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Longtime Elsm

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

Bob's Produce at 65 Delaware Ave. in Elsmere, a local landmark for four decades, closed its doors for good this weekend.

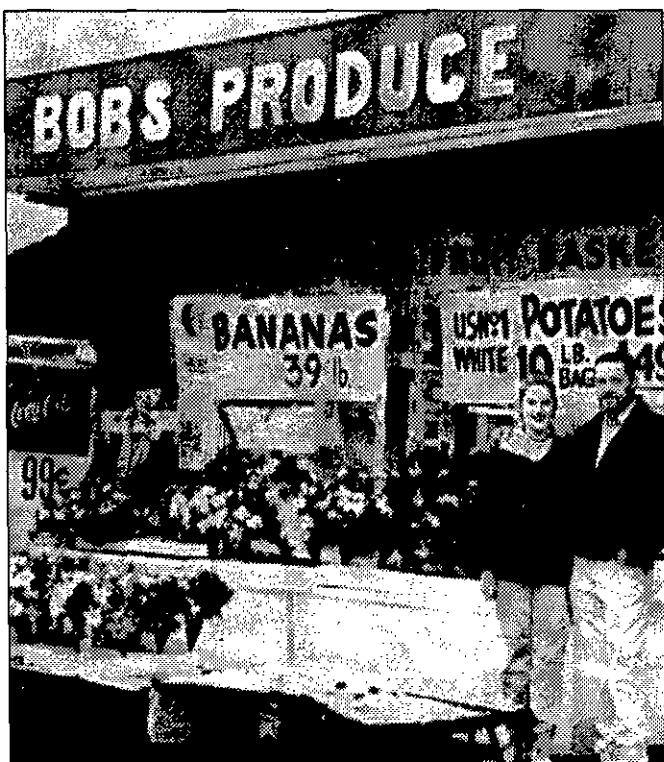
"I'm gonna miss it. I started here in this business with my father when I was 10 years old," says 52-year-old Bob Shafer, the proprietor. "This is a part of my life. It really tears me up today to know I've got to do."

His last full day in business was on Friday, Nov. 20, though Shafer said he "might hang on over the weekend to unload some of this produce." Whatever remained unsold he intended to donate to a local food pantry or Equinox.

The business was launched back in 1952 and moved to its present location five years later. For four decades it remained one of the first sights in town for those travelling out of Albany on Delaware Avenue. "It's always been family-owned," Shafer said, noting that he took over operation of the store, known for its fresh

produce and trademark outdoor holiday displays, in 1979, several years before his father's death.

When the time came to close, the sole employees were his daughters. Sherri



Shannon Catucci with her father Bob Shafer in front of the store on Delaware Avenue in Elsmere. *Joseph Phillips*

Shafer and Shannon Catucci. "They stuck with me right to the end," he said. "But at least I can say this: nobody will be unemployed. They both have jobs, and I

have a job lined up, though I'd rather not say where just yet." His new job, he said, is with a major supermarket chain.

His reluctance is understandable; it was the bigger supermarket chains in town, he said, that forced him to close. "Ever since the new Price Chopper opened, and the Grand Union remodelled, they've taken so many customers away, I've watched it steadily go down," he said. "This fall, it took a major plunge."

But the small market's decline has been coming for awhile, he said. In recent years, Shafer acquired a small deli, which helped a bit. "But what I make here at the deli is just not enough to support expansion here," he said. "It's outrageous — insurance, rent, taxes. Overhead is just phenomenal."

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Good Sam takes action after state citations

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

A Delmar-based nursing home facility has been cited and fined \$6,000 by the state Department of Health for a host of deficiencies in patient care. The citations against Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Center of 125 Rockefeller Road have recently prompted "significant action" to correct those deficiencies, according to Leon Borman, president and chief executive officer of the facility.

Borman said that Good Samaritan has put in motion a host

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V'ville English teacher baffled by board action

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

When the Voorheesville school board accepted without comment the resignation of 28-year English teacher Christopher Mastro at its meeting this month, parents, students and Mastro himself, were left with many questions.

Mastro learned in August that he had been suspended with pay while the district pursued disciplinary charges against him. At a pre-hearing conference in October, Mastro offered his resignation, and the school board dropped disciplinary charges.

School Superintendent Alan McCartney, school board president John Cole, Mastro and lawyers for both sides are bound by the agreement not to



Mastro

discuss the specifics of the case, including who incited the board to file a 3020-a (the section of education law that governs the discipline of teachers) with the state Education Department.

“My feeling is of confusion, and mystery more than anything else,” Mastro said. Mastro knew the district was pursuing disciplinary charges against him following a March 1998 incident in which he pushed a chair across his classroom in an effort to get students’ attention. A similar “chair-tossing” incident in 1996 had also raised questions about some of Mastro’s attention-getting techniques.

"This chair stuff," Mastro said. "I've never come close to throwing or

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Joey Wilson, 7, and his brother Colin Wilson, 5, stock up on sports equipment at Boy Scout Troop 75's Sportsmart last weekend. *Elaine McLain*

Elaine McLain

Baffled

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overturning a chair near a student. What happened in March took place 15 feet from the student. One girl had a negative, emotional experience that escalated into this situation. The parents and students didn't come to me. According to my attorneys and the guidance counselor, neither wished to pursue a complaint."

Mastro wondered who in the administration "had such animosity that they no longer wanted me to teach in the district."

Both McCartney and Cole said they wished they could say more about the case. McCartney confirmed that Mastro's retirement will be effective on Jan. 31, 2000, until which time he will continue to receive his \$60,000 salary. His pension will not be affected by the agreement.

"As Jim Coffin (a school board member) said at our October board meeting," Cole said, "this was not pursued lightly." Cole would not say more, adding "I don't want to jeopardize our agreement."

At the October meeting, students who had gathered a petition requesting Mastro's reinstatement spoke to the board. Senior Kevin Ruane was one of them.

"I'm disappointed," Ruane said recently. "I feel like some of the stuff we did was for nothing. We were very professional, and didn't go off and act like fifth-graders. We sent out petitions, met with the administration and attended board meetings. We kept in mind that everything was in the lawyers' hands, but felt it was the least we could do after all he did for us."

Ruane said Mastro had an impact on him inside and outside the classroom. "He took what I had and bumped it up," Ruane said. "I ended up with 90s. I had an unbelievable time in class; it was fantastic."

Ruane said he had never felt threatened in Mastro's class. "I never felt in danger, or uncomfortable." He had planned to take Mastro's 12th-grade English class instead of an Advanced Placement class.

Senior Allison Leonard called Mastro "a remarkable teacher. It's a great loss that he won't be teaching."

"I liked the way he incorporated music and movies into the curriculum," she said. "I remember the vocabulary words he taught us very well, and a lot of the stories, like *Catcher in the Rye* and *The Great Gatsby*."

Mastro wrote a college letter of recommendation for Leonard, something he will continue to do for his students. When Leonard received a \$32,000 scholarship to attend Clarkson University's "bridging year," she said Mastro helped her decide whether or not to go.

"I didn't find Mr. Mastro's behavior inappropriate," Leonard said. "If he spoke loudly, it was for attention-getting, and to make the atmosphere more learning-oriented."

Mastro said his use of noise to get students attention is among the techniques that have gained him a reputation for being an unusual teacher. "If the chair thing happens more than one time per year, I'd be amazed," Mastro said. "I do it to get the kids back on track and focused. Or it's to let them know that I'm frustrated, because I've told them sedately a number of times to pay attention."

Mastro also played a tape of

funeral music if a class seemed "dead," and used a family of "stress puppets" that he could pull and manipulate to let the students know a change in behavior was warranted.

"I don't consider myself an innovator or creator," Mastro said of his techniques. "I don't try to teach differently; I just try to be myself. If something is different, bizarre or unusual, that's seen as positive by some and unprofessional by the administration."

Mastro's incorporation of rock music in his lessons was welcomed by students and sometimes questioned by the administration, he said. "I've been using rock music since 1971 ... I try to connect or correlate the themes and common messages with required works of literature. I basically programmed English 9 and 11 with music. I've spent countless hours creating tapes using rock, folk and more recently, the rap genre. I also use music as the basis of short writing assignments, and for review. Kids connect to that type of technique, and remember things better at finals time."

Mastro said the administration questioned his recent use of Warren Zevon's "Excitable Boy," about

a boy whose extremely violent actions requiring professional help are excused as traits of an excitable personality. "We were doing a satire unit; discussing literature that ridicules serious problems," Mastro said. "The song I used dismissed those actions as 'My boy is just overly emotional.'"

Mastro said he has also written sentences on the board that may have caused questions. "When we do iambic pentameter for Shakespeare," he said, "most teachers would put in the *Romeo and Juliet* line that begins, 'A pair of star-crossed lovers' ... I wrote 'I have to hit the john or else I die.' I appreciate Shakespeare and we certainly use it, but the kids might appreciate bathroom humor and remember iambic pentameter." Mastro added, "I have never used obscenities, sexual innuendoes or vulgar body parts."

Mastro feels the success of his techniques can be measured by his students' success. "In 13 years of teaching English 11 Regents classes, 97 percent of the 11th-graders have passed the Regents," he said. "A couple of years ago, the state average was 85, 86 percent, and my students were getting 93 to 98. In the past five years, 78 percent of the 11th-graders have an A or B on their Regents. These kids aren't just passing, but have done very well on their scores."

Mastro said that for the past three years, he has been nominated by students for inclusion in the publication *Who's Who in American Teachers*.

"Who's Who told me that 5 percent of American teachers are inducted," Mastro said, "and only 1 percent are inducted in consecutive years."

Of particular irony to Mastro was a letter he just received from Albany County Executive Michael Breslin commending him on his inclusion in *Who's Who in American Teachers*. "The irony and timing is great," Mastro said. "It was written three days before the board meeting when my resignation was accepted."

Mastro was commencement speaker in 1986. Senior classes in 1997 and '98 also chose him as commencement rehearsal speaker. In 1987, Mastro received the Golub Teacher Recognition Award.

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V'ville upgrades subdivision regs

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

Voorheesville's board of trustees recently approved what Mayor Ed Clark said is the first major overhaul of the village's subdivision regulations in a quarter century.

Village officials anticipate the new laws, which have been under review for almost three years by a special task force, will clarify and streamline the application process for developers in the future.

"We're very pleased to see it accomplished," said Clark. "It's a big accomplishment. There are no dramatic changes, but it's the objective of the new law to clarify the standards that any developer of a large-scale residential property has to meet, and to protect the community and owners against (adverse) environmental impact."

The main thrust of the update is to reflect incremental changes that have been introduced over the years, Clark said, and to make sure the village's permit applications and guidelines better reflect state and federal laws.

The changes were not prompted, he said, by pressure from developers but "on our own initiative, driven by our perceived need to update the law, to revise and modify it."

The revision effort started with the village planning commission, chaired at the time by Katherine Scharl, who stepped down from that position to chair the code revision effort, working closely

with village attorney Donald Meacham and consulting regularly with the agencies and boards concerned.

Jan Weston, of the Guilderland planning office, was hired as a consultant on the project, and much of the code revision was based on Guilderland's subdivision regulations, Scharl said.

"Our basic subdivision law was not bad from my experience," Scharl said. "But the format (of applications) was difficult to fol-

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Katherine Scharl

low. We wanted a developer, or someone doing a subdivision, to pick it up and go."

"There's a tendency of people to think the planning commission and code enforcement is there to make them jump through hoops," she said, and a widespread misperception that building code regulations are an entirely local matter, when in fact state codes dictate many procedural matters developers must follow. "Sometimes developers don't seem to get it," Scharl said. "They think all these regulations was just the village being difficult."

"Hopefully, it will lead to better relations between the planning commission and developers generally," she said. "Hopefully there'll be fewer surprises along the way about the timing of public hearings, about state regulations, about engineering requirements. It should not only improve people's understanding of what's required of them, but prevent a lot of bad siting, a lot of poor planning and engineering situations."

She cited issues related to storm drainage and sewage, where technology has changed a great deal since the last major code revision. "Proper planning can save developers and the town a lot of money," Scharl said.

The regulations are not expected to have an immediate impact, since the "really great buildable land for large-scale developments in the village is now already built on," she added. Edward Blackmer, Scharl's successor as planning commission chair, agreed. "There's not much room in Voorheesville for a great number of big new developments," he said.

"Perhaps Voorheesville will have in the next two decades reached its limit of development and it won't be as necessary," Clark said. "But I believe with this type of planning tool it's important it be revised every few decades or so. I strongly believe after being active in village government for a long time, that good planning is a top priority."

DOT to replace Onesquethaw span

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) has announced preliminary plans to replace a small bridge that carries Route 443 over the Onesquethaw Creek in Clarksville, and to realign a short stretch of the roadway to improve safety.

Federal funding for the \$1.5 million improvement will come from the Highway and Bridge Restoration and Rehabilitation Program, according to Donald Clegg, project manager for DOT's Region 1 Design Group. If approved, the plan calls for construc-

tion to begin in the spring of 2000 and be completed before the end of that year.

At a public information meeting on Nov. 19 at Clarksville Elementary School to lay out its proposal, DOT officials encountered no opposition, and New Scotland officials said they were satisfied with the plan.

The stretch of Route 443 in question takes a sharp turn from a north-south to an east-west direction in a farmland area, near a Y-intersection at the junction with Cass Hill Road. The plan calls for replacement of the existing 34-foot bridge over the creek with a new and slightly wider 38-foot span, and the relocation of the roadbed and bridge structure a few meters to the north.

It also calls for some regrading of the area to improve a substandard horizontal curvature of the road surface, and for the replacement of the Cass Hill Road intersection with a T-type intersection that should improve the safety of vehicles entering the main roadway. The current bridge and roadway will remain in place during construction and be dismantled afterward.

"They're eliminating a bad situation we have, with minimal impact to right-of-way," said New

Scotland councilman Mark Dempf. "They're making a situation that's not so good, better helping the town out by creating a better intersection and eliminating a liability in the town."

Supervisor Herb Reilly agreed. "I would say it's a big improvement." He anticipated little opposition to the proposal.

Erica Rousseau, DOT project associate, said that stretch of Route 443, though not heavily trafficked, has double the state average accident rate. She attributed that mostly to poor sightlines for vehicles entering the main road from Cass Hill Road, and to the abrupt change of the posted speed limit entering Clarksville from the west from 55 to 35 mph.

The existing bridge has been given a poor rating by DOT inspectors.

Land that will be abandoned upon completion of the new roadway and bridge will probably be deeded to property owners in the vicinity, Reilly said.

Clegg said no further public hearing will likely be scheduled, but additional comment on the proposal can be submitted by calling 474-2847 or writing the DOT Region 1 Design Group at 84 Holland Ave., Albany 12208.

Pilgrims progress



Cormac McCarthy, left, and Siobhan Hogan celebrate Thanksgiving at Elsmere Elementary School's annual pageant. Katherine McCarthy

Police arrest two men on burglary charges

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

Two Albany men have been arrested on charges stemming from the burglary of a Delmar home.

Bethlehem Police arrested Donald David Cook, 28, of Albany on Sunday, Nov. 8, and charged him with felony charges of burglary and criminal trespass at an Orchard Street home, as well as unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Also arrested was Michael Anthony Santiago, 24, of Albany, on a charge of possession of marijuana, a charge that stemmed from the police investigation of the burglary.

The arrests followed a phone call to police by neighbors, reporting suspicious activity at the Orchard Street home while the owner was away.

According to police reports of the incident, Cook had previously stayed at the residence. But neighbors, knowing the owner to be out of town the weekend of the incident, became suspicious when they noticed a red vehicle with New Jersey plates in the driveway. Over the course of two days they observed the comings and goings of several individuals and also the removal and return of the owner's car from the property.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, a neighbor approached two of the individuals, who refused to speak with her, police reported. After contacting the missing owner and

learning that no one had permission to use the premises in his absence, the neighbors called police, who found the property empty, but what Officer Jeffrey Vunck's report described as general disorder in the house and signs of a party. Police said there were also signs of the house having been entered through a rear window.

State Police, responding to descriptions circulated by their Bethlehem counterparts, stopped the red vehicle, a 1989 Volkswagen Jetta, occupied by Cook, Santiago and two other individuals. Santiago admitted ownership of marijuana and related paraphernalia also found in the vehicle, police reported.

Though Cook denied being at the Orchard Street residence, statements by other witnesses alleged otherwise, and the two men were taken into custody, police said. The owner later confirmed that Cook was without permission on the property and has sworn out a complaint.

Further investigation turned up an outstanding bench warrant for Cook's arrest in the town of Beacon, Dutchess County. He is being held in Albany County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail, awaiting further action and possible additional charges.

Santiago was ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 1 to answer the drug-possession charge.

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Neighbors opposed to CMI threaten suit

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

Bethlehem's town planning board has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 1, on the proposal by CMI Senior Housing and Healthcare to erect an assistive-living facility adjacent to Bethlehem Public Library. Neighbors opposed to the proposed \$10 million, 94-unit facility are prepared for a showdown at that meeting, and may file legal action to halt the project.

The town board last July approved a zoning change for the 7-acre tract along Delaware Avenue that would permit the proposal to move forward. Approval of the site's parking plan has also been secured from the zoning board of appeals. The project awaits final planning board approval and permitting by the town planning department.

Some residents on surrounding streets, which include portions of Borthwick Avenue, Weigand Lane and Stratton Place, have raised objections to many of the specifics of the plan, as well as to the actions of town officials in approving elements of it to date. Thirty-two of those neighbors have banded together and secured the services of attorney Donald Zee of Albany.

After an exchange of memos with CMI attorney John Cahill about some of his clients' concerns, Zee and a group of his clients met on Nov. 17 with Cahill, CMI chief executive officer Sidney Insoft and members of the planning team.

After that meeting, Zee said his

clients were disappointed with the response of the CMI team to their concerns. "I don't think they fully appreciated what our concern was and the rationale behind it," he said. "They made no commitment whatsoever (to address those concerns), and my opinion is they're

All they're doing is seeing us as NIMBYs and casting us aside.

Mary Anne McDermott

basically saying, 'This is it. Tough luck. We've got our rezoning, and we're going to do what we want.'"

Cahill declined to comment on the Nov. 17 meeting, deferring to Insoft. Efforts to reach Insoft were unsuccessful.

Zee's clients met on Nov. 21 to discuss their next course of action. One such action under consideration is an Article 78 lawsuit challenging the town board's rezoning decision. Zee and his group declined to discuss what their decision might be, but noted that an Article 78 motion must be filed before the end of the month.

The group cited a number of safety and aesthetic concerns with the existing site plan. They also cited what they considered to be inconsistencies in CMI's public presentation of the issue, specifically with respect to staffing levels, parking needs, visitor traffic and emergency vehicle access.

"We're looking at good plan-

ning and safety aspects of the plan, as well as initial concerns about placement of the building on the site," Zee said. Specifically, he and others said, they feel the site is too small to accommodate a 94-unit facility.

They have requested changes in the plan, such as relocating parking from the Delaware Avenue side of the building to the rear, and have asked for answers about parking needs at other CMI facilities in New England and about the expected volume of emergency calls at the site. "No one is saying this is not a needed facility, and no one has said that CMI does not run a wonderful facility," said Ellen Nelson, a Delaware Avenue neighbor.

They believe, though, that CMI officials have misled the public about the project's impact on the community. They cited examples from the public record of various presentations before the town board and the planning and zoning boards where such details as the estimated age and mobility of residents, the number of staff and visitors to the facility have been inconsistent. "Every time we think we know what we're dealing with," said Mary Anne McDermott of Weigand Lane, "there's something new. It gives us an uneasy feeling."

"Mr. Insoft is very good at saying the right thing at the right time, depending on who he's talking to," said Anne Moore, a Borthwick Avenue resident. "I'd like to believe he really means what he says, but it changes from

meeting to meeting."

The group feels that town officials have dismissed their concerns as Not In My Backyard sentiment and have not been thorough in their review of the project. "All they're doing," said McDermott, "is seeing us as NIMBYs and casting us aside."

"We're going to have to put all our concerns on the record, and we hope they'll permit us, but we have our reservations. We question how much they're going to listen to us when we tell the town board and the planning department that on the planning and safety issues, they didn't do their job," Zee said.

Day care program slated in Ravena

Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council will offer a free registration orientation for potential family day care providers on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at CHOICES in Faith Plaza on Route 9W in Ravena.

The session is a first step to becoming day care provider.

Pre-registration is required, and can be made by calling at 426-7181, ext. 21.

Shakespeare scholar to speak at library

Richard Goldman will discuss "What Is Literature, and Why Is It Important?" on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. in the community room of Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

It is the first in a three-part series sponsored by Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning.

Goldman teaches at the University at Albany.

Albany First Night seeks volunteers

Albany is seeking volunteers to help out with First Night on Dec. 31.

Volunteer duties include selling buttons and acting as hosts and hostesses at each of 40-plus locations throughout the evening. Approximately 600 volunteers are needed for two shifts, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Volunteers each receive a free admission button and a small token gift. There will be a brief training session on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Albany Masonic Temple, 67 Corning Place, directly behind city hall.

For information, call Kathy Hill at 434-5411 or 434-2032.

Delmar library has Army Green Book

Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar has received a copy of the Army Green Book, an annual publication of the Association of the United States Army, from the organization's Capital District chapter.

The Green Book lists 1998-99 status reports about and from the Army including active forces, Army reserves, National Guard, and Army Retiree Councils, and includes maps and statistics.

RCS schools slate open forum

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board will hold an open forum on Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

This twice-yearly board meeting is designed to hear community questions about curriculum, transportation, finances and other issues.

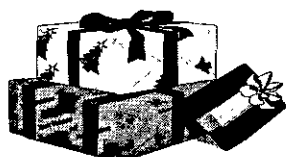
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Postal Service to conduct food drive

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

For the 12th straight year, the Albany District of the U.S. Postal Service is about to kick off Postal Carrier's Week for the Hungry. The annual food drive is slated to begin on Monday, Nov. 30, and continue through Saturday, Dec. 5.

Postal carriers throughout the district, which encompasses 26 counties in northeastern New York, will pick up nonperishable food items left near home mailboxes on their routes throughout the week.

Customers with post office boxes — and those wishing to spare carriers the burden of picking up the items — can also drop off donated goods at collection bins in the lobby of their local post office. All local post offices are participating in the drive.

In the Bethlehem, New Scotland area, post offices accepting donated items include Clarksville at 890 Delaware Turnpike; Delmar at 357 Delaware Ave.; Feura Bush on Route 32; Glenmont at 402 Feura Bush Road; Ravena at 169 Main St.; Selkirk at 123 Maple Ave.; Slingerlands at 1399 New Scotland Road; South Bethlehem at 541 Bridge St.; and Voorheesville at 45 Voorheesville Ave.

Alice Cotterell, community services director for the district and a postal carrier at the Scotia post office, said the local effort has proven such a success that the service copied it nationwide, instituting a one-day food pickup program each May several years ago.

She said more than 500 tons of goods were collected during the 1997 drive. Donated food remains in local communities, she said. Items are delivered by the Postal Service to soup kitchens, food pantries and other charitable organizations.

"It's an extra effort during this season, because we're already overburdened with holiday mail," she said. "But the pantries really need the help in the holiday season too."

Carriers ask that only nonperishable items in nonbreakable containers be donated. They hope to collect at least one item from each residential customer during the course of the drive.

Bootery logs 60th year in Delmar

By Donna J. Bell

Delmar Bootery is celebrating its 60th year in business. Opened in 1938 at its Delaware Avenue location by Jack and Jessie Leonardo, the store has thrived ever since. The business has been run by their daughter, Gail Leonardo-Sundling, since 1976.

"My parents lived behind the store," Leonardo-Sundling said. "In fact, one wall in my bedroom had a connecting wall with the store." Until last year, Jessie Leonardo, whose husband passed away in 1970, continued to live behind the store.

Leonardo-Sundling said that running the store was always a family endeavor, and she worked there on Saturdays when she was growing up. "It was part of a regiment," she said. "It was a good experience."

Leonardo-Sundling feels that the Delmar community is like an extended family. "A lot of the older population remember my mom and dad," she said. "I feel good that my parents were so well thought of."

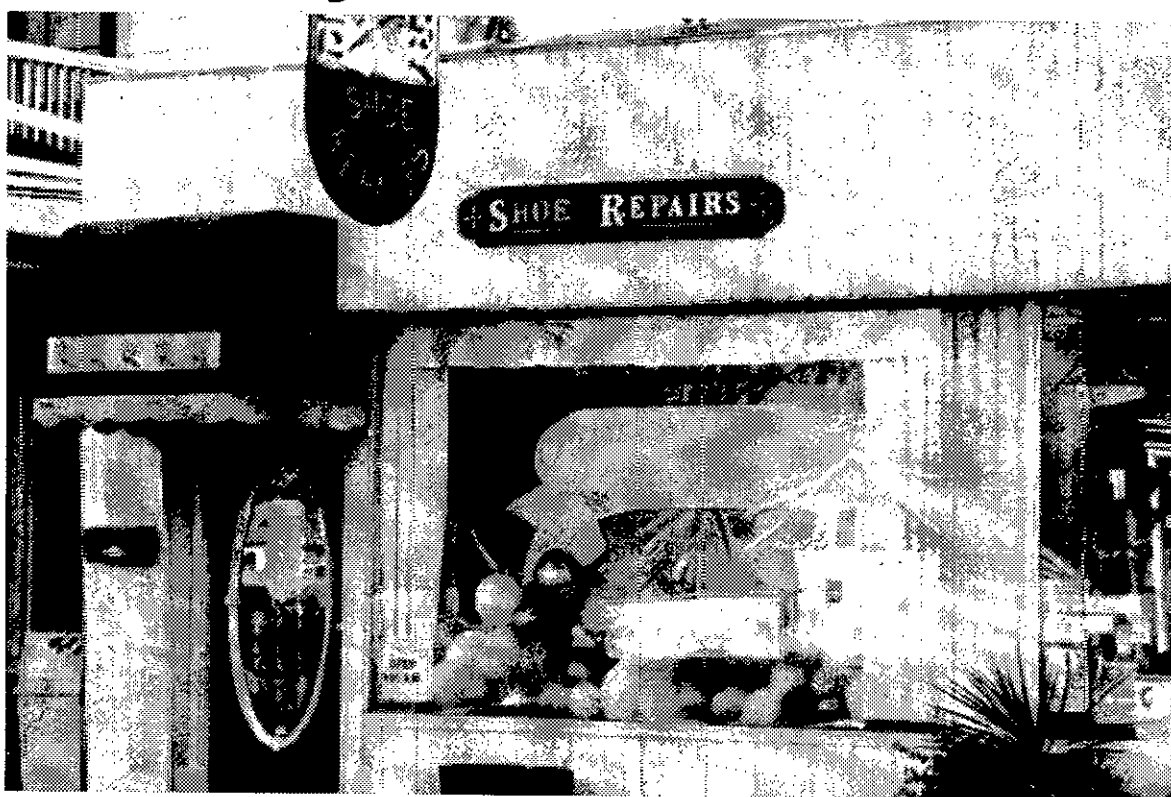
The task of managing the business got a lot bigger 10 years ago when Leonardo-Sundling opened a second location in Stuyvesant Plaza in Albany. "It was big step," Leonardo-Sundling said, adding that at the time, no one thought a shoe repair store would make it in the plaza.

She attributes the success of the stores to the fact that they focus on providing quality footwear and leather products. Leonardo-Sundling is proud of the high quality shoes that her staff takes the time to fit perfectly for each individual customer.

Delmar Bootery specializes in serving people who have serious foot problems and the staff is trained in the biomechanics of the foot. The business also repairs anything that is made of leather including coats, belts, wallets and luggage.

Several years ago the store was tapped by the state Department of Environmental Conservation to make identification tags for eaglets that had brought to the Capital District from Alaska. The tags needed to be made in a special way so they wouldn't hurt the birds.

Leonardo-Sundling's aspirations go beyond entrepreneurial talents to humanitarian efforts.



Delmar Bootery's window celebrates its 60th anniversary.

Elaine McLain

Several years ago, she founded a program called Shoes for the Shoeless. It began as a local enterprise and is now nationwide.

The program solicits used footwear. People are asked to bring wearable shoes they no longer want to the Delmar Bootery's Stuyvesant Plaza store. The shoes are then donated to Adventist Community Services, which distributes them to the needy. Last year, the store collected more than 6,000 pairs of shoes and nationwide, the program collected more than 85,000 pairs.

The program originated with shoes that were brought in to the store for repairs but never picked up. Leonardo-Sundling wanted to take the program beyond the few pairs of shoes she donated to charity each year.

"We wanted to do something for the community and this seemed to be a good way," Leonardo-Sundling said. Not all the shoes go to the homeless, but many are donated to people who have lost their belongings in a fire or natural disaster — so everything from high heels and young children's shoes to sneakers and sandals are welcome. People can

donate shoes at the Stuyvesant Plaza location through Dec. 15. Don't put them in boxes, just fasten them together.

Seeing the store grow and evolve has been a pleasure for Leonardo-Sundling, but she says the business still has its original roots. "It's still a family store," she said. "I keep my hand in and stay close to it."

DiNapolis is collecting point for Toys for Tots annual drive

The Delmar office of DiNapoli Opticians is one of six locations of the Albany-based firm that will serve throughout the Christmas season as a collection point for the Toys for Tots campaign sponsored by the Marine Corps.

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Matters of Opinion

Happy Thanksgiving

We Americans have a lot to be grateful for. Most of us have jobs and a warm home to come home to at the end of a day. And most of us will pause, however briefly, on Thanksgiving Day to reflect on our good fortune.

Sharing this good fortune with family and friends at the traditional annual dinner is part of the way we give thanks. For the most part, no frills, just a meal and conversation, a peek at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on TV or for sports enthusiasts, a chance for yet another afternoon of football. Simple pleasures.

This holiday is refreshing because there is no pressure to give anything — no furious last minute shopping to buy a gift just for the sake of buying it, no wrapping or unwrapping amidst a flurry of paper and bows, no returning gifts.

On Thanksgiving we give only of ourselves. We should take a moment to think of what the day symbolizes, and remember that there are those who don't have cause or the means to give thanks.

The Hunger Action Network of New York State reminds us that there are 2 million state residents who have a hard time getting any kind of meal. Food pantries and soup kitchens are not able to keep up with the demand.

We should remember that people need to eat 365 days a year, not just on Thanksgiving. We can help ensure that there is enough for all by supporting our food pantries.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Bob's will be missed

It's been something of a local landmark for almost 50 years — Bob's Produce on Delaware Avenue. In the spring, it was flowers, in summer sumptuous vegetables, in fall pumpkins and in winter, fruits that still tasted like fruit and of course Christmas trees.

Bob Shafer's family-run business will be missed. Somehow, strolling through large rows of supermarket offerings isn't the same as it was at Bob's, where you could also pick up some deli food along with delicious fruits and vegetables.

We wish Bob and his family well in their new endeavors, and we thank them for their friendly service throughout the years. It was a great ride while it lasted.

Cherry Hill volunteers give & receive

By Denise Carnell

The author is volunteer coordinator for Historic Cherry Hill.

In today's busy world, it becomes more and more important for us to find time to nurture ourselves, feed our personal interests and help others.

Behavioral experts tell us that, in order to maintain a happy, productive and healthy life, we must "do" for both ourselves and others. Many of us, though, find it difficult to attend to such needs, and we tend to sacrifice personal fulfillment in order to fulfill other pressing and sometimes conflicting needs, such as making a living or attending to our families.

For many, however, there is a solution. Through volunteerism, you can do it all — give to others, give to yourself, gain marketable skills and share quality time with your family.

Do you love regional history, poking around old houses, learning about antiques, and discovering how people lived in past generations? If so, Historic Cherry Hill may present the ideal volunteer experience for you.

Our volunteer corps is diverse, ranging in age, gender, family structure, life and work experience. All, however, share an interest in history and the fascinating Cherry Hill story. We welcome all who are interested, and offer varied opportunities with different levels of required time commitments and background.

You might consider applying for training to become a tour guide, museum teacher, receptionist, special events or special projects volunteer. Some make it a family affair.

Pat Etter, a volunteer tour guide and curatorial assistant, has been giving her time to Cherry Hill for more than five years. A state employee and resident of



Historic Cherry Hill

Guilanderland, Pat enjoys the museum because it brings her close to "some great, neat old stuff ... Everyone involved shares common interests, including the house and collections, and enjoys each other."

Pat also finds the variety of people that come for tours appealing, and appreciates the social functions provided for volunteers, including regular volunteer meetings, annual Volunteer Recognition Day, and a Winter Doldrums Party. In addition to her two monthly guiding stints, Pat helps out with large group tours and special events, and offers her sewing expertise in the curatorial department.

We are currently recruiting for weekday volunteer tour guides and museum teachers. Tour guides present tours of the museum to the general public. Lasting about 45 minutes, tours highlight the 1787 house, the history of the Van Rensselaer-Rankin family and the collection of 20,000 family objects. They include furniture, clothing and other textiles, decorative arts such as ceramics and silver from all over the world, books, photographs and assorted everyday objects that make up any functioning household — everything from bird cages and pots and pans, to phonograph albums, toothbrushes and waffle irons.

These collections are conceptualized by our 30,000-piece manuscript collection. Housed in the Special Collections Department at the New York State Library, the Cherry Hill Manuscript Collection is wonderfully rich, including everything from letters and diaries to bills, receipts, cancelled checks, report cards and dog licenses.

Museum teachers lead interactive tours with school groups, primarily at the elementary level. School programs are offered Wednesdays through Fridays throughout the school year. These programs introduce children to the change and continuity experienced by the Cherry Hill family over the course of five generations, and include role playing and other interactive activities.

Training for both positions will begin in January. Once volunteers

complete training, we ask for a minimum commitment of only six hours per month. Tour guide training involves five Saturday morning classes during the winter and spring (one Saturday class for museum teachers), take-home reading assignments, observation, and practice with experienced guides.

Museum teachers will be ready to present school programs in March, while tour guides will be ready by June.

Special events volunteers provide much needed manpower at such events as our annual holiday open house, Spring Evening or fund-raisers. This year, Homes for the Holidays will be presented cooperatively with Schuylers Mansion State Historic Site and Ten Broeck Mansion on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Volunteers might be asked to assist visitors touring the house, bake, sell items in the small gift shop, or demonstrate 18th and 19th century children's games.

Receptionists assist the administrative assistant with large projects such as bulk mailings, or by answering the phones. Cherry Hill does not use impersonal, sometimes frustrating, voice mail.

Volunteer opportunities are endless. For example, the Cherry Hill perennial garden was created and maintained for nearly 15 years by one volunteer. When she decided to retire last year, we were left without a replacement. Next spring, knowledgeable individuals with a genuine love for gardens will be needed to fill this void.

Historic Cherry Hill, built in 1787, was home to five generations of the Van Rensselaer-Rankin family. The last family member, Emily Rankin, died in 1963, leaving the house and its contents as a museum. It had clearly been her family's desire to share with the world this unique home filled with treasures spanning three centuries.

Cherry Hill was initially a 900-acre farm in the town of Bethlehem, and the original owner, Philip Van Rensselaer, was the first Bethlehem town supervi-

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Your Opinion Matters

Some thoughts on lowering sales tax on clothing

sor. The Georgian-style mansion opened to the public in 1964. Since then, the museum has used the house, 5 acres of grounds and gardens and extensive collections to develop award winning educational programs and publications.

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the museum is open to the public six days a week, 11 months of the year. A private, nonprofit organization, the museum is partially supported by public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Governed by a board of trustees, the museum also benefits from the expertise of several community representatives who serve on a nonvoting advisory board.

The museum employs a staff of three full and six part-time professionals. More than 50 volunteers support all facets of the museum's operations. For information on the volunteer program and to arrange an interview, call me at 434-4791.

Editor, The Spotlight:

Eliminating only the state 4 percent sales tax on clothing and footwear will be discouraging news to shoppers who may not be aware that Albany County has the power to continue to tax their local purchases. Exempting clothing and footwear necessities from both the state and local sales tax would move this tax cut beyond the realm of occasional stimulant and provide a permanent boost to shoppers and merchants in the region.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller also claims the decision by Albany County to provide its residents with the full sales tax exemption is "irrevocable." That is not accurate. Just as Albany County was able to convince the state Legislature to allow it to raise its local sales tax rate from 3 to 4 percent a few years ago, it could request state approval to rescind the cloth-

ing and footwear sales tax exemption, if need be. While the county may have to advance a convincing argument for such a decision, and if there is not good reason to take it away, the state Legislature should resist doing so.

Retailers are in no way advocating that the sales tax exemption should be enacted in Albany County or elsewhere at any cost, particularly if the only true alternative is to raise local property taxes a commensurate amount.

Retailers pay property taxes too, just like their customers. We do advocate, however, that county legislators carefully weigh every option available to them and avoid rejecting the sales tax exemption out of hand because it will lower local revenues. Every tax cut has a price tag to government. Exempting clothing and footwear necessities from state and local sales tax should not be viewed as inconceivable or reckless because

it somehow does not pay for itself. That revenue neutral standard would preclude any future tax relief for anyone.

Residents of Bethlehem who want a zero sales tax on their clothing and footwear purchases in 1999 and beyond need to express their opinion to their county legislator as soon as possible. The long-

term viability of the very successful Sales Tax Free Week experiment depends on the response.

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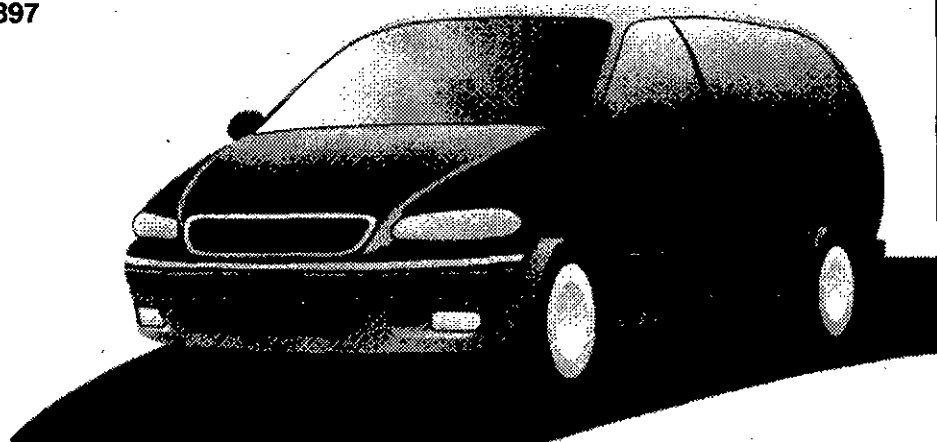


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Matters of Opinion

Doctors urge families to seek scientifically accurate data

Editor, The Spotlight:

During the past year, a number of letters to the editor and opinion articles have been printed questioning the validity of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and its needs for treatment. As representatives of the local Council of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, physicians trained in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood psychiatric disorders, we would like to present what we believe is the most scientifically-based perspective on ADHD and its treatment, and the viewpoint most widely shared by psychiatrists, pediatricians, neurologists and psychologists in this country.

The validity of the diagnosis of ADHD has been corroborated in many studies in the past 10 to 15 years. A great deal of research has indicated that there is a strong genetic component to ADHD.

Data from neuro-imaging studies (various types of "pictures" of brain structure, function and activity level) are showing possible blood flow or structural differences in the brains of individuals with ADHD, further supporting the biological basis of this disorder. Psychological tests have pointed out differences in attention and in the processing of certain kinds of information. Despite the fact that current scientific understanding of ADHD is far from complete, current diagnostic and treatment methods are generally extremely successful.

The diagnosis of ADHD is made by interviewing the child and family. This will usually include an extensive developmental history of the child as well as the medical and psychiatric history of the family. Information is also obtained from the school in the form of teacher reports and

symptom checklists. Psychological testing is also very helpful. In addition, a physical exam and laboratory tests can rule out other medical and neurological disorders that might cause attentional problems and activity level difficulties.

When the diagnosis is made, an appropriate course of treatment is proposed. This may include individual and family counseling and the use of behavioral modification techniques as well as the use of medication, primarily from a class of drugs known as stimulants. Stimulants are among the most thoroughly researched of all medications in use today, and their safety and efficacy have been repeatedly demonstrated. Medications, if recommended, are not used or intended to sedate children with ADHD but actually to improve their ability to pay attention and to decrease their high activity level. It should be noted that studies have shown that individuals with ADHD who take medication as prescribed are actually less likely to abuse drugs, including the stimulants.

It has been the experience of thousands of child psychiatrists and other professionals that many children with ADHD respond dramatically to intervention, making their lives and the lives of their families significantly better.

These children are able to pay attention in class; they can do homework and can begin to be more organized. Many of them are able to join in organized sports for the first time. They are also generally better able to make and keep friends. In these and other areas, they experience success instead of failure, and we often see an increase in self esteem.

The vast majority of children who have received a diagnosis of ADHD have had extensive evaluations. They must be followed closely and over time will likely receive many types of therapy. Medication is just one aspect of treatment and when used appropriately, is effective in 75 percent to 85 percent of cases.

Dissemination of poorly researched or minimally informed opinions is irresponsible, harmful and even dangerous. We strongly

believe that it is both unempathetic and unprofessional for affected children and their parents to be told that there is no real problem, or that their doctor is medicating them inappropriately. Safe and effective treatment that could have a striking and lifelong benefit might never be attained. Children and families with problems of inattentiveness, with or without hyperactivity, need information which is both scientifically accurate and thoughtful, so that they can seek appropriated resources for evaluation and treatment.

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Shopper loves I Love Books

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my sentiments about a wonderful local business. Having time on my hands, I recently wandered into the most fascinating shop in Delmar. I am still in awe of this shop — I Love Books — as it took me back in time. The exquisite Christmas ornaments, candles, cards and ornaments are delightful.

The shop reminds me of the card and gift shops I had visited in New York City and Boston. The atmosphere, fragrances and congeniality will keep me going back to I Love Books.

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Your Opinion Matters

Writer wants to set the record straight

Editor, The Spotlight:

Since I was erroneously the recipient of congratulatory telephone calls from persons who thanked me for the op-ed pieces in *The Spotlight* concerning Ritalin, I want to set the record straight. The writer of two of those pieces, a Point of View and a letter, is my son, Glenn Yelich, a school psychologist.

I wish I could claim authorship of the articles written by Glenn, but I have neither his knowledge or ability to write on the subject, I do, however, feel that I have been silent for too long as I've read comments to the effect that "Yelich may have done a disservice to parents" in expressing his opinions in an open forum. While my son needs no defense for his opinions, I find it totally incomprehensible that opinions cannot and should not be made available to the public so that they may make judgments based upon all available information. The alternative to an open forum is to follow the blind, do what we've been doing and don't rock the boat.

It was gratifying to me when I read the report of the national Institute of Health. That report, in effect, validated what my son's pieces expressed. The report stated "that there is no current validated test for Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). The report also stated as did *The Spotlight* op-ed piece that treatment may be effective in the short term, but no studies have examined their effect on children who take them for more than 14 months.

Among other conclusions, the report stated, "Although Ritalin and other therapies may correct classroom behavior there is no evidence that such correction improves a child's performance."

It was also noted "that doctors and schools do a poor job of communicating and coordinating when treating children with ADD and follow up is poor."

I have always been Glenn's position that there is danger in looking for easy or fast solutions to the complex problems presented by disruptive behavior. He is not nor has he ever been opposed to the use of Ritalin or any other therapy found to be effective in treating any child. He has suggested that Ritalin is not the panacea and the institute's report concurs.

I've written this letter with the knowledge and expectation that I will be accused of bias. That's a pretty good starting point for any father. I have empathy for parents and teachers who deal with the disruptive behavior of children. The solutions are not always found in Ritalin. The solutions may be

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more complex and arduous for the long-term good of many. It is troubling to hear of the increasing frequency of use of Ritalin for children 1, 2, 3 and 4 years of age. Have they really been given a fair shot at other alternatives including love, perseverance and investment of time?

Finally, I'm too old to care about accusations of bias, and I'm too arthritic to run away from a fight — even a paper fight. *The Spotlight* op-ed pieces told it the way it is; a real service was provided. May the open forum prevail in the future.

Steve Yelich
Delmar

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Selkirk resident prefers northern plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter on the proposed Selkirk Bypass is for the state Department of Transportation and any other interested parties. It is solely my opinion.

The stated objective of this project is to reduce truck traffic from the residential portion of Selkirk. Three different alignments are being considered, southern, middle and northern route. I support a northern route across Route 9W at Creble Road.

It is undeniable that the bulk of the traffic which passes through Selkirk originates from County Route 55 (Creble Road) from Conrail, Air Co Products, GE and Owens Corning. The desired terminus of the traffic is the entrance at Exit 22 of the Thruway. The most direct route for this traffic would be the northern alignment with Creble Road, crossing Route 9W and proceeding through relatively uninhabited farmland, cross-

ing the Thruway at the existing Clapper Road overpass, and progressing to a connection with Route 144 near Mocker Farms. The truck traffic could then proceed southward on Route 144 to the existing Exit 22 Interchange.

I understand that there would be increased truck traffic on Route 144 from Cedar Hill to the Exit 22 interchange, however, with a traffic light at a Route 144 juncture, the excessive speeds on Route 144 might be alleviated. Utilizing the existing Clapper Road overpass should save expense, and I see no reason to construct a new state Thruway exchange.

A northern alignment also requires one railroad overpass, which both the middle and south-

ern alignments do as well. One other benefit of the northern alignment is its proximity to the Wemple Road chip plant site. The Clapper Road bridge would provide direct access to that site.

With a northern alignment, excess traffic and added turning lanes on Route 9W, as well as less disruption and lower noise levels, would also be a benefit. I do not see DOT's justification for an estimate of \$15 million for the northern route vs. \$7 million for the others. I would also be inclined to believe that the truckers and businesses involved would prefer the more direct northern alignment.

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District parents David Symula and Karen DiBella regret Mastro's resignation. Symula teaches math at Bethlehem Central High School and three of his children have had Mastro.

"I think they're throwing the baby out with the bath water," Symula said. "I know the administration had trouble getting Mastro to fit their mold, but I can't imagine anything that bad. I've seen a lot of teachers with no spark, and Chris should have given half of his away. I know he's offended some people, but there are a lot of parents who feel the way that we do. He should be in a classroom."

DiBella said that Mastro was the best thing that ever happened to her daughter, Nicole. "He turned her into an eloquent writer," DiBella said. She wanted to go to class, and she had fun and learned."

DiBella said she would really love to know what happened. "They wouldn't be paying him if he was culpable," she said.

As past president of the Voorheesville Teachers' Association, social studies chairman Mark Diefendorf was Mastro's union representative in the spring and summer.

"I tried to make things go away, tried to get him to stay," Diefendorf said.

Diefendorf was at a meeting with McCartney on June 26. "On that day, it seemed like it was up to Chris to come up with a list or a contract to make things better," Diefendorf said. "Maybe to get some assistance, or a fine, or go over things in class that could be reviewed by administration," Diefendorf said.

Diefendorf left for Europe after that meeting, and was amazed to come back and learn that Mastro was suspended with pay. "I tried to meet with McCartney,"

Diefendorf said, "and was informed that the matter was now in the lawyers' hands."

Diefendorf said he had informally observed Mastro's class. "He was a great teacher," Diefendorf said, "and 99.9 percent of the kids liked his style, his shtick."

Diefendorf said Mastro had a style that sometimes rubbed teachers the wrong way. "He was very outspoken and told teachers how he felt," said Diefendorf. "I liked his honesty and thoughtfulness. He had problems with teachers outside of the classroom, but that's neither here nor there. The seniors really miss him. A lot of them had signed up for his class instead of AP English or my AP English/History class. A few kids may have been traumatized by his methods, but the vast majority loved him."

Mastro said a lot of his sadness is focused on the seniors, who he had looked forward to teaching. Since he hadn't heard directly from any students, parents or administrators following last spring's chair-pushing incident, Mastro had planned to return to the classroom this fall.

"This came quickly," he said. "I wasn't ready to drop out of the classroom."

Mastro is taking the opportunity to learn to play guitar, practicing for a few hours a day. He may also volunteer at other school districts, since he cannot work for pay until his Voorheesville contract expires.

"I'm not ready to stop connecting on a student-teacher level," Mastro said. "I'm not ready to be put out to pasture."

MS meetings set

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Local historian to discuss Underground Railway

Sand Lake historian Judy Rowe will discuss the Underground Railway in the Capital District at the next meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

Rowe is a founding member of the Sand Lake Historical Society. She will accompany her talk with slides.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Schools to close for Thanksgiving

Schools in the district will be closed for the Thanksgiving break Nov. 26 to 29.

FUMC members donate toys

Members of First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville are asked to bring a new, nonviolent toy to church with them on Sunday, Nov. 29.

The toys will be delivered to Albany United Methodist Society's Christmas store, where disadvantaged families can "shop" for their children.

Toys should not be wrapped, but you can include wrap and a bow if you want to.

Sports boosters to meet at high school

Voorheesville Sports Boosters will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

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

Seniors to meet

New Scotland Senior Citizens next meeting is on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m.

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Seniors can make reservations and menu selections at the meeting for the group's annual Christmas party on Dec. 29 at Crossgates Restaurant.

Holiday mini classes offered at high school

Get ready for the holidays with continuing education mini classes.

Learn how to make an evergreen kissing ball with Lara Hladun on Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the tech lab at the high school. Participants can choose traditional red and gold or Victorian pink and lace.

Hladun will teach a workshop on making a holiday boxwood tree

on Wednesday, Dec. 16, in room 138 at the high school. The miniature tree can be decorated in either Victorian or traditional style.

Both classes run from 7 to 10 p.m. and have \$10 class and \$25 materials fees.

For information and to register, call 765-3314, ext. 314.

Salem Hills group sets annual meeting

Salem Hills Park Association's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

A general election for three members of the board of directors will be held.

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

All Salem Hills residents are encouraged to take an active part in the association. For information, call Peg Blackmer at 765-2635.

Singers preparing for Christmas

The ninth Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Singers from all area churches are invited to join the community choir for this performance. Practice sessions will be on Thursdays beginning Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on

Maple Avenue. For information call Ken George at 765-4442.

Retirement party planned for Dec. 15

A retirement party for Bill Hotaling, Voorheesville's superintendent of public works, is being planned for Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Crossgates Restaurant in Albany.

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Delmar woman named residence director

Delmar resident Karen Hoogkamp has been named residence director of Sterling House, an assisted-living facility in Saratoga Springs operated by Alternative Living Services (ALS). In her role as residence direc-

tor, Hoogkamp will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the center, which is scheduled to open in the spring. Hoogkamp, currently life enrichment coordinator at Wynwood Commons, another ALS facility in

Niskayuna, is a former assistant director of Schools Out, the Delmar-based school-aged child-care program, and a former middle school activity coordinator for Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department.

Sample community's best culinary recipes

It's a taste-testing sensation at the library Dec. 16, when the public is invited to sample concoctions created from the recipes in

Copies of the cookbook can be reserved, prepaid at a cost of \$5 each, by contacting me at the library. The book will be available for purchase on the night of the recipe sampling, but you might want to reserve your copies before that time. It will be a wonderful holiday gift.

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving. The library will reopen on Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. Happy holiday!

Give, give, give — it's that time of year and here's how you can help: gift wrapping supplies are needed to wrap presents for the annual Toys for Tots drive. The high school Key Club is collecting wrapping paper to use for this worthy effort.

Bring in your donations and place them in the big box in the main reading room before Dec. 2.

Barbara Vink

Voorheesville Public Library

the Centennial Cookbook. If you have submitted a recipe, please cook up a batch of whatever it is, and bring it to the library for your friends and neighbors to try.

Sign up is necessary in order to plan for the taste-testing, so call 765-2791 to tell us you are coming and what kind of food you will bring. For those of you who have forgotten what recipe you submitted, we can look it up!

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Delmar student wins DAR award

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Entries from the local chapters go on for further consideration to be honored at regional, state and national levels.

Sandison, along with recipients from the Academy of the Holy Names and Berne-Knox-Westerlo High, will be honored at the group's chapter meeting Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Association on Route 144 in Cedar Hill.

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Kids can get homework help on Thursdays

Elks announce scholarship competition

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use on Thursdays, half-hour time slots are available by appointment to Bethlehem Central School District students, and extra time is available on a walk-in basis.

Reservations can be made in person or by phone, although reservations will not be taken via voice mail. Users with reservations will be asked to present a current library card.

Home access to the library's online catalog (UHLAN) and periodical index (EBSCOhost) is available through our home page: <http://www.crisny.org/libraries/capreg/bethlehem>.

For users without a telnet application, the site provides downloading instructions. The log on is "bethopac."

Access to the periodical index requires a current Bethlehem library card. After clicking on the EBSCO link, users must enter their 14-digit library card number (without spaces).

A reminder — the library will close at 5 p.m. today, Nov 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday and re-open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Regular hours resume Saturday, Nov. 28.

Library staff extend best wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Louise Grieco

days approach. In September, the youth services department inaugurated its Homework Help Center, open Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. through the end of the school year.

The homework computer and the Internet are available for use on a drop-in basis during that time. The center was developed in response to a survey conducted two years ago by youth services staff in which respondents asked for some kind of homework help.

Geared to students in kindergarten through grade eight, the homework computer is coordinated with equipment and software used in Bethlehem Central schools. It contains ClarisWorks word processing software and a variety of reference materials on CD-ROM.

Younger children can use *First Connections Encyclopedia*, *Mavis Typing for Kids* and *Multimedia Animals*. Older children will find a use for *Mindscape World Atlas and Almanac*, *Eyewitness Nature* and more standard reference works such as *Roget's Thesaurus*, *World Book Encyclopedia*, the MacMillan dictionary and other reference books on disk.

One of the library's three public Internet stations is located in the youth services area, along with handy bookmarks listing current Internet sites for youth and their parents.

In addition to drop-in Internet

Applications for the joint Elks National Foundation and New York State Elks Association scholarship competition for the 1999-2000 academic year have been distributed to Bethlehem Central High School, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville and Mount Moriah Academy in Glenmont.

The Elks National Foundation's "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship-Leadership Awards, open to all New York state high school seniors, offers 25 scholarships ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$7,500 each per year for four years.

The New York State Elks Association also offers 66 one-year awards of \$1,000 each. Any eligible high school senior can apply, and applicants do not need to

be the child of an Elks member.

In addition, the New York State Elks Association will grant 35 new \$1,000 one-year scholarship awards in a statewide competition, plus 22 one-year grants of \$1,000 each to present scholarship winners who are applying for additional financial aid.

Also, 17 "Special Merit" one-year awards of \$1,000 will be given to New York State Elks Association applicants who need financial assistance to continue their education.

These "Special Merit" awards

are open to high school seniors or college students through their junior year, whose parent is, or was at the time of death, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Applications for the awards are available in the guidance offices of area high schools or from scholarship chairman Kenneth Hunter of Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233.

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Defensive driving course offered at VFW

A defensive driving course will be offered on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the VFW hall on Whitbeck Road in Ravena.

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Special ed group to meet at middle school

RCS Special Education Parent Support Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

All members of the special education community are invited.

Sports group to meet

RCS Sports Association has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at the high school on Route 9W.

Shop plans open house

Homestead Gift Shop on Red Mill Road and Route 81 in Greenville will hold an open house Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 to 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be hot apple cider and homemade fudge. For information, call 966-4474.

Group slates Silver Tea

Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its annual holiday Silver Tea and the dedication of its national historical plaque on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the group's museum in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse on Clapper Road in Selkirk.

Church selling fruit

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church is selling bushels of navel oranges, Orlando tangelos and pink and white grapefruit.

Orders can be placed by calling June Tidd at 767-9927 or Gladys Gimlick at 767-9690. The fruit will arrive about Dec. 7.

Local senior citizens win Third Age Awards

Two area senior citizens will be honored by the Senior Services of Albany Foundation with Third Age Awards, designed to recognize the distinguished contributions of older Capital District residents.

Dr. John Balint, 73, of Selkirk, founder of the Center for Medical Ethics Education and Research at Albany Medical College was honored in the field of medicine.

Dr. Balint was also recently honored by the Eddy with its annual Edward H. "Ebbie" Pattison

Memorial Award.

The education recipient is William Barnet II, 85, of Slingerlands. He initiated the Sponsor-a-Scholar program of the community Foundation for the Capital Region.

Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage, the awards honor area residents over 60 who are active in their communities, making distinct contributions in the fields of arts and culture, athletics, business, education, government, health and human services, medicine and philanthropy.

Firemen distribute calendars

Members of the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will distribute calendars on Saturday, Nov. 28.

The calendar, an annual fundraiser, includes advertising from local businesses.

Donations from the calendar drive help support school and

community activities including fire prevention education programs in nursery and elementary schools, Dollars for Scholars, New Scotland Pop Warner, Albany County Sheriff's Department DARE programs and Kiwanis basketball.

For information, call 765-4048.

Delmar resident named to post

Janice Gail Thompson of Delmar has been appointed director of social services at Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

In her new role she will supervise admissions and ensure residents' physical, emotional and social needs are met, through the support of the social work staff.

Daughters of Sarah is a non-profit, all-Kosher nursing facility offering services including short-term respite, long-term care and adult day care.

Thompson previously worked as director of senior adults at

Albany's Jewish Community Center. She has a master's degree in social work and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and Congregation Beth Emeth.

Ravena auto dealer receives GMC honor

Craig Albano, owner of Marshall's Transportation Center in Ravena, was recently honored with a Leaders of Distinction award by the Pontiac-GMC Division of General Motors at a conference in Naples, Fla.

The award, given to only 5 percent of more than 3,600 dealers nationwide, recognizes outstanding dealer performance in sales, profitability and customer satisfaction.

Delmar library plans Saturday Storybreaks

Bethlehem Public Library's youth services department continues its series of Saturday morning story times to accommodate children of working parents.

The next session is scheduled for Nov. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Storybreak is appropriate for children ages 3 to 6. Parents must attend with their children. To register, call 439-9314.

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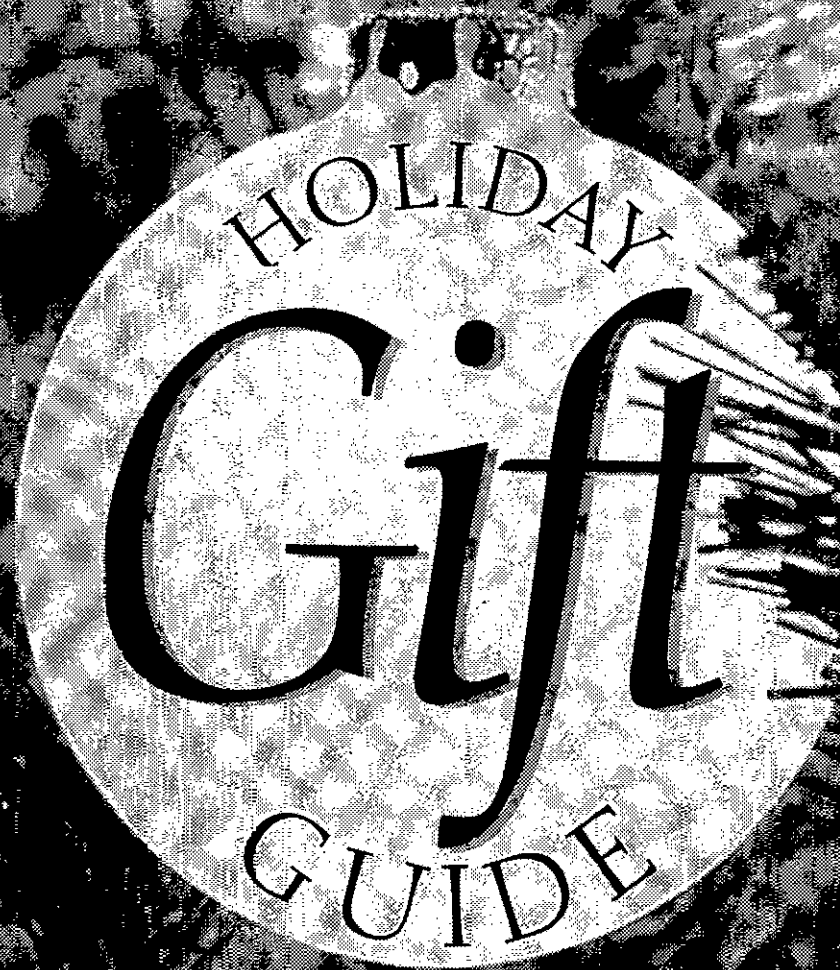
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Cool kids toys are easy to find in local stores

By Kathryn Caggianelli

IF YOU'RE SHOPPING FOR CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THERE ARE A LOT OF gift ideas to choose from, and the places you shop know how to help you select the best gift.

Local toy sellers were happy to show off some this season's best-selling toys, and they including some long-time favorites in their lists as well.

The Toy Maker, located next to Beck Furs and Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Stuyvesant Plaza, features a wide range of toys suited for

infants to 12-year-olds, according to Kevin Murphy, store manager.

"Brio and Learning Curve toy trains are always a popular item. They range in price from \$5.99 a car to \$600 for a complete set. We sell the Play Mobil line, very detailed plastic animal, people, houses and accessories play sets and these are traditionally our best selling section," he said.

New, battery-operated construction vehicles by Rockenbok that work by remote control are gaining popularity,

said Murphy, adding that this group of toys is geared more for the older children.

Likewise the store carries a variety of other gifts like dolls, puzzles, games, arts and crafts, as well as a multitude of stuffed animals.

I Love Books in Delmar has a great selection of books but the gift-line deserves a look too, said Manager Rebecca Grimwood. Jewelry-making kits, volcano-making kits and a series of unusual titles by the editors of Klutz books are huge sellers right now. "The Klutz books

include things like the *YoYo Book* and the *Friendship Bracelet Book*, there's a Klutz cookbook and even a Klutz magic book," she said. In all, there are two-dozen to choose from.

The store's inventory includes board books for the youngest in the crowd to activity books for older kids, Grimwood said.

You'll be able to find Teletubbies books as well as more classic titles, and things like blocks and rings for infants by Early Start.

One of the shop's more popular items this year is called a Light Show Lamp. The novelty is selling to kids 8-years-of-age and up and is even popular with the high school crowd, Grimwood said. The lamp features a spinning, colorful show of images that are projected onto a plastic shade that covers it. "It really has to be seen to be appreciated," she said.

Jack Canfield's *Soup For The Teenage Soul* as well as its accompanying teen journal have just arrived and are selling well, according to Grimwood.

If someone in your family has always dreamed of owning a made-to-scale model of a John Deere riding tractor, H.C. Osterhout & Son, Inc. located on Route 143 just west of Ravena is the place to go.

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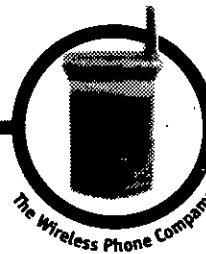
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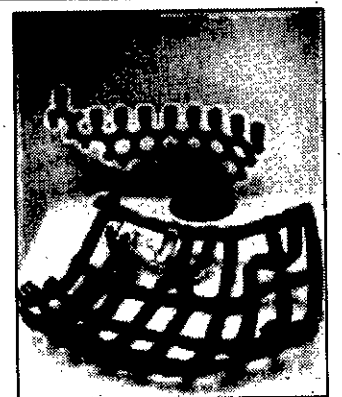
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If educational gifts are priority, check out The Parent Teacher Store at 515 Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham, across from Latham Circle Mall. You'll find a variety of gifts covering every academic subject you can think of.

Talking Globes and other electronic learning games by Educational Insights are just a few of the popular gift ideas this year, said manager Andrea Grancelli. "We carry games that teach math, science, social

The store also carries a good mix of wooden puzzles, science kits and puppets, as well as children's books and stuffed animals that go with them, she said.

Virtual pets are big this year. New ones far out-do the earlier versions that were all the rage last year, said Cory McDermott, manager of Noodle Kidoodle in Crossgates Mall in Guilderland.

"They're called Furbies, by Tiger Electronics, and though we don't have any right now, we expect to get another shipment in December," he said.

The plush virtual pets sell out as soon as they arrive, he said. They cost about \$30 each and do things that are a little scary for a baby-boomer mom to consider. Not only do these little gremlin-look-a-likes interact with their owner, they also sport what McDermott calls an advanced level of technology that allows them to interact with another Furby.

"If you put two Furbies together and one starts to sing a song, the other will finish it," he said.

Yes, his store also carries

the talking Teletubbies and a slew of games and accessories to go along with those.

"We have those for about \$25 each and carry a memory game, colorforms, puzzles and stickers, too," McDermott said.

There's a variety of computer software games at his store that are selling well, including Blues Clues, the New Barbie Photo Designer and the Tonka Workshop.

More traditional gifts are available, so if you're looking for a Victorian doll house, a cash register or a Thomas the Train toy, be sure to stop in and check out the store, he said.



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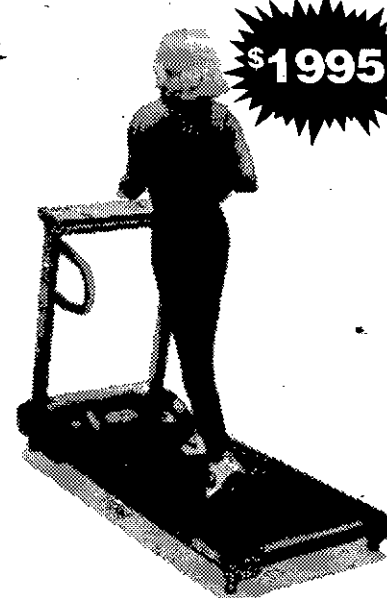
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The best software gifts for kids and adults

By Donna Bell

IT'S NOT JUST TEEN AGERS THAT ARE CLAMORING FOR SOFTWARE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. WITH software titles based on popular books, movies and TV shows targeting children as young as age 3, even the youngest child in your family may be asking Santa for "CD-Woms." Mom and Dad aren't immune either—professional sports programs, high-tech games and music, diet and geneology programs are flying off the shelves. There are literally thousands of choices ranging from \$20 to \$60. What

criteria should you use to select?

First, ask family and friends their recommendations—sometimes the pretty packaging promises more than the game delivers. Consider looking at what the professionals are saying.

"Newspaper articles and computer magazines often list the hottest buys," said Damian Galdamez, a sales associate for Electronic Boutiques in Colonie Center. You may also want to take the software for a test drive. While there isn't an area

to preview the computer games at Electronic Boutique, Galdamez said that the store has a pretty liberal return policy.

So what's currently hot in software?

"The big game this year is Delta 64: The Ocarina of Time," Galdamez said. "The company has already sold 350,000 copies and (the game) doesn't come out until next Tuesday." Galdamez says that this time of the year "Every one I know is asking for games."

Following are a few titles that computer reviews have rated

the best of the bunch.

Kids programs

• All Dogs Go to Heaven

Drawing on the success of the TV series and movies of the same name, All Dogs Go to Heaven Activity Center features games, puzzles, art and music. In all, there are 12 activities, each one starring one of the popular pooches—Carface, Charlie, Sasha and Itchy.

MGM Family Entertainment, 800-586-2021; www.mgm.com; Mac and Windows CD, \$29.95; ages 3 to 8.

• Fairy Tale Activity Center

Based on the hit movie the program features a 3-D interactive glen filled with flowers, butterflies and lots of surprises. With a vial of fairy dust and a camera, kids can take pictures of anything that strikes their fancy. There are also a jigsaw puzzle, a journal and two books about fairies. In the theatre children can build and print scenes. In all, there are 14 activities.

Knowledge Adventure, 800-542-4240; www.adventure.com; Power Mac and Windows CD, \$30; ages 7 to 11.

• Ariel's Story Studio

Based on The Little Mermaid movie and TV show Ariel's Story Studio has a storybook creation, reading and vocabulary lessons (disguised as fun games), and sing-alongs.

\$35 street; Disney Interactive, 800-900-9234, www.disneyinteractive.com, ages 4-8

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\$35 street; Broderbund Software, 800-548-1798, www.broderbund.com, ages 10 and up

Adult games

• **Jedi Knight: Dark Forces II**

Jedi Knight is the second installment of the Dark Forces series. You play Kyle Katarn, attempting to learn the ways of the Jedi and avenge your father's death while battling endless waves of storm troopers.

\$50 street; LucasArts Entertainment Co., 888-532-4263, www.lucasarts.com

• **NBA Live 98**

With spectacular 3-D graphics and fast, furious slam-dunk action, as well as loads of moves that let you showboat in the paint, this game does a great job of re-creating a game-time atmosphere. Players can take their favorite team to the NBA finals or draft a dream squad.

\$50 street; EA Sports/Electronic Arts, 800-245-4525, www.easports.com

• **NHL 98**

NHL 98's realistic game play and coaching options allows players to take part in exhibition, season and playoff competitions and control the team's on-ice performance, including

every slap shot and line change.

\$50 street; EA Sports/Electronic Arts, 800-245-4525, www.easports.com

• **Riven: The Sequel to Myst**

Players are recruited by Atrus to search the world of Riven for his missing mother and father. The puzzles, though more difficult than those in Myst, are much better integrated into the story.

\$60 street; Red Orb Entertainment, 415-382-4400, www.redorb.com

• **Star Wars Monopoly**

Based on the familiar Monopoly game, locations such as Park Avenue and Boardwalk are changed to Star Wars locations such as Hoth and Yoda's Hut. The roll of the dice brings on an explosion by a fighter craft.

Hasbro Interactive, 800-638-6927; www.hasbro.com;

Windows 95 CD, \$49.99; ages 6 and up.

• **Men in Black: The Game**

Players become members of a secret, intergalactic crime-fighting organization controlling James Edwards, the wisecracking New York City detective played in the movie by Will Smith. Three missions take players to such forbidding locales as the Arctic and Amazon to track down and neutralize aliens.

SouthPeak Interactive, 800-774-6183; www.southpeak.com; Windows 95 CD, \$29.95; ages 13 and up.

Home and hobby

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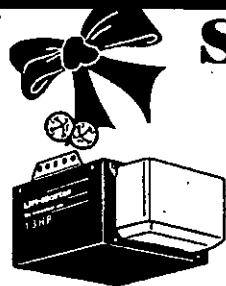
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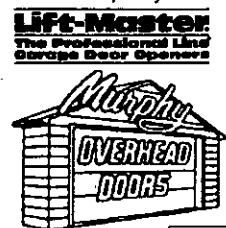
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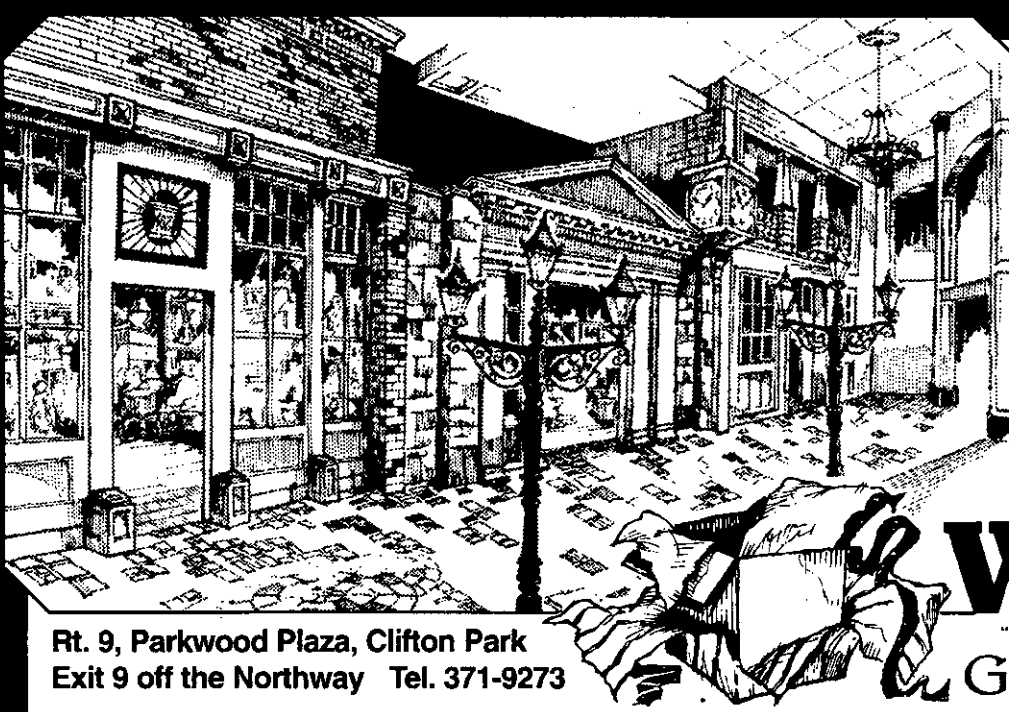
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There is no charge for the dinner, but a good-will offering will be accepted. Transportation for town residents over 60 years of age will be provided by Bethlehem Senior Transportation. To make dinner reservations or transportation arrangements, contact Senior Services at 439-4955, ext. 170.

To volunteer on Christmas Day or donate food for the occasion, contact Joyce Becker at 439-4955, ext. 169.

Hamagrael School hosts craft fair

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Also available this fall is the book that started it all: *Betty Crocker's Picture Cookbook* (464 pages, \$32.95). This is a reproduction of the classic book first published in 1950, filled with clever notions — including 12 months of birthday cake ideas.

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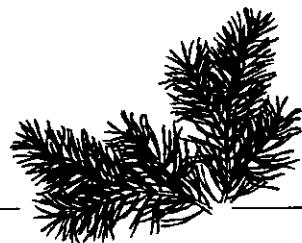
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For history buffs

Israel: The Historical Atlas (208 pages, \$45) celebrates the 50th anniversary of the state of Israel, from ancient biblical times to the continuing quest for peace.



Colonie to hold tree lighting

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Choosing gifts for men doesn't have to be a chore

By Kathryn Caggienelli

Is shopping for the men in your life a challenge every holiday season? It doesn't have to be this year.

You might want to consider giving unique gifts that are practical as well.

Who on your list wouldn't appreciate a pager or a cellular phone?

It's possible to get a pager and three months of service for less than \$50, according to Michael Kelafant, manager of Tri-City Beepers, 211 Delaware

Avenue, Delmar.

"Right now a Motorola numeric pager is one of our most popular sellers. You pay for three months of service and activation, and you get the pager for free," he said. The package includes a Motorola Pronto pager, three months of service and a \$20 activation charge for \$29.85, said Kelafant.

Pagers are popular because they offer better accessibility and more privacy than a telephone, he said.

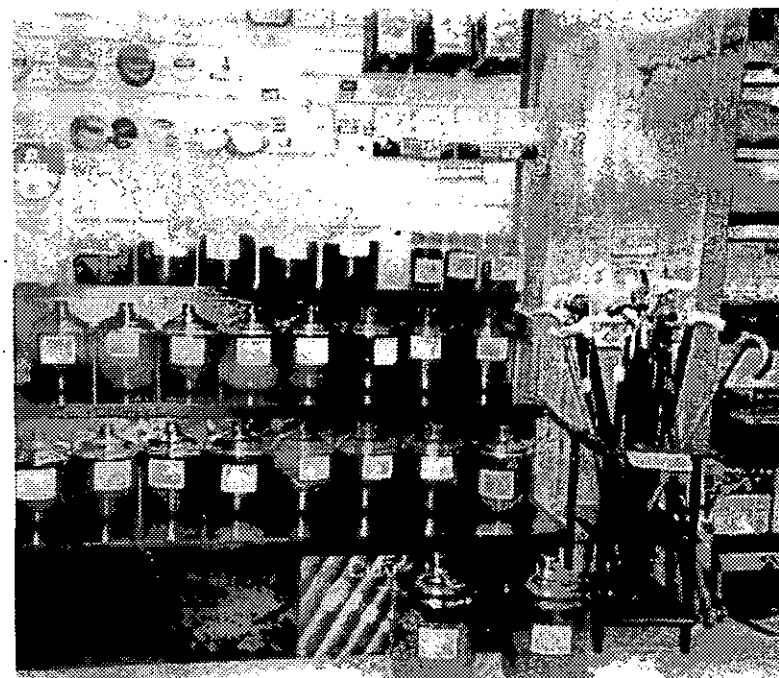
Cellular phones are another

great gift, especially at this time of year. "These cost more than the pagers, but the service offers even more accessibility and two-way communication," Kelafant said.

Tri-City Beepers is a Cellular One agent, currently offering a free night and weekend calling plan on select rate packages, he said. "You can get some of these plans for as little as \$20 a month, and since we're a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce we can accept Bethlehem Bucks for any of these products."

Doing all of your shopping under the same roof is appealing, too, and area malls have a number of specialty stores geared for men, according to Amy Raimo, senior marketing manager at Colonie Center.

Located at the intersection of Central Avenue and Wolf Road in Colonie, the mall features



Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe in Colonie Center carries huge variety of cigars, pipes, tobaccos and smoking accessories. Kathryn Caggienelli

such stores as Caruso's Custom Clothier. As its name implies this shop specializes in custom-made suits and shirts at very

reasonable prices.

"If he's a businessman, he'd appreciate either and for the holidays the store is offering a special price on custom-made shirts. You can get four for \$200. That's a fantastic price," said Raimo.

A tuxedo from TuxEgo is a one-of-a-kind gift for a man's wardrobe that will always be appreciated, Raimo said.

If you're shopping for someone more sports-minded, there are many items to choose from at the mall's new, expanded Foot Locker store, said Raimo. A new pair of running shoes and the apparel to go with them might be a good choice. "Right now there are some great sales on running suits and the polar fleece jackets," she said.

Bosco's Department Store and Christmas Tree Shops just opened at the mall, featuring a variety of gift ideas for everyone on the list. Some of the grand-opening specials in the men's department, and elsewhere, are great bargains.

Perhaps two of the most unique stores to take a look at are the Franklin Covey 7 Habits Store and Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe.

The former carries anything from inspirational prints to personal organizers, leather attaches and portfolios.

The latter features a huge variety of cigars, pipes, tobaccos and smoking accessories. Store owner Scott Bendett said he's thrilled to be able to offer an impressive inventory and attributes his ability to do so to a very loyal customer base.

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humidors (boxes that keep cigars fresh)," he said.

Prices for the humidors range anywhere from \$20 to \$400, to accomodate every smoker.

Likewise, the assortment of pipes, including styles from Italy, England and Turkey, start at \$2 and climbs to \$400, said Bendett.

The smoke shop also features a walk-in humidor, stocked from floor-to-ceiling with hundreds of cigars. "We have cigar (brands) from Ashton to Zino," he said.

There are even gifts for non-smokers, like ornate walking sticks and umbrellas to wall-hangings, t-shirts and baseball caps sporting tobacco labels.

Bendett has just added a monogramming service to personalize any liquor flask or lighter he stocks.

If you're still undecided about what to buy, why not consider music, videos or a mall gift certificate.

Raimo said that mall gift certificates never go out-of-season and offer a great deal of flexibility, but she had a few tips to offer, as well.

"It's important to treat a gift certificate like cash because if it's lost, it can't be replaced. Also, anyone who receives a gift certificate might want to hang onto to it until our huge January clearance sale to get a bigger bang for their buck," she said.

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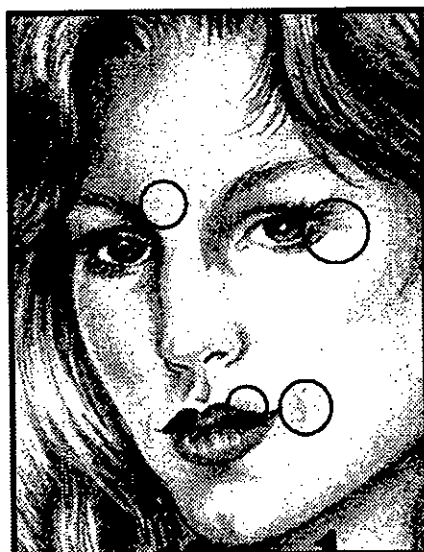


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The mall's sidewalk sale will run Jan. 17 through 24, and will coincide with Tax Free

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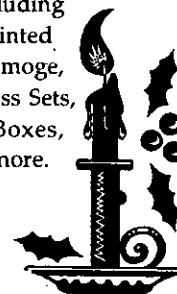
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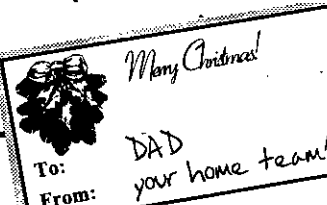
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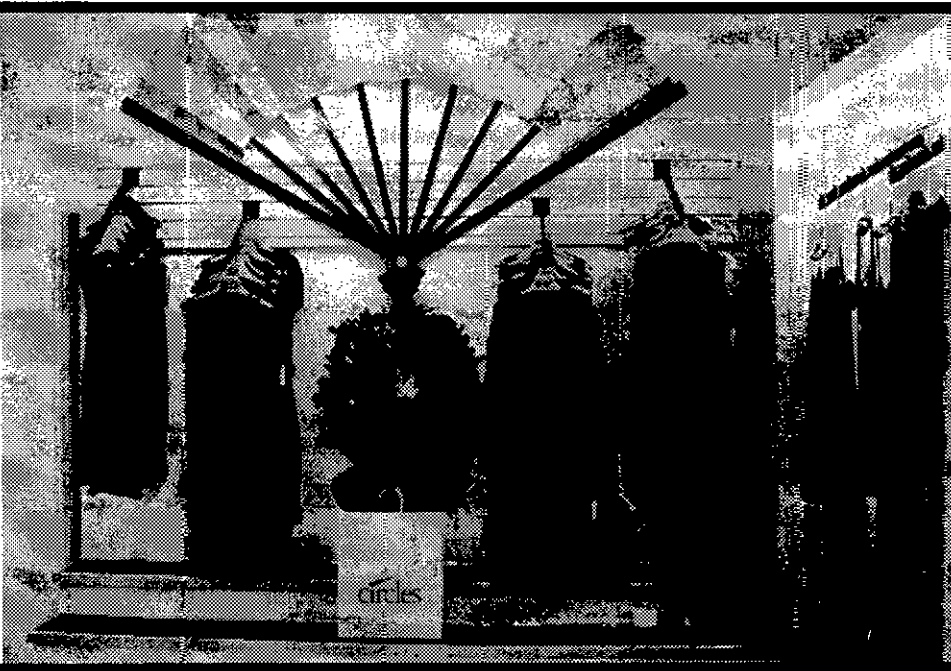
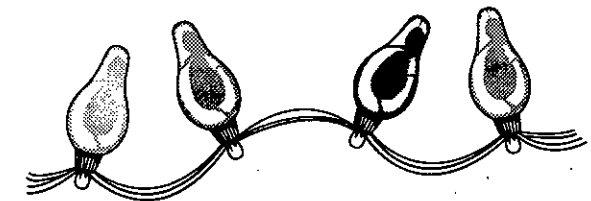
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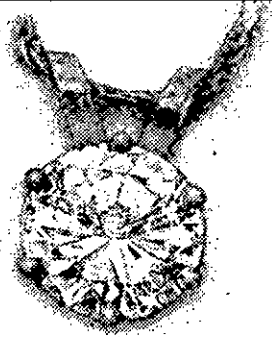
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- For that last-minute stocking stuffer: You've got the orange, peanuts, chocolate and candy canes to "stuff" the stocking, but you still want to include a small gift. The Small Wonder Light umbrella (\$22) from totes is exactly that. Compact and lightweight, this umbrella fits virtually anywhere.

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- For the person who has everything: How about putting together a basket of her favorite bath luxuries, such as shower gel, bath bubbles, shampoo and conditioner, and loofah mitt. Compliment these luxuries with a warm and comfy pair of slippers, such as the Velour Clog with the patented Secret Sole (\$20) from Isotoner. Shampoo and conditioner, shave gel, after-shave lotion, a razor, a supply of replacement blades and a pair of Suede Clogs (\$22) is a gift any man would appreciate.



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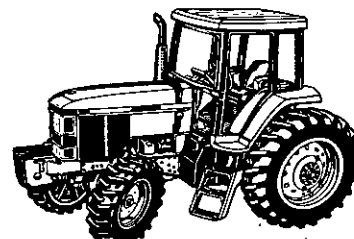
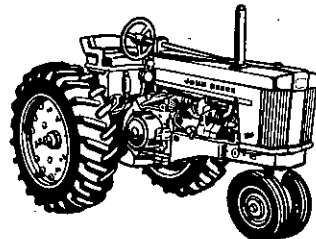
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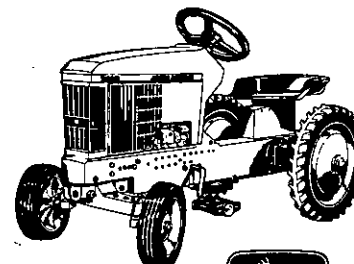
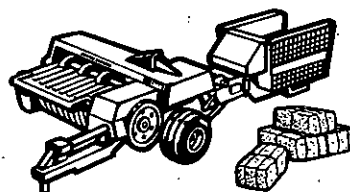
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Sports

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By Len Tarricone

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The Indians' season ended in a madcap finish inside Harrison's one-yard line, where RCS quarterback **Minard Carkner's** bootleg dash to the left pylon was stopped as time ran out.

"It was a pass play with the option to run and I thought I could make it," said the senior of the final play, which started from the four-yard line with four seconds left. "That 56 (Harrison's **Justin Haynes**) is a great player and he closed on me quick."

The Indians came that close to completing a 77-yard drive that had begun with 2:34 to play and duplicating their 1996 trip to Syracuse for the championship game. Instead, they were left with thoughts of what might have been.

RCS had overcome a 21-12 halftime deficit behind tailback **Gary Jones**, who opened the second half by rushing for 111 yards and two touchdowns on the first two possessions to put his team in front, 27-21.

Equally as important, the Indians had found a way to contain Harrison's big, explosive tailback **Sammy Maldonado**, who came into the game averaging over 10 yards per carry and had ravaged the Indians for 154 yards in the first half, including touchdown runs of 19 and seven yards.

"We knew coming in he was good," said RCS lineman **Kevin Reinisch**. "We didn't make a few tackles, and he broke them; he's a big back."

This observation was lost on no one in attendance, least of all Indians' head coach **Gary VanDerzee**, whose halftime speech was direct. "We better tackle Sammy." His defense responded, holding the 6-foot, 2-



RCS' Keith Albano turns the corner with the help of a block from Larry Alberts (20).

Len Tarricone

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inch, 215 pound junior to 58 yards on 16 carries after the break.

By the time the Huskies lined up for the final play of the third quarter, a 3rd-and-7 from the RCS 45, they had yet to gain a second-half first down, other than from a face-mask call three plays earlier, and the momentum was clearly with the Indians.

It was here that Harrison senior quarterback **Matt Handelsman** stung the Indians with the first of two critical completions to turn the tide back in the Huskies' favor.

He found receiver **Jamie Telesco**, who had scored on a 58-

yard catch-and-run on the first play of the second quarter, down the left sideline for 17 yards and a first down. After five Maldonado carries brought the ball to the one-yard line, Handelsman snuck in for the tying touchdown. Kicker **Paul Servidio** missed the extra point and the game was even at 27.

"We knew they were going to run and that we had to stop Sammy, and their quarterback and receivers made some big plays," said VanDerzee.

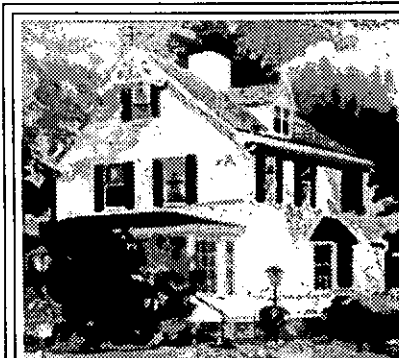
The biggest of all would come after the Huskies had taken over on downs at their own 49 after

stuffing the Indians on a fourth-and-two with 5:57 left.

"We had difficulty stopping them on the previous drive, and I thought we could get two yards," said VanDerzee afterward of his decision to go for the first down.

Earlier in the game, the Indians scored on a fourth-and-eight with a 32-yard pass from Carkner to **Tony Tucker**. This call would not work out nearly as well, as the Huskies got good penetration and stopped Jones for no gain.

They then ran Maldonado five consecutive times for a mere 11 yards, as Reinisch, **Mike Lintner**, **Mike Stott** and **Keith Albano** all made stops.



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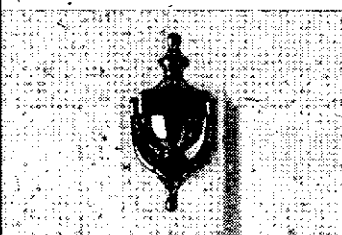
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Bethlehem boys basketball hopes to keep moving up

By Len Tarricone

When **Chuck Abba** thinks back upon his days as a basketball player at Linton High School in Schenectady in the late '60s, he recalls some premier competition, including Phillip Schuyler High School and its star **Luther "Ticky" Burden**, who went on to Division I notoriety and an NBA career. He also remembers that among the other area powers was Bethlehem Central High School, which captured the Section II championship in 1972.

The school has been waiting ever since for another banner and Abba, now entering his fifth season as the Eagles' head coach, would like nothing better than to return the program to the ranks of the elite. Indications are that he is on the right track.

In 1997-98, the team had the second of back-to-back winning seasons, finishing at 12-8 and dropping a first-round Sectional contest to Bishop Maginn.

Though he lost some key players from that squad, Abba has six returnees to combine with a spir-

ited bunch of newcomers.

"The strength of our team this year will be our athleticism, which hopefully we can convert into a strong defensive effort," he said. "Offensively, our perimeter play should be good. I'm comfortable with the team we have; our kids are working hard, and we have the potential to be competitive in this league."

A challenge, though, will be to deal with the lack of a physical presence on the interior.

"We're not real big, and it's a concern," said Abba. "We are going to have to be aggressive on the boards, pick up all the loose balls, and play good position defense to compensate for our lack of size."

Although the coach has not yet decided on his frontcourt starters, he will be looking to junior **Brendan Dalton** to shoulder some of the rebounding load. Another junior, **Josh Smith**, will see time in the low post and senior **Ryan Venter**, a three-year varsity player and returning starter, is a versatile forward who can play



Bethlehem's Pat Hughes goes up for a layup in practice. Len Tarricone

out on the wing or down on the blocks.

Senior **Toby Cushing** and junior **Brian Rowan** are swing players who can be effective on the perimeter. Sophomore **Josh Burnett** has some inside/outside capability, and **Mike Mooney** will play on the wing as well.

Abba has some proven performers in the backcourt, and he

will be relying on them heavily to provide leadership and offensive production. If senior **Pat Hughes** can be as effective quarterbacking on the hardwood and he was on the gridiron for the football team, the Eagles should be in fine shape. The three-year varsity player returns as the starting point guard, and will also see some time at the two spot. Junior **Chuck Abba**, the coach's son, was the sixth man last year and the team's second-leading scorer.

He and Hughes figure to hold down the guard slots, with junior **Mitch Lane** being a factor as well. Lane saw a lot of minutes last year as the third guard and can play the point or the off-guard position. Senior **John Burrows** is a shooting guard who performed in a limited role last year but may see increased action this season.

The Eagles will need to replace the numbers put up by **Mark Svare**, last year's leading scorer at nearly 15 points per game, and **Geoff Hunter**, who chipped in 10. **Kevin Russel** and **Justin Pinchback** are two other graduates who were big contributors.

"We had a real good team last year," said coach Abba. "It was a great group that achieved above and beyond expectations, and the four key seniors provided a great

deal of leadership in addition to their points and rebounds."

Venter, Hughes, and Abba bring about 30 points a game back between them from last season, and the elder Abba will need to find scoring from other sources.

"Only time will tell," he said. "We have to wait and see how the newer players respond in the early games."

Two years ago, Abba and the Eagles advanced to the Glens Falls Civic Center and the Sectional final four before being eliminated by Schenectady High School. With last year's winning season as an encore, there is optimism in the program for the continuance of this progress.

"We have made significant achievements in the last couple of years," said coach Abba. "I feel our program is in good shape."

The Eagles will kick off the 1998-99 season at home on Friday, Dec. 4, at 8:30 p.m., with their tipoff tournament.

BCHS swimmers aid Section II cause

Bethlehem Central High School's **Elyse McDonough** won the 200-yard individual medley and teammate **Beth Malinowski** set a record to help Section II place second in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association swim meet in East Meadow, Long Island Nov. 21.

McDonough's state-title-winning time of 2:06.91 was over a second faster than she swam to win the Section II championship. She also finished fifth in the 100-yard butterfly.

Malinowski's time of 5:04.77 in the 500-yard freestyle time of was good for second place and set a Section II record.

In other state championship news, Bethlehem's **Clarke Foley** finished 37th in the Federation cross country championships Nov. 21 with a time 16:34.6

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Indians

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A face mask penalty back on the second carry, however, had given the Huskies 15 big yards, and they eventually faced a fourth-and-six from the RCS 25 with just over three minutes to play.

With the defense keyed on Maldonado, Handelsman hit **Donny Marsico** with a quick out at the 19, and he spun away and down the sideline to the three-yard line. Maldonado finished the drive by sprinting off the left side to the corner, and Servidio's kick made it 34-27 with 2:43 to go.

The Indians' high-powered offense took the field for its most important series of the season, starting from its own 23, and on third-and-nine, Jones gained 18 yards on a draw to the 42. He picked up 13 on the next play to bring Ravena across midfield to the Harrison 45 with 1:30 to go.

Maldonado then made a big defensive play, staying at home on a fake reverse and bringing Jones down for a seven-yard loss. But here the Huskies committed two huge penalties, the first a pass interference by **Justin Williams** on a throw to Tucker, and then a face mask as Jones was attempting to run a draw.

The Indians were now at the Harrison 24 with 55 seconds remaining in regulation time, but with no time outs at their disposal.

Jones bulled his way for nine yards to the 15, and Carkner overthrew Tucker deep in the right corner to set up third and two with 12 seconds left.

Carkner bootlegged left, could not find anyone open, ran down to the four and then quickly spiked the ball to stop the clock, setting up the final fateful play.

When it ended, a half-yard from a possible tie or win, the frustration and disappointment of again coming so close to a state title bid was excruciatingly apparent on the Indians' side, particularly for the seniors. This team only lost three games in three years, all in the state tournament.

As for Jones, the senior concluded a stellar career at RCS by rushing for 265 yards on 35 carries and three touchdowns in a brilliant and gutsy performance. Maldonado gained 228 on 38 attempts and also scored three times.

"I'm super-proud of our guys; they had a great season," said VanDerzee of his squad, which finished at 11-1. "We had our opportunities and didn't capitalize; they made a fourth-down conversion and we didn't."

"We were confident from the very beginning that we were going to win this game, no matter what it took," said Reinisch. "It just didn't work out for us."

Bethlehem harriers qualify for regionals

The Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club, rounding out its cross country season, turned in an outstanding performance in the Junior Olympic Adirondack Association meet Nov. 1 at Saratoga State Park.

That showing earned the team a ticket to the Junior Olympics Region 1 championships Nov. 22 in Augusta, Maine.

All of the Bethlehem runners who competed in the Saratoga meet qualified for the regional event. Qualifying standards allow the top 20 individual finishers and the top three teams in each youth division from the association meet to compete at the regional level.

Rebecca Lee finished first in the Sub Bantam 2K race with a time of 10:41, and **Zoe Edmunds** finished eighth in 14:03.

In the girls Bantam division, **Hillary Edmunds** and **Alison Vogeli** finished the 3K race in 19th and 20th place, posting times of 16:25 and 16:37.

In the Bantam boys 3K, **Matt Shaffer** placed third with a time of 12:48, **Bryan Pauquette** ran a 13:14 for sixth and **Ross Travis** placed 11th with a time of 13:44.

The team finished first overall in the Midget boys division 3K, with **Patrick Shaffer's** third-place time of 11:39 leading the way.

Elon Backer ran a 12:06 for fifth, and **Christopher Lee** and **Scott Strogatz** finished 12th and 13th with times of 12:46 and 12:47. **Tom Lackner** ran a 16:52.

The Midget girls team finished the 3K in second place. **Colleen Moreland** ran a 13:16 for sixth; **Meghan Apelbaum** ran 13:32 for eighth, and **Taylor Jackson** ran a 13:35 for 10th.

Also finishing were **Catherine MacKay** in 14:38, **Sarah Lackner** in 15:12, **Sherri Stockler** in 15:15, **Sarah Morey** in 15:49 and **Kristen Brooks** in 17:07.

The Youth girls team finished the 4K in second place, and **Katie Parafinczuk** was the individual winner in a time of 16:05. **Meg Andersen** finished ninth in a time of 17:32.

Andrea Youngs ran in 14th place with a 18:12, and **Ana O'Keefe** finished 15th in 18:13. **Erin Riley** had a time of 21:24.

The Intermediate girls team

topped the field in the the 5K, with **Tara Sheedy** winning individual honors in 19:21. **Kathy Herman** finished seventh in 22:04, and **Katie Adams** ran a 22:53 for 10th with **Caitlin Crowley** right behind in 22:54 for 11th.

The threesome of **Sue Cardona**, **Courtney McMahon** and **Kelly Youngs** closed just a second apart from one another in 12th, 13th and 14th, with Cardona crossing in 23:02.

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Obituaries

John D. Bodnar

John D. Bodnar Sr., 74, of Pittsfield, Mass., and formerly of Voorheesville died Wednesday, Nov. 18, at his home.

Before moving to Pittsfield several years ago, he lived in Voorheesville for 22 years. He previously lived in Ohio.

Born in Spring Lake, N.J., he was educated there. He attended Tri-State College.

Mr. Bodnar was a GM dealer in Ohio and New York for 25 years. He was also a mortgage broker for State Wide Funding before he retired.

He was a veteran of the Marines, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Pacific Service Medal.

Mr. Bodnar was the founder of the Berkshire Junior Invitational Golf Tournament. He organized golf tournaments to benefit the Heart Association.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Rotary International, the American Legion and the Elks. He had also been a board member of Berkshire Hills Country Club and chairman of the 19th hole.

Survivors include his wife Jane Maxton Bodnar; three sons, John D. Bodnar Jr. of Rotterdam, the Rev. James Bodnar of Nassau and Joel Bodnar of Pittsfield; three daughters, Dr. Judith Bodnar of Albany, Janette Peter of Castleton, and Jeryl Honikel of Albany; a sister, Mary Ilaria of Chicago; eight grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Services were from the Dwyer Funeral Home in Pittsfield and Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Care in the Berkshires, c/o Dwyer Funeral home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, Mass. 01201.

Irving Unger

Dr. Irving Unger of Delmar and Orlando, Fla., died Tuesday, Nov. 17, at his home in Florida.

Born and raised in New York City, he served as a sergeant in the Army Medic Corps during World War II.

He was a graduate of City College of New York and Illinois College of Optometry.

Dr. Unger practiced in Schenectady before opening a private optometry practice on Delaware Avenue in Albany. After closing the practice in 1985, he continued to serve at other private clinics including the Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital and Whitney Young clinic before he retired last year.

He was a member of B'nai Brith, Knights of Pythias and treasurer of the New York State Optometric Association.

He was the husband of the late Jean Katler Unger.

Survivors include two sons, Harris Unger of Greenfield Center and Ronald Unger of Davis, Calif.; a daughter, Amy Bove of Burlington, Vt.; a brother, Harold Unger of New Jersey; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Amy Unger Bove, 10 Revere Court, Burlington, Vt. 05401 for a collegiate optometric scholarship

fund to be established in memory of Dr. Unger.

Vincent P. McGann

Vincent P. McGann, 55, of Glenmont died Thursday, Nov. 19, at his home.

Born in Amarillo, Texas, he lived in New Jersey before moving to Glenmont.

He was a graduate of Newark College of Engineering and received master's degrees from St. John's University and Rutgers.

Survivors include two brothers, Joseph McGann of Springfield, N.J., and William McGann of Edison, N.J.

Services were from the Flynn Funeral Home and Our Lady of Peace Church, both in Fords, N.J.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Selkirk church hosts organ concert Nov. 28

Local organist Carl Hackert will present a free concert on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Route 9W in Selkirk.

The concert will feature a demonstration of the Allen Renaissance R-270 organ, the latest in organ technology and the most realistic pipe organ sound to be obtained from a pipeless organ.

Guest artist Ron Thayer will join Hackert. For information, call 767-2243.

Bethlehem IDA schedules meeting

The town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 a.m. in room 107 of town hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Zoning board sets public hearing

Bethlehem zoning board of appeals has scheduled a public hearing for Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall on a petition by Noel F. Murphy on behalf of Monroe Muffler Brake concerning a property at 454 Route 9W in Glenmont.

Action

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of changes in staffing, equipment and procedures that will bring the facility fully into compliance with health department standards.

"We've completely redesigned our nursing department," he said, noting also a shakeup in Good Samaritan's activities staff and the purchase of new equipment to answer many of the deficiencies cited in the health department's inspection report.

The citations followed a surprise inspection of Good Samaritan in December of last year. According to health department spokeswoman Kristine Smith, such inspections are conducted every six to 15 months at each of the 600-plus nursing homes statewide regulated by the department.

Good Samaritan, Smith said, is one of only eight institutions in the state which have been fined for deficiencies during the first eight months of this year.

The most serious category of deficiencies for which her department inspects, Smith said, are those involving immediate jeopardy of patients, and "that clearly didn't happen here." However, she said, "The most serious of (Samaritan's deficiencies) have to do with repeat deficiencies involving patients not having access to a call bell (for summoning staff assistance), and sufficient actual harm to patients." The repeat deficiencies are the cause of the fines in this case, she said.

The inspection report listed 36 specific grievances that covered a host of resident-life issues. The grievances included:

- complaints that staff did not respond promptly to call-bell summonses, and that call-bells were not always accessible to patients
- allegations of inadequate activity programs for patients, of activities being abruptly cancelled, or of poor interaction with staff during them
- poor maintenance and potential dangers from hazardous maintenance materials being left within patients' reach

Closes

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He has watched a steady erosion in small business in the town, and a change in shopping habits in his community as well. "I don't see the traffic go by on Delaware Avenue like it used to, especially at rush hour," he said. "I think it's all going the other way now, past Price Chopper."

"I used to be open until 10 o'clock at night, it was so busy," he recalled. "Now I stand here alone for hours and don't see anybody." He's also become more concerned, he said, about crime in the evening hours.

His daughter, Shannon, helping her dad close the store down on the last day, said it was a sign of the times. "It's the 90s," she said. "People have to work harder,

• inadequate monitoring of patient physical therapy programs

• unsafe procedures and equipment problems, in particular related to the so-called Hoyer mechanisms used for lifting patients from hospital beds, some of which caused what Smith called "sufficient actual harm" to patients

• improper monitoring of prescription drug dosages and routine care like dental visits

• inadequate in-service training of nursing staff.

She said two follow-up visits to the facility were made by inspectors last spring, to ensure that the facility put in place a remediation plan to address each of the grievances. "We believe corrective actions are being maintained at this time," she said, "and we've had a great level of cooperation from facility management. However, we will be doing another survey at an unscheduled time."

Borman attributed many of the problems to staffing shortages related to recent Medicaid funding cuts and to dislocations as a result of the remodeling of the facility that was completed last spring. Good Samaritan added an additional 20 beds, bringing the facility to a capacity of about 120.

He said that \$25,000 has recently been spent to replace the improper lift equipment, maintenance procedures have been extensively overhauled, and the independent pharmacy contractor supplying the facility has been changed. New directors of nursing have also been hired, as well as additional staff in both areas. In particular, three registered nurses have been hired to serve as nurse managers of each of the institution's units, providing closer oversight and improved training.

But Borman said that properly trained certified nursing aides (CNA's) remain a problem. "We're adding staff, and we were adding staff at the time of the inspection," he said. "But in the Capital District, every nursing home is hurting for CNA's. They're the ones who do the direct care work with patients. They don't get paid enough and it's hard work, so retention is a problem."

longer hours. When the time comes to go shopping, they go to the supermarket for the convenience. They haven't got the time to go around to the little stores. Just look around. There aren't any meat markets any more either."

Trying to keep the family business going has been a strain. "I have laid awake a lot of nights," Shafer said. "I'm under a doctor's care for stress. My health is more important than keeping this going."

But just before the holidays, he said, is a particularly hard time to bid goodbye to a family tradition. "I thought I was gonna be able to hold on until after the holidays, but I just can't," he said. "The pot is dry."

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Murphy, Uettwiller to wed

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The bride-to-be is graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Brown University.

She works in the fashion industry in Manhattan.

The future groom is president of Red Dirt Creative, an independent TV/film production company in New York City.

The couple plans a September wedding.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, James Flynn Connolly, to Joanne Van Woert and James Connolly of Delmar, Nov. 5.

Girl, Rachel Bethany LeFrock, to Diane and Brian LeFrock of Delmar, Nov. 6.

Girl, Samantha Rose Hart, to Brenda and Greg Hart of Slingerlands, Nov. 7.

Boy, Steven Harrison Williams Jr., to Natalie and Steven Williams of Selkirk, Nov. 7.

Boy, Ronald Preston Hoogkamp, to Lisa and David Hoogkamp of Voorheesville, Nov. 9.

Girl, Carley Elizabeth Sawyer, to Carol and Gordon Sawyer of Delmar, Nov. 10.

Elizabeth Mary Parente, to Anne and Clemente Parente of Slingerlands, Nov. 12.

Boy, David Jacob Szelest, to Margaretha and David Szelest of Delmar, Nov. 16.

Out of town

Girl, Olivia Ann Futia, to Lisa and Joseph Futia of Bangor, Maine, and formerly of Delmar, Nov. 5. Maternal grandparents are John and Marion Chrysogelos of Delmar and paternal grandparents are Joseph and Madeleine Futia, also of Delmar.

BCHS grad performs in college musical

BCHS graduate Hally Gutman, a sophomore majoring in acting at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, recently performed the role of Louise in the drama department's production of "Carousel."

Delmar student to lead Hillel chapter

Dona Leveston, daughter of Ilene and Steven Leveston of Delmar, has been elected president of Hillel, the Jewish student organization, at Connecticut College.

Leveston is a 1995 graduate of Emma Willard School in Troy.



Jessica and Alexander Brand

Backer, Brand marry

Jessica Zoe Backer, daughter of Ronald and Susan Backer of Delmar, and Alexander Charles Brand, son of Harvey and Carol Brand of Marblehead, Mass., were married June 14.

The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Scott Shpeen at Camp Wiabatha on Upper Saranac Lake in Franklin County. A reception followed the ceremony.

The maids of honor were the bride's sisters, Tamara Backer and Elizabeth Backer. Bridesmaids were Alicia Brand, sister of the groom, and Marla Rosenberg, Genise Fraiman and Jill Bloomberg. The flower girl was Ariel Hensley, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Krishna

Gaddipati. Groomsmen were Michael Chung, Michael El-Deiry, Gareth Roberts and Ranu Shialam. The ring bearer was Isaac Flaum, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Bates College and Albany Law School. She is a lawyer in the Family Court division of Nassau County Legal Aid Society.

The groom is a graduate of Tufts University and Albany Medical College. He is a pediatric resident at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, Nassau County.

After a wedding trip to the Adirondacks, the couple lives in Manhasset.

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Admission is \$4 adults and \$3 for children. Kids under 5 eat for free.

SPOTLIGHT ON *Family* ENTERTAINMENT
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It's a Wonderful Play

By Dev Tobin

For the upcoming holiday season, the New York State Theater Institute will present a musical version of perhaps the country's most beloved holiday story — how small-town banker George Bailey came to count his blessings with the help of rookie angel Clarence.

The musical "A Wonderful Life" is created by writer and lyricist Sheldon Harnick ("Fiddler On The Roof") and the late composer Joe Raposo (who worked on "Rag Dolly" for NYSTI some years back). The stage version is closely based on the beloved Frank Capra movie, according to Patricia Di Benedetto Snyder, the institute's producing artistic director. The musical was first produced in the late 1980s; this is its first Capital District production.

Snyder, who will be directing "A Wonderful Life," said the new songs "come out of the script and are true to the movie."

The play eliminates the childhood scenes at the beginning of the movie, which allows for the addition of musical numbers, Snyder explained.

Also, "It's hard to do snow scenes in regional theater," she said.

While adding some songs, the musical does not attempt to update or improve on the movie, since "You can't improve on Frank Capra," she added.

"People expect to see a familiar story, so there's nothing new or startling in the musical," Snyder said. "Our production honors a great movie. It's a reaffirmation of the human spirit, and we need reminders of that all the time."

Unlike the perennial holiday chestnut "A Christmas Carol," "A Wonderful Life" is American through and through, based in the fictional upstate New York town of Bedford Falls.

"We think hard about what to present at holiday time and this year decided to do an all-American classic as a special holiday show for all our audiences," Snyder said. "This is a very nice piece, with such good feeling and good will."

While the movie is a classic, "There's nothing like being in the presence of people creating a show for you," Snyder said. "We've done a lot of plays that are film classics, and they work very well."

Broadway veterans Timothy Booth and Katherine LaValle play George and Mary, and institute regulars help fill out the cast of almost 40.

The large cast helps the play "get close to the spirit of the movie," Snyder said.

With a large cast, there are plenty of opportunities for local actors. Paul Di Nuzzo of Loudonville plays the cab driver Ernie, Leslie Shrager of Slingerlands plays Janie Bailey, Eileen Schuyler of Delmar plays Mary Bailey's mother, and Schenectady native Michele Pigliavento plays Violet.

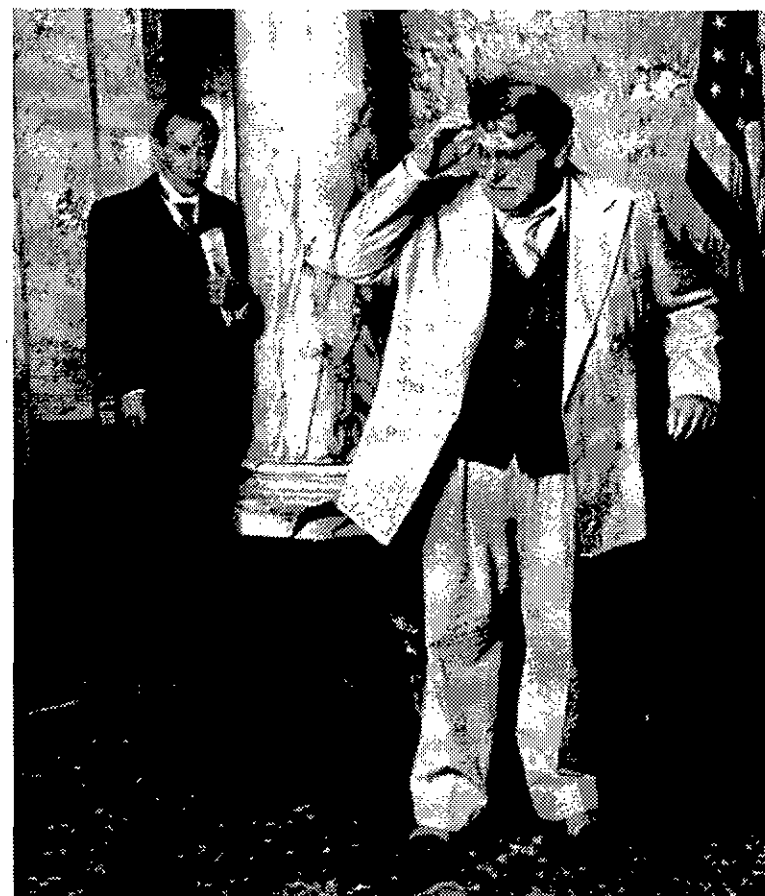
"A Wonderful Life" premieres Nov. 29 at 2 p.m., with subsequent performances at 10 a.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, and 16, at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5, 11 and 12, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 13.

Tickets are \$17, \$14 for students and seniors, \$8 for children under 13. Performances are in the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy, just over the Congress Street bridge from Watervliet and I-787.

For information, call 274-3256.



In the Capital District's first staging of the musical *A Wonderful Life*, George Bailey (above), played by Timothy Booth, promises daughter Zuzu (Meredith Ann Bull) that he will fix her rose, which has lost some petals. Below, banker Henry Potter (John McGuire) watches as Uncle Billy (Joel Aroeste) searches for a misplaced bank deposit.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Dickens classic, starring Larry Linville, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m., through Dec. 20, \$10-\$35. Information, 445-7469.

"A WONDERFUL LIFE"

musical adapted from famous Capra holiday film, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and 13 at 2 p.m., Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 at 10 a.m., Dec. 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., \$17, \$14 seniors and students, \$8 children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

"MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET"

new musical, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., \$25.50. Information, 346-6204.

"BLOOD BROTHERS"

musical drama, Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., Dec. 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., Dec. 6 and 13 at 2 p.m., \$16, \$8 children under 13. Information, 393-5732.

"TOP GIRLS"

by Caryl Churchill, presented by University at Albany theater department, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 2, 3, 4, and 5 at 8 p.m., Nov. 22 at 3 p.m., \$10, \$7 students and seniors. Information, 442-3997.

MUSIC

PHISH

Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m., \$23.50. Information, 476-1000.

BOK, TRICKETT & MUIR

folk trio, Old Songs concert, Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, Nov. 27, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

ANDREA MARCOVICCI

benefit for The Millay Colony for the Arts, with silent auction, The Desmond, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner and cabaret at 7:30 p.m., \$125. Information, 392-4144.

COLONIE BICENTENNIAL BRASS BAND

Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen Street, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

WU HAN, PAMELA FRANK AND YEESUN KIM

chamber music trio performs works by Haydn and Dvorak, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Dec. 3, 8 p.m., \$15, \$7 for students. Information, 372-3651.

JORGE CABALLEROS

Peruvian guitarist, chapel of Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Dec. 5, 8 p.m., \$10, \$4 students and seniors. Information, 783-2527.

EMERSON STRING QUARTET

playing works by Beethoven, Sibelius and Zwilich, Union

College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, Dec. 6, 3 p.m., \$20, \$10 students. Information, 372-3651.

IRISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

benefits Irish American Heritage Museum, with Tony Kenny, Deirdre Reilly, Noel Ginnily, Dermot O'Brien and Debbie O'Shaughnessy, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

DANCE

THE NUTCRACKER

Northeast Ballet, with New York City Ballet principal Valentina Kozlova and Philip Neal, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Dec. 6, 2 p.m., \$22.50. Information, 346-6204.

THE NUTCRACKER

Albany Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Dec. 5, 3 and 7 p.m., Dec. 6, 1 p.m., \$14-\$27. Information, 465-4663.

FAMILY FUN

FESTIVAL OF TREES

to benefit the Albany Institute of History & Art, decorated trees and entertainment, Bulmer Technology Center of Hudson Valley Community College, Route 4, Troy, Nov. 25, 27, 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., \$8, \$4 for children 5-12, free for children under 5. Information, 463-4478.

VICTORIAN STROLL

dozens of free entertainment events throughout downtown Troy, Dec. 6, noon to 5 p.m. Information, 274-7020.

VISUAL ARTS

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Bears, through Jan. 3; Focus on Nature (science illustration), through Dec. 15; stoneware and antique furniture; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

200 Years of Collecting, through May 30, Shining Objects from Our Past, silver from the Institute Collection, through May 30. Coming Home: A Van Alstyne Family Collection, through Jan. 9, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

The History of American Advertising, 1920-1969, through Jan. 10, Otto Neals — The Man and his Mediums, through Dec. 6, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 449-4756.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

paintings by Bobbie Bowden and Robert Moylan, through Jan. 1, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

MARTIN BENJAMIN

photographs 1970-1998, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial, Union College, through Dec. 20. Information, 388-6004.

AROUND the AREA

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 25

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevard Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SQUARE DANCE

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 26

ALBANY COUNTY

CHORUS REHEARSAL

Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-7149.

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
NOVEMBER 27

ALBANY COUNTY

MOTHERS' DROP IN

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

SENIORS LUNCHEONS

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

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29

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.

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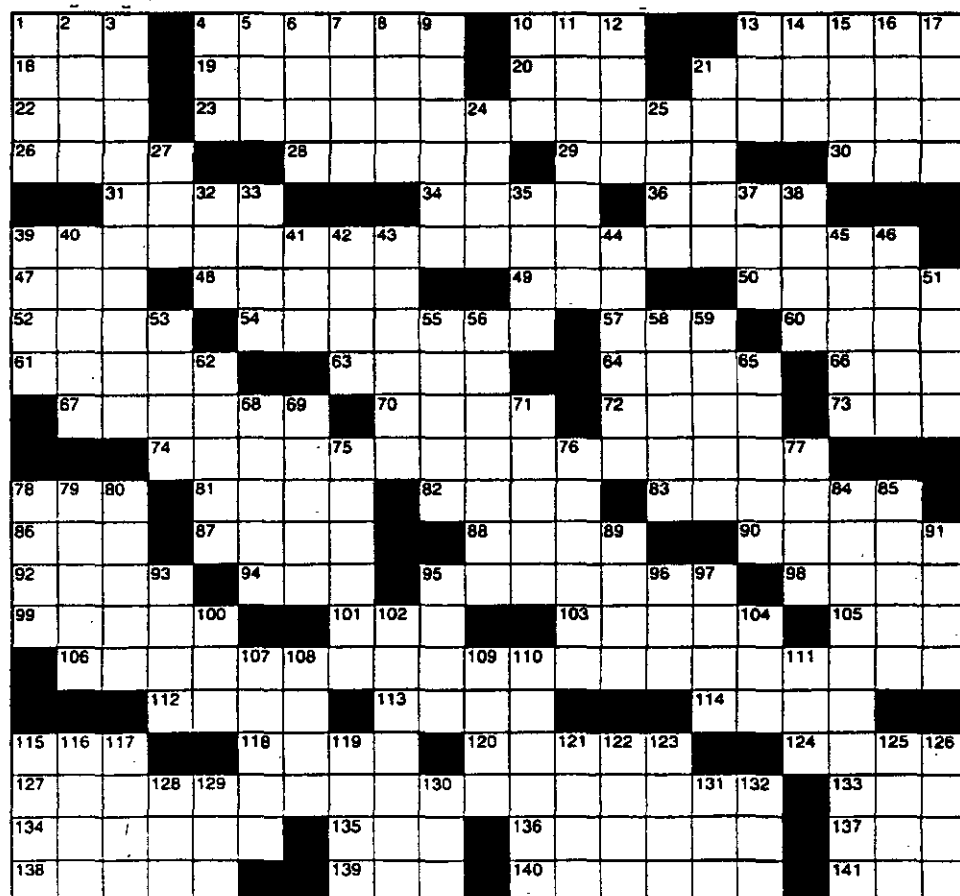
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| 20 Skater Babilonia | 67 Gets cracking | 115 Heifer or hen | 10 Robert of "Quincy, M.E." | 55 Eye opener? | 107 Sturdy carts |
| 21 Marmalade fruit | 70 Castle material | 118 Gelatinous product | 11 Toy dog | 56 Authentic | 108 Othello's ensign |
| 22 "— don't say!" | 72 Gabba's predecessor | 120 Philharmonic section | 12 Falafel holder | 58 Helps in a heist | 109 Succotash stuff |
| 23 Why did Franklin fly a kite? | 73 Beret or beaver | 121 Oklahoma city | 13 Set | 59 Dragon or Hall | 110 "— Apple" ("71 hit) |
| 26 Lambs' dams | 74 How predictable was Gutenberg? | 122 Did Nobel have a bad temper? | 14 — Grande | 62 Don one's duds | 111 Sugary suffix |
| 28 Nasty | 78 Gush | 133 Tokyo, once | 15 Facts, for short | 65 — in (enticed) | 115 Make-believe |
| 29 Docile | 81 Bank deposit? | 134 Dumas character | 16 Billing | 68 Hawthorne's "—Told Tales" | 116 Olympic first lady |
| 30 Horatian creation | 82 Gigio and Jerry | 135 Sneeze and wheeze | 17 Apportion, with "out" | 69 Dieter's food | 117 Writer Hunter |
| 31 Actress Lenska | 83 Singer Percy | 136 Accuse tentatively | 21 Pursuit | 71 Window dressing? | 119 Way over yonder |
| 34 Brickell or McClurg | 86 Make budget cuts? | 137 — up (complete) | 24 Champions of the Force | 75 Beach | 121 She, to Stendhal |
| 36 Invitation request: abbr. | 87 Ahab's mark | 138 Massenet opera | 25 King of Israel | 76 Lodger | 122 Farmer's place |
| 39 Why did folks find Howe funny? | 88 — Visitor of "Deep Space Nine" | 139 Brit. fliers | 27 Dion's "Runaround" girl | 77 German river | 123 —Pea (Popeye's kid) |
| 47 Pitcher part bargain | 90 Stockwell and Martin | 140 Juan Ponce | 32 Audio antiques? | 78 Indonesian island | 125 Scheme |
| 48 Tremendous | 92 Sell | 141 Japanese honorific | 33 ABA member | 79 Put forth | 126 Canine command |
| 49 Stephen of "Princess Caraboo" | 94 Author Le Shan | DOWN | 35 Memo start | 80 Fractional amount | 128 Funnyman Phillips |
| 50 Develop | 95 Actress Mayron | 1 Marvlin of Motown | 37 Tape player: abbr. | 84 Lack of social grace | 129 — Tin Tin |
| 52 "King Kong" | 98 Litter's littiest | 2 Confess | 38 An Every brother | 85 Boredom | 130 Folklore fairy |
| | 99 Pianist Schnabel | | 39 Hacks | 89 Med school subj. | 131 Actor Tognazzi |
| | | | 40 Noblemen | 91 Prepare cherries | 132 Put it in writing |
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 25**

BETHLEHEM

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
NOVEMBER 26**

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. 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
NOVEMBER 27**

BETHLEHEM

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 28**

BETHLEHEM

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

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

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29**

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday School and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with children's program. Nursery care Available at all worship times. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

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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.

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Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: CB DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC.

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

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is October 26, 2048.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 26th day of October, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ Deborah J. Jacques, Attorney in Fact
(November 25, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF GKR SHARES, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York
THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company"),

LEGAL NOTICE

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SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

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FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

SIXTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 20th day of October, 1998.

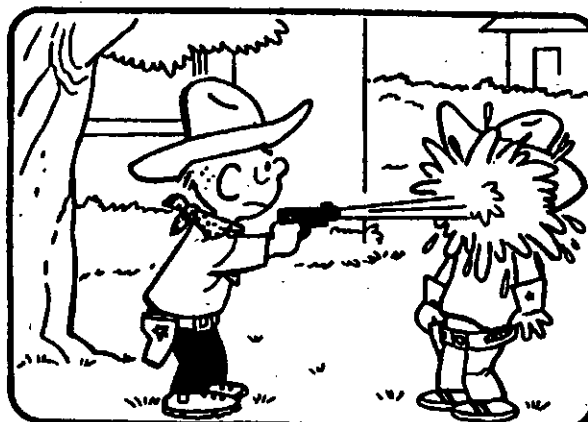
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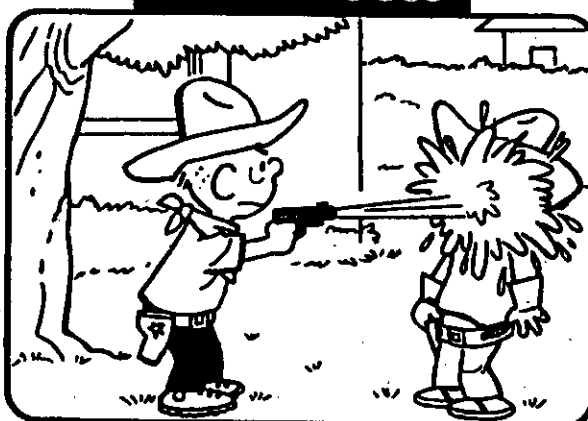
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Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 24, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (November 25, 1998)

NOTICE CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

(Under Section Two Hundred Six of the Limited Liability Company Law)

1. The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: MARINELLO DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York is: October 1, 1998.

3. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York has been designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State of the State of New York shall mail a copy of any process served against it served upon him or her is: 319 Mountain Street, Albany, New York 12209.

5. The name and address of the registered agent of the LLC who is to be the agent of the LLC against whom process against it may be served is: None.

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FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is: ADIRONDACK IP LLC.
SECOND: The County within the state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: The company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is Designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without this state

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to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her is:

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

SIXTH: the Company is to be managed by its members.

SEVENTH: The purpose of the company shall be limited to owning, operating, managing, and leasing the property located at 527-559 Queensbury Avenue, Queensbury, New York and 80 Park Road, Kingsbury, New York, (the "property") and activities incidental thereto.

EIGHTH: The Company shall be prohibited from incurring in-

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debtedness of any kind except for (i) the loan (the "Loan") incurred in favor of Lehman Brothers (the "Lender"), and its successors and assigns with respect to the Loan, and (ii) trades payables incurred in the ordinary course of business.

NINTH: For so long as the loan is outstanding, the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the Lender:

(a) amend the Articles of Organization;

(b) engage in any business activity except as set forth in paragraph "Sixth" above;

(c) dissolve, liquidate, consolidate, merge, or sell all or substantially all of the Company's assets or the Property;

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except as expressly permitted under the loan documents executed with the Loan;

(e) file, or consent to the filing of a bankruptcy or insolvency petition, or otherwise institute insolvency proceedings;

3) For so long as the Loan is Outstanding, the Company shall:

(a) maintain its books and records separate from any other entity;

(b) maintain its accounts separate from any other person or entity;

(c) not commingle its assets with those of any other entity;

(d) conduct its own business in its own name;

(e) pay its own liabilities out of its own funds;

(f) maintain separate financial statements;

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(g) observe all Company formalities;

(h) maintain an arm's length relationship with its affiliates;

(i) pay the salaries of its own employees and maintain a sufficient number of employees in light of its contemplated business operations;

(j) not guarantee or become obligated for the debts of any other entity or hold out its credit as being available to satisfy the obligations of others;

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loans or advances to any entity;

(o) hold itself out as a separate entity;

(p) correct any known misunderstanding regarding its separate identity;

(q) maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business operations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 15th day of October, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

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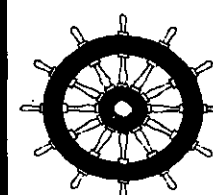
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Articles of Organization of Paul Marius Beer, M.D., ("PLLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 5, 1998, effective upon the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the PLLC c/o Paul Marius Beer, M.D., P.O. Box 74 Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the PLLC is formed is to engage in the practice of medicine or any other business or activity for which a professional limited liability company may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. (November 25, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Garland, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 5, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (November 25, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (LLP)

The name of the LLP is Brunswick Dental Associates, LLP. The Certificate of Registration of the LLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 15, 1998 for status as a registered limited liability partnership. The registration is effective upon filing. The purpose of the LLP is to practice dentistry. The address of the principal office of the LLP is 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The Secretary of State

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is designated as the agent of the LLP upon whom process against the LLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLP is 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. (November 25, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Bish Realty, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 2, 1998. 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 Tri City Rentals, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203. (November 25, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Greenville, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 3, 1998. 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 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (November 25, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE T&R FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Name: T&R Family Limited Partnership. Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/30/98. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LP

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: TRI-CITY REMODELING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/05/98. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 237 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (November 25, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 1375 WASHINGTON AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC

1375 Washington Avenue Associates, LLC ("the Company") filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on March 31, 1998 pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. The office of the Company is located in Albany County, New York. The latest date upon which the company is to dissolve shall be April 1, 2044. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State has been directed to forward service to 33 Fuller Road, Albany, New York 12205-5120. The purpose of the Company is to hold, improve, manage, operate, finance, refinance and/or dispose of a parcel of real property at 5 Broadway, Troy, New York. (November 25, 1998)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Noel F. Murphy/Monro Muffler Brake, Inc., 454 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Use Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-17, CC Retail Commercial District of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to permit a public garage in a CC Retail Commercial Zone at premises 454 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(November 25, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

CHESTNUT ASSOCIATES, L.P.
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Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited partnership for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Partnership Law Section 121-201(c), your attention is directed to the following facts:

1. The name of the limited partnership is Chestnut Associates, L.P.
2. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of Chestnut Associates, L.P. was filed with the Secretary of State on September 29, 1998.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of Chestnut Associates, L.P. shall be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against Chestnut Associates, L.P. to the following post office address: Dreyer Boyajian, LLP
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7. The character of the business of Chestnut Associates, L.P. is as follows: To engage in any business permitted under the laws of the State of New York. (November 25, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is C&S PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on November 5, 1998.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is:

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FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "Law").

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to invest in real estate and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (November 25, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Samantha, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 19, 1998.

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THIRD: The county within the office of the Company is to be located in Albany.

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SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to invest in real estate and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (November 25, 1998)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 1998, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to give consideration to an application for BUILDING PROJECT APPROVAL in PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT #5, for CMI Senior Housing & Healthcare, Inc., 15 Walnut Street, Wellesley, MA, to construct a 94 unit senior assistive living facility at 467 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, as shown on plans entitled, "CMI SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, LAYOUT PLAN" Sheet 2 of 9, dated August 1998, revised 11/12/98 and prepared by Environmental Design & Research, P.C., Syracuse, NY, and The Architectural Team, Chelsea, MA.

Douglas Hasbrouck
Chairman, Planning Board

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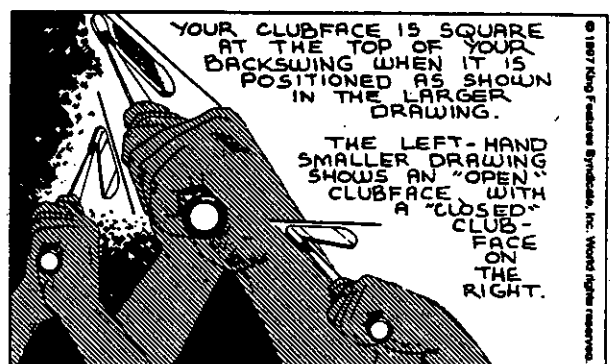
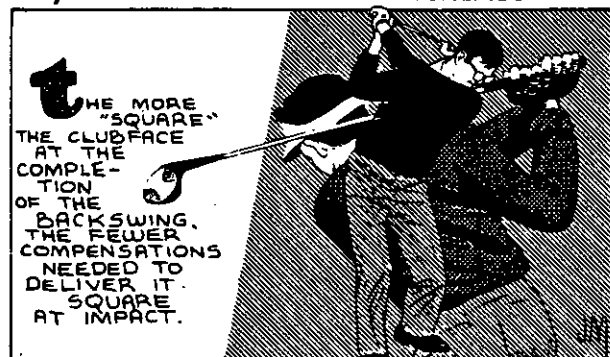
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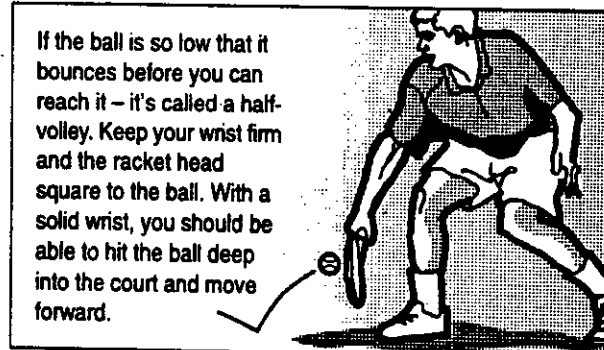
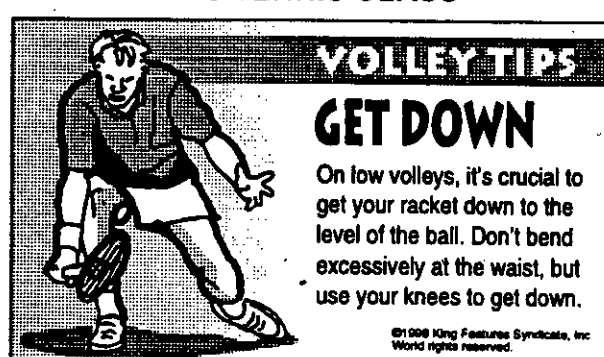
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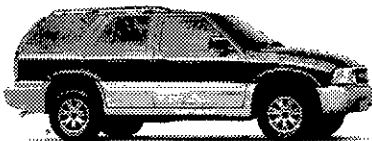
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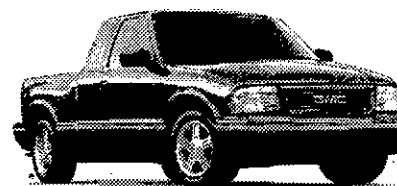
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