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## Christmas worship



New Scotland Presbyterian Church is decorated for Christmas services.

Hugh Hewitt

## Town may countersue in zoning/race case

By Michael Hallisey

Bethlehem Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said last week the town was taking a preliminary look at a possible counter suit against Pizza Hut entrepreneur Carole Slingerlands resident is suing the town for \$15.25 million on claims of racial discrimination.

"It's an option," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller. But she doesn't know what legal action the town will take until the board discusses the matter with the town's insurance firm.

Fuller, along with Building Inspector John Flanigan and members of the zoning board of appeals were presented with a 30-page complaint, informing them of the lawsuit two weeks ago.

Since news of the lawsuit was reported, residents have been calling in with their support, said Fuller.

Some people have left anonymous phone messages. "I've never seen that here before," said Fuller. "They're angry," she added, "the taxpayers face having to spend a lot if the town is forced to defend this."

Each individual named on the lawsuit is being sued both professionally and personally by Riley. The lawsuit states Riley was denied a use variance to conduct business from

her Slingerlands home because she is black.

Building Inspector John Flanigan informed Riley in February of a zoning

□ RILEY/page 5

**The taxpayers face having to spend a lot if the town is forced to defend this.**

Sheila Fuller

## Bethlehem mulls water suit

Review of new system nears completion

By Michael Hallisey

Bethlehem town officials may have reason to seek legal action over the town's new water system.

A letter from lawyer John Rudy, of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, informed Supervisor Sheila Fuller that Pennsylvania engineering firm Gannett Fleming is in the final stages of its review of the town's new water system and is expected to present its report by next month.

In the letter, dated Dec. 15, Rudy states, "Based on Gannett Fleming's oral report

of its work to date, it appears that its final report to us will allow us to advise the board that the town has a basis for seeking legal recourse against certain parties resulting from the system's inability to produce the intended approximately six

□ LEGAL/page 21

## BC bus driver faces drunken driving charge

By Dev Tobin

A Bethlehem Central school bus driver transported more than 100 children last Thursday when he was allegedly impaired by alcohol.

The driver, Richard Nugent, 45, of 205 Tampa Ave., East Greenbush, was tested for alcohol and drugs after his morning runs to the high school and the middle school as part of the district's random testing program.

After two screening tests by a district contractor showed impairment above .04 percent blood alcohol content, according to Superintendent Les Loomis, the Bethlehem police were called to the bus garage.

Nugent also failed field sobriety tests and tested above .04 BAC on a

□ DRIVING/page 21

## Kidney transplant patients A-OK

By Katherine McCarthy

Christmas came early for 5-year-old Stephen Smith of Glenmont, when he received one of his mother's kidneys in September.

Stephen had suffered from mesangial proliferative glomerulonephritis, an aggressive form of kidney disease. He had lost all kidney functions and was on hemodialysis.

After the transplant, the concern is that his body will reject the new kidney. "This past Wednesday was the three-month mark," said Stephen's mother Lynda Smith. "It was a crucial point. Although his body could reject the kidney for up to a year, every three months is a milestone."

The transplant surgery took place at the University of Minnesota in Fairview, Minn. "They treat hundreds of children there," Lynda Smith said. "It's a very hard surgery to do on a smaller child, and they have a lot of experience."

Smith said donating her kidney was "a wonderful experience." She bounced back quickly, leaving the hospital after five days, although she had to be careful not to overexert herself for the next

□ PATIENTS/page 5



Stephen and Lynda Smith

## Police arrest two for DWI

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

Richard Jude Nugent, 45, of 205 Tampa Ave. in East Greenbush, was arrested on charges of DWI Thursday, Dec. 18, at approximately 9 a.m. (See related story Page 1).

Michael N. Kissinger, 19, of 31 Griffin Drive in Latham was arrested on a charge of DWI Saturday, Dec. 13 at approximately 4:47 a.m.

Police said Kissinger was initially observed speeding on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. Police said he started to swerve across the double yellow line and white fog lines on the road. He allegedly came close to hitting the bridge abutment near Tollgate Apartments before he was stopped.

Kissinger was also charged with speeding and failure to keep right.

## Delmar library offers Internet program

Ray Houghton of Cyberhaus Computer Learning Centers in Delmar will present a free program on online services and resources for investors on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue.

The program will include information on setting up an online portfolio, getting quotes, viewing stock histories, researching companies and accessing investment publications.

The pros and cons of online trading will also be discussed.

To register, call 439-9314.

## Christmas dinner set at church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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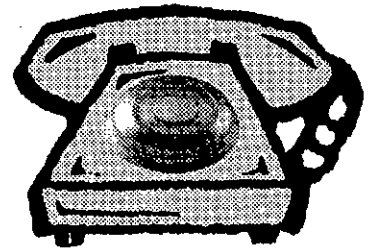
Last week's article about the Voorheesville school board contained an error about the last major bond in the district. In 1988-89, the district floated an \$8 million bond for construction of the large group instruction room at the high school and asbestos abatement. The Voorheesville library was built for under \$800,000.

In an article about the extension for the proposed McCormack Hollow subdivision in Delmar in the Dec. 10 *Spotlight*, Bethlehem planning board member James Blendell was erroneously quoted.

Blendell said he was looking forward to voting to approve the subdivision.

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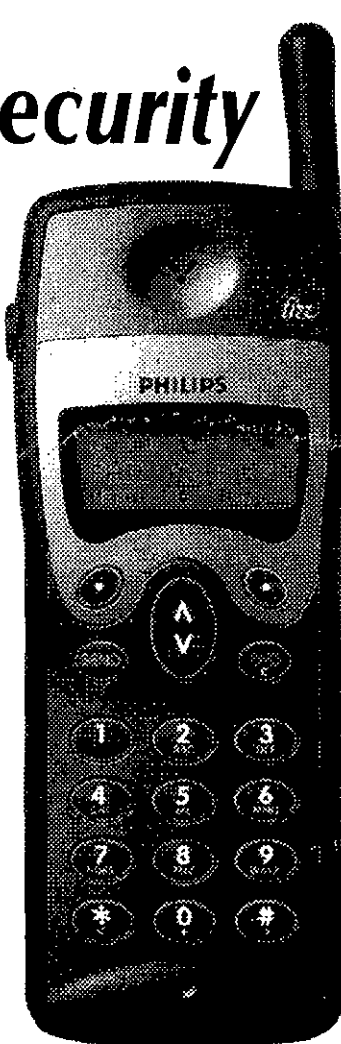
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# Chamber seeks survey response

By Michael Hallisey

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce president Marty DeLaney wants Bethlehem residents to take five minutes out of their busy schedules to fill out a survey that asks their views of the local business climate.

Since mid-November, the chamber has released 20,000 surveys and approximately 1,200 have been returned.



DeLaney

"That's nowhere near where I'd like to be," DeLaney said. "I'm looking to get a cross section of all the age groups in town. I'm really interested in what teens have to say, what young adults and young parents have to say."

The one-page, 12-question survey asks simple questions such as how frequently you shop in Bethlehem, and where.

Some survey questions require more thought. For instance, residents are asked to list what businesses they feel are lacking in Bethlehem, and if they feel the town needs a regulatory review of proposed businesses.

Residents are also asked if they would support "non-residential development" in town, and if they think it would positively effect school and property taxes.

DeLaney said the responses she has received — though she has yet to read all of them — have "opened her eyes."

"People have mailed back three-page letters along with the surveys," she said. "We want you to say whatever is on your mind. We want to continually take the pulse of the community."

DeLaney said the last major survey conducted by the chamber was five years ago. "That's too long."

Concerns about the local business climate have spurred numerous letters to the editor of *The Spotlight*.

Those concerns were also a major issue in this year's local political campaigns.

Some residents blame town hall

for being unfriendly towards new business. Others claim high prices and drab surroundings have forced customers to look outside of town.

"Economic development has always been my number one priority," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

Fuller plans to talk about her plans for the local economy at the town board's organizational meeting Friday, Jan. 2, at noon. (See related story on this page.)

"People are actually thanking us for giving them the opportunity," DeLaney said. "And it has also given them the opportunity to vent their frustrations."

DeLaney said she has heard people complain about the appearance of some stores in town. Residents have also indicated that concern on the survey, she said. If a significant number of residents feel the same, DeLaney said store owners will hear about it.

"We're going to do a lot of things," she said. "It will be used as a basic means for economic development. To figure out where business is lacking, and encourage those businesses to locate here. And, give the information to present members to let them know what merchandise is in demand."

It goes back to one simple question, DeLaney said, "What are the top reasons why people stay away (from Bethlehem stores)?"

## BC plans extra help for kindergarteners

By Dev Tobin

While there is no consensus that full-day kindergarten has general long-term benefits for students, even those who are lukewarm about the idea at Bethlehem Central concede that more early education would help children who are "least-ready" for school.

So the district will look to provide a more intensive early intervention for a select group of at-risk students in 1998-99.

When the BC school board votes on full-day kindergarten Jan. 7, Superintendent Les Loomis will not recommend that the district begin a full-day kindergarten program next year.

Some parents have argued that with the state providing additional incentive aid, now is the time to move to a full-day kindergarten program.

Other parents have supported the district's current half-day program at its Early Learning Center, initiated only this year.

Loomis said that projecting that the extra state aid will always be there to support full-day kindergarten is "problematic."

But he said the district will convene a planning group to study how an extended kindergarten program could help those who need it most.

The group will include Early Learning Center Director Helen Salamone, Slingerlands Elementary School Principal David Murphy, elementary language arts supervisor Kathy Bartley, an occupational therapist, a speech therapist and a kindergarten teacher.

Loomis said the the group will look at a proposed half-day program, in addition to the half-day already spent in kindergarten, for two sessions of 12 to 15 students each, staffed by a teacher and an intern.

Loomis said the program could be based at the Early Learning Center and included in the 1998-99 budget and would develop state aid to cover part of its costs.

In a related matter, Loomis said the district will not form a committee to study providing pre-kindergarten services since the district will not be applying for state aid for such a program in the 1998-99 school year.

## The scene is set



Magi, shepherds and barnyard animals surround the Holy Family in the manger scene outside St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elmsere. *Hugh Hewitt*

## Fuller to place top priority on new business development

By Michael Hallisey

Supervisor Sheila Fuller will speak about her plans to improve the town's business atmosphere when the new town board meets in its organizational meeting Friday, Jan. 2 at noon.

"I think the bottom line is with

economic development of the town," Fuller said. "We need to begin to look at preapproval of sites for development, and certainly have the planning process improved."

When Fuller ran for re-election in November, she mentioned some of her ideas to improve local business.

"Economic development has always been my No. 1 concern," she said.

Fuller said she would be interested in establishing pre-application meetings for developers before they appear formally in front of the planning or zoning boards.

This way, she said, applicants can meet with town planners and engineers and discuss the project and what information the town may need.

With a pre-application meeting, the planning board may also be able to grant early approval for projects. The ideas have been used in other communities, Fuller said. Though applicants would have approval from the board, they would still meet with board members to guarantee zoning regulations are being followed.

Another idea to speed development would be to establish a site ready plan, where sewer water would be piped into vacant plots that would be suitable for large businesses.

The town has already been looking toward implementing a master plan with the help of the Land Use Management Advisory Committee.

LUMAC had attempted to preserve open land in Bethlehem by restricting high-density development on large plots of land.

Rural Landowners of Bethlehem opposed the plan, arguing that it would eventually hurt

agriculture.

Fuller said she wants to see the plan passed into law, but wishes to work out concerns regarding the plan first.

**Economic development has always been my No. 1 concern.**

Sheila Fuller

As the town gets ready for the new year, Fuller already sees challenges the town will have to face.

When ownership of the Glenmont generating facility changes from Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. to another company, it will pose new challenges to the town.

The Glenmont power station represents approximately 16 percent of the total Bethlehem Central school tax levy and is the town's largest taxpayer, paying more than \$6.3 million a year in school, town and county taxes.

## Feestelijk II set

The second Feestelijk Bethlehem, a celebration of music and arts similar to First Night, will be Saturday, May 2.

An organizational meeting for community volunteers will be held Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

For information, call 439-7740.

## Holiday schedule

The *Spotlight* office will be closed for the holidays Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. and for the entire day Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1.

Advertising/community news deadlines are as follows:

Dec. 31 issue — Dec. 24 at 1 p.m.

Jan. 7 issue — Jan. 2 at 5 p.m.

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# Voorheesville names honor roll students

Pupils on the high honor roll of the Voorheesville School District have been announced for the first marking period. High honor roll is comprised of those students who have earned an average of 90 or better this marking period.

## Grade-seven

Jenica Abram, Kathryn Alpert, Mandi Bareis, Jessica Baugh, Ashleigh Berger, Tracie Boyle, Cassandra Cacace, Chase Campbell, Thomas Cocca, Heather Decotes, Stina Disser, Stephanie Fried, Jaimie Giglio, Sarah Goetz, Jeremy Goren, Kathryn Inglis, Elizabeth Koltai, Megan Marczewski, Jamie Masterson, Lindsay McGrath, Lindsay McKenna, Rachel Moore, Matthew Neri, Catherine Nicholson, Stefan Oehrlein, Jane Pearson, Allison Pofit, Sarah Samson, Emily Schultz, Lesley Stefan, John Sullivan, Stacy Veeder and Matthew Watson.

## Grade-eight

Nicholas Angileri, David Brown, Kara Byron, Anthony Califano, A.J. Cavanaugh, Gregory Conklin, Emily Corcione, Christina Decocinis, Michelle Delacruz, William Denn, Brianne Dwyer, Jessica Faustel, Erica Finkle, Sa-

mara Fluster, Nathan Gibson, Jaimie Glover, Eileen Griner, Loren Guerriero, Lindsay Halpin, Timothy Hauser, Stephen Hensel, Kimberly Jones, Kimberly Kavanaugh, Travis LaDuke, Heidi Lapham, Nicole Lapham, Michael Lombardi, Justin Lombardo, Kevin Massaroni, Jessica Matthews, Christina Michael, Christin Nadratowski, Emily Osterhout, Casey Pensack, Sarah Roman, Rachel Saddlemire, Binky Sayer, William Schlappi, Jennifer Seay, Melissa Throneburg, Mark Tidd, Heidi Wiesmaier, Shanna Wiley and Alicia Young.

## Grade-nine

Collin Adalian, Amy Belasen, Jamie Boyle, Brittany Burnham, Jesse Bye, Patrick Carey, Stephanie Concllin, Jillian DeGregorio, Matthew Delaney, Leah Demo, Christopher DiBlasi, Kristin DuBritz, Nicholas Freeman, Jessica Fuld, Maria Giglio, Nicole Halabuda, Jessica Hover, Matthew Hubert, Blair Klopfer, Benjamin Koltai, Amy Lenseth, Adam Lustick, Melissa Maikoff, Anne Marinaro, Danielle Masterson, Christopher McCune, Nicole McMahon, Marc Meservey, Ashley Miller, David Okoniewski, Sarah Ruane,

Danielle Ruby, Daniel Scher, Kassandra Schultz, Daniel Segal, Brendan Shields, Jesse Sommer, Amanda Tommell and William Zimmerman.

## Grade-10

Meredith Bentley, James Case, Elizabeth DiDomenico, Tobi Erner, Amy Fiato, Deborah Greene, Mindy Greene, Joseph Guastella, Matthew Horn, Jeffrey Hover, Christian Jackstadt, Melissa Klapp, Jacquelyn Konis, Kelly Kurposka, Melissa Long, Aniela Lupien, Jeremy Malloch, Joshua McMahon, James Nicholson, Susanne Patashnick, Jennifer Reddy, Laura Remmert, Daniel Samson, Edward Sayer, Rebecca Smolen, Cheyne Suker, Andrew Tanner, Christine Tanner, Kelly Ulion and Elissa Waltz.

## Grade-11

Caryn Adams, Julianna Baron, Krysta Berquist, Meghan Conway, Andrew Corcione, Megan Dorn, Nicole Filkins, Cynthia Griffin,

Jason Halpin, Brian Kern, Tyler King, Alison Leonard, Justin Maikoff, Matthew Melewski, Ryan Nolan, Whitney Reed, Trinell Russell, Jeremy Scher, Jessica Stewart, Beth Tidd, Kristen Vanderwarker, Andrew Walter, Brian Washburn, Erin Wiater, Lynette Winchell and Jessica Wuntsch.

## Grade-12

Sarah Abbott, Georgina Aldana, Joseph Arena, Matthew Baron, Ariel Belasen, Joshua Benedict, Michael Blackman, Edwin Bryden, Regan Burns, Katya Chernova, Thomas Craig, Kimberly Cronin, Joseph Dougherty, Philip Erner, Brett Fortran, Sharyn Getnick, Colleen Hotaling, Christine Hubert, John Kazukenus, Marc Lawson, Jane Meade, Matthew Odell, Katherine Primiano, Cynthia Reed, Justin Rymanowski, Robert Samson, Christina Schachne, Sherri Shafer and Courtney Tedesco.

## Softball league to hold registration

Bethlehem Tomboys softball league will hold final registration for the 1998 season on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue.

Registration is open to girls in grades one through 12. Participants must turn 6-years-old by Dec. 1.

First time registrants must show a copy of their birth certificate.

Practices start in April. League games generally run from May through early July.

Parent volunteers are needed for the board of directors and to serve as boosters, managers/coaches, groundskeepers and fund-raisers.

For information, call 439-4636.

## Bird club to sponsor program

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club will sponsor a program on Texas birds with Bill Gorman on Monday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Gorman uses moving pictures to make the birds come to life.

His program will take participants to many of the best birding spots in Texas.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 475-0291.

## 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.

All volunteers receive training. Winter instructor training sessions begin on Jan. 5. Other training sessions are offered in early March and April.

For information, call 475-0291.



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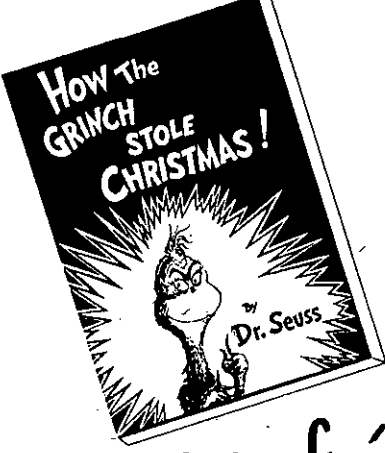
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## Riley

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violation after he discovered plans for a home business with seven to 14 employees. The presence of a dumpster on the property prompted him to investigate the situation.

In the lawsuit, Riley claims Flanigan made the visit only after it was known a black woman had bought the \$460,000 home. Flanigan is being sued for \$11 million.

Riley claims the town selectively enforces zoning laws. She says she was denied a use variance while her white neighbors are allowed to conduct businesses from their homes.

Zoning board chairman Michael Hodom is being sued for \$1.5 million. Fuller is being sued for the same amount.

Board members James Morgan, Robert Wiggand, Marjory O'Brien, Richard Lewis, and board lawyer Dixon Welt are being sued for \$3.75 million each.

Welt recently submitted a letter of resignation from his position. He claims his role as the zoning board's lawyer is taking too much time away from his private practice.

Welt could not be reached for comment.

Fuller said last week that she was offended by Riley's claims that she met with Flanigan and members of the zoning board to conspire against her.

Riley had requested a use variance, claiming hardship after she bought the home on the advice of her real estate broker that the \$460,000 home would be perfect for an in-home professional office.

She moved to 1545 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands intending to manage 47 Pizza Hut restaurants from her home.

Riley hired a lawyer and real estate agent to help her find a suitable home in the Albany area. She moved to the area from Manhattan.

The real estate agent hired by

## Delmar library slates program on tax relief

Certified financial planners Nancy Parrella and Peter Luczak will present a program entitled Understanding the New Tax Relief Act on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

They will review how federal tax legislation benefits individuals in terms of capital gains tax reduction, IRA improvements, child tax credit, college education tax incentives and estate tax reduction.

For information or to register, call 439-9314.

## Delmar library to show short kids films

Bethlehem Public Library will show the short children's films *The Snowy Day*, *Strega Nona* and *The Three-Little Pigs* on Friday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 a.m.

This is a free, drop-in event for children ages 3 to 6. The program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Riley said the Slingerlands property was deemed suitable for business according to a multiple listing service used by nearly all area real estate agencies.

The agent's information was entered into a computer service by a listing agent, who bases the information on the builder's past use. The previous owner of the home had a single private office on the premises.

Town zoning codes defines a professional office as one that does not "accommodate outside help" and is a permitted use for doctors, surgeons, dentists, teachers, engineers, architects, musicians, lawyers and other professionals.

The Capital Region Multiple Listing Service printed a disclaimer along with the information on the property, claiming the listing was "recommended but not guaranteed."

According to the town zoning law, a variance due to hardship can be granted under four different situations — applicant is deprived of reasonable use of property; the hardship is unique and does not apply to a substantial portion of the neighborhood; the use variance would not alter the neighborhood's character; and the hardship was not self-created.

The board decided on Nov. 5 that the hardship was self-inflicted. Riley had a month to file an appeal of the decision, but did not do so, instead filing the lawsuit.

## Transplants

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six weeks. "It was a wonderful feeling to give him a second chance at life. Stephen understands that he has my kidney," added Smith.

The life span for a transplanted kidney is generally eight to ten years, depending on how you take care of yourself. Smith said that statistic is scary to think about, especially since hers is the only kidney Stephen has.

Often a native kidney will be left in, but doctors in Minnesota felt leaving one of Stephen's very swollen kidneys in might cause problems.

Smith said she thought about the short life span of a kidney transplant before the surgery. "We go day to day," she said. "Now, though, I feel very protective of my kidney in Stephen." Should the transplanted kidney fail, Stephen would go on a list to receive a new organ.

With a healthy kidney, Stephen's parents say he is a new child. His father David Smith commented that "Before, he watched a lot of videos, especially during dialysis."

Dialysis is something Stephen doesn't like to hear about, interrupting his father with an emphatic, "Don't even mention dialysis!"

Stephen's feeding tube has been removed, and he is gaining weight and has better color.

His activity level has tripled

from the low level he'd operated on for the past three years. "Now he's a maniac," his mother said. "Sometimes it can be trying. It's like he's going through his 2's, 3's and 4's all at the same time."

The Stephen M. Smith Fund, created by Stephen's grandparents, Linda and Linda Lindstrom and Andy and Tom Kleinhans, financed the Smith's trip to Minnesota. "There was over \$10,000 in the fund," Lynda Smith said. "There's money left, and the fund is still there. We'll use it for Stephen's medications and other trips to Minnesota."

Stephen must take many medications, among them anti-rejection drugs and antibiotics to help him resist common childhood diseases such as chicken pox. His blood pressure must be medically controlled to prevent edema, which could damage his kidney.

Although the Smiths have medical insurance, the copayments they make for doctor visits and medicines amount to about \$150 monthly.

Stephen sees Dr. Rodrigo Urizar, a nephrologist at Albany


Medical Center, who consults with his doctors in Minnesota.

"We'll go back to Minnesota a year after the surgery," Lynda Smith said. "They may want to see him at the six-month mark. If there are any major rejection episodes or infections, they'll want to see him then, too."

Lynda Smith has returned to work as a case control technician at American International Group, and Stephen goes to a baby sitter during the day. "I'm the oldest," he announces proudly, "I'm the leader." He'll start kindergarten in the fall.

Although he still has a long road ahead, his parents are delighted with the progress he's made. They smile as he runs past the Christmas tree, from the living room to the kitchen, and back again to somersault off the couch. It seems as if he's making up for lost time.

"He never wants to go to bed," his mother said. "He has so much energy."



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## Matters of Opinion

### Peace on earth

This year, Christmas and Hanukkah, holy times for Christians and Jews, occur at about the same time.

The American celebration of Christmas may be more cultural and commercial than religious, even so it is essentially Christian, which has been taken as an affront by some non-Christians. And the rampant commercialism of Christmas troubles many, Christian and non-Christian alike.

We at *The Spotlight* can do little to change the fact that some people have problems with Christmas, so we would like to focus this week on seven words from the Christmas story — "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" — that can serve as an ecumenical bridge over the troubled waters of the "December holidays."

If we tune out the media noise over Beanie Babies, comparative retail sales statistics and whether Christmas trees or manger scenes should be in public places, these seven words shine through with striking clarity.

"Peace on Earth" — God knows, too many millions have died in this century's major and minor wars, but the last 50 years have been remarkably peaceful. And in the last decade, we have seen steel strands attached to the nuclear sword of Damocles.

Even the seemingly irreconcilable conflicts in Bosnia, Ireland and the Mideast are in *de facto* cease-fires, violated occasionally only by desperate extremists.

So the Christmas message of world peace resonates more as reality than as wish this year.

The "good will toward men" part is more personal, perhaps more difficult, but surely ecumenical. Shouldn't we all at least try to be good — to everyone, including, but not limited to, our friends, family and co-workers?

If we all make a special effort to be good to others, the best part of the Christmas spirit will last through the year.

### Say yes to Stewart's

In considering the variance for a Stewart's convenience store at the corner of Delaware and Elm avenues, the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals in particular, and town government in general, have a special opportunity to reassure the regional business community.

The perception is out there that Bethlehem is a difficult town to do business in. Aside from coverage in *The Spotlight* of zoning controversies, news of the travails of those looking to open or expand businesses in town travels by word-of-mouth, undoubtedly embellished along the way, through the business community.

The proposed Stewart's is in a proper commercial zone, but it needs a variance because the store would be selling beer within 250 feet of school property (although it is more like 1,000 feet to the high school building).

Company officials say they will be extra-vigilant to prevent beer, tobacco and lottery sales to minors, and we believe them, as Stewart's generally has a good record in this regard.

Because of the constraints of the site, Stewart's has agreed not to sell gasoline there, which will somewhat mitigate the traffic impact of the store.

This is not a pollution-belching garbage incinerator or regional enclosed mall — it's a convenience store at the intersection of two major town roads that would become a time- and money-saver for many residents of the western part of town.

Stewart's will also clean up and environmentally rehabilitate an ugly abandoned gas station, substantially increasing the property's value and local tax payments.

Plus Stewart's is a good corporate citizen, as is evident this time of year by the company's matching its customers' contributions to the Christmas Wish campaign to help needy children.

The zoning board should expect that Stewart's will continue its law-abiding ways and grant the variance.

### Editorials

## Play it safe over holidays

By Tammy Quackenbush

*The writer is communications associate for the American Red Cross of Northeastern New York.*

Capital District residents are gearing up for the holidays, and as these winter festivities approach, the Red Cross of Northeastern New York reminds families to use common sense when decorating with candles, cooking holiday meals and driving to and from holiday celebrations.

The Red Cross has developed tips to help the community prevent injuries or even fatalities during the upcoming holidays. The National Fire Prevention Association reports Christmas tree fires have started nearly 600 structure fires per year, causing an average of 33 deaths, 117 injuries and \$23 million in property damage.

Last year, the Red Cross of Northeastern New York assisted more than 700 Capital District families who were victims of fires. Keep the following holiday safety information close by for easy reference.

Heating devices rank as the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. According to the National Fire Protection Association, most of these fires could have been prevented with the proper understanding of home heating devices.

Have your chimney inspected by a professional at the start of the heating season. Creosote, a chemical substance, forms when wood burns and builds up in chimneys that can cause fires if not properly cleaned. Always protect your family and home by using a sturdy screen when burning fires.

Remember to burn only wood — never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite a neighboring home.

Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. When purchasing a factory built-in fireplace, select one listed by a testing laboratory and have it installed according to local codes. If you plan to hang stockings on the fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires. It is impor-

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tant that your wood or coal stove bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire code. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for proper use and maintenances. Chimney con-

**Most people enjoy the ambiance of candles around the holidays, but left unattended, they can be fatal. Be safe with holiday candles by keeping them away from decorations or other combustible materials.**

nections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned if necessary.

When using space heaters, place them at least three feet (one meter) away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other clothing over space heaters is a fire hazard.

Most people enjoy the ambiance of candles around the holidays, but left unattended, they can be fatal. Be safe with holiday candles by keeping them away from decorations or other combustible materials.

Don't leave candles unattended in a room and, as always, keep candles, matches, and lighters out of the reach of children. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. Avoid using candles during parties. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits.

When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory. For outside decorations, use only those lights labeled for outdoor use. Don't overload electrical outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put electrical lights on metal Christmas trees.

Decorations for holiday parties should be flame retardant or made of non-combustible materials. If guests will be smoking, provide them with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

During the holidays, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt can prevent injury in motor vehicle collisions, so check to make sure all passengers are wearing safety belts. Children should be seated in the back seat of the car and in an approved safety seat if younger than 6 years old, or according to local law.

When attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving.

Winter weather can be brutal. Prepare for storms by having extra blankets on hand and ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat and water-resistant boots.

Stay tuned for storm warnings by listening to your local radio and television stations for updated storm information.

It is also important to have your car winterized before the winter storm season.

The American Red Cross has additional information on family disaster preparedness and offers courses in CPR, first aid, aquatics and water safety and HIV/AIDS education.

To learn more safety information or to enroll in a Red Cross course, contact us at 433-0151.

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**Your Opinion Matters**

**Consider the facts on CMI plan**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to respond to recent letters appearing in *The Spotlight* concerning the CMI senior housing proposal.

I am strongly opposed to a zoning change. I am even more strongly opposed to a zoning change for questionable need such as CMI's proposal.

In the months since CMI's September public presentation, I have spoken to Mr. Steven Insoft of CMI and his employees on a number of occasions. I also received the information used by CMI to determine need for senior housing in the Capital District. There are some points in need of clarification in light of the information I received:

1. At \$1,700 to \$3,500 a month (Alison Wecker of CMI), CMI's housing is hardly affordable to all seniors. Only those with generous pensions will be able to afford the apartments under consideration. The above prices do not reflect additional, a la carte services such as laundry, meals and certain medical expenses.

2. The average income of seniors in the age group to be housed in CMI's housing is \$24,000 per year.

3. In the past years, a number of senior apartment complexes have been opened in Albany County. These include, among others, Beverwyck (a new addition was

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approved this summer) in Bethlehem and Wellspring in two locations in Albany. These residences offer similar services to CMI's and are either already in existence or will be built in areas not requiring a zoning change.

4. People seem to be unaware that the proposed facility, according to CMI's own presentation, specializes in care for frail seniors 75 years of age and older. The proposed facility is not designed to house those advocating its need or expressing a desire to live there. Vital, healthy and active seniors are out of place in this facility.

5. CMI, their architects and engineers handled questions at the September meeting ineptly and cavalierly. The general tone of the meeting was as if discussing a *fait accompli*. This poses a great concern for me.

6. There is no "working with" or "compromising with" a multi-million dollar corporation to find solutions to problems. CMI is such a corporation and, by Mr. Insoft's admission, is in the business of caring for seniors for profit. Once a zoning change is in place and construction is under way, it will be impossible to

supervise what happens.

7. The issue at hand is a change of zone from residential to commercial, not a need for senior housing. This change sets a precedent for any lot in the town of Bethlehem. Is this really what we want in our town?

Anne Moore

Delmar

**CMI proposal is a win-win opportunity**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Seldom does a win-win opportunity arise such as the proposed CMI Senior Housing Project. My only qualification is that I am a 71-year-old charter member of the silent majority.

I never expect to reside in this development (if built) unless my financial conditions change.

I am all for this project, and I am certain that it will be badly needed down the road.

Earl Smith

Delmar

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**Second Miler likes CMI plan**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week, at the Delmar Second Milers monthly luncheon, we heard a short presentation by Floyd Brewer on the CMI senior housing project to be built on six-plus acres adjoining Bethlehem Library.

The luncheon was attended by approximately 118 male seniors who surely were quite interested in seeing this proposal make it through the necessary zoning approval.

A senior report in 1996 showed 10,802 persons over age 75 in the "primary market" and another 10,000 plus in the "secondary market."

A major percentage of these seniors have raised families in

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Bethlehem and want to continue residency near family and friends and particularly within walking distance of major town facilities.

As a retired Delmar real estate broker manager, I can fully appreciate what this opportunity means. Support is needed for this effort to succeed. The town planning board and CMI Senior Housing will need to work together to overcome the inevitable hurdles we can anticipate.

David H. Philips

Delmar

**Longtime resident says CMI just right for site**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with great interest and complete agreement Floyd Brewer's letter in the Dec. 10 issue of *The Spotlight* concerning the proposed CMI senior housing for our community, and with good reason.

I am now a senior citizen and retired Bethlehem teacher who has so far lived a full two-thirds of a century in the Bethlehem school district from which I graduated in 1945 and where, besides helping raise my own family of seven children, I returned to teach more than 3,000 fifth- and sixth-graders in three generations over a 40-year period.

Also I'm very aware of the continued growth of our wonderful community, being a local history buff, and having lived in seven different locations here, knowing personally people in at least six generations.

Therefore it won't surprise you that I hope to remain here, actively involved for as long as possible, for the rest of my life.

But I realize that the time may come in my life when I, and many others in my own and succeeding generations, will rejoice at the

availability of beautiful senior housing, such as Beverwyck in Slingerlands, and the affordable and conveniently-located proposed CMI senior housing.

I now live only a short distance from the site and have seen the layout plans for this proposed development. It is beautiful and I don't see how it can do anything but enhance the value of all surrounding property.

I sincerely and earnestly hope that as many as possible in all generations, especially local seniors, will attend the next planning board meeting on this project at Bethlehem town hall on Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Come see and learn the truth about this proposal and ask any questions you may have. I know I'll be there!

Alfred P. Restifo

Delmar

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**CMI project would fill many needs**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The CMI senior housing proposal near Bethlehem Public Library is a worthwhile project for this area. As we aging citizens progress through our cycles of living, we find our need for some assistance with our activities of daily living increase and we are no longer able to independently care for our homes or ourselves.

The CMI project appears to answer many of the needs we, sometimes suddenly, start to face — location, personal assistance, easier access to health care and security.

I recommend the planning board give serious consideration to this project and its benefit to our citizens. The character of the community does not indicate any change according to the development plans.

When we seniors are faced with a decision to downsize, move to another state or another area is not a primary choice. We want to stay with the community we know and the people we know.

Herbert Strumpf

Selkirk

**Thacher Park offers cross-country ski tour**

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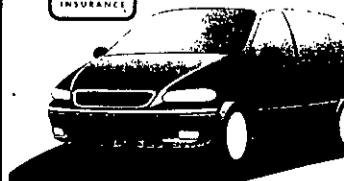
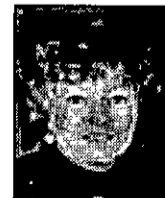
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# Riley makes good case for town accountability

Editor, The Spotlight:

Carol Riley's assertion that she was denied a use variance because of her status and race may be stretching the point a bit.

However, an even better case could be made that she has encountered two of the most reprehensible qualities of modern government, this time at the local level — arrogance and intransigence.

When a political party or a particular individual occupies a position of authority for too long, they become immune to reason and good sense, especially if they only listen to their own voices.

Riley is correct to hold both Su-

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pervisor Sheila Fuller and Building Inspector John Flanigan accountable in this case. It is my opinion they have not represented the people of Bethlehem well, which is unfortunate both for them and all of us who live in the area.

Hopefully, it is not too late to resolve this matter, thus saving everyone unnecessary litigation costs and human rancor.

*Peter M. Sidel*

Feura Bush

# Recycling chief says don't discard waste

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is never any reason to dump gasoline, oil or any hazardous materials into storm or sewer drains, especially since the town of Bethlehem and many surrounding municipalities hold or participate in household hazardous waste collection programs at least once every year. Vehicle fluids are one of the acceptable items at these programs.

One gallon of motor oil can contaminate a million gallons of drinking water and threaten the aquatic life in local rivers, streams and lakes. Any service station that changes oil for its customers must accept up to five gallons of motor oil per person

per day at no charge. Antifreeze can be recycled at most radiator shops. Gasoline or gasoline mixtures can be saved for a household hazardous waste collection.

If there are questions before the town's May collection day, call the recycling hotline at 767-9618, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and I will try to help.

Please learn the proper way to dispose of dangerous, hazardous materials so that it is not detrimental to people, plants, animals or our environment.

*Sharon Fisher*

Bethlehem recycling coordinator

# Charities leader says thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of Bishop Howard Hubbard and the Catholic Charities board of trustees, I wish to thank all those who so generously contributed to the first annual Catholic Charities Telethon for the benefit of our emergency funds.

Through the combined efforts of our many volunteers and guests and the enthusiastic support of our viewers we were able to raise \$51,000, which will be used to provide food, clothing and other basic necessities to those who are in need.

In 1997, we experienced a 41 percent increase in requests for emergency assistance and responded to more than 132,000 people. This is a need which we believe will continue to escalate. It is the continued willingness of others to give of their time, talent and treasure that enables us to carry out our mission to serve the poor and the vulnerable in our midst.

May you and your loved ones experience the peace and the joy that comes with the spirit of giving during this holiday season.

*Sister Maureen Joyce*

Catholic Charities executive director

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# BC principal should look for smoke in BC backyard

Editor, The Spotlight:

It was with great interest that I read the Bethlehem Central High School principal's concern about the Stewart's store on the front page of the Dec. 17 issue of *The Spotlight*.

Jon Hunter was quoted as saying, "It is very scary for me, as an educator, to face the prospect that cigarettes will now be on sale literally at the edge of campus."

My concern stems from the fact that apparently Hunter is more concerned about the Stewart's store than the 50 to 100 students who gather on the high school property each morning smoking up a storm.

Every day when I drive my daughter to school and drop her off at the main entrance, I must drive by this group of students "lighting up" on school property near the tennis courts.

In a school that has a uniformed police officer to prevent crime and a very strong policy about using

drugs and/or alcohol on school property, how does it allow the open smoking of cigarettes on school property?

I believe that smoking has as much an impact of a child's safety, health, well-being and learning as does the use of alcohol.

Can students concentrate on their studies if they are busy trying to sneak a smoke on school grounds? How about other students? Can they concentrate in class when the person next to them reeks of second-hand smoke smell?

Maybe Hunter should be more concerned with what is happening on school grounds and let the town concentrate on the Stewart's store. I would like to be able to exit the school property when I drive out on weekday mornings without having to drive through a fog of second-hand smoke.

*Robert Testino EnTin*

Selkirk

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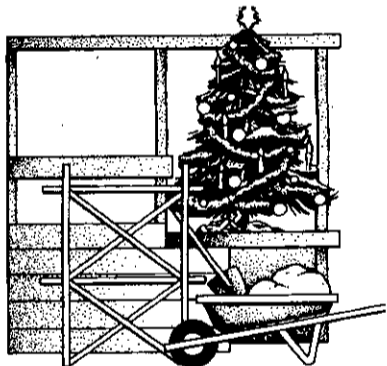
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# Four RCS students commended as scholars

Rebecca Curley, Emily Janssen, Meredyth Wyche and Kathleen Roark were named commended students by the National Merit Scholarship program. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

## Youth leadership participants selected

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk students Debra Boissey and Courtney Endres were chosen to participate in the Capital Youth Leadership Program. The program is sponsored by the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce.

## Congratulations to selected musicians

RCS students Elyse Griffin, Christine Hardisty, Emily Janssen and Rebecca Whipple were selected to participate in the All State Music Conference at the Concord Hotel.

## First college acceptances for RCS class of 1998

Congratulations to Rebecca Marshall on her early acceptance

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**Selkirk South Bethlehem**  
Linda Marshall  
756-3520



to the University of Pennsylvania. Rebecca is the first student of the class of 1998 to receive a letter of acceptance. She will attend Penn, an ivy league university in Philadelphia, when she returns from a semester in Argentina.

Congratulations to Brianne Francolini for her early decision acceptance to SUNY New Paltz.

## Gold medal basketball tournament scheduled

The RCS Gold Medal Basketball Tournament will take place Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29 and 30.

## Holiday vacation dates

The RCS schools will begin holiday vacation this week. Schools will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 2.

# Five Rivers plans teacher workshop

A Project WILD teacher workshop will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, will introduce Project WILD environmental education activities emphasizing Wildlife In Learning Design.

The three-hour workshop will use activities that are especially appropriate for winter.

Project WILD builds basic understandings of ecological principles into active games and discussion.

The project aims to increase appreciation, awareness and understanding of wildlife, and foster open discussion of environmental issues in a balanced and unbiased way.

Project WILD is sponsored nationally by the Wildlife Society, the National Wildlife Federation.

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Defenders of Wildlife and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

In New York, Project WILD is sponsored by the state Department of Environmental Conservation and has received funds from Return a Gift To Wildlife contributions from state tax returns.

Workshop participants will be given a Project WILD manual containing more than 100 easy-to-use activities, and other environmental teaching materials for classroom use.

WILD activities can be used to

fulfill several requirements of the New York State Elementary Science Syllabus and a number of Scout merit badges.

Teacher in-service credit is available for this workshop. Documentation for credit will be coordinated through the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center.

Participants should dress for indoor and outdoor activity. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The workshop is free of charge. For information, call 475-0291.

# Kidney foundation sponsors research scholarship

The National Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York is accepting applications from high school seniors in its 24 county service area for the Young Science Scholar Summer Research Award.

The scholarship, now in its fifth year, provides one area high school senior with a \$2000 stipend and the opportunity to work with experienced researchers at a major area university medical center in the summer months before college classes start.

High school guidance counselors and science teachers through-

out northeastern New York will distribute applications and solicit students.

Selection will be based on several criteria, including the student's letter of intent and reason for application, faculty letters of recommendation, high school transcripts and an interview with the foundation's medical advisory board and/or the sponsoring research center's program supervisor.

The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, Feb. 27.

For information, call Debra Soltman at 458-9697.

# Symphony receives Award

The Albany Symphony Orchestra received an MVP Health Plan Appleby Award to support the orchestra's Sunday Symphony for Families and its Meet the Maestro program.

The Sunday Symphonies for Families series introduces youngsters to classical music through fast-paced, interactive concerts with themes they can relate to.

During these performances, music director and conductor David Alan Miller impersonates either an historical or fictional character based on the program's

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In the week prior to each Sunday Symphony, area elementary and middle school students get to meet the maestro and receive free children's tickets to the next performance.

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# New Scotland sets year-end meeting

The town of New Scotland has scheduled its year-end meeting for Monday, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m.

The town board will make appointments for the new year at its organizational meeting on Friday, Jan. 2, at 7 p.m.

Both meetings will be at town hall on Route 85.

The board is looking for members for the water advisory and economic development committees. For information, call 439-4865.

## Senior citizens to host New Year's Eve party

New Scotland Senior Citizens are planning an early New Year's Eve party for Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 12:30 p.m.

Everyone should bring a place setting, and food will be provided.

New Scotland tax assessor Patricia McVee will be the featured speaker at the group's first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m.

The senior citizens meet at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Old Road in New Salem.

## Village hall to close early for holidays

Voorheesville village hall will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 31 for the holidays.

## Take a guided ski tour of Thacher Park

John Brockley will lead a cross-country ski tour of Thacher Park on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m.

Bring your own equipment for this free tour and meet at the Paint Mine parking area.

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

## Religious education classes take a break

Religious education classes at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road will be in recess for the holidays and resume on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 5 and 6.

## Thacher Park to hold snowmobile safety course

Thacher Park will offer a free

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snowmobile safety course for children ages 10 to 16 on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Successful participants will earn a snowmobile safety certificate.

Preregistration is required by calling 872-1237.

#### Food pantry seeks donations

The Voorheesville area food pantry needs donations of cereal, canned fruit, juices and drink mixes, hot cocoa, coffee, tea, jam and jelly, crackers, snacks, pasta sauce, instant and boxed potatoes, dish detergent, paper products, bath soap and shampoo.

Food can be dropped off at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

#### Future business leaders elect officers

The high school chapter of Future Business Leaders of America recently announced its new officers.

They are: Joe Arena, president; Rob Sampson, vice president; Mike Wiatner, secretary; Chris Stehr, treasurer; and Brian Kern, publicity.

Chapters gather regularly at conferences to engage in competition.

Members take tests on different business subjects, and high scorers are awarded certificates and trophies.

The group raises fund through school dances and by selling candy and gift items.

Proceeds from this year's fundraising efforts will benefit the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

The group also has a community service component. Members plan to volunteer at the Albany Soup Kitchen this year.

Business teacher Joan Herman is the faculty adviser.

#### Student artwork featured in exhibit

Students in the portfolio preparation class at the high school have artwork on display at the Spectrum Theatre in Albany through Monday, Jan. 5.

The class, taught by Marie Triller, gives students the opportunity to create portfolios for college applications.

Christopher Bent, Sarah Carr, Ashlee Dombrowski, Sharyn Getnick, Erik Ilves, Kate Primiano and Patrick Vondell have pieces in the exhibit.

#### School district announces contingency days

Thursday, April 9, Friday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 26, have been designated contingency days by the school district.

School may not be in session on those days, depending on the number of snow or emergency days used during the year.

School closing due to emergencies or weather conditions are announced on radio stations WROW, WTRY, WQBK, KLITE, WGY and on TV-Channel 6.

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# Film scheduled during vacation

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m., kids are invited to a vacation film, *The Princess Bride*. There will be no meeting of Nimblefingers that day.



The library is still collecting recipes for the Village Centennial Cookbook: bring or mail one or more of your family favorites to the library. Be sure to include

your complete name, address and telephone number, and check your submission for accuracy.

The new year is a great time to begin recording your life stories. The Saturday morning memory writing workshop is inviting newcomers to join them beginning Jan. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. The group has amended its policy to include not just remembrances, but short fiction writing. Bring something to share with the group or just sit in for the first time.

The library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. It will close at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The staff and board wish everyone a joyous holiday season.

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# Sports

## Lady Eagles beat Shen

By Christine Potter

Senior **Nicole Conway** scored her 1,000th point for her varsity career as Bethlehem went on to defeat Shenendehowa 59-48 last Friday.

### Basketball

"I think it is a great accomplishment for Nicole, as it would be for any player," said coach **Kim Wise**. "It was phenomenal and I'm very proud of her."

Nicole reached the milestone late in the second quarter. She finished the game with 18 points, and added 11 rebounds and three steals on defense.

**Katie Smith** also scored 18 points and had 10 rebounds of her own.

**Karly Decker** and **Bridget Murray** scored 11 and nine points respectively, and each had a three-point basket.

**Magan Sellnow** also scored eight points against Shenendehowa.

"The team is played very well,"

said Wise. "We keep getting better, which is good because we have some tough competition coming up this week."

Last Wednesday, the Eagles defeated Columbia 61-58.

Murray led the team in scoring with 20 points, including four three-pointers.

## Burnt Hills hands BC first loss

By Tim Kavanagh

Despite winning all but four events in the meet, the Bethlehem boys swimming and diving team lost a meet to Burnt Hills on Friday night — their first dual meet loss in 28 years.

However, the team bounced back from the defeat less than 24 hours later to upend their downstate rival Tappan Zee, 97-73, without senior **Steve Corson**.

Prior to the eventful weekend, the team defeated Troy on Wednesday by a score of 113-67.

On Friday, the team came out inspired, winning the initial four events, but Burnt Hills was able to secure many second and third

## 'Birds split two on court

By Meg McGinty

The Blackbirds made a gallant effort to dethrone Averill Park, however, they were unsuccessful, losing 59-45 in a basketball game last Friday.

"I think the team played extremely well considering that we were playing the best team in the

place finishes in spite of Eagle victories. Top performers for BC in this part of the meet were Corson, who won the 200-meter freestyle, **Chris Shaffer**, who won the 200 individual medley, and **Scott Strickler**, who took a close race in the 50 freestyle.

But, Burnt Hills performed well in the second part of the meet, with **Eric Quaal** as the standout, winning diving and the 100-yard breaststroke. Although the meet was mathematically clinched for Burnt Hills prior to the last event, the BC 400 freestyle relay team, Strickler, Corson, Shafer, and **Andrew Zox**, showed great resolve in winning the final event.

league," said coach **Bill Logan**. "They played really good defense."

**John Krajewski** led the way once again with 11 points. **Karl Meier** came through with eight, followed by **Joe Dougherty** who had seven.

From the outside, **Brian Buchanan** hit two three-pointers. **Bill Meade** scored five, and **Pat St. Denis** added four.

"I think what hurt us the most was that we just did not shoot well from the foul line," said Logan. "We lost by 14 points and missed 16 points in foul shots. Other than that they played excellent basketball."

On Dec. 16, the Blackbirds hit the road to do battle with the Lansingburgh Knights. The Blackbirds prevailed with a final score of 44-42.

Krajewski had 19 points and Beadnell had 11.

## BC track wins

By Catherine Hartman

The Bethlehem boys varsity indoor track team earned first place title at the Tri-county Indoor Track meet, Saturday at RPL. The team edged out Shenendehowa 94-90.

**Khalid Umar**, a dominant triple jumper in the section, won with 44 1 1/4, was also a member of the 800-meter relay, which won by 1:39.2.

In the high jump, **Kris Darlington** and **Keith Campbell** finished first and second helping to bring the team to victory.

"If we continue to work hard and perform at the level we're capable of, our team has the potential to take the Section II title," said Darlington.

## BC hockey: Not same ol' story

Eagles win two more games

By Andrew Hartman

After an exciting week of play, the Bethlehem hockey team pulled together two late-week wins to end up at .500.

Bethlehem started the week with the first of two games against Shaker-Colonie at the Albany County Hockey Facility on Tuesday.

The game was knotted at 4 apiece in the third period, when a Shaker-Colonie goal with four minutes remaining in the game secured the win.

**Jim Corrigan** tapped in two goals and **Steve Guglielmo** and **Anthony Trimarchi** each scored a goal in the losing effort. **Adam Dimuria** stopped 35 shots in goal

for BC.

Bethlehem had revenge in mind as they took on Shaker-Colonie in a rematch of their last game on Thursday at the Albany County Ice Rink.

**Ricky Long** started off the scoring for Bethlehem with a goal at 5:05 in the first period. Corrigan answered with a goal of his own, and 9 seconds later, **Trevor McNiven** joined in with one.

Long scored his second goal in the second period, which easily insured the 4-0 win.

The Eagles rode into Union College, the home of Burnt Hills, with hopes of ending the week at .500. They won 4-2.

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"Notable Books" differ in kind, though not in quality, from the "Great Books" type of work. Whereas the Great Books program selects from the traditional canon of western literature, most Notable Books are chosen with an eye to cultural diversity and a contemporary time-frame.

The majority of the books are new, good quality paperbacks — easily totable. It is an adjunct collection, supplementing hardcover versions of the same works found on the regular library shelves.

In addition to serving the needs of the traditional high school and college student, this collection is designed to capture adults returning to school or those desiring to increase the depth and breadth of their reading.

Originally, titles were selected from area high school reading lists. To broaden the scope, some Holocaust literature and slave narratives were included.

This year saw the addition of multicultural and third-world authors, including books by Barbara Kingsolver, Louise Erdrich, Malcolm X, Dee Brown, Rudolfo Anaya and Julia Alvarez. The re-

sult is a collection spanning genres—novels, science fiction, short stories, and plays—that reflects a broad range of human experience.

"I try to bridge the gap between the reluctant reader completing homework assignment and the scholar looking for a particular translation of The Canterbury Tales," said Karen Lausa, who oversees the collection.

The Notable Book collection is located to the right of the reference desk, near the phone books.

The library will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas day and will reopen Friday at 9 a.m. The library will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and reopen on Friday, Jan. 2.

*Louise Grieco*

## Ballroom dancers plan to start local chapter

The United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association has announced plans to organize a chapter for recreational and competitive dancers in the the Capital District.

A local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members.

The association, a nonprofit volunteer organization, is the governing body for amateur ballroom dancing in the United States and has chapters all over the country.

The basic purpose of each chapter is to create opportunities for affordable ballroom dancing in local communities and to educate the public regarding the physical, mental and social benefits of ball-

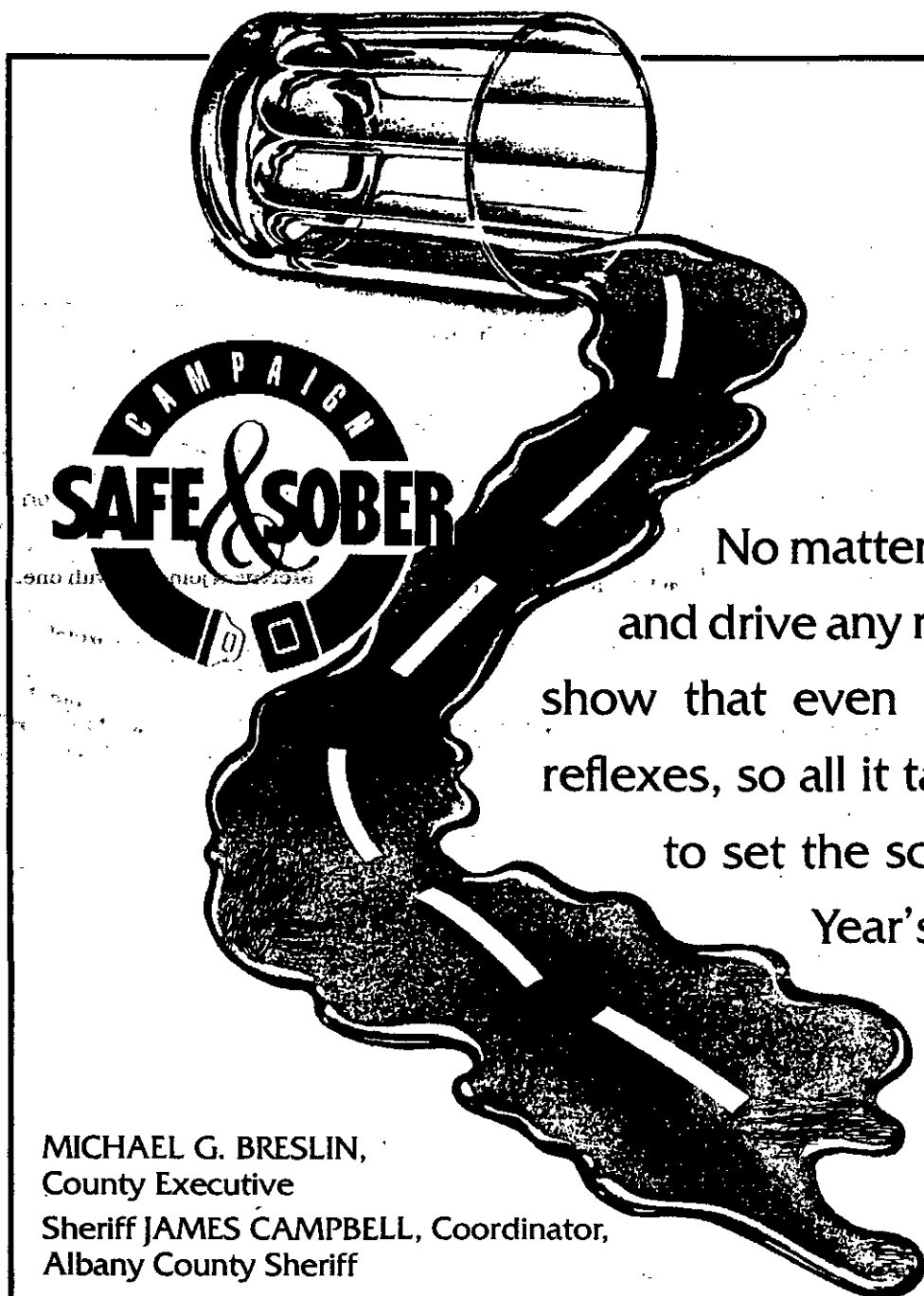
room dancing.

The local chapter will sponsor monthly social dances for members and the general public.

Typically, each dance will consist of a one-hour dance lesson, followed by three hours of general dancing as well as dance demonstrations. The program will include mixers and line dances.

The chapter will also promote ballroom dance training in local colleges and high schools, and will try to increase the number of business establishments that offer dancing to the public.

Membership will be open to singles as well as couples. For information, call 1-800-447-9047.



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## Obituaries

### Hugh Maclean

Hugh Maclean, 78, of Delmar, a former distinguished teaching professor at the University at Albany, died Monday, Dec. 15, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Spain, he was raised in New York City.

He was a graduate of Phillips Academy and Princeton University.

During World War II, he served in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, rising to the rank of major.

After the war, he earned a master's and doctorate at the University of Toronto. He taught English at the Royal Military College of Canada, the University of Cincinnati and York University in Toronto. From 1963 until his retirement in 1986, he taught at the University at Albany, where he received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He also held the rank of distinguished teaching professor. In 1991, Siena College awarded him an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Mr. Maclean published numerous articles in literary journals, and he produced several Norton critical editions on Edmund Spenser and Ben Jonson. In 1985, he was president of The Spenser Society.

He was a member of the Princeton Club of New York, St. Andrew's Society of Albany and an elder of New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Malcolm Maclean; a son, Alan Peter Maclean of Albany; and a daughter, Susan Mary Buda of Albany.

A memorial service will be on Sunday, Jan. 4, at New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, New Scotland.

Arrangements are by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Building Fund of New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

### Marjorie A. Terrell

Marjorie A. Terrell, 90, of Delmar died Thursday, Dec. 18.

Born in Albany, she worked for the former New York Telephone Co. for many years.

She was a member of First Church in Albany, the Bethlehem Historical Association, the Bethlehem Garden Club and the Dutch Settlers.

Survivors include three cousins, Norman Wilsey of Brooklyn, Gladys Gimlick of South Bethlehem and Russell Gimlick of Plattsburgh.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Rural Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to First Church in Albany, 110 N. Pearl St., Albany 12207.

### A. Mardette Syrett

A. Mardette Syrett of Brookview Avenue in Delmar died Saturday, Dec. 20, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Brooklyn, she was a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mrs. Syrett was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, and a former member of its Altar Rosary Society and Normanside Country Club.

She was the widow of George J. Syrett.

Survivors include two sons, George J. Syrett Jr. of Selkirk and Richard M. Syrett of Albany; a daughter, Nancy T. Stanish Fyvie of Scotia; a sister, Marion McKeon of San Diego, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for today, Dec. 23, at 9 a.m. from the Tebbutt Funeral Home, 420 Kenwood Ave., Delmar and at 9:30 a.m. from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

### Hazel Cornell

Hazel Cornell, 84, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Dec. 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

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

She was educated in South Bethlehem and Coeymans schools.

She was a Jehovah's Witness, attending services at kingdom halls in Selkirk and Guilderland.

Survivors include her husband, Durward F. Cornell of Selkirk; a daughter, Joan A. Cornell of Lake Luzerne; a sister, Mildred Jones of Westmere; and a brother, Harold E. Acker of Albany.

Services were from Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Altamont.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant

Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

### Dorothy Jones

Dorothy E. Jones, 71, of Feura Bush died Thursday, Dec. 18, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was the widow of John Jones.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Slaver of Feura Bush, Donna Lopez of Selkirk and Debra Grant of Ravena; two sons, John A. Jones of Feura Bush and Michael Jones of Voorheesville.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

### Esther Dalrymple

Esther Shappee Dalrymple, 91, of Bloomington, Ind., and formerly of Delmar, died Thursday, Dec. 18 at Gosport Nursing Home.

Born in Elmira, she was a homemaker.

She was a graduate of Elmira Business School.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Albany.

She was the widow of Daniel Dalrymple.

Survivors include four sons, Douglas Dalrymple of Bloomington, Dana Dalrymple of Washington, D.C., Roger Dalrymple of San Leandro, Calif., and Ross Dalrymple of Richmond, Va.; a daughter, Anne Krantz of Amherst, N.H.; and 14 grandchildren.

Services were from Maplewood Cemetery in Horseheads.

Arrangements were by the Deremiah-Frye Mortuary in Bloomington.

Contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany or First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington.

### Howard Lassonde

Howard D. Lassonde, 83, of Voorheesville, died Monday, Dec. 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Lassonde was born and educated in Plattsburgh, Clinton

County.

He was employed as a milk tester for the former Borden's Dairy for 31 years, before retiring in 1969.

He was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Olga Vellutino Lassonde; a son, Ronald Lassonde of Albany; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

### Arnold Williams

Arnold L. Williams, 82, of River Road in Selkirk, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Born in Middletown, Orange County, Mr. Williams worked for Getty Oil Co. in Rensselaer for more than 30 years, retiring in 1976.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater.

Mr. Williams was an elder and a deacon of Third Reformed Church in Albany.

He was husband of the late Marion Palmer Williams.

Survivors include two daughters, Judith Boehlke of Selkirk and Nancy Cary of Hannacroix; two sons, Robert Williams of Westboro, Mass., and Harold Williams of Selkirk; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from Third Reformed Church, with burial in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Arrangements were by the

Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the memorial fund or the endowment fund of Third Reformed Church.

### Richard MacDonald

Richard E. MacDonald Jr. of Ocoee, Fla. and formerly of Delmar, died Thursday Dec. 4, in Florida.

Mr. MacDonald was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He was employed for many years by the New York Central, Penn Central and Conrail railroads, and was a transportation supervisor when he retired.

Mr. MacDonald was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a former communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and a former member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge in Selkirk.

He was husband of the late Patricia Klein MacDonald.

Survivors include two sons, Richard E. MacDonald III of Ocoee and Michael MacDonald of East Freedom, Pa.; two daughters, Margaret MacDonald of Ocoee and Barbara Finnigan of Glenmont; a brother, Raymond MacDonald of Port Charlotte, Fla.; two sisters, Jeanne Augustine and Joan Stapf, both of Port Charlotte; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Saturday, Dec. 27, at 9:30 a.m.

*In Selkirk  
The Spotlight is sold at  
Andy's Subs, Bonfare,  
Deli Plus, 3 Farms, and Stewarts*

## 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.

## Special on WMBH CHANNEL 17

Denyce Graves: A Cathedral Christmas  
Wednesday, 9 p.m.

Merry Christmas, George Bailey!  
Thursday, 8 p.m.

Richard Tucker Opera Gala  
Friday, 9 p.m.

Birdwatch: Attracting Woodpeckers  
Saturday, 9 a.m.

Nature: Castaways of Sulawesi  
Sunday, 8 p.m.

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Catherine Capobianco and Gregory Miller

## Capobianco, Miller to marry

Catherine M. Capobianco, daughter of Joseph and Mary Capobianco of Delmar, and Gregory Thomas Miller, son of Douglas and Colleen Miller of Cazenovia, Madison County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Le Moyne College and the Maine

School of Law. She is an attorney at Friedman & Babcock in Portland, Maine.

The future groom, a graduate of Le Moyne College, is employed as an officer by MBNA-America in Portland, Maine.

The couple plans an August wedding in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

## BCHS class of 1958 plans 40th 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.

## Delmar airman completes basic training

Garrett Pape recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Pape, the son of Richard Pape of Delmar, is a 1997 graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School.

Following further training he will be assigned to the law enforcement division of Hill Air Force Base in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## BCHS senior earns top Girl Scout award

Bethlehem Central High School senior Kathleen Moon recently completed the requirements for Girl Scouting's top achievement, the Girl Scout Gold Award in the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council.

The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes a Senior Girl Scout's commitment to excellence as she develops skills and values to meet present and future challenges.

Moon organized a community book drive for her final project.

As a result of her efforts, more than 3,000 books were donated to needy organizations.

Some of the books will be used to establish libraries at Girl Scout camps.

Moon has been a Girl Scout for 10 years. She participated in service projects and camp-outs, and worked with younger Girl Scouts.

Moon works on the technical crew, sings in the choir, writes for the literary magazine at Bethlehem Central High School and is a member of St. Thomas youth group.

She is the daughter of Gail and Mike Moon of Glenmont.

## Delmar woman wins service award

Joyce Zucker of Delmar recently received an L.L. Huttleston Award from Bernadette Castro, commissioner of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Zucker was one of 11 state park employees to be given the award for outstanding service and dedication to state parks.

She is a conservator at the Bureau of Historic Sites on Peebles Island in Waterford.

The awards are given annually in memory of Leonard Huttleston, a career employee of the state park system, who served as director of state parks from 1961 until his death in 1964.

## Library slates gala for New Year's Eve

Children and their families are invited to Bethlehem Public Library's annual New Year's Eve gala Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m.

Punch will be provided, participants are asked to bring cookies. Party clothes are optional, but encouraged.



Brian and Barbara Logan

## Rivera, Logan marry

Barbara Rivera, daughter of Gladys Sanchez of Amsterdam, and Brian Scott Logan, son of William and Linda Logan of Voorheesville, were married Aug. 2.

The Rev. Paula Gravelle performed the ceremony at St. John's Lutheran Church in Altamont. A reception at the Crossgates Banquet House in Albany followed.

The matron of honor was Jean Colon, sister of the bride. Brides-

maids were Cyndi Campione, Sheryl Drake and Samantha Torres.

The best men were Eric Logan, brother of the groom, and Rick Leach. Ushers were Jason Colon and Thomas Colon, nephews of the bride. The ringbearer was Alejandro Gordon.

After wedding trip to Antigua, the couple lives in Oxford, Mass.

## Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

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

Here's to a *Wonderful Wedding!*

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Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123  
Wedding invitations, announcements, custom orders, personalized accessories.

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Harold Finkle, "Your Jeweler" 1585 Central Ave., Colonie. 456-6800. Diamonds - Handcrafted Wedding Rings & Attendant's Gifts.

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Albany Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., 489-2981. Banquet Room up to 300 people. P.S., do it on Sunday and save a lot of \$\$.

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# Community Corner

**Fire company to serve breakfast**  
Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company will serve a home-style breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 28, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Clarksville firehouse on Route 301.  
Breakfast costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 5 and older. Children under 5 eat for free.

# Albany First Night to remember

By Dev Tobin

The 12th celebration of Albany's First Night will be a lot like previous New Year's Eve celebrations, with music of all kinds, dance, theater and other performing arts presented in dozens of downtown venues, some of which are otherwise closed to the public.

But this year's event also features several firsts — Bobsled Mania, several activities about bobsledding, which began on the streets of Albany in the late 19th century; a video review of Albany's 1997, produced by WXXA-TV and shown on city hall; and the Capital Lights in the Park show in Washington Park.

Also new this year is the First Night/Last Run, a 5-kilometer jaunt through city streets beginning at 5 p.m. The first 300 registrants will receive a long-sleeve mock turtleneck and all runners will receive a First Night button and have access to showers at the Steuben Athletic Club after the race. Registration for the run is \$15 (\$20 on Dec. 31).

The opening ceremonies at city hall at 6 p.m. will again include free Ben & Jerry's ice cream, while supplies last.

Entertainment highlights among the 300 acts in 50 locations include Jazz Night at the Palace Theatre with baritone saxophonist Nick Brignola (7-7:45 and 8-8:45) and nationally acclaimed trumpeter Chris Botti at 9:30.

Irish dance and music will ring through Chancellor's Hall with Loudonville's indefatigable Eamonn McGirr leading sing-alongs to familiar Irish tunes from 7:30 to 8:15; a demonstration of the roots of Riverdance by students and staff of the Farrell School of Irish Dancing from 8:30 to 9; and local favorites Hair of the Dog closing out the year from 9:15 to 11:15.

The Mendelssohn Club, a 70-voice male chorus, continues its tradition of appearing at every First Night. The club will perform three 20-minute sets starting at 7, 8 and 9. Filling out each of the three hours are Albany Pro Musica and pianist Patrick Pisanello.

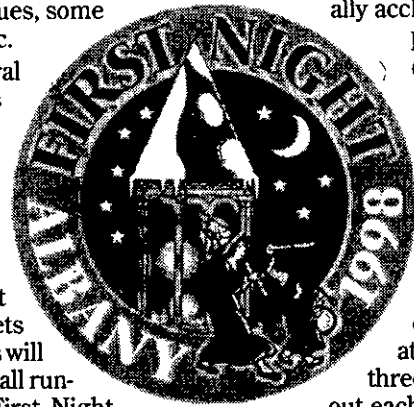
Accomplished folksingers Rosanne Raneri and Paddy Kilrain will share the stage at the Steuben Athletic Club.

For those with their dancing shoes on, Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys will hold forth in the DeWitt Ballroom; the Alan Thompson Little Big Band plays the Hampton Plaza, with dance instruction between sets; the Latin beat of Alex Torres and Los Reyes Latinos and Caribe Mambo will heat up Peter D. Kiernan Plaza (the former Union Station); the Phil Foote Orchestra will play the Rainbow Room of the Kenmore Building; and the First Church hall will have square and contra dancing.

And, of course, 1998 will be welcomed in with a bang or 20 with a fireworks show at the Corning Preserve.

First Night buttons (\$10 through Dec. 25, \$12 thereafter, children under 5 free) are available at area Price Chopper supermarkets.

For information, call 434-5132.



Among the 300 entertainers at Albany's First Night on New Year's Eve are, from top left, Shooting Star Express, Nick Brignola, Kit's Kaboodle and Eamonn McGirr.

## SPOTLIGHT ON Family Entertainment

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### Shakespeare and Company gets Christmas present in form of stars

While it is Christmas with snow and cold winds part of the season, it's difficult to consider summer breezes and lawnside seats for open-air theater.

Yet, Shakespeare and Company, the summer-time troupe in Lenox, Mass., will perform during its 21st season at Edith Wharton's The Mount, with two established stage and movie stars in its midst.

Olympia Dukakis will perform next summer in the first public offering of *The Lear Project*, a labor of love she's maintained over a period of years. The Oscar-winner's exploration of the renowned tragedy, *King Lear*.

Actually, the project is in coordination with co-creator Dennis Krausnick, the company's director of training, and it will play for a week in Lenox, June 23 to June 28, it transfers from the Orpheum Theater in Foxborough, Mass.

Meanwhile Raquel Welch, the film siren who just finished in Broadway's *Victor/Victoria*, will open in George Bernard Shaw's *The Millionairess* on May 22 and then transfer to the Foxborough theater.

Tina Packer, the Shakespeare and Company artistic director, arranged this co-production set up with the Orpheum so both theaters are sharing production costs and artistic input.

The season of 16 plays will run from May 22 to Oct. 31.

### Barn concerts at Pruy House gets holiday gift from WNYT

For the first time since it began the Concerts in the Barn series during the summer at the Pruy House property, an underwriter has been found to secure talent and cover the costs of presenting



Martin P. Kelly

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these Wednesday night event.

Channel 13 (WNYT-TV) is providing a sum of \$3,300 to cover some of these costs during the 1998 season.

While the program hasn't been set, the dates next summer will be July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5 and 12.

### Capital Repertory Company joins First Night Festivities with revue

Sandra Bargman and the S\*T\*A\*R\*Kids will present an Broadway revue of song and dance as its contribution to the Albany First Night festivities Dec. 31.8

The youngsters appearing with Bargman, an actress and revue singer, are from the "Summer Theater at the Rep" program which coaches youngsters each year on theater.

They'll do an encore of *West Side Story* selections in the First Night revue.

Bargman will do a theatrical scrapbook of songs from the past and present which have captivated Broadway.

There performances of the 30-minute revue will be given at 7:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m., free for all First Night button wearers.

Meanwhile the theater is also introducing its 1997-98 commemorative bottle of wine.

The Reserve Chardonnay, bottled by Arcadian Estate Vineyards, a New York State winery, will be presented in a bottle designed by Coxsackie artist Leigh Ann Smith.

The wine is now available in 14 counties within the Capital Region for a price of \$10 to \$12.

### Spotlight Players to offer January production of *The Lion in Winter*

The Spotlight Players of East Greenbush will present *The Lion in Winter* with guest director Edmund Roney staging the production. The show will be presented Jan. 30 and 31.

Now in its 17th season, the troupe which presents its shows at the Columbia High School auditorium in East Greenbush.

Roney has worked on Broadway and off-Broadway and has taught at Eastern Illinois University, Wright College and Ripon College.

Information is available at 439-6692.

### Albany Civic Theater sets deadline for submission of plays for 98-99 season

The play selection committee of the Albany Civic Theater will cut off submissions of play titles by prospective directors on Dec. 31.

Each year, ACT presents a four-play subscriptions series with plays opening in October, January, March and May.

Prospective directors have been asked to submit a copy of the scripts to be considered with a resume and a paragraph or two about each play and why the director is committed to the particular work.

Directors are not restricted to submitted one play. They may submit up to three plays so the committee has choices. Scripts, resumes and letters should be sent to A.C.T. P.P. Box 6127, Albany, N.Y. 12206.

### AROUND THEATERS!

*Lend Me A Tenor* at Albany Civic Theater on Second Avenue, Jan. 9 (462-1297) ... *Chicago blues program* at The Egg Jan. 10 (473-1845).



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### "NORMAN IS THAT YOU?"

Broadway comedy, starring Don Knotts from *The Andy Griffith Show*, Proctor's Theater, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., Jan. 12 and 13. Cost, \$26.50-\$32.50. Information, 382-3884.

### "A CHORUS LINE"

winner of 9 Tonys, 5 Drama Desk Awards, Pulitzer Prize, Proctor's Theater, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10. Cost, \$22.50-\$26.50. Information, 382-3884.

### "ROMEO AND JULIET"

Shakespeare, performed by The Acting Company, Proctor's Theater, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10. Cost, \$22.50-\$26.50. Information, 382-3884.

### "JULIE HALSTON"

comic evening, cabaret series, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23. Cost, \$18. Information, 473-1845.

### "JULIUS CAESAR"

London's Aquila Theater Company, Shakespeare, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6. Cost, \$18. Information, 473-1845.

### "ROBIN HOOD"

American Family Theater adventure, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8. Cost, \$10. Information, 473-1845.

### "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.

### "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.

## MUSIC

### CHRIS SMITHER

on tour with B.B. King, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 28., Benedum Center, 719 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Sunday, Feb. 1. Information, 465-0581.

### COLE BRODERICK DUO

the Van Dyck, 237 Union Street, Schenectady, 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24. Information, 782-0577.

### METROLAND JAZZ ALL-STARS

Nick Brignola, sax; Cole Broderick, piano; Rich Syracuse, bass; George Muscatello, guitar; Gene Garone, drums; Franklin Micare, vocals, the Van Dyck, 237 Union Street, Schenectady, 8 and 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 26. Information, 381-1111.

### CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

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

### 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.

## EIGHTH STEP

open stage, 14 Willett St., Albany, 8 p.m., Wednesdays, 57. 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.

### SOUP MULTIMEDIA

currently looking for artists, photographers, painters, musicians, writers. Information, 869-0765.

### WOMEN'S MUSICAL CLUB

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.

## CLASSES/LECTURES

### MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

## DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

### ART CLASSES

watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

## VISUAL ARTS

### THE 1998 NEW YORK STATE BIENNIAL

second biennial of contemporary art, New York State Museum, Albany, Feb. 6 through April 26. Information, 474-5877.

### LESLIE URBACK GALLERY

Heaven, group exhibit curated by Harold Lohner, Leslie Urbach Gallery, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe Street, Albany, through Jan. 2. Information, 462-4775.

## GINOFOR GALLERY

photography, painting, sculpture, 38 W. Main St., Cambridge. Information, 677-3288.

### PEACE OFFERINGS

native arts and handicrafts from the Americas, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Information, 434-4037.

### SCHICK GALLERY

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday. Information, 584-5000.

### FROEBEL GALLERY

local, regional, national and international artists, 287 Lark St., Albany. Information, 449-1233.

### SCHUYLER MANSION

elegant 18th-century mansion, home and gallery of historical objects related to Gen. Philip Schuyler, 32 Catherine St., Albany. Information, 434-0834.

## SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY

tour the grounds and buildings of the first Shaker settlement in America, 1848 Shaker Meeting House, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie. Information, 456-7890.

### LULU GALLERY

288 Lark St., Albany, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Information, 436-5660.

### OFF BROADWAY GALLERY

featuring two new exhibits, "June Dipsa" and "Fantasy and Reality," Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Information, 439-2955.

### GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

315 Warren St., Hudson, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., Sundays. Information, 828-1915.

## Super Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                               | <b>48</b> Collie's concern              | <b>97</b> Alias, for short              | <b>2</b> Carpenter's tool               | <b>police</b>                            | <b>Slezak</b>                         |
| <b>1</b> Good buddies                       | <b>50</b> Soho                          | <b>98</b> Get by, with "out"            | <b>3</b> Benito's bread                 | <b>40</b> Heavenly hammerer              | <b>81</b> Hazardous                   |
| <b>5</b> Renowned rabbit                    | <b>53</b> Overcast                      | <b>99</b> Spoon-bender                  | <b>4</b> Rap session?                   | <b>42</b> Common contraction             | <b>83</b> Stocking stuff              |
| <b>9</b> Dreadful                           | <b>55</b> "The Twilight Zone" creator   | <b>100</b> Resistance units             | <b>5</b> Pirate's prize                 | <b>43</b> Make — with (go over big)      | <b>84</b> Bit of gossip               |
| <b>13</b> Winter warmer-upper               | <b>57</b> Kipling novel                 | <b>102</b> Grable or Gable              | <b>6</b> Burmese statesman              | <b>47</b> Sociable starling              | <b>85</b> Consecrate                  |
| <b>18</b> Singer Adams                      | <b>58</b> Envelope abbr.                | <b>104</b> Get side-tracked             | <b>7</b> Literary types?                | <b>49</b> Ballerina artist               | <b>86</b> Forsaken                    |
| <b>19</b> Recruit-to-be                     | <b>59</b> Word form for "nerve"         | <b>106</b> Pale's first name            | <b>8</b> Mean Marquis                   | <b>51</b> Hercules' creator              | <b>90</b> Laundry worker              |
| <b>20</b> Boiling                           | <b>61</b> Gold-plated                   | <b>108</b> Meso-potamian garden         | <b>9</b> Singer Buddy                   | <b>52</b> Critics role in "Hook"         | <b>91</b> Russian coins               |
| <b>21</b> Maxm                              | <b>64</b> They fill the bill            | <b>110</b> Lipstick shade               | <b>10</b> Accumulate                    | <b>54</b> Eastern Christian              | <b>93</b> Farina or Buckwheat         |
| <b>22</b> Controversial poet                | <b>66</b> Critic's god?                 | <b>112</b> Mideast gulf                 | <b>11</b> Skater Midori                 | <b>55</b> Trick                          | <b>95</b> Countenances                |
| <b>24</b> Clairvoyance                      | <b>67</b> On edge                       | <b>114</b> The gods guzzled it          | <b>12</b> Patch                         | <b>56</b> Grapefruit garbage             | <b>97</b> Fossey's friend             |
| <b>26</b> Elephant's morsel                 | <b>68</b> Partner of 16 Down            | <b>116</b> Opening-night mecca          | <b>13</b> Planned a burglary            | <b>60</b> Conclude                       | <b>101</b> Nero's tutor               |
| <b>27</b> Secure anew                       | <b>69</b> "The Jack Benny Show" regular | <b>120</b> "To Kill a Mockingbird" star | <b>14</b> Nitric acid, e.g.             | <b>63</b> "... where angels — tread"     | <b>103</b> Big scene                  |
| <b>29</b> Feat of courage                   | <b>74</b> Witch                         | <b>124</b> '84 Kenny Loggins hit        | <b>15</b> Butt, for short               | <b>65</b> Unsullied                      | <b>105</b> Anguish                    |
| <b>30</b> Bonnie's beau                     | <b>75</b> — del Este                    | <b>126</b> Cleave                       | <b>16</b> Fireworks reaction            | <b>66</b> "Great Expectations" character | <b>107</b> Whiffs                     |
| <b>32</b> — Ben Adhem                       | <b>77</b> "Alley —"                     | <b>127</b> Acts like Attila             | <b>17</b> Qty.                          | <b>70</b> Have a bite to eat             | <b>109</b> Knocks down                |
| <b>33</b> Roll with the punches             | <b>78</b> Won over                      | <b>128</b> Sitarist Shankar             | <b>20</b> Meteorology lines             | <b>71</b> Prominent                      | <b>111</b> He was Gomez Addams        |
| <b>36</b> Photographer Adams                | <b>82</b> Llana's turf                  | <b>129</b> Poet Wilcox                  | <b>23</b> Made taffy                    | <b>72</b> Mine entry                     | <b>113</b> AMEX rival                 |
| <b>39</b> "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto) | <b>83</b> Freshen a fuchsia             | <b>130</b> Pile up                      | <b>25</b> Stun with sound               | <b>73</b> Chinese principle              | <b>115</b> Curly coil                 |
| <b>41</b> Chanteuse Edith                   | <b>85</b> Skirt shape                   | <b>131</b> Ages                         | <b>28</b> Texas city                    | <b>75</b> Future of the present          | <b>117</b> No Einstein location       |
| <b>44</b> "Uh-uh"                           | <b>87</b> Garr or Hatcher               | <b>132</b> Casbah site                  | <b>31</b> — Kapital"                    | <b>76</b> Treacherous                    | <b>119</b> Fashion line               |
| <b>45</b> Part of S.P.C.A.                  | <b>88</b> Hog heaven?                   | <b>133</b> Prepare cherries             | <b>34</b> Sidewalk slot machine         | <b>77</b> Follow the trail               | <b>120</b> Youth grp.                 |
| <b>46</b> Marmaduke has two?                | <b>89</b> Marry                         | <b>94</b> Extend across                 | <b>35</b> His and hers                  | <b>79</b> Follow the trail               | <b>121</b> Dreamer's initials         |
|   | <b>92</b> Amatory                       | <b>96</b> Way to go?                    | <b>36</b> Music org.                    | <b>80</b> Soap star                      | <b>122</b> Lehar operetta             |
|   | <b>94</b> Extend across                 |   | <b>37</b> Nick of "The Prince of Tides" |  | <b>123</b> — for the course (typical) |
|   |   |   | <b>38</b> Paddington                    |  | <b>125</b> Breakfast of centaurs?     |

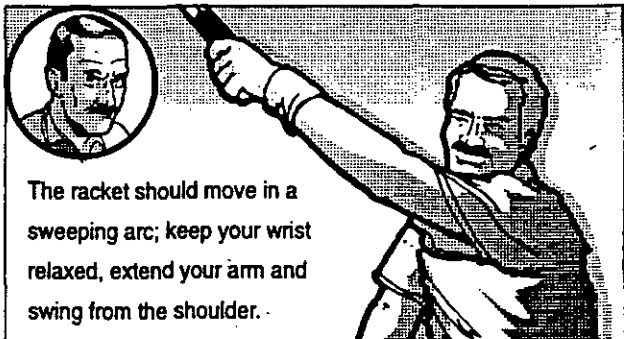
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**WEDNESDAY  
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**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

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

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
Pine Grove United Methodist Church, 1580 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30, 11 p.m. Information, 869-6281.

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 25**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

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

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

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

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

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

**FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 26**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

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

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 28**

**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.

**CHAI CHAVURAH HANNUKAH PARTY**  
Temple Israel, 2:15 p.m., Information, 489-4516.

**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 29**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**SENIORS LUNCHESES**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 30**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 31**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

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

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

**MARDI GRAS NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
Italian American Community Center, 257 Washington Ave. 6:30 p.m. \$55. Make reservations by 12/27. Information, 452-5589.

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**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,

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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 LLC. 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

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any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. (December 24, 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.

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**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 LLC 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 LLC.

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ited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.  
**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 24, 1997)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. (December 24, 1997)

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

The name of the limited liability company is Taconic Golf, LLC.  
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.  
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 24, 1997)

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206(C)**

The name of the limited liability company is WARREN OFFICE ASSOCIATES, LLC. The date of the filing of the Certificate of Conversion with the Secretary of State was December 9, 1997. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be sent is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: 650 Warren Street Albany, New York 12208. The business purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC. (December 24, 1997)

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

The name of the LLC is A. SHERER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 5, 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 1 Cardinal Avenue Albany, New York. (December 24, 1997)

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

1. The name of the limited liability company is Paoletti & Co., LLC.  
2. The Articles of Organization of the limited liability company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 25, 1997.  
3. The limited liability company maintains its office in Albany County.  
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within this state to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: 297 Murray Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of Fishco, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 17, 1997, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 76 Exchange Street, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. (December 24, 1997)

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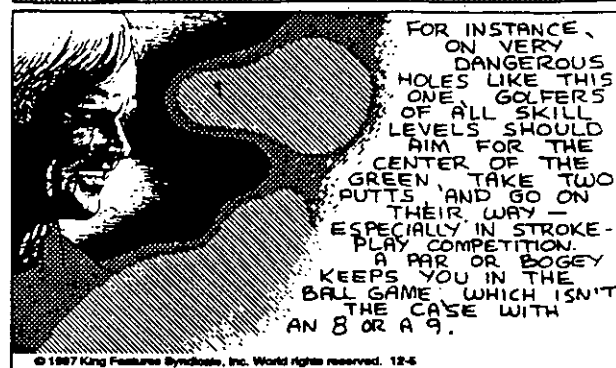
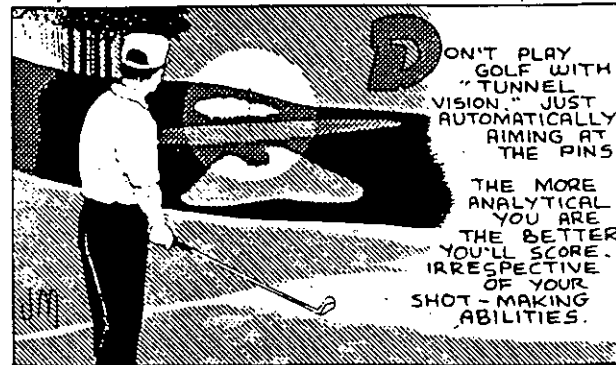
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 24**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Christmas Eve Services,  
Candlelight Services, 7 and 9: 15  
p.m., 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.  
Information, 439-4328.

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

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

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 25**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Christmas Day services, 10 a.m.,  
85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-  
4328.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS  
DINNER**

First United Methodist Church,  
428 Kenwood Ave., 1:30 to 4  
p.m. No charge for dinner.

**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

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

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

**AA MEETINGS**

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

**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 26**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 27**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 28**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

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

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

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

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF  
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m.,  
Watchtower Bible study, 10:25  
a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura  
Bush Road. Information, 439-  
0358.

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

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

**SOUTH**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
worship services, 8 and 10:30  
a.m., Sunday school and Bible  
classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care,  
handicapped-accessible, large-  
print materials and assistive  
listening devices, coffee and  
fellowship following services, 85  
Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

in the Wyman Osterhout  
Community Center, New Salem,  
2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-  
4445.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

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

**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 29**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

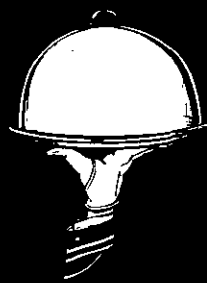
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**TUESDAY**  
**DECEMBER 30**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

**TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP**  
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH**  
sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Women's Organization, at the church on Willowbrook Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
**DECEMBER 31**

**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.

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY**  
**JANUARY 1**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

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

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

**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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 2**

**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**  
**JANUARY 3**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

**SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 4**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

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

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the LLC is ARFS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 26, 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 c/o Segel, Goldman & Mazzotta, P.C., 5 Washington Square, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York. Attention: Paul J. Goldman. (December 24, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FLP).** The name of the FLP is The Feeney Family Limited Partnership. The Application for Authority to do business in New York State of the FLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 28, 1997. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is October 30, 1997. The principal office of the FLP is located at 16 Leto Road in the Town of Guilderland, County of Albany and State of New York. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is 16 Leto Road, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose of the FLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. A list of the names

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

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

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

and addresses of all general partners of the FLP are available from the Secretary of State. The name and address of the authorized officer of the FLP in the State of Georgia where a copy of its Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed is the Georgia Secretary of State, Suite 315, West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530. (December 24, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the 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 24, 1997)

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, handicapped-accessible, large-print materials and assistive listening devices, coffee and fellowship following services, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Albany, New York 12205. (December 24, 1997)

**NOTICE AS TO FORMATION OF CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE IPA, LLC.**  
1. The name of the limited liability company is CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE IPA, LLC.  
2. The articles of organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 28, 1997.  
3. The office of the company shall be located in Albany County.  
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served, and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against him is 700 Walnut Ridge Drive, Suite 102, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029.  
5. The purpose of the company is to operate as an independent practice association under contract with one or more health maintenance organizations. (December 24, 1997)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE RAND COMPANY, LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law.  
1. The name of the limited liability company is THE RAND COMPANY, LLC.  
2. The date of the 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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

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

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**MONDAY**  
**JANUARY 5**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

**BLANCHARD AMERICAN LEGION POST MEETING**  
16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-9819.

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

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**  
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

**TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM**  
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

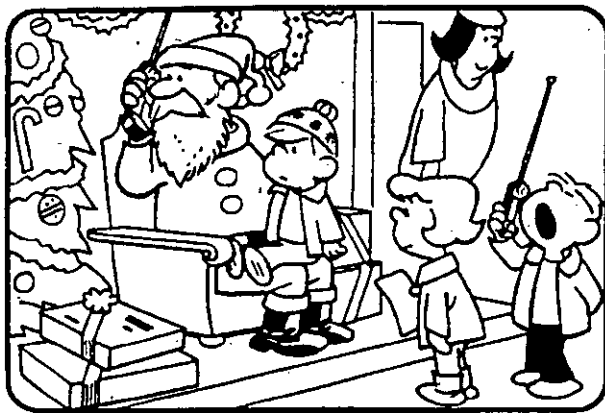
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post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

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 date of filing with the Secretary of State. (December 24, 1997)

**NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**  
**COLUMBIA HAWKINS GROUP, L.L.C.** was converted from a New York partnership into a limited liability company. The name of the partnership was COLUMBIA HAWKINS GROUP. The Certificate of Conversion of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 3, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The LLC is to be managed by one or more members. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

SEGEL, GOLDMAN & MAZZOTTA, P.C.  
s/Christine A. Linn, Secretary  
(December 24, 1997)



**HOCUS-FOCUS**



**FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.**  
Differences: 1. Chair back is missing. 2. Chair is different. 3. Cap is different. 4. List is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Antenna is smaller.

# Driving

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police breathalyzer, according to police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt. He was arrested and charged with driving a school bus while ability impaired by alcohol, a misdemeanor.

Loomis said Nugent was not visibly impaired before he made his morning runs, and there were no complaints by children he had transported.

Nugent told police he "hadn't had anything to drink since the previous night," Vanderbilt said.

Vanderbilt noted that the case should be a warning to holiday revelers.

"If you go to bed with a .20 BAC and sleep five hours, you will be legally intoxicated at .10 BAC when you wake up," he said.

Vanderbilt said this was the first arrest of a BC bus driver for driving a school bus while impaired or intoxicated in the 23 years he's been on the force.

Aside from the misdemeanor charge which could lead to a six-month license revocation, Nugent also faces a disciplinary hearing within the district.

"We suspended him immediately without pay, and will be pursuing further disciplinary penalties, up to and including discharge," Loomis said. "This is a

clear violation of law and district policy and a very grave situation."

Nugent, a 13-year veteran of the district, is a full-time driver earning an annual salary of \$28,621. According to Vanderbilt, Nugent has no prior convictions for drunken driving offenses on his record.

## Five Rivers slates annual bird count

The 18th annual New Year's Day bird count is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m., at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Basic tips on bird identification and winter bird ecology will be offered by center naturalists.

This yearly program helps the beginner as well as the more experienced finder get a head start on personal bird lists and maintains the center's annual bird record.

Previous New Year's Day counts have produced 25 to 33 species of birds.

The program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors, and bring binoculars and a bird identification book, if possible. Some equipment is available for loan.

For information, call 475-0291.

# Legal

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million gallons of water per day."

Fuller said, "Until (the report) is complete, we need to know more about it." The letter does not name which parties are at fault.

The \$13.1 million water infiltration system at Cedar Hill is supplied by wells that tap into an aquifer under the Hudson River.

It was designed to provide up to six million gallons for residential and industrial use. Today, fewer than 10 residents are hooked up to the system and the majority of the 2.4 million gallons of water now drawn from the plant is consumed by industries such as General Electric and Selkirk Cogen.

Fraser & Associates, a Rensselaer engineering firm, designed the water infiltration system based on parameters specified by Dunn Geoscience.

The site on Schermerhorn Island was selected because the United States Geological Survey indicated the presence of a large water aquifer. Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor said the site would provide the proper yield.

The plant was opened in January of 1996. A few days later, a catastrophic flood deposited silt throughout the area.

Shortly after the flood, water

yield from the plant dropped. A report from Fraser blamed siltation from the January 1996 flood for the lack in yield.

Fraser's report convinced the town to seek permission to dredge the river bottom.

With approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Conservation, and a \$79,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the town dredged the river in March. Yield improved after the project, but declined again.

In September, a report from O'Brien & Gere stated silt played a "major role" in the lack of yield, but also blamed the presence of a timber pile bulk head for hindering the infiltration system's ability to draw water from the aquifer.

In the same board meeting, the town retained the legal services of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae. With the board's permission, the law firm hired Gannett Fleming to review the design of the water plant.

Since O'Brien & Gere's findings, members of Clearwater for Bethlehem have speculated about the need for a lawsuit against the water system's designer.

Though town officials say a lawsuit is an option, they have been waiting for more information on

the plant's design.

Gannett Fleming is the third engineering firm this year to analyze the water plant's lack in yield.

## Museum to exhibit landscape drawings

A new exhibition opening at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Saturday, Jan. 17, showcases the museum's collection of 19th century American landscape drawings.


Open Air Sketching explores the various types of drawings made by 19th century American artists, and the motifs, materials and techniques they favored.

Among the highlights of the exhibition is the earliest dated drawing by Thomas Cole from nature, "Buttonwood Tree," made on the banks of the Monongahela River in Pittsburgh, Pa. on May 16, 1823.

The opening reception will be on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the museum on 125 Washington Ave. in Albany.

Guest curator Elizabeth Allen will discuss the research and discoveries that led to this exhibition in a lecture on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m.

For information, call 463-4478.

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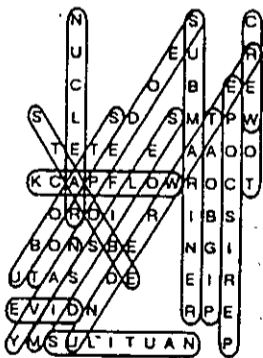
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