
- 1/4 cup = 4 tablespoons

• Check your cookie and dessert recipes to see which ones can be made ahead of time. Often, butter-based recipes can be made ahead and frozen for several weeks.

• Thaw pre-made, frozen dishes up to 24 hours before holiday meals. This can be done safely in the refrigerator.

• Real butter can be used as a thickening agent for sauces and gravies, helping flavors cling to foods.

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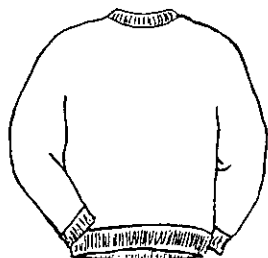
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Have everyone wrap presents in the colors of the flag representing his/her nationality.

- Invite family and friends to bring their own decorations, ornaments, and snacks from the

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- Hold an annual tree-trimming party and ask guests to make an ornament from their own culture to hang on the tree. Over the years, it will fill with multi-cultural mementos.

- Add to the holiday decor by hanging stockings from the mantle. According to folklore, this tradition began after Father Christmas dropped some gold coins while coming down a chimney to deliver gifts. The coins would have fallen through a grate and been lost, but instead landed in a stocking that had been hung out to dry.

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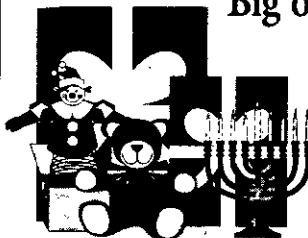
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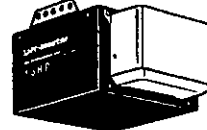


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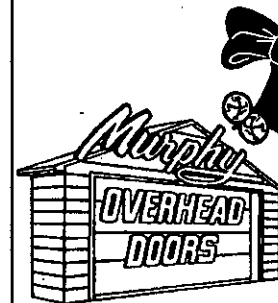
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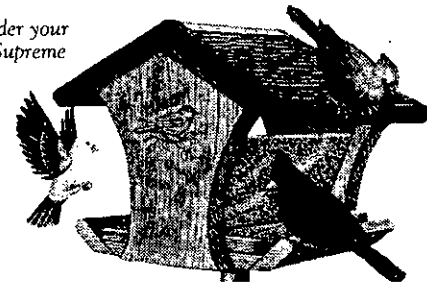
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cert will concentrate on the ways different people celebrate the winter solstice and the gradual return of light to cold northern hemisphere days.



The aptly named entertainer's diverse songs and stories offer a glimpse of many cultures and traditions. She also concentrates on affirming the

experiences and hopes of young people. One person who heard Winter's program observed that "Children enjoy her very real understanding of their plight in a world run by grownups."

Winter, who makes her home in the Capital District, has toured throughout the United States, Canada and England. She has recorded three solo albums for the Chicago-based Flying Fish label and a children's album for Gentle Wind.

FYI Fridays, a series for seniors and other adults, continues this week with Medicare at a Crossroads on Friday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m.

Michael Burgess, executive director of the New York Statewide Senior Action Council, will talk about recent Medicare changes enacted by Congress and about choices regarding traditional fee-for-service options,

Medicare HMOs and consumers' rights.

Coffee and tea will be served.

Also coming up next week is a repeat offering of Internet Basics for Senior Citizens on Monday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m.

Professional Internet trainer Polly-Alida Farrington will be back to introduce useful terms, search tips, Web sites and library resources to seniors.

No computer experience is necessary to participate in the program, which is made possible through a coordinated outreach grant from the Upper Hudson Library System.

All programs are free and open to the public. Call 439-9314 to register.

Louise Grieco

## 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

# Therapy program on headaches set

Headaches. Are you a victim? Dr. Tamara Lund, who presented the popular Trigger Point Therapy program at the library recently, will be back again to focus on the causes and types of this debilitating complaint.

She will offer effective, no-cost self-help treatments you can learn to do at home. The program is on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.



Gifts of the Season is the theme of the Sunday, Dec. 14, program for families. Tiny gingerbread houses are among the special gifts you can make with young people's librarian Joyce Laiosa. Stop in anytime between 2 and 4 p.m.

Tonight, Dec. 10 local author and historian Dennis Sullivan will talk about crime and punishment in old Albany. Sullivan will be available at 6:30 p.m. to sign copies of his recently published *The Punishment of Crime in Colonial New York: The Dutch Experience in Albany During the 17th Century*.

Arlene Pafunda has graced the community room walls with some impressive original oil paintings. Pafunda, who taught at the elemen-

tary school, is displaying yet another of her many talents.

The new kitchen gallery is attracting some wonderful hometown artists. Be sure to take a look the next time you stop by.

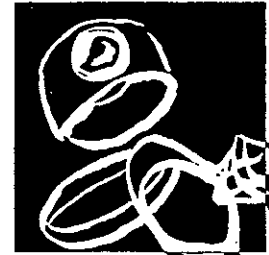
Jean Eaton's beautiful bird paintings are in the hall gallery. Some of her work are available as prints — a perfect gift for the na-

ture lover on your list.

Don't miss the showcase full of colorful nutcrackers from the collection of Don Meacham.

The Every Other Thursday, Night Poets meet on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

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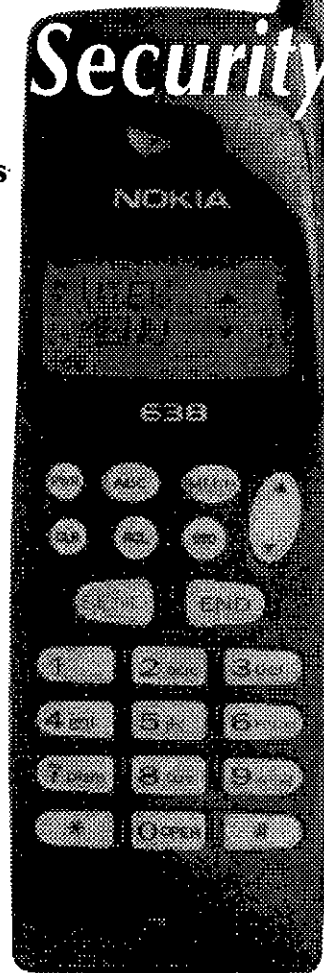
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# Sports

## Eagles take revenge on Albany High BC suffers 7-0 loss

By Christine Potter

Revenge. Sweet, sweet revenge. The Bethlehem girls basketball team beat defending Class A state champions Albany High 75-66 in a rematch of last year's Class A, Section II finals.

"It was an important game because it showed what we are capable of," said coach Kim Wise.

Senior Nicole Conway, who signed a letter of intent to play for Boston College next year, scored 38 points.

Bridget Murray scored 16 points, including two three-pointers.

### Girls Basketball

On the defensive side of the ball, Conway included nine steals, and Karly Decker pulled down eight rebounds.

"It was an excellent game, but we can always improve and fix things," said Wise. "It was a team effort and it looks to be a positive season."

Over Thanksgiving break, the team placed first in a tournament

hosted by Catholic Central.

Conway led the team again with a 26-point effort in a 59-53 win against Colonie in the championship round. She also matched Decker's eight rebounds while on her way to earning the tournament's most valuable player award.

In order to advance to the final round, BC defeated hosts Catholic Central 55-40.

Katie Smith led the team in scoring with 23 points, and Magan Sellnow pulled down seven rebounds. Both earned tournament All-star honors.

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem hockey team faced a formidable opponent, losing to Saratoga 7-0 last Wednesday for their only game of the week.

### Hockey

The Eagles showed signs of improvement in a hard fought opening period. However, Saratoga managed to score one before the first intermission.

Despite the team effort of the first period, it was a different story in the second. The BC defense, allowed four more goals in the second.

But, in the final period was nearly a carbon copy of the first, as the Eagles allowed only two goals.

Bethlehem, sporting an 0-3 record, have had the misfortune of facing their most challenging competition early in the schedule. Weaker competition in the coming weeks should prove to be a better indicator of how the Eagles are as a team.

The players in Bethlehem's young hockey program not only have the challenge of playing schools that are more established in the sport, they have had to adapt

to different coaches over the years.

John Battaglini is the team's newest coach, replacing Paul Machelor.

Junior Andy Coker said the change in coaches is hard on the players.

"It is hard work to adapt to a lot of different styles," he said. "The game is basically the same, but adjusting can be annoying. We have a new coach every year who starts from scratch. The coach has to adapt to the players, and the players have to adapt to the coach."

### BC wins tip off

The Bethlehem boys basketball team acted as poor hosts as they won its inaugural Bethlehem Central Tip-Off Tournament last weekend.

Bethlehem, 2-0, edged-out Amsterdam in a 49-46 victory in the championship round Saturday.

Mark Svare led the Eagles in scoring against the Rams with 13 points. Geoff Hunter, Kevin Russell, Ryan Venter and Chuck Abba each scored seven points.

The Eagles play Friday, Dec. 12, at Colonie High School at 8 p.m.

Karly Decker

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# Swimmers crush Mohon

## BC to face Albany and Nisky next

By Tim Kavanagh

The first meet of the year provided a fairly easy victory for the Bethlehem Central boys swimming and diving team.

In a meet home meet last Wednesday against Mohonasen, the team started off the competition with a sweep of the 200-meter medley relay and never looked back.

BC beat Mohonasen 149-30.

However, BC will face stronger opponents in Albany Academy and Amsterdam this week.

Scott Strickler, John Porco, Matt Digeser and Andrew Golden finished the 200 medley relay at 1:58.51 to win the first event.

"This was a good start to the year," said swimming coach Ken Neff. "In particular, the performance of our divers was exceptional for the first meet. It usually

takes a couple meets for our new divers to get over 100 points and we had the three new guys all over 100, which is definitely encouraging."

Rookie divers Mike Smith, Brendan Jordan and Dan Kohler each scored over 100 points in their first meet.

"Our new swimmers performed well in their first meet," said Chris Shaffer, "and our veterans also did well. But, I think there are a few holes right now in the 50 free, 100 free and 200 free relay."

## Pop Warner sets date for monthly meeting

Bethlehem Pop Warner will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in Bethlehem Town Hall.

Nominations for board of directors and officers will be accepted at this meeting.

The public is invited. For information, call Mitch Griffin at 439-5671.

## 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.

# BC gymnasts looking to improve

By Tara Gerber

The Bethlehem varsity gymnastics team is young and small, but its new coach thinks it has the potential to improve last year's record of 0-15.

The gymnastics team will host their first meet Friday, Dec. 12, in the upper gym.

Coach, Kim Adler, who replaces Mary Judd, said, "It's going to be a learning year. We have a small and very young team. Some of our girls have no gymnastics experience at all."

Five members of the team

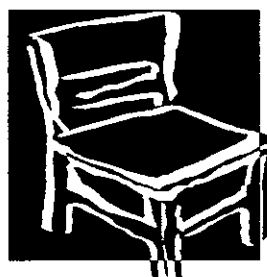
graduated last spring, all of which got top scores for last year's team.

"If we all work and improve our personal scores," said sophomore Zara Carkner, "than we can make up for the seniors that we have lost. And, it could turn out to be a positive season."

Those returning include team captain Kelsey Van Buren; and

sophomores Carkner, Erin Hendron and Meredith Rauch. Underclassmen Maddie Reubillard and Patty Eames return to the team as a freshman and eighth-grader, respectfully.

Vanessa Wilcox, a junior; Sarah Greco, a sophomore; and Shannon Halpin, an eighth-grader are all new, but are improving, said the coach.



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## Full-day

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where money for a full-day program would mean that other district needs go unmet.

Other parents at the meeting argued that half-day kindergarten was just fine with them.

"Our half-day program is great," said Helen Smith, co-president of the PTA at Slingerlands, site of the

district's Early Learning Center. "It doesn't seem clear that whatever benefits there are (to a full-day program) would outweigh the substantial costs."

The board will continue its discussion of the full-day kindergarten option at its meeting Dec. 17, and is scheduled to make a decision on whether to pursue it further at its meeting Jan. 7.

## Budget

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Hamagrael Elementary School into a classroom created from two smaller rooms there and assigning children from the first, 35-unit phase of the Haswell Farms subdivision to Elsmere instead of Hamagrael.

Although the Haswell Farms project on Feura Bush Road is not contiguous to the Elsmere school's residence area, Loomis asked, "Is it fair to change families with students already in schools to accommodate new development so the (elementary school residence area) lines look more rational?"

Loomis added, "We don't have a place in any elementary school" for the approximately 90 elemen-

tary school students that will come from the 178-unit subdivision once it is fully built out.

Loomis explained that about five additional classrooms are available for future elementary growth without taking music/art rooms, but none of those rooms is at Hamagrael.

## 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.

The free screening is available to all Bethlehem residents on a walk-in basis.

## Book group plans discussion at library

Bethlehem Public Library's book discussion group will discuss Toni Morrison's *Beloved* on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the library's adult lounge at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Copies of the current title are available at the reference desk.

New members are welcome at any time. Call 439-9314 for information.

## Five Rivers offers evergreen program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will host an outdoor walk to explore evergreens on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead the group on a walk that will highlight pines and spruces as well as evergreen ferns and mosses.

The program is free of charge. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call 475-0291.

## LaLeche League plans discussion

LaLeche League of Delmar, a breastfeeding 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.

## Trial

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entertainment value, the play has curricular connections for students in English, social studies and biology.

Leavitt cautioned that viewing the play as a confrontation between religion and science is simplistic.

"It has more to do with society's obligation to balance any theory that's put out there," he said. "It's OK not to teach evolution, as long as you don't teach creationism."

The play itself is "a good piece of theater with a large cast and a lot of opportunities for students," said Leavitt, noting that many of the actors are performing in their first school play.

Besides students, there will also be a unique opportunity for 10 male members of the audience to play non-speaking roles as jury members, Leavitt said.

"We didn't have enough men to fill all the male roles, much less the jury box, so a student suggested we put some of the audience in there," he said, adding that jury volunteers will "get an up-close look at most of the play."

Using males as jury members is a way "to stay within the confines of the 1920s in Tennessee, when no women served on juries," Leavitt said.

*Inherit the Wind* will be performed Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets, at \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, are available at the door.

## Welcome Wagon plans breakfast with Santa

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Club is planning a breakfast with Santa at the Tollgate Restaurant in Slingerlands on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 a.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. The price includes a buffet, drinks and a small children's present from Santa.

To sign up, contact Sharon Schultz at 439-8009. Seating is limited.

## V'ville church plans pancake breakfast

St. Matthew's Church will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the parish center on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville.

St. Matthew's women's group, Daughters of Mary, will serve pancakes, sausages and beverages to benefit the Christ Child Association.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens.

For information, call the church office at 765-2805.

## Book sales help AIDS Council

Two Delmar book stores, I Love Books and Friar Tuck Book Store, are selling 1998 Entertainment books to benefit the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York.

The books are available and can be used now. The sale is part of a volunteer project called Helping Through Books & Music.

The size of the Entertainment Book has increased through a merger with the Dine A Mate Company and costs \$40.

Volunteers, groups and sponsors are needed to assist in this and other council projects. For information, call 482-5602.

## Deputies collecting donations for needy

The Albany County Sheriff's Department will hold its sixth annual Christmas in the Hilltowns drive.

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Linda and Jason Girard

## Magenis, Girard marry

Linda Shumansky Magenis, daughter of James and Cynthia Magenis of Slingerlands, and Jason Donald Girard, son of Donald and Linda Girard of Poestenkill, were married June 21.

The Rev. Patrick Butler performed the ceremony in the chapel of the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, with the reception following at the Omni Hotel.

The maid of honor was Lori Magenis, the bride's sister, and the matron of honor was Susan Farrow, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Melissa Girard, the groom's sister, Susie Eriole, Jennifer Tesoriero and Jennifer Bristol.

The best man was John

Sequeira, and ushers were James Magenis, the bride's brother, Scott Smith, Paul Felts, David Harrington and Nicholas Villarama.

The bride is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names, Russell Sage College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is employed as a chemical engineer by Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The groom, a graduate of the University at Albany and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is employed as a stockbroker by Fidelity Investments in Blue Ash, Ohio.

After a wedding trip to Greece, the couple lives in Cincinnati.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Alexis Marie Craft, to Marisa Hilt of Watervliet and Walter Craft of Feura Bush, Nov. 20.

Boy, Samuel Thomas Edward Domery, to Melissa and Jim Domery of Voorheesville, Nov. 20.

Girl, Gabrielle Denise Futia, to Davia Wolcott of Delmar and Scott Futia of Clifton Park, Nov. 20.

Girl, Anne Lisa Ludik Furman, to Amy Ludik and Charles Furman of Delmar, Nov. 20.

Boy, Max Bowen Luebbers, to Stephanie and Mark Luebbers of Delmar, Nov. 21.

Boy, Jeremiah Patrick Wade, to Mary McCarthy and Michael Wade of Delmar, Nov. 25.

Boy, Andrew Jacob Waldbillig, to Erin McClelland and Benjamin Waldbillig of Voorheesville, Nov. 25.

Girl, Natalie Cecile Picarazzi, to Linda Grimes-Picarazzi and Rick Picarazzi of Delkirk, Nov. 28.

### Delmar residents join real estate group

Douglas Schenk has joined the Guilderland office of Noreast Real Estate Group.

Schenk, who resides in Delmar, previously worked with ReMax Property Professionals.

Tina Stanoski of Delmar has joined the Delmar office of Noreast Real Estate.

Schenk and Stanoski specialize in the marketing and sales of residential real estate.

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### BCHS graduate completes training

Stacie Lynne Gavaletz, daughter of Robert and Janet Gavaletz of Delmar, recently graduated as airman apprentice from the U.S. Navy Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill.

Gavaletz is a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Following further training, and a brief visit home, she will be stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

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Andrew Patrick and Nalini Jones

## Jones, Patrick to marry

Nalini Maria Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Ridgefield, Conn., and Andrew Philip Patrick, son of Harrie Patrick of Delmar and Gretchen Finn of Saratoga Springs, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Amherst College, is employed by Festival Productions Inc. in Manhattan and is studying for a master's in creative writing at Co-

lumbia University.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University of Rochester and the University of South Carolina. He is employed as a curatorial scientist at the Lamont Dougherty Institute at Columbia University in Manhattan.

The couple plans a May wedding.

## The Spotlight remembers

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

- The Bethlehem town board appointed **Janice Skilbeck** as a full-time account clerk in the receiver of taxes office. The appointment was viewed as a way for town Republicans to mend fences with Receiver of Taxes **Ken Hahn**, who had defeated a primary challenge by a party-committee-backed candidate.

- New Scotland officials began to look toward the proposed Galesi development of the former Tall Timbers golf course as a source of water for the polluted residential wells in the Orchard Park subdivision.

- Current homeowners in Dowerskill Village in Bethlehem told the planning board that they opposed the developer's plan to build apartments as the next phase of the project.

- The Bethlehem Masonic Lodge presented **Bruce Austin** with its **John R. Schoch** Community Youth Award for his work with the town's summer baseball league.

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## Community Corner

### Community Dinner set for Christmas afternoon

First United Methodist Church will host the 10th Annual Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 25 at 2 p.m.

The dinner is free, but a good-will offering will be accepted

Reservations for the dinner — which will serve turkey, ham and all the fixings — may be made by calling Town Hall at 439-4955, ext. 4. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Dec. 23.



# Obituaries

## William F. Matott Sr.

William F. Matott Sr., 71, a long-time resident of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in Black Creek, Allegany County, he was a self-employed painter.

Mr. Matott was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club, the Turnpike Rod & Gun Club and the state Conservation Council.

He was the husband of the late Belva LaDuke Matott.

Survivors include three sons, William F. Matott Jr. of Greenville, Barry Matott of Asheville, N.C., and Robert Matott of Westerlo; a daughter, Bonnie Hughes of Preston Hollow; two sisters, Gloria McGee of Rochester and Genevieve Hemmingway of Geneva; three brothers, Chester Matott of Albany, Joseph Matott of Champlain and Orville Matott of Chazy; and seven grandchildren.

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

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

Contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

## Michael E. McGraw

Michael E. McGraw, 51, of Ballston Lake and formerly of Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was educated there.

Mr. McGraw worked for GMAC

in Latham for 27 years.

He was a member of the Marine Corps Reserve.

He was a former member of Voorheesville Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Bennett McGraw; a son, M. Shawn McGraw of Ballston Spa; a sister, Linda Papa of Voorheesville; and a brother, John J. McGraw of Albany.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Services were from St. James Church in Albany.

## Ulrich E. Fellehner

Ulrich E. Fellehner, 66, of Voorheesville died Thursday, Dec. 4, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Germany, he was a printer at Williams Press before he retired.

He was a member of the German-American Club.

Survivors include his wife, Elke Holst Fellehner; his mother, Magdalena Wolf Fellehner; a daughter, Christina Fellehner; four stepchildren, Heike Ballard, Sonja Thomson, Mark Silvernail and Todd Silvernail; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Colonie.

## Benedetta Lando

Benedetta "Betty" Lando, 69, of Delmar died Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in New York City, she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She was a legal secretary.

Survivors include a nephew, Frank Lando Jr. of New Jersey, and three cousins.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

## Correction

Jean Carnell's name was misspelled in her obituary in the Nov. 19 edition.

## Engineers group to award scholarships

The Capital District chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers awards scholarships to young people pursuing engineering as a career.

The chapter is offering three \$500 awards to students who have applied to a college or university with an accredited engineering program.

Applicants for the awards will also be eligible to receive three national scholarships offered by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

At the state level, the newly formed Foundation for Engineering Education will award a \$1000 Past Officer's Scholarship to the child of a member of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers.

Applications are available at area high school guidance offices. For information, call Leo Hetling at 439-2102.

## No parking ordinance in effect until spring

The Bethlehem Police Department reminds residents that the town's no parking ordinance is now in effect and will continue through April 15.

The ordinance prohibits vehicles from parking on town streets and highways between the hours of 1 and 7 a.m.

Vehicles parked in violation of the ordinance may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

# Local skate park proponent wiped-out

By Michael Hallisey

The road to a new skate park in Bethlehem has turned to gravel for local skateboarders pushing for a park of their own.

Over the past year parents and teenagers alike have been asking for a skate park similar to those in Rotterdam and Saratoga Springs. In letters to the editor to *The Spotlight*, teen-agers describe being harassed by local store owners for allegedly damaging property. And parents have complained of having to drive their children miles out of town in order for their kids to be able to skate.

Though William Primomo of Glenmont has a son who skateboards, he said he empathizes with local storeowners.

"I have a business myself in Albany," he said. "And concrete curbs don't last very long. I don't want to see people skateboarding and jumping on them. I don't blame the storeowners for not wanting guys jumping around their stores."

But he said if skateboarders had a place of their own, storeowners may not have a problem.

Primomo and his 14-year-old son Matt have been actively pushing for the park by mailing petitions and sending letters to Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

At first, Primomo said he was receiving positive feedback.

Democrat town board candidates George Harder and Susan Burns talked of a community center during their campaigns. Harder included his thoughts that the town needed a skate park. Fuller even said it was something the town should look into.

But Primomo said he hasn't heard anything good recently. Harder lost the election, and even his son is too busy with school and competitions to do anything. Now, he said he doesn't know what to do next.

"Right now, I don't know what's going on," Primomo said.

A week before the election,

Primomo said Fuller sent him a letter stating a skate park would be difficult for the town to build.

In the letter, Fuller stated the town would have to bear expenses for construction and paying employees to work at the facilities. And there is the problem with insurance and who is liable when a skater is injured on park grounds.

According to Fuller, even if the town forces residents to sign a waiver of liability to use the park, the town is still liable.

Primomo said the town has told him children can use the Capital District Transportation Authority parking lot on Elm Avenue. But he said that would mean the kids would have to carry their ramps to the site.

"I don't know what to do next," Primomo said, "go in front of the town board?"

With the town discussing the possibility of building a community center, Primomo said he has an idea.

"If they do that," Primomo said, "they should include this skate park."

## Mothers' center offers maternity book

The revised and updated edition of *Having a Baby in the Capital District* has been published by the Mothers' Center for the Capital District.

This edition is full of detailed surveys of local and outlying hospitals with maternity services.

Comparative charts of hospital responses and state Department of Health statistics are included, as are discussions of a birthing center and home birth.

The book contains information about labor supporters, independent childbirth educators, postpartum support, breast-feeding support - including contacts for La Leche League leaders and independent lactation consultants, child care resources, special needs resources, crisis services and pertinent government offices.

*Having a Baby in the Capital District* is available at The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza, The Blue White Rainbow on New Karner Road in Guilderland and the Women's Building in Albany.

Copies can also be ordered from The Mothers' Center of the Capital District, PO Box 3175, Albany 12203. Send check or money order for \$5.95 plus \$1 for shipping payable to The Mothers' Center.

The Mothers' Center is a volunteer organization that offers support and educational services to parents and provides them with a place to meet and share experiences. It helps alleviate the isolation of parenting.

The center has drop-in social programs every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. It also offers educational lectures, support and discussion groups, mom and tot activity programs, a play group network and special events.

For information or to join, call 475-1897.

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## Death Notices

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

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

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

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# Family Entertainment

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## Holidays past

### Historic area mansions host seasonal celebrations

By Susan Graves

This Sunday, Dec. 14, offers a glimpse of holidays and times past at Historic Cherry Hill and Schuyler Mansion, both in Albany.

At Schuyler Mansion on 32 Catherine St., in the Homes for the Holiday event from 1 to 5 p.m, visitors will be treated to the way the holidays were likely celebrated in the 18th century.

One thing you won't see is a Christmas tree, said Darlene Rogers, interpretive program assistant for the Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site.

"People who have never been here might be surprised there is no tree, but

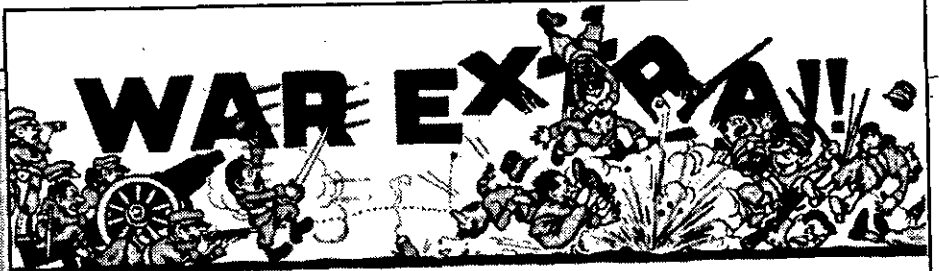
they didn't celebrate the holidays as we do," she said.

"It was considered a holiday, but by no means what it is today," she added.

What visitors will see, however, are fresh greens, ivy, holly, boxwood and fruit, all arranged by members of the Fort Orange Garden Club.

And to enhance the holiday atmosphere, the Adirondack Baroque Consort will play in the upstairs center hall, which traditionally was used for large festive gatherings, Rogers said. The musical trio Rural Felicity will perform in the mansion's parlor.

Once the centerpiece of an 80-acre estate, Schuyler Mansion has played



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host to George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Benedict Arnold and Alexander Hamilton.

In addition, there will be demonstrations of colonial-era crafts including quill-pen writing and weaving. Children can see what toys were like before Tickle Me Elmo and Barney by observing Denise Rudolph demonstrating what kids played with in colonial times.

All visitors can participate in a "history hunt" puzzle. Mulled cider and spice cookies will be available courtesy of Indian Ladder Farms and the Friends of Schuyler Mansion.

The event is free and all are welcome.

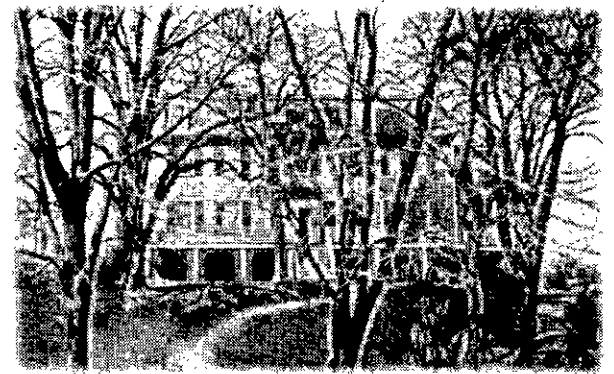
At Cherry Hill on 523 1/2 S. Pearl St., the focus of the event also from 1 to 5 p.m. is the fourth- and fifth-generation family members of the house and their involvement in World War I.

The Rankin family's idealism illustrates a range of support typically given by men and women during that era, said Arlene Mencarelli of Cherry Hill.

Edward and Catherine Rankin had three children who ultimately became the last generation of the Van

Rensselaer family.

During World War I, the three children made significant contributions to the war effort. Emily Rankin knitted socks, sweaters and mufflers for soldiers and was involved in fund-



raising activities. Her brothers, Edward Elmendorf and Herbert Rankin were in officers training, but Elmendorf was discharged because he was underweight. Rankin died en route to France of influenza and was buried at sea with full military honors, Mencarelli said.

At the free event, visitors can see special holiday and World War I period displays, including greens and flowers, Christmas and New Year cards, a 10-foot tree decorated with Victorian-style cards and an elaborate table setting to show what the holidays were like in the early 20th century.



The Adirondack Baroque Consort, above, will perform at Schuyler Mansion Sunday, Dec. 14. Above right, this postcard is part of the Cherry Hill holiday exhibit's focus on the Rankin family's involvement in World War I.

### Always ... Patsy Cline returns to Capital Rep in mid-January

It's rare when a regional theater gets sufficient response to bring back a show but Capital Repertory Company in Albany is in just such a spot.

When the theater put together a production of this two-woman musical tribute to country singer Patsy Cline in August as its first summer theater show at its Albany theater, it figured it was taking a chance. The chance became that it might burst at the seams as theater patrons filled the house night after night during its one-month run.

When Producing Artistic Director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill found that she could get the two actresses who created the roles in August, she jumped at the chance.

So, with performances slated to begin Thursday, Jan. 15 with a special preview performance for "First Night" button holders only, Jennifer Douglas will return as the country legend, Patsy Cline, and Joy Johnson will recreate her role as Cline's most faithful fan.

Presented in a cabaret set up, David Malachowski will also return as the musical director to play with the original Bodacious Bobcats who back up the Patsy Cline character.

The show is based on a true-life relationship between Cline and Louise Seger, a Houston housewife who became fast friends with the singer after meeting her at a concert.

The show itself opened in Houston in 1988 and has been a regional theater legend ever since.



Martin P. Kelly

## SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Meanwhile *Over the Tavern* which plays through Dec. 21 is giving audiences a glimpse of some fine comic acting with Ryan Sommers Baum as a 12-year old agnostic and Billie Lou Watt as Sister Clarissa, an older nun trying to get the young man back on track. Their scenes are delightful.

Info and reservations for both shows at 462-4531.

### Annie proves durable in Schenectady run

Despite a bout of flu which seemed to threaten everyone in the cast, the production of *Annie* sailed through eight performances in Schenectady's Proctor's Theater last week without a hitch.

The big news of this production was the appearance of nine-year old Brittny Kissinger of Ballston Spa in the leading role.

Displaying nerves of steel at a press conference on Tuesday and then in performances where she was nursing a cold, young Kissinger was in total command of her role and herself.

Claiming never to be nervous, you could believe it watching her performance on stage. Her dialogue was crisp and her singing sure and solid in conveying the emotion and temper of the moment.

She will continue with the show until the end of the run in June hosting dinner for her family during Christmas week when the show plays Chicago.

The child actress travels with her mother, Danielle, and her seven-year-old sister, Chelsea, a blonde who appears ready to step into the role. Her father and brother join them for holidays.

With two understudies among the "orphans" in the show, Kissinger has called upon them several times, twice during the week prior to the Schenectady run.

Although the show has until June to complete its tour, Nell Carter will be leaving the role of the evil Miss Hannigan in early January to return to her California home. She's been with the show since its initial tryout tour, the Broadway run and now this tour, a total of about 18 months. She'll be replaced by Sally Struthers, remembered as Archie Bunker's put-upon daughter on television. Struthers has appeared in musical comedies since leaving *All in the Family*.

### Me and My Girl completes run with shows this weekend

The Schenectady Light Opera company's production of *Me and My Girl* finishes its two-week run with four performances this weekend, Dec. 11-14, at the Opera House in Schenectady.

The 1937 British musical has a young Cockney inheriting a dukedom and then is torn between the machinations of the well-mannered lady and the Cockney mother of his girlfriend to decide how his life will progress.

Reservations are available at 355-1699.

### AROUND THEATERS!

*The Messiah* by the Octavo Singers at Union College Memorial Chapel, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. (344-7464) ... *A Little Princess*, new version of old fairy tale, through Dec. 20 at the New York State Theatre Institute, Troy (274-3256) ... *The Wizard of Oz* at Home Made Theater at Spa Little Theater Dec. 12-21 (587-4427).

# AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 10

## ALBANY COUNTY

- WINTER FARM**  
Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.
- FARMERS' MARKET**  
Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972
- SQUARE DANCE**  
Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.
- RENSSELAER COUNTY**
- EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 11

## ALBANY COUNTY

- CHORUS REHEARSAL**  
Capitland Chorus of Sweet Adeines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.
- FARMERS' MARKET**  
corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.
- SENIOR CHORALE**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**OLD HELLEBERGH CHAPTER OF NSDAR TO MEET**  
Mynderse-Frederick House, Rte. 146 in Guilderland Center, 7:30 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION TO HOMEOPATHY**  
Craven Brooks, 441 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Lecture is free.

**ALBANY MAYOR TO LIGHT CITY TREE**  
Academy Park, across from City Hall, 5:30 p.m. Information, 434-5132.

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

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

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 12

## ALBANY COUNTY

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

**INTENSIVE JOURNAL WORKSHOP**  
Pastoral Center, 40 Main Ave, Albany, 7 p.m. Fee is \$100. For registration, 489-4431.

**VICTORIAN TEA**  
Our Lady of Hope Residence, 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane, Latham, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 785-4551.

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

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 14

## ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

MONDAY  
DECEMBER 15

## 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.

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 16

## ALBANY COUNTY

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

**BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP**  
Center for the Disabled, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 449-4019.

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

## Super Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                    | amends                      | 90 Juan — de                      | Bohr                           | 40 Wilson or                   | 78 Greek dialect            |
| 1 Raindrop sound                 | 50 Frankie or Cleo          | Loon                              | 129 Asta's father              | Jones                          | 79 "Sliver" star            |
| 5 Hebrew text                    | 51 Spring bloomer           | 91 — Alto, Calif.                 | <b>DOWN</b>                    | 41 "Slammin' Sam"              | 82 Actress Rita             |
| 10 Enlarges a hole               | 52 TV's "Growing —"         | 92 Hannibal's family name         | 1 Kelly's possum               | 84 They may be common          | 87 Excavate                 |
| 15 Swimmer Biondi                | 54 Word with bath or shovel | 94 Craze                          | 2 Singer of "Footloose"        | 44 Happen next                 | 89 Perplexing problems      |
| 19 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin          | 56 Playwright Hart          | 96 Chantreuse Lemper              | 3 — even keel                  | 45 Like Oscar Madison          | 91 Pittsburgh team          |
| 20 Musical of 1919               | 57 Buddhist movement        | 97 Dahomey, today                 | 4 Carolina team                | 47 Mr. Bulba                   | 93 Roman structure          |
| 21 Merman or Mertz               | 58 Unpredictable            | 98 Classify                       | 5 Detroit team                 | 49 Put away a pizza            | 95 Summit                   |
| 22 Racer Luyendyk                | 60 Come out of one's shell  | 100 Atlanta team                  | 6 Maine town                   | 52 Beginners' books            | 97 Jefferson's veep         |
| 23 Nana                          | 62 Greek consonants         | 102 Carol Burnett character       | 7 Flat rate                    | 53 Hole in your head?          | 99 Crave a cola             |
| 24 Lost cause                    | 63 Oran native              | 103 Newspaper magnate             | 8 Nice ninny                   | 55 "Eve of Destruction" singer | 101 Sounded like a sow      |
| 25 Macbeth, for one              | 65 Sniffed                  | 105 Big rigs                      | 9 "From — Eternity" ('53 film) | 58 Ovid's Muse                 | 102 Philadelphia team       |
| 26 Descartes or Levesque         | 67 Loosey —                 | 106 Actress Helgenberger          | 10 Takes back                  | 59 Indianapolis team           | 104 Look like Hook?         |
| 27 Salve                         | 69 St. Louis team           | 107 Miami team                    | 11 Numerical suffix            | 61 New Mexico city             | 106 Reagan Attorney General |
| 29 Part of EEC                   | 70 Chicago team             | 111 Hall of us                    | 12 Jezebel's husband           | 64 Geologic division           | 107 Health measure?         |
| 31 Toronto team                  | 71 Another Chicago team     | 112 Envy                          | 13 — Park, NJ                  | 66 Insomnia cure?              | 108 Actor Sharif            |
| 33 Long lunch?                   | 72 Partial payback          | 116 Melville novel                | 14 "2 Olivier/ Caine movie     | 68 Columbus coll.              | 70 Nuts                     |
| 34 Holdup man?                   | 75 Immobile class           | 117 Supply more weapons           | 15 Fragrant herb               | 71 "Time in a Bottle" singer   | 72 Latin rhythm             |
| 36 "Beetle Bailey" bulldog       | 76 Expressions of praise    | 119 Dramatist Capek               | 16 Bailiwick                   | 73 Inventor Howe               | 73 Inventor                 |
| 37 Brazier bits                  | 80 Suffix with "nod"        | 121 Provokes                      | 17 Little than little          | 74 Chicago team                | 75 "Turandot" tenor         |
| 40 Denver team                   | 81 Biggs' instrument        | 122 "Elephant Boy" star           | 18 Duo from Butte?             | 76 Turns blue?                 | 115 Punta del —             |
| 42 "Spanish —" ('61 song)        | 83 Graduates-to-be          | 123 "The Flying Dutchman" heroine | 28 Insignificant               | 77 "More — Can Say" ('80 song) | 118 Hwy.                    |
| 46 Peter of "Casablanca"         | 85 Torrid                   | 124 Rub out                       | 30 Forearm bone                |                                |                             |
| 47 Montemezzi's "L'Amore dei Re" | 86 Farrow and Sara          | 125 Like Felix Unger              | 32 List ender                  |                                |                             |
|                                  |                             | 126 Formerly, formerly            | 34 Ain't right?                |                                |                             |
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### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
The name of the LLC is Access Case Management Service, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 21, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 776A Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110. (December 10, 1997)

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
ARC, L.L.C., has been formed as a limited liability company in New York. The Articles of Organization were filed on October 30, 1997 with the Secretary of State. The office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 48 Troy Avenue, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose of the business of ARC, L.L.C. is to engage in all lawful business for which a limited liability company can be formed pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. (December 10, 1997)

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
COLUMBIA HAWKINS GROUP, L.L.C. was converted from a New York partnership into a limited liability company. The name of the partnership was COLUMBIA

### LEGAL NOTICE

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
The name of the LLC is Columbia Central Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 22, 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 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 10, 1997)

### LEGAL NOTICE

**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."

### LEGAL NOTICE

liability company is "CLIFTON COUNTRY ROAD ASSOCIATES, LLC."

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

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State, of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him or her is: Clifton Country Road Associates, L.L.C., P.O. Box 1549, Clifton Park, New York 12065.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

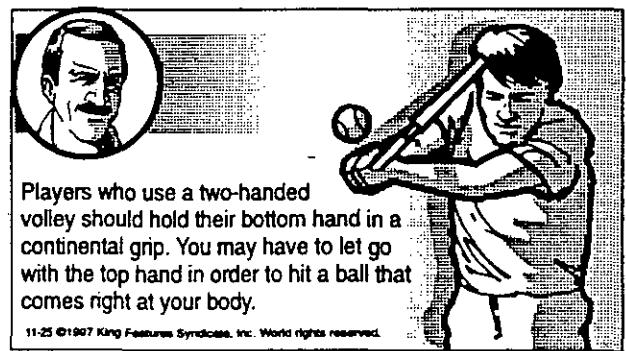
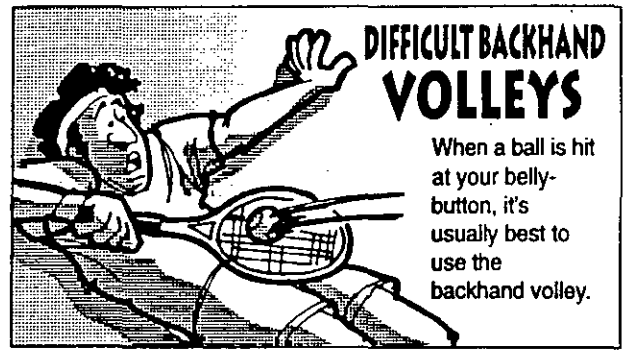
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 2nd day of September, 1997 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

Frank A. Tate, Jr., Organizer (December 10, 1997)

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (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 October 22, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as 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 10, 1997)

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# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"

Highlight Acting Troupe, Christmas show, the former Memorial United Methodist Church, corner of Hoosick St. and South Lake Ave., Troy, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-6936.

### "THE NUTCRACKER"

Capital Ballet Company, Albany Symphony Orchestra, Albany's Palace Theatre, Albany, Saturday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. Information, 462-3333.

### "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

The Map and Bucket Company, Spaha performance group, radio style adaptation, United Methodist Church, Fifth Ave. at Henning Road, Saratoga, Dec. 19, 8:15 p.m. Cost, \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors. Information, 581-1051.

### "ME AND MY GIRL"

Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 11, 12, 13, 2 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 14, Cost, \$16. Information, 233-7739.

### "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. 10, 11, 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.

### "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.

### "AUTHORS THEATRE WINTERFEST"

Ted Swindley, Capital Region's Award-Winning Professional Theatre, Capital Repertory, 111 North Pearl Street, Albany, Jan. 26 through Feb. 9. Information, 462-4531 ext. 293.

### "SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE"

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

### "THE COLUMBIA WOODWIND QUINTET"

unique percussion concert, North Point Cultural Arts Center, 62 Chatham Street, Kinderhook, Sunday, Jan. 25, 3 p.m. Information, 758-9234.

### SWING MUSIC AND DANCING

Michael Benedict Big Band, toe tapping music, North Point Cultural Arts Center, 62 Chatham Street, Kinderhook, Saturday, Feb. 28, 8 to 11 p.m. Information, 758-9234.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

carillon concert, Albany City Hall Carillon, Charles Semowich, Carillonneur, held at various locations near Albany City Hall, Dec. 25, 6 p.m. Information, 449-4756.

### MASTERWORKS CHORALE

College of Saint Rose, 27th Annual Christmas Concert, Albany Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle Street, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

## MUSIC

### CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

Third Rail, North Point Cultural Arts Center, 62 Chatham Street, Kinderhook, Saturday, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Information, 758-9234.

## LEGAL NOTICE

5. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. (December 10, 1997)

Notice of formation of limited liability partnership ("LLP"). Name: Lutz, Cichy, Selig & Zeronda, Limited Liability Partnership, now amended to LCS&Z Glickman Lutz, L.L.P. Registration filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SOS") on 2/3/95. Office location: Albany County, SOS is designated as agent of LLP for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to LLP, 110 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: certified public accountancy practice. (December 10, 1997)

### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE RAND COMPANY, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company is THE RAND

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMPANY, LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York is May 19, 1997.

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

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

Michael P. Mansion, Esq.  
112 State Street Suite 1320  
Albany, New York 12207

5. The latest date upon which the LLC is to dissolve: None.

6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business, including but not limited to, the ownership and/or sale of real property.

7. The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the filing date with the Secretary of State. (December 10, 1997)

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### HOLIDAY CONCERT

Cohoes Caretakers, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen Street, Cohoes, Monday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. Information, 237-7999.

### 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.

### PHISH

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

### EIGHTH STEP

open stage, 14 Willett St., Albany, 8 p.m., Wednesdays, \$7. Information, 434-1703.

### ALLAN ALEXANDER

guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

### AUDITION

for Capital Hill Choral Society for the 1997-98 season. All voice parts. Information, 465-3328 or 374-4399.

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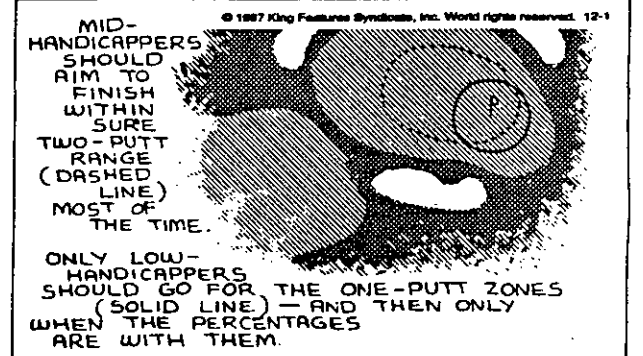
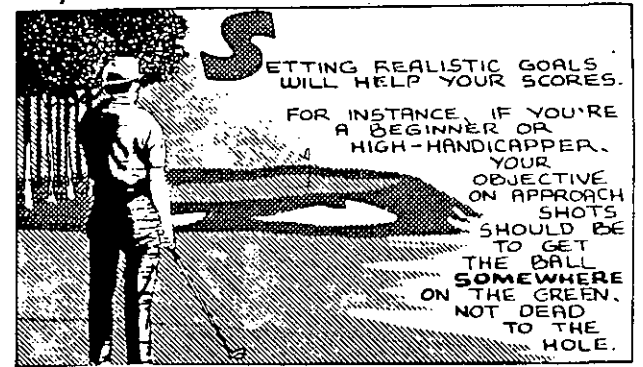
### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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

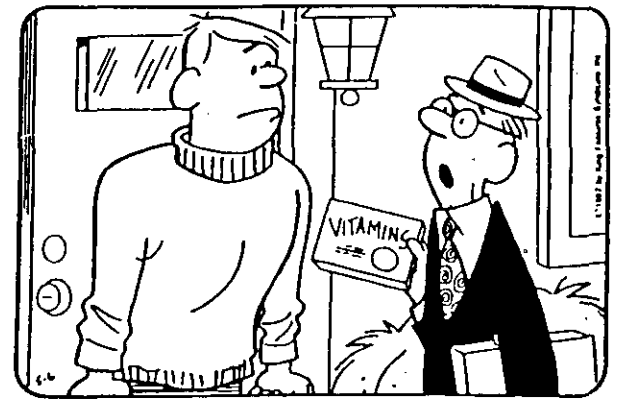
singers needed, rehearsals at Columbia High School, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

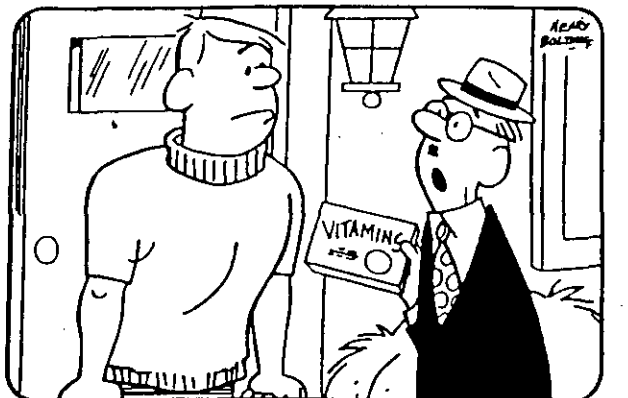


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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the LLC is The Greens, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 10, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1785 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (December 10, 1997)

### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

SSDR ENGINEERING, LLC Under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is SSDR ENGINEERING, LLC.

SECOND: The Articles of Organization were filed on November 4, 1997.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State shall be c/o 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 profession of engineering and any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

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

s/Michael W. McNerney, Sole Organizer  
437 Luther Road  
East Greenbush, NY 12144

December 10, 1997)

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SCHENECTADY STATE STREET ASSOCIATES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of SCHENECTADY STATE STREET ASSOCIATES, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on October 30, 1997.

The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership and operation of the property known as and located at 2037 State Street, County of Schenectady, State of New York and to engage in any other real estate activities necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

The office of the Company shall be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. (December 10, 1997)

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

The name of LLC is J&T Associates, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 20, 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 10 Walker Way, Albany, New York 12205. (December 10, 1997)

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(C)

1. The name of the limited liability company is Taconic Golf, LLC.

2. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was October 9, 1997.

3. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to Taconic Golf, LLC, c/o The Law Offices of David B. Sall, Esq., 3 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601.



# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 10**

**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.

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**

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

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

**ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER,  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

**BETHLEHEM BUSINESS  
WOMEN'S CLUB**

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m. Information, 439-5786.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Advent service, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**QUILTERS MEETING**

United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR  
CITIZENS**

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

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL  
FREE CHURCH**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 11**

**BETHLEHEM**

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**  
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

**WELCOME WAGONERS TO  
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Tollgate Restaurant, 8:30 a.m., \$8, \$5 children. Information and registration, 439-8009.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LADIES AUXILIARY**

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

**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW  
POST 3185**

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

**ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY  
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firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 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.

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**

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

**FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 12**

**BETHLEHEM**

**AA MEETING**

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

**CHABAD CENTER**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**YOUTH GROUP**

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

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 13**

**BETHLEHEM**

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**BETHLEHEM**

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

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 14**

## CLASSIFIEDS

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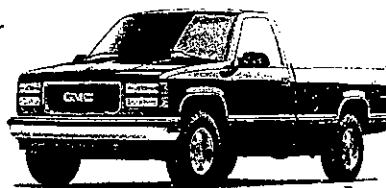


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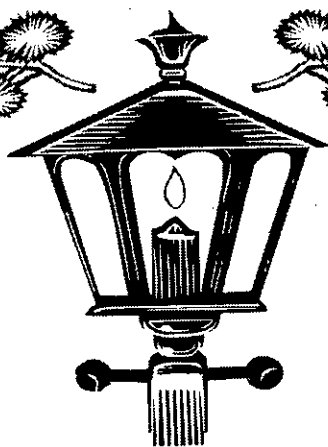
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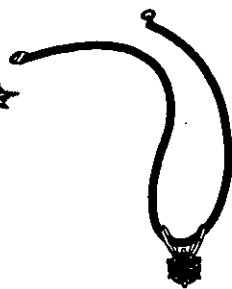
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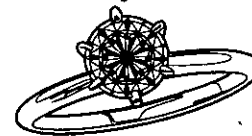
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