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# The Spotlight

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## V'ville parents voice concerns about addition

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

On Nov. 23, about 60 Voorheesville residents attended a public forum at the high school that brought a step closer to the building project it has been considering since 1996.

Strains of John Phillips Sousa greeted the audience, and school Superintendent Alan McCartney presented a computerized sound and video program

providing background information about the school district, its enrollment projections and the general scope of the facilities proposal.

**If we built a \$6 to 8 million building, that wouldn't be aided at all, and would have to be paid for totally with tax dollars.**

Alan McCartney

Paul Scoville and Rich Peckham of Collins & Scoville, Architects, who have been meeting with teachers and administrators to assess the district's needs, were on hand to provide specific solutions and answer

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## Bethlehem business chugs along steadily on Black Friday

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

Maybe the day after Thanksgiving is a mob scene in the malls. But in the shops of Delmar and Glenmont, the notorious Black Friday takes on more of a grey-flannel hue.

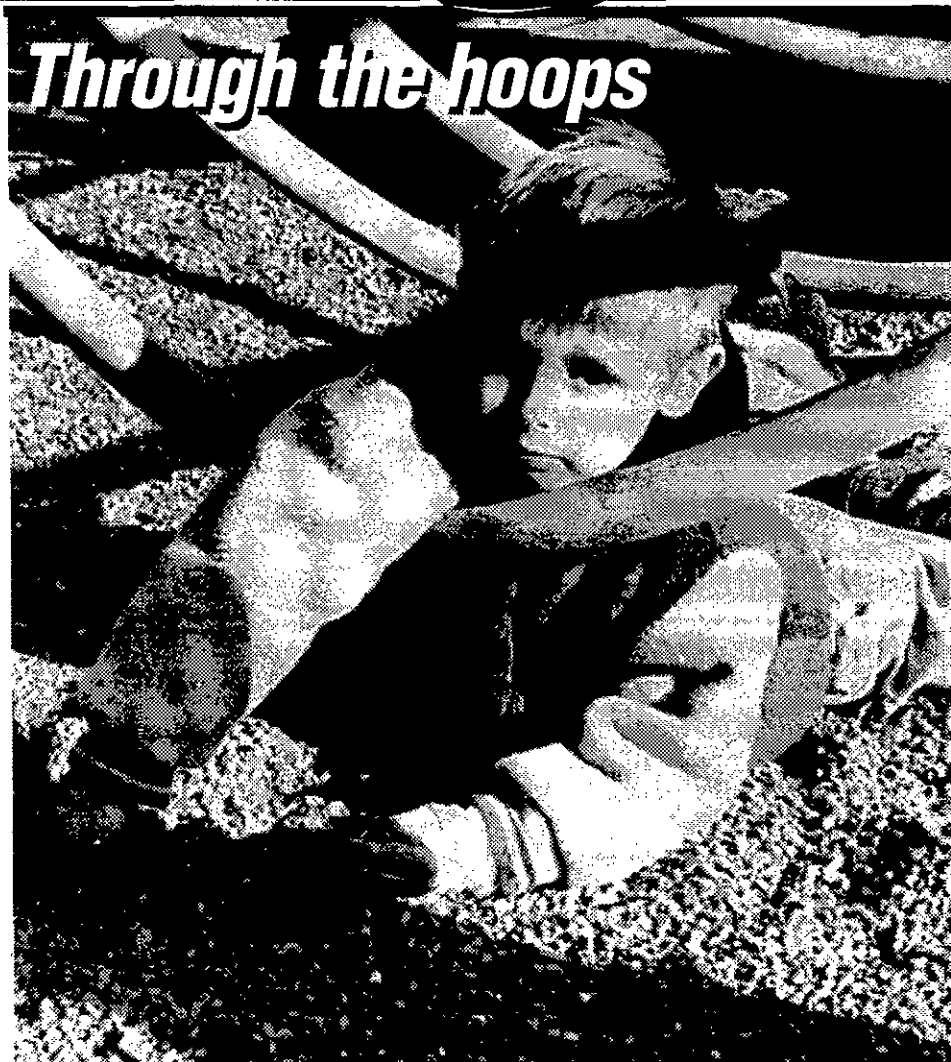
"People come in time and time again and tell us how thankful they are that we're right here in town," said Rebecca Grimwood, manager of I Love Books, on Delaware Avenue at Delmar's Four Corners. "They're relieved at not having to go to the malls."

Down the road at Delaware Plaza, a full parking lot on the day after Thanksgiving seemed to have more to do with Grand Union than early gift shoppers. Across the lot, a holiday sale in progress at Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby produced only a modest crowd.

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Shoppers enjoy browsing at I Love Books. Joseph Phillips



Calvin Warner enjoys the warm weather Saturday at Elm Avenue Park.

Elaine McLain

## Town leader cool on plan to cut clothing sales tax

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller, joining a number of municipal leaders in Albany County, including Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings and Colonie Supervisor

Mary Brizzell, is urging the county Legislature to reject a move by County Executive Michael Breslin to eliminate the county's share of the 8 percent sales tax on clothing, a source of revenue shared with the local municipalities.

But in neighboring New Scotland, Supervisor Herb Reilly has voiced his support for the Breslin tax phaseout plan.

Breslin incorporated the proposal into his 1999 county budget of \$350 million, which he submitted to the Legislature for its approval last month. The Legislature is due to take up the proposed budget at its Dec. 7 meeting.

Breslin has advocated phasing out the county portion of the sales tax on clothing since he took office two years ago, to coincide with the state's rollback of its portion of the tax.

Members of the Legislature's audit and finance committee summoned local municipal leaders to a meeting on Oct. 20 to discuss the impact of such a move. At that gathering Fuller announced her opposition to the tax phase out.

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## Delmar playwright to perform Silkworth reading

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Delmar resident and playwright Katherine Ambrosio will present a dramatic reading of her new work "Cracked Pieces" Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar.

"Cracked Pieces" is a story of addiction and recovery based on the lives of residents of Silkworth House in Delmar, a home for women recovering from addiction. Located at 333 Delaware Ave., it is now called DeMontfort House.

D'Ambrosio first became aware of Silkworth House when she worked at Fitness for Her, a gym at the same address. "I saw



Katherine Ambrosio

the women coming and going," she said. "One of the children went to Elsmere School with one of my children, and I was very touched by the child at a birthday party at my house."

Before writing the play, Ambrosio applied for a Community Connection Grant for Individual Artists, administered by the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts, for the New York State Council on the Arts. The grant stipulated that winners work on a project in a community they identify with, and Ambrosio proposed writing a play about Silkworth House.

"I knocked at the door at Silkworth

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## Bethlehem Town Court cases adjudicated

Three individuals charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) were convicted in Bethlehem Town Court on Nov. 17.

Carolyn J. Becker, 28, of 3314 William St., Valatie, arrested in

September, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor DWI count and was fined \$1,000, assessed a \$90 mandatory state surcharge, and had her license revoked.

Michael Jay Aueri, 25, of 539

Kenwood Ave., Delmar, was arrested Sept. 26. He pleaded guilty on Nov. 17 to a reduced DWAI charge and was fined \$300 and a \$30 assessment; his license was suspended for 90 days.

Patrick William Kinhead of Houston, Texas, arrested on Sept. 20, also pleaded guilty to a DWAI charge. He was fined \$300 and the \$30 assessment; his license was suspended for 90 days.

In all three cases, Bethlehem Town Court also required mandatory participation in a drinking-driver remediation program and a victim impact panel, where the convicted driver is confronted with individuals who have lost family members killed by drunk drivers.

## Monro seeks variance from Bethlehem board

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

A former farmhouse on Route 9W in Glenmont may soon be the site of a Monro Muffler service shop, pending the outcome of a zoning variance request now before the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals.

A public hearing on that request, originally set for Nov. 18, is now scheduled for Dec. 2 at Bethlehem town hall. The sale of the property at 454 Route 9W, adjacent to Glenmont Car Wash and across from Calvary Cemetery

just a few hundred yards south of Glenmont Plaza, is contingent upon the success of the variance petition, according to documents filed with the zoning board.

A proposal filed on Nov. 4 with the board by Advanced Planning and Design, consultants on the project, states that Rochester-based Monro plans to raze the boarded-up single-family home and garage currently on the site and build a six-bay oil change garage. Its proximity to the car wash made it a desirable location for such an operation, according to the proposal.

The property is owned by Noel Murphy of Slingerlands, in an area currently zoned for commercial use. However, a variance would be required to permit the operation of a public garage on the site, and a copy of the pending sale agreement filed with the zoning board indicates the sale is contingent upon Murphy's pursuit of the variance and its approval. A vote on the proposal could come as early as Dec. 16 if no objections are raised at the public hearing.

Steven Cleason, project manager for Advanced Planning and Design, indicated that he and Monro officials would be present at the hearing, but he declined to discuss the proposal.

No timetable has yet been established for completion of the project.

According to zoning board clerk Jo Mary Dragon, the environmental review (SEQR) process would begin upon successful sale of the property to Monro.

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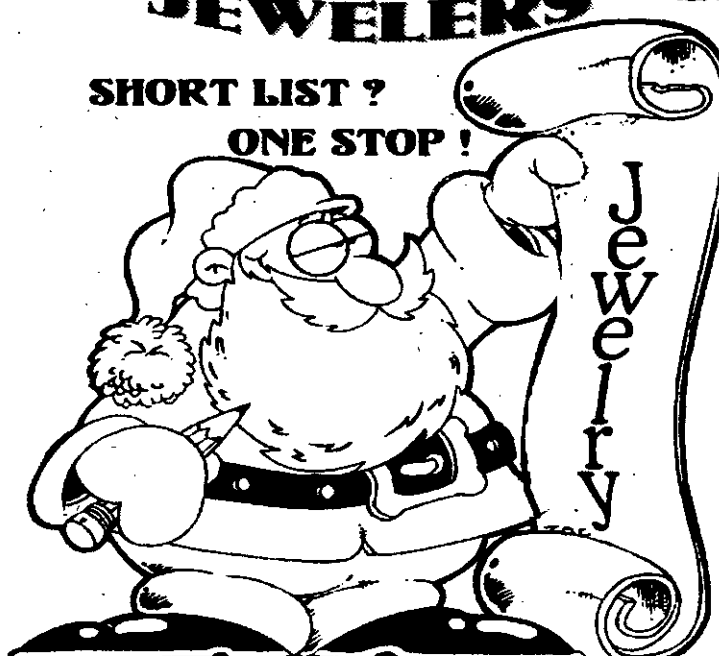
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## Hamagrael School to host craft fair

Hamagrael School PTA will host a craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on McGuffey Lane in Delmar.

More than 75 vendors will be on hand. There will also be refreshments, a bake sale and auction.

Admission is free. For information, call 439-4756.

## Wildlife program at Thacher Park

State wildlife pathologist Ward Stone will lead a walking program at John Boyd Thacher State Park on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m.

The program will focus on how the park's wildlife population has changed since pre-European times.

Afterward, naturalist Angie Berchielli will help participants hunt for animal signs.

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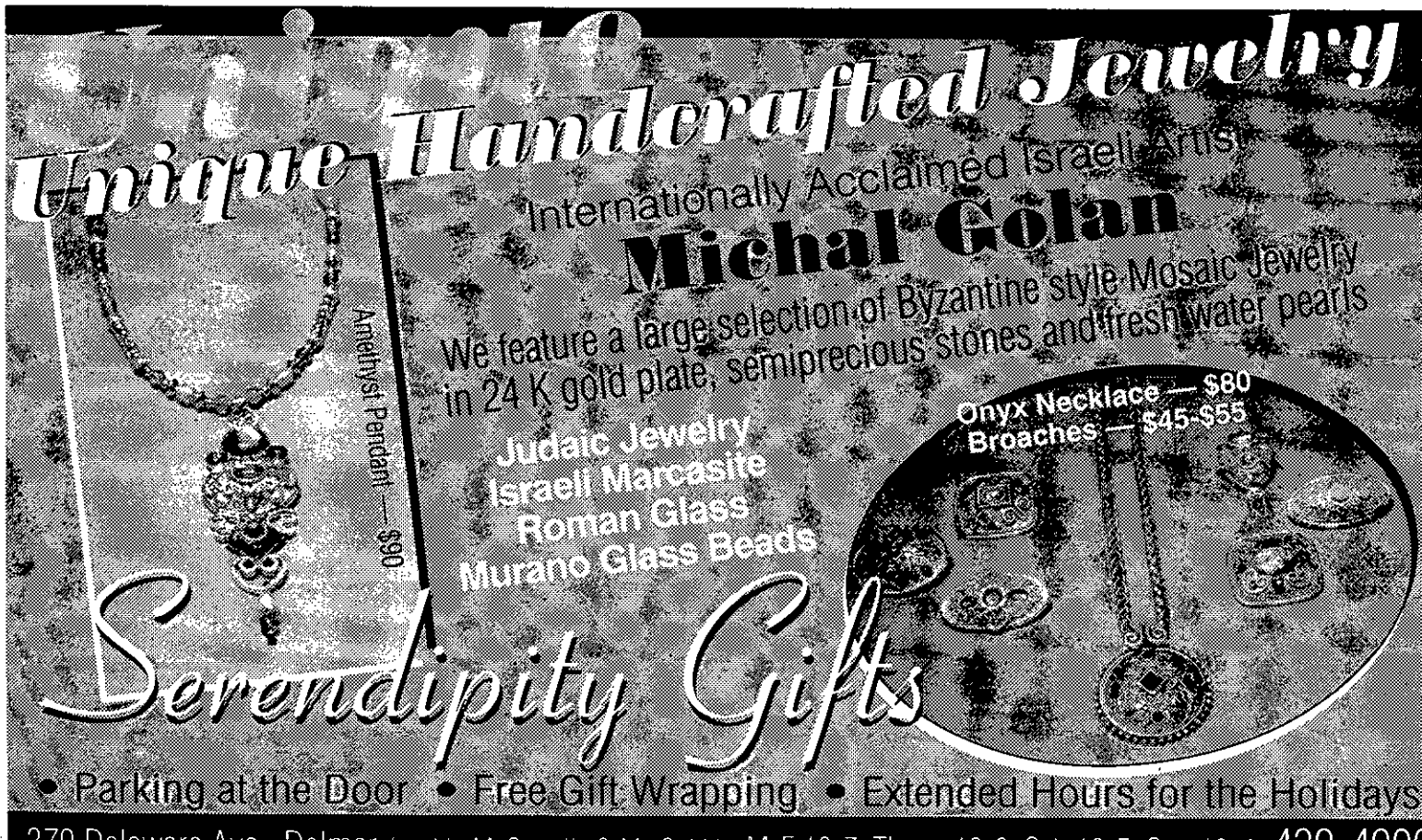
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## Puppy pleaser



Kim Harvey of Delmar and a student at Ithaca College is a puppy raiser for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Pacer is a black lab in training to become a guide dog. For information about the program, call (914) 878-3330.

## DOT back to bypass drawing board

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

Following a pre-approval process of more than a year, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. formally submitted an application on Nov. 30 to the state Board of Electric Generation Siting and the Environment to convert its Glenmont-based Albany Steam Station into a Bethlehem Energy Center.

The utility is continuing its effort to divest itself of the Glenmont plant, and 75 others throughout upstate New York, as NiMo leaves the non-nuclear electrical generating business. Nicholas Lyman, of the utility's public affairs and corporate communications department, said that the bidding process for potential buyers is still open, but that NiMo hoped to conclude a purchase agreement before the end of the year.

Lyman said the siting board is "essentially the technical staff of the state Public Service Commission." The application to the board would move forward the process of modernizing the plant to make it more attractive to a potential buyer and more viable as a permanent generating facility.

"We're working on the premise that, given the new technology

that's available and given what's there, it isn't going to make it as a competitive facility without this redevelopment," Lyman said.

Keeping the 45-year-old plant in operation is an issue of concern to Bethlehem, since the plant represents more than 16 percent of the town's industrial tax base. Public meetings on preliminary versions of the proposal were held last February and March.

Redevelopment of the plant would involve replacing the existing 400-megawatt generating capacity with more modern combined-cycle combustion turbine generators. The new technology would increase the generating capacity to 750 megawatts, reduce water usage, air emissions and discharge of heated water into the Hudson, and replace the plant's four existing stacks with three shorter ones.

The siting board now has 60 days to review the application and determine if it is complete. Though the process could conceivably be concluded earlier, Lyman said, "History suggests they will make their declaration by the end of January."

In the meantime, NiMo will continue to operate the plant as it seeks a buyer for the facility, which NiMo values at approximately \$250 million. Upon sale, the buyer will then take over as applicant. "I don't believe (the sale) is contin-

gent on the application process," Lyman said.

"Bidding will be closed when we've decided we've got the best offer we can get," he said. "We're hopeful to have this done by the end of December, but if it slides a little bit, it won't be the end of the world."

"Public utilities are largely getting out of much of the generating business," Lyman said. "We're in the process of selling all our hydroelectric and fossil-fuel plants."

The solicitation of nonbinding bids on any or all of the plants to be divested began last December and was completed in July, Lyman said. The list of respondents was then pared down and approached for binding bids beginning in September.

"We extended the auction at the end of September," Lyman said. "This has not taken the typical, everybody-get-in-a-room-and-bid sort of process. This has been more of a matter of negotiating with potential bidders."

The long timetable for bidding has been due in part to the complexity of the bidding arrangements, he said. "With the four fossil plants, you could bid on all four of them or any one of them." He declined to discuss the number or character of the bids received to date, but said NiMo hoped to complete the transfer of ownership by next summer.

## Bethlehem expecting corps permit

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

The permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, to allow the town of Bethlehem to dredge a small section of the Hudson River near the wells that supply water to the town's Schermerhorn Island processing plant, is expected to be issued this week.

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said he'd been in touch with officials at the Western Permits Section of the regional branch of the Corps about the dredging permit, which the town applied for last summer. "The Corps says they're going to issue the permit this week," Secor said.

Town officials have awaited news on the permit issuance since a public meeting on Oct. 28 held by the Corps at Bethlehem town hall, after which Corps officials had promised a speedy resolution of the permit request.

But at the meeting, new questions were raised by the town board's lone Democrat about fiscal issues surrounding the town's water supply.

Susan Burns questioned Secor about contracts related to the ongoing testing connected with the water plant.

Burns' questions came after a request by the public works department for a supplemental budget appropriation of \$125,000 to purchase water from the city of Albany to meet needs in the town's Water District 1. Burns asked about the progress of various reports by O'Brien & Gere, the firm that has been conducting siltation and well tests as part of an ongoing study of the output of the plant.

Burns expressed concern over the lack of an interim status report on tests conducted last spring and summer by O'Brien & Gere at a test well near the infiltration gallery that supplies the Schermerhorn facility.

She questioned whether the amount budgeted for 1999 (in the town budget approved earlier in November) for water purchases from the city of Albany, \$135,000, was adequate. The town has spent nearly \$250,000 on such purchases this year.

"I'm uncomfortable with the way this is presented, the timing of this, and having to make decisions without (adequate information)," Burns said before casting the lone nay vote on the request.

Secor responded that the budgeted amount for 1999 was based

on such unpredictable factors as industrial demand, the volume of spring runoff in the Hudson, and the results of the dredging, which could improve yields at the Schermerhorn plant and reduce the need for additional purchases from the Albany system.

Also aired at the meeting, by Clearwater for Bethlehem member Sherwood Davies, was his view that town officials were withholding test-well results gathered by O'Brien & Gere last August. "If there were reports, I'll be in there tomorrow to FOIL for them," he said, referring to freedom-of-information-law requests for such public documents.

But Supervisor Sheila Fuller denied what she termed "rumors" that such a status report from O'Brien & Gere on the matter had been filed with the town and was being suppressed. "None of us have seen such a report. There is no report," she said.

Also addressing the board at the meeting was William Kelleher, who recently parted company with Clearwater over its handling of the dredging issue. He offered a technical argument that, he said, had led him to the conclusion that leakage from the town's sewage treatment plant might be contaminating the aquifer that supplies the Schermerhorn water plant.

Calling for a study of the source of this alleged contamination, he said, "I suggest you fix the leakage at the sewage treatment plant. The contamination is definitely not coming from the river."

## Loomis expects enrollment to peak next year at BCHS

By Donna J. Bell

School enrollment is expected to peak next year with an increase of 89 students at Bethlehem Central High School, according to school Superintendent Les Loomis.

At the Nov. 18, school board meeting Loomis unveiled the district's annual long-range planning report and informed board members that the high school population would increase by 6 percent in 1999-2000.

The report attributes the rise to a boom in single-family housing and an influx of new families with children into existing homes. Loomis also informed the board that the high school will need approximately five additional teachers to keep pace with the increase.

Meanwhile, enrollment at the elementary schools and middle school is expected to decrease slightly despite continued construction at Haswell Farms. Twenty-one new homes will be built in Haswell's phase 2.

Loomis recommended and the board passed a motion that students from the new development be sent to Elsmere Elementary School. Children from the 35 homes now in Haswell Farms currently attend Elsmere.

"Maintaining classroom size is

of foremost concern to our parents," Loomis said, adding that a teacher from Hamagrael could be transferred to Elsmere.

The superintendent's report states that the five district elementary schools should be fairly evenly balanced between enrollment and capacity.

The board also revisited a request from the high school to approve a field trip to France and Italy scheduled for March 12 through 21. The requested was tabled at the Nov. 4 board meeting amidst controversy about the time of year and number of students and teachers who would be out of school.

Board member Pamela Williams requested that it be stipulated that students going on the trip have a current connection to Latin or French classes and that the trip be limited to two teachers. "I don't want faculty away from school this length of time," Williams said. "Additional chaperones will have to come from outside the school."

The board also asked high school Principal Jon Hunter to recommend a policy concerning travel, and students and teachers missing time from school. The board approved the trip by a vote of 5 to 2.

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# Kids push right buttons for Christmas wish list

By Katherine McCarthy

We put it off as long as we could, but it looks like the next-to-last Christmas of this century will be the one that sees our children officially joining the video game generation.

Although my husband remains adamantly opposed to buying a video game player, I had always recognized it as inevitable. I just wanted our boys to really, really want one before we lose them once and for all to the television set.

When I thought of them "really, really wanting one," I had imagined sweet-faced boys begging me in gentle tones: "Oh, please, please mother dear, I would dearly love this toy and then I'll never pester you for anything again."

Like so many aspects of mothering, the reality is far different from my imaginings. "I've asked for one every year, so I guess I'll never get one," my 8-year-old has sulkily said, using this topic as a

jumping-off point to his major harangue of "everybody else gets to. Sheesh. I'm the only kid in my class who doesn't get to see all the good movies and doesn't know the video games so when we act them out at recess, my friends have to explain everything to me."

After months of "It's not fair," "you're so mean," etc., I find myself weakening. One of the many reasons I've put off video games is because I've seen them as one more thing we'll have to fight about. But the battle now has become bigger and we'll have to sit down to eke out an agreement about how much video game time is enough. This raises pictures of the four of us sitting down to calmly discuss the matter, and agreeing easily to a time limit. In reality, the bargaining will be more spirited than at an Arab bazaar, and with much more drama, due partly to my children's love of television and their sure sense that somehow, they are

being cheated out of something that is their birthright.

Although I like to think that I'm not one to yield to the peer pressure an 8-year-old feels, it is a large part of my decision. I will stand as firmly as I can on sense-

**I hope that all of the reading we've done to him has developed his brain in a way that will stand him in far better stead than that inane musical beat that accompanies jumping video characters.**

lessly violent movies, and know that there are like-minded parents out there, but who wants their kid to feel totally out of the loop? Christopher has told me recently that when friends play their video games, he doesn't even try, because he's not that good at it. He's a cynic at 8 young years of age:

"I'm already too old to get good at them."

I realize that what he really needs is to learn to "try, try again" when he's not instantly successful at things. Is there the slightest possibility that he will work hard at Nintendo, become successful, and transfer that skill to other areas of his life, thanking the Mario brothers when he wins the Nobel Prize? Hey, I can hope.

Alan Casline is another parent of an 8-year-old boy who may give in to the video game request. Alan works with at-risk kids, and has been bothered by the detail with which they can talk about video games and their characters. Rather than the games being the cause of problems, though, he sees them as another place an addictive personality can get hooked. This is less than reassuring to me, since addictive personalities don't just run, they gallop in my family.

Casline said there may also be some truth to Christopher's complaint that he's too old to become really proficient, as playing video

games can lead the brain to develop in a certain way. This I can live with; I hope that all of the reading we've done to him has developed his brain in a way that will stand him in far better stead than that inane musical beat that accompanies jumping video characters.

My *Spotlight* colleague Ellen Gelting will also probably be buying a video game player for her 8-year-old son. "It's the one thing he's consistently wanted over the past year," she said. Both Casline's and Gelting's children have had some exposure to video games, so the novelty has worn off, and they don't worry about losing their children permanently to the electronic impulse. "It's paradoxical," Casline admitted. "I'm willing to buy him something because I know he won't use it a lot."

Which leaves me as bad guy in our house, the one who will determine video game time. I'm a little chagrined about giving in to an 8-year-old's peer pressure, and can only equate it to the familiarity my generation has with TV.

I know people who didn't watch TV growing up. They are marvelously well-read and intellectual, but miss out totally on the group experience of being able to sing the theme song of *Gilligan's Island* at the slightest provocation. Who could deny that experience to their own children?

So I'll strike my balance, and let video games into the house. My plan is to let the children saturate themselves with Nintendo during the Christmas vacation, then set limits when school starts up again. In an effort to maintain some balance — a mother's continual goal — I'll try to stand firm on senseless and violent movies. And hope like hell that I'll be better able to help my kids resist peer pressure as they get older.

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# Delmar girl debuts at Cap Rep

By Kathryn Caggianelli

BCMS sixth-grader Megan DiMaggio is poised, engaging and articulate. And, the 11-year-old Delmar resident is already achieving her career goal of becoming an actress and stand-up comedian.

She made her professional acting debut recently in Capital Repertory Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol," adapted by Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill. The play also featured Larry Linville, who played Maj. Frank Burns on the TV series *M\*A\*S\*H*.

Her character, Lizzie Crachit, doesn't have many lines, but that hasn't dampened DiMaggio's spirits. "I get to run around a lot on stage with my (character's) twin sister Cecelia, and we get to carry a goose. What's really great is that I'm in this really long dance scene," she said.

Working with Linville and other adult cast members has been a positive experience, DiMaggio said. "Larry Linville and the other professionals show us a lot. They're easy to learn from and nice to talk to. Maggie (Mancinelli-Cahill) my director, has been really nice and has helped us with our blocking and moving around on stage."

DiMaggio has been dancing and singing since nursery school. "At Kenwood Nursery School in Albany we had a little stage, and we would get up on it and sing to Frank Sinatra," she said.

She snagged her first real part singing and dancing in a fifth-grade play when she was only a 5-year-old kindergartener.

Since then, DiMaggio has had parts in productions by Missoula's Children's Theater at the Egg in Albany. She has also attended theater camp at the New York State Theater Institute and taken summer theater courses with Jim Yeara at the middle school. This past summer, she spent five weeks at Capital Rep's summer camp.

She listens to Judy Garland in her free time and likes to act out plays and movies with her best friend, Maia DePorte. "We've done music videos and filmed them and we've made our own movies with other friends," she said.



Megan DiMaggio

DiMaggio enjoys acting in Shakespeare's plays, and has played Ophelia in "Hamlet" and Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Her favorite part is a

tossup between Tom Sawyer and her current role.

During the last couple of weeks, DiMaggio has spent long days preparing for the show to open. Grueling rehearsals, sometimes 10 to 12 hours long, are just part of the job, she said. "It has been kind of tough the last hour or so before we break for lunch or dinner, though. Sometimes it's hard to stop thinking about how hungry you are."

"A Christmas Carol" runs through Dec. 20 at Capital Repertory Theatre at 111 N. Pearl St. in Albany. For tickets, call 462-4531.

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## Community dinner slated

The 11th annual Community Christmas Dinner for town residents and church members is planned for Christmas Day from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served beginning at 2 p.m., made possible through donations from churches, individuals, and the town's Senior Services Department.

There is no charge for the din-

ner, 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.

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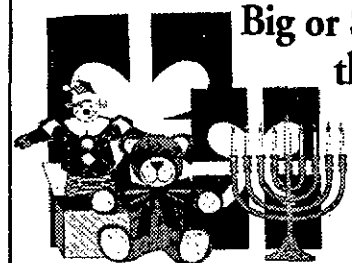
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This is the 11th year the Postal Service has collected food, and every year the yield has been greater thanks to the generosity of our community. Unfortunately, the demand for food continues to rise, and the need is year-round, not just during the holiday season.

In Bethlehem the food pantry at town hall and the New Scotland Community Food Pantry at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville accept donations all year long. These pantries, like others throughout the Capital District, provide a much needed service by attempting to assure that no one is forced to go hungry at any time during the year.

## Cut clothing tax

County Executive Michael Breslin's proposal to eliminate the 8 percent sales tax on clothing sales makes more economic sense for the region than not. Too many people from our region already head for discount outlets in nearby states taking business — and not just on clothing — out of the county and the state.

The fact that residential taxpayers would see about a \$30 increase in their tax bills if the sales tax clothing levy is done away with isn't reason enough to keep the 8 percent levy.

Wiping out the clothing levy would benefit everyone, since everyone needs to purchase clothing. Towns after all, would continue to receive a portion of sales tax revenue from all the other items that would still carry the 8 percent levy.

We believe getting rid of the tax on clothing will help Gov. George Pataki's efforts to make New York more business friendly and make the state more attractive to shoppers. This is a case where towns such as Bethlehem and Colonie should bite the bullet for the overall good of the region.

## V'ville plan has merit

The Voorheesville school district plan to add on to its high school to create a middle school environment is a good one despite some parents' concern that sixth-graders will have too much shared space and interaction with upper schoolers.

Giving the middle school its own identity will be the responsibility of the administration and faculty. A little creative planning and scheduling can help create a unique setting for the sixth- through eighth-graders.

The team approach, for example, as utilized at Bethlehem Central Middle School is one way to build a sense of identity in a class.

Constructing a separate facility is simply too cost prohibitive and voters would likely reject the idea at the polls. The cost of adding on space to the high school will be largely defrayed by state aid, which should sweeten the package for Voorheesville residents. In addition the plan would alleviate overcrowding in the schools.

## Revisiting the Great War in France

By Dev Tobin

*The writer is managing editor of Spotlight Newspapers.*

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is not what it used to be.

First of all, Nov. 11 is no longer Armistice Day, celebrating the triple-11 end of World War I in 1918. Since 1954, Nov. 11 has been the more generic Veterans Day, a minor holiday when most in the private sector have to work.

Not so in France, where Nov. 11 is a major national holiday and the memorial observance at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe is the leading news story of the day.

World War I was the Great War or the War to End All Wars before its more lethal successor created the need for numeric titles. In France, it is still "La Grande Guerre."

The magnitude and horror of the war escapes most Americans, first, because it is now beyond living memory for all but a few and, second, because U.S. soldiers, while essential to Allied success in the war's deciding battles in 1918, avoided the charnel-house years, 1915 to 1917, on the Western Front.

Even so, the United States lost about 66,000 men killed in action (more than in Vietnam or Korea) in World War I in less than a year. But at places like Verdun, more than 400,000 French soldiers died in a single 10-month-long battle.

And an astonishing 73 percent of all Frenchmen mobilized for World War I became casualties, while 8 percent of the American Expeditionary Forces were killed, wounded or missing.

La Grande Guerre is seared into the French collective memory for several reasons — the Western Front was almost entirely in France, a diagonal gouge across



The American Monument at Montfaucon rises behind the ruins of the hilltop village's church.

Dev Tobin

the northern part of the country from the Vosges Mountains to southwestern Belgium; more than 1.3 million French soldiers died and more than 4.2 million were wounded, truly a "Lost Generation"; and the war touched every town, village and parish, as attested by the omnipresent "Morts Pour La France" monuments listing the local war dead.

Last year, I attended the national observance of Armistice Day on the Champs Élysée ("a

pleasant abode of the righteous dead" in Greek mythology). The holiday is more somber than Bastille Day, with no parading armored vehicles, jet flyovers or fireworks.

A military band played solemn music under the Arc while government and military officials awaited the arrival of President Jacques Chirac. The area around the Arc was blocked off to uninvited onlookers, so while we watched a small but colorful cav-

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# Your Opinion Matters

ally troop escort Chirac up the broad avenue to the Arc, we could not see much of whatever was going on there.

The TV news that night featured the wreath-laying ceremony, as well as talking-heads discussions of the war and black-and-white newsreels of soldiers scampering cartoonishly across the lunar-like landscape of no-man's-land.

This year, we arrived in France on the morning of the 11th, but felt no need to head over to a ceremony we could not get close to.

But later in the trip we spent a day up close and personal with

World War I sites in northeastern France — the crucible of Verdun and the area where my grandfather had fought and been wounded in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

We drove to Verdun via Bar-le-Duc, along the vital supply line known as "La Voie Sacrée." Every kilometer along the "sacred way" there was a small monument crowned with a French army helmet.

Verdun still bear the marks of a struggle that poet Paul Valéry called "a war in itself." Driving

out of town through the hills east of the Meuse, we found the lightly forested land pockmarked by craters, lumpy reminders of the 40 million or so artillery and mortar rounds that had blasted the area into hell on earth 82 years earlier.

We saw why Fort Douaumont was the linchpin and symbol of Verdun's defenses, since its hill-top had a commanding 360-degree vista of the now serene region. And to get to the top of the fort, we walked through some of the infamous Verdun mud, which made the lot of the infantryman there even more terrible.

We then crossed the Meuse to pick up the trail of the U.S. 2nd Division, in which my grandfather served in a Marine regiment.

We visited American monuments at Montfaucon and Sommepey and the cemetery at

Romagne, where U.S. Army Secretary Louis Caldera said, earlier in the month, "The memory of their sacrifices will live forever."

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## Revisiting

the three American memorials, we were the only visitors there.

Aside from the occasional French or German cemetery or small roadside monument, the area between the Argonne Forest and the Meuse generally betrays

scant evidence of the war that raged through there 80 years ago.

Barricourt, for example, is a sleepy farming village of about 30 houses with a German cemetery, but no other trace of the important battle for Barricourt Heights on Nov. 1, 1918.

The town of Sommepey, on the other hand, has a German dugout

in its churchyard and a small thank-you memorial to U.S. Marines who liberated the town in early October and then stormed Blanc Mont ridge to the north (site of the American monument).

Back at our B&B near Montier-en-Der, we asked about a photo of a World War I officer in the dining room. The host said it was his great-grandfather, an artilleryman who rarely talked about the war and cried when he did. The thirtysomething farmer/innkeeper was visibly moved by the memory.

American pundits and politicians often criticize the French as geopolitical ingrates because their foreign policy does not march in lockstep with ours, even though the U.S. twice this century came to France's rescue.

When I tried to explain this, in

my fractured French, to one couple at a B&B dinner, they didn't get it — they just could not imagine that all Americans did not reciprocate their warm feelings.

In my limited, very unscientific experience with French people, they come across as genuinely grateful to Americans, especially when they learn you are related to soldiers who fought in France.

The French are surely different from us to begin with, and the basic differences in language and culture are magnified by their national experience of this century's wars.

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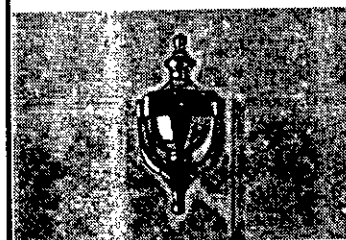
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## Junior League member dispells 'white glove' image of group

Editor, The Spotlight:

It's always interesting to hear what someone has to say when I mention that I am a member of the Junior League of Albany.

Usually, I am asked what the League is and what it does. Many times, I am asked tongue-in-cheek where my white gloves or my pearls are. Just once I would love to hear, "Oh, that is the group that started the Volunteer Center and refurbished the oncology unit at Albany Medical Center and brought summer arts programs to inner city children and provides diapers and baby food annually to needy mothers." Misconceptions about the Junior League persist.

We are not ladies who lunch, ladies who wear white gloves or ladies with a lot of time on our hands. We are young, middle age and older women, we are career women and stay-at-home moms; we are mothers, daughters and friends, dedicated to improving the community.

Our mission is to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve our community. We are exclusively educational and charitable.

If not for the Junior League, thousands of pounds of food would be wasted each week. Instead, volunteers pick up leftover fruit, breads, salads and sandwiches, coffee, pastries and other assorted food from local supermarkets, conference sites and specialty food

shops and bring them to soup kitchens and food pantries, and our food shuttle project redistributes tons of leftover, perishable food each year.

If not for the Junior League, there would be less money for local organizations dedicated to helping women with breast cancer through research, wigs, mammograms and educational and awareness programs.

If not for the Junior League's Mother's Day programs the Birth Place at Albany Med would have fewer hats, booties, baby blankets and socks to give needy families for their newborns, Ronald

McDonald House would have fewer toys and less entertainment for the families staying at the center and Community Maternity Services would have fewer clothes to give teens for their newborns.

If not for the Junior League's Next to New Shop, many families would not be able to buy work or school clothes, household items or toys for the holidays.

I joined the Junior League 10 years ago because I wanted to meet people, serve the community and teach my children about volunteerism. I have stayed in the League because I have been able to do all three. I invite anyone who

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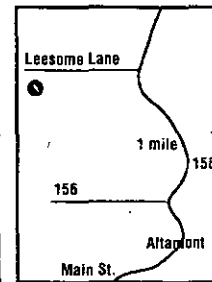
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Bethlehem Historical Association's annual Holiday Silver Tea is set for Sunday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the museum in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, on the corner of Route 144 and Clapper Road in Selkirk. The event will include dedication of the plaque designating Cedar Hill as a National Historical Landmark.

The event is free and open to the public.

# Celebrate holiday traditions of many lands

The youth services department invites families to a holiday open house featuring seasonal treats and traditions from many lands on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Both staff and patrons have contributed to the celebration, which will include food, music and crafts representing Jewish, Islamic, Hindu, Asian and European

cultures. Closer to home, Canadian and South American offerings serve as a reminder that the United States is only part of the greater Western Hemisphere.

Guests can sample Argentinian mate, tourtières from Canada, Indian latu and Irish soda bread. Children can also participate in craft projects ranging from shamrock and maple leaf ornaments to chocolate dreidels and Chinese

good luck envelopes.

RSVP by calling youth services at 439-9314. All are welcome to celebrate the diversity in our midst.



Visitors to the Holiday Festival can also take a few moments to view December's exhibits. Carol Turner displays her oil paintings in the northwest gallery. Turner won the 1996 Hudson-Mohawk regional exhibition at the Albany Institute of History & Art. She is a former graphic designer and art director for "New York Alive" magazine.

With the approach of the holidays, the Red Cross is recruiting

blood donors. The bulletin board display shows how you can get involved.

Betty Phillips' miniature furniture is a reminder of elves and small children, and Greg Richard's football helmet collection puts us in mind of New Year's Day football. The season that warms these cold days in many ways has begun.

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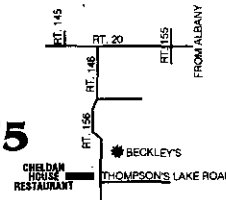
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# NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

## CASE NO. 97-F-2162: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 750 MEGAWATT NATURAL GAS-FIRED, COMBINED CYCLE COMBUSTION TURBINE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT IN BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK.

On November 30, 1998 Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation filed an application with the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the construction and operation of a natural-gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant on the site of the Company's existing Albany Steam Station. The Albany Steam Station site is on the western bank of the Hudson River in the Town of Bethlehem, approximately one and one-half miles south of the City of Albany. The proposed power plant, to be called the Bethlehem Energy Center, will have an approximate capacity of 750 megawatts (MW). It will replace the existing Albany Steam Station, a 400-MW residual oil and natural gas fueled steam-electric generating plant that entered service in 1952.

At the same time that Niagara Mohawk is seeking a certificate, it is also attempting to divest the Albany Steam Station in accordance with a restructuring agreement with the New York State Public Service Commission. Upon the divestiture of the Albany Steam Station, the plant will be removed from Niagara Mohawk's rate base and will operate as a merchant power plant. A merchant power plant is one that is unsupported by any utility rate base, and that sells energy in an open market in competition with other power plants. Niagara Mohawk will transfer any certificate granted by the Siting Board to the new owner of the plant.

### The Application

The construction of any electric power plant of 80 megawatts (MW) or greater in capacity in New York State requires the approval of the State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, which is commonly referred to as the Siting Board. The Siting Board is made up of four permanent members and of two ad-hoc members. The permanent members are the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, the Commissioner of Health, and the Commissioner of Economic Development. The two ad-hoc members are appointed by the Governor. One of them must be a resident of the judicial district in which the proposed project is located, and the other must be a resident of the county in which the proposed project is located.

Niagara Mohawk's application to the Board requests authorization for the construction of a 750-MW power plant on the site of the existing Albany Steam Station. The plant will be fueled with natural gas and will include three combined-cycle generating units. Combined-cycle units offer the highest efficiencies of any of today's thermal-electric generating units. With the construction of the new units, the four existing units on the site, which total 400-MW in capacity, will be retired. However, some of the components of the existing plant will be re-used in the proposed plant.

The proposed plant will use a closed-loop cooling system for rejection of waste heat from the generating units. In such a system, heated water from the plant's condensers is cooled by bringing it into contact with air in what is called a mechanical-draft cooling tower. The cooled water is then pumped back to the plant's condensers. Through such a system, the withdrawal of water from the Hudson River will be reduced by 98% from what it would have been in a once-through cooling system, which is the type of cooling system used in the existing plant. However, while the mechanical-draft cooling tower itself will be approximately 50 feet in height, a prominently visible plume of small water droplets will often be seen rising from the tower, particularly on days of high humidity or cold temperatures.

Most of the existing buildings on the plant site will be left in place and integrated into the new plant. In addition, a new building measuring approximately 320 feet by 255 feet, with a maximum height of 125 feet, will be built to house some of the new equipment. A bank of cooling towers, with overall dimensions of approximately 600 feet by 100 feet, and with a height of approximately 50 feet, will also be constructed. Also required will be a 50,000-gallon above-ground cylindrical tank for the storage of aqueous ammonia, which will be used in the control of emissions of nitrogen oxides from the plant. The plant's four existing stacks, which rise to a height of 336 feet above the ground, will be removed and replaced by three new stacks that will rise to a height of 225 feet.

Interconnection of the proposed plant with the electric-transmission system will require the upgrading of the 115-kV transmission lines that interconnect the plant site with the Greenbush Substation in the Town of East Greenbush. These lines are approximately 3 miles in length. At this time there are two alternative plans under consideration for the upgrading. Under one plan, existing conductors on the Albany-Greenbush transmission lines would be replaced with new, higher-capacity conductors. Addition of approximately five new transmission towers would also be required. Under the other plan, a new single circuit 115-kV transmission line would be built, for the most part on existing Niagara Mohawk rights of way, between the plant site and Greenbush Substation. Regardless of the alternative ultimately selected, upgrading of these transmission lines must be permitted in a separate proceeding under Part 102 of Article VII of the Public Service Law.

Construction of the project is projected to take 24 months. An average of 200 construction workers will be required over this period, with the maximum number of construction workers expected to peak at 500.

### Water Quality Certification

A water-quality certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act will be requested from the Siting Board as part of this application. A federal permit or license is required for construction or operation of any facility that may result in discharges into navigable waters. The proposed project will result in such discharges, although their volumes will be significantly less than those of the existing power plant.

### Alternative Locations for the Project

Except when the applicant is a private applicant, Article X of the Public Service Law permits the Siting Board to authorize a location for a proposed generating facility different from the location proposed by the applicant. Even though Niagara Mohawk is a public utility, it is making this application as a private applicant, inasmuch as it is divesting the Albany Steam Station and is not seeking rate-based support for the project. Therefore, no alternative sites have been proposed for this project.

### Service of the Application on Municipalities

Copies of the application were or will be served upon the following municipal chief executive

#### Officers:

Sheila Fuller	Philip T. Gause
Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem	Supervisor, Town of East Greenbush
445 Delaware Avenue	225 Columbia Turnpike
Delmar, NY 12054	Rensselaer, NY 12144

### Public Inspection of the Application

Copies of the application may be inspected during normal business hours at the offices of the Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York. The application may also be inspected during normal business hours at the offices of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 111 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York.

In addition, copies of the application were or will be sent to the following public libraries:

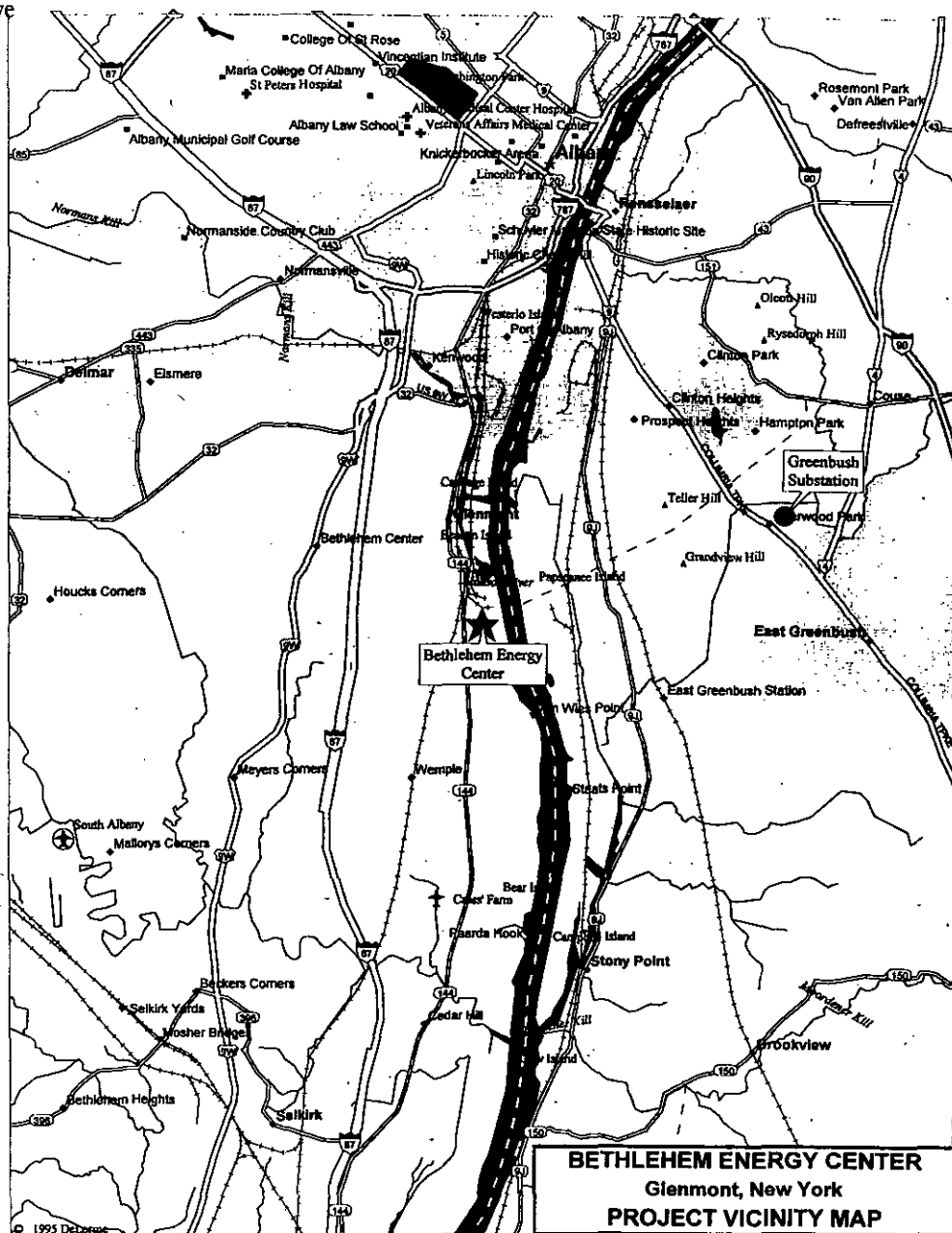
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### Information or Assistance

Additional information or assistance regarding the application or the process for granting of a certificate may be obtained from the following representatives of Niagara Mohawk or of the Department of Public Service:

Michael J. Mathis  
Project Manager  
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
300 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, New York 13202  
Telephone: (315) 428-5720  
Facsimile: (315) 428-3167  
E-mail: mathism@nimo.com  
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Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223  
Telephone: (518) 474-5365  
Facsimile: (518) 474-5026  
E-mail: mec@dps.state.ny.us

Requests for information or assistance may also be made by calling the following toll-free telephone number at Niagara Mohawk and leaving a voice-mail message: (800) 278-2284.





# Indian Ladder Farms to host holiday open house

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road will host a holiday open house starting Thursday, Dec. 3, and running through Sunday, Dec. 6.

There will be horse-drawn sleigh rides, Thursday and Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person. Children under 5 ride for free.

Santa will visit the barn Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. The barn will have fresh cut Christmas trees, wreaths, sprays, garlands and centerpieces for sale.

There will also be craft and

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cooking workshops for children Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$5 per child for most of the workshops.

Storyteller Mary Murphy will entertain on Thursday at 7 p.m. and Edna Litten will read from holiday classics on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The Yellow Rock Cafe will serve a special menu and diners will be serenaded with live holiday mu-

sic. For information and to make reservations for workshops, call 765-2956.

### Kiwanians to sell fresh trees and wreaths

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

The sale will continue until all 250 trees are sold, but come early as they go quickly.

Trees cost \$20 and wreaths are \$12.

### Thacher Park plans program

State wildlife pathologist Ward

Stonewill discuss the original wildlife of Thacher Park on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. at the park in New Scotland.

After the program, naturalist Angie Bercelli will lead a hunt for animal signs. Meet at Pear Orchard and dress warmly for this free outdoor program.

For information, call 872-1237.

### School concerts on December agenda

The elementary school will hold its holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium. The chorus and sixth-grade band will perform.

The middle level fall concert is

on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The community is invited to these free events. Arrive early to get a good seat.

### 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. There will be a general election for three members of the board of directors.

The group will sponsor a holiday decorating contest again this year. Owners of the best decorated house win a year of free association dues. For information, call Peg Blackmer at 765-2635.

### Singers preparing for Christmas

The ninth annual 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 the church on Maple

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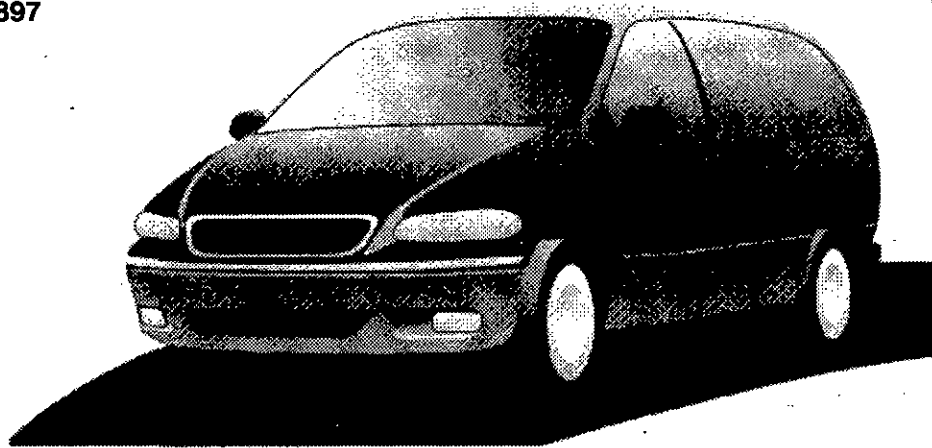
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St. Matthew's women set dinner meeting

St. Matthew's Daughters of Mary group will hold a potluck dinner meeting and Christmas celebration on Monday, Dec. 7.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church on Mountainview Road. There will also be a grab bag gift exchange, with a \$5 price limit. For information, call 765-2805.

Pressure clinic to be at church

The Kiwanis Club-sponsored blood pressure clinic will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Scouts to serenade V'ville villagers

Voorheesville will be alive with the sound of Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 8, when local Girl Scout troops carol throughout the village starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Scouts will end the evening with hot cocoa and cookies at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

Jr. High Student Council to sponsor dance

The Junior High Student Council will host a dance for seventh- and eighth-graders on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the high school.

School board to meet

The school board will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Town board to meet

The New Scotland town board meets on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Winter parking regulations

Snow emergency regulations

are in effect in the village of Voorheesville through April 15.

Parking is restricted on many streets in the village, and parking on cul-de-sacs and the right side of streets leading to cul-de-sacs is prohibited at all times.

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

Elks open scholarship competition

The guidance office at Clayton A. Bouton High School has applications for the joint Elks National Foundation and New York State Elks Association scholarship competition for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Applications must be received by Jan. 15. For information, call Kenneth Hunter at 765-3628.

Extension has Christmas tree info

Check out Cornell Cooperative Extension's fact sheet on Christmas trees before you purchase yours this year. The sheet describes six of the most commonly used trees, and has hints on care and fire safety.

For a copy, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

Come visit wide variety of exhibits

Although we hope it's not a portent of a bad winter, we have the showcase full of snowmen from the collection of Marie Garling. Stop in and enjoy it as well as art work in the hall gallery

The Library Club for children in grades four through six will meet on Dec. 10. The kids will make gifts and wrapping paper with Joyce Laiosa, and it could get messy so bring something old to

cover up good clothes. Sign up and a permission slip are required, so call or stop in beforehand.

Dec. 9 is the last day for story hours until after the holidays.

Barbara Vink

Voorheesville Public Library


by well-known Voorheesville painter Diane Wozniak.

Mildred Baur Kerr calls her exhibit in the kitchen gallery "Exotic Birds and Trash Cans." Kerr is a longtime member of the Every Other Thursday Night Poets.

We need art for the community room. The kitchen gallery, which is available exclusively to Voorheesville area artists, has openings for next year. Even if you have never displayed your work in a public place, we invite you to do so. Call me at 765-2791 to sign up for a month in the coming year.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will only meet on Dec. 10 because of the holidays.

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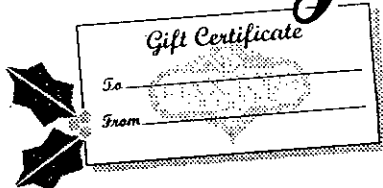
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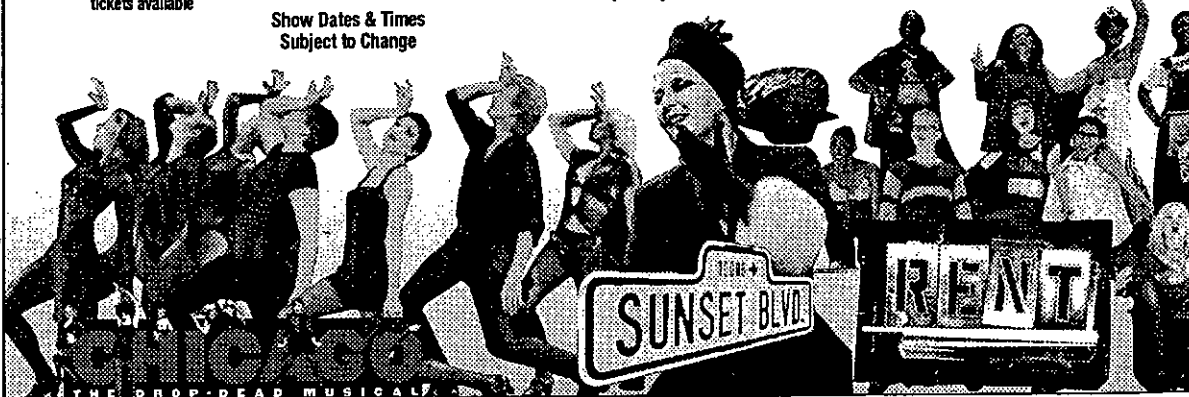
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## Tree lighting set for Dec. 4 at Coeymans Landing Gazebo

The annual tree lighting ceremony and parade is set for Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Coeymans Landing Gazebo.

The tree lighting will be accompanied by musical groups and choirs.

For information, call the Ravena village office at 756-8233.

### School slates concerts

Students in first- and second-grade at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School will entertain parents, friends and neighbors at

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a holiday concert on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Route 9W.

Students in first-through third-grade will perform in concert on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

### Library plans activities

RCS Community Library has lots of activities planned for December.

A writing club for middle school students meets Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Students can bring homework and report assignments as well as independent writing projects.

A preschool story hour will be held Thursdays, Dec. 3 and 10, at 1 p.m.

The library's adult book dis-

cussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month. December's book is *Confederates In the Attic*, an account that follows traces of the Civil War into modern times. Copies are available at the library.

The club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. For information and to register, call 756-2053.

### Historical group to hold Christmas party

Coeymans Hollow Little Red Schoolhouse Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. at the Coeymans Hollow Little Red Schoolhouse Museum on Route 143.

The party will feature an old wood stove warming the atmosphere, a pump organ played by Augusta Wolfe, local children performing recitations, Christmas carolling, and a visit from St.

Nicholas with popcorn balls, oranges and candy canes for children.

### Special education 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.

### Sports group to meet

RCS Sports Association will meet today, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

### Annual Carol Sing set

The annual Carol Sing at Cornell Park Gazebo in New Baltimore is planned for Friday, Dec. 4, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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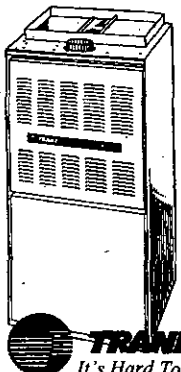
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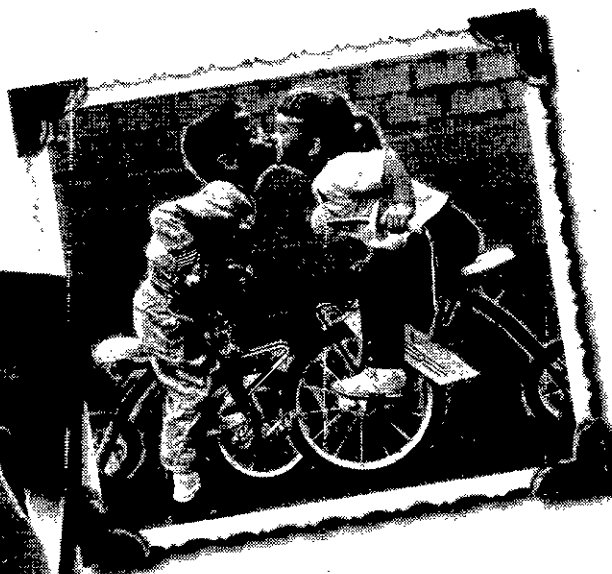
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# Floral Garden moves to roomier Delaware Avenue quarters

By Donna J. Bell

The Floral Garden, a Delmar institution for the past 10 years, has moved to 339 Delaware Ave. In doing so, it has almost doubled in size, said owner Janet Gough.

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Gough says that she always tries to oblige even the smallest requests. Recently a customer asked that a balloon display be attached to a bag of Hershey Kisses before being delivered. "We ran down to CVS and got a bag of kisses," Gough said.

Party decorating and business gifts are also areas that The Floral Garden specializes in. While the holidays are a busy time of year for her, Gough makes it her policy to accommodate everyone. "If they come in at the last minute, I will work late to ensure they have what they need," said Gough.

Gough is pleased that her new business neighbors have been so friendly and supportive, and added that she's "found coming into the Delmar area, that it is an intimate community. The people were extremely supportive of me when I started and are excited to see this growth and positive step for us."



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## Tax

(From Page 1)

"I alert everyone at this point that it's a serious thing we all need to take a serious look at," Fuller said at a town board meeting on Nov. 12. "We need to keep in mind that sales tax is a significant revenue in the town of Bethlehem," Fuller told the board.

Fuller later estimated that the tax rollback could result in a loss of more than \$380,000 annually in revenues for town coffers. "We need to run a pretty tight ship here," she said. "That's how we've been able to avoid increases in property taxes here. If revenue is going to shrink (as a result of the tax rollback), I need to be looking at a tax increase, or a cut in services."

"What is it going to mean for individual property owners? Roughly a \$30 increase in the average tax bill. That's a guess at this point," she added.

A similar phaseout in sales taxes of home heating fuel and on school textbooks, she said, cost the town about \$100,000 in lost sales tax revenue last year. Fuller said she intends to urge the Legislature to "wait another year, to take some time to really look at the cost" of the tax rollback on local municipalities.

The day before Fuller's comments to the Bethlehem town board, Reilly spoke out before his board in support of Breslin's plan.

Reilly estimated the loss of revenue to New Scotland from the sales tax rollback to be between \$70,000 and \$80,000, but indicated the town's reserves can easily absorb that revenue loss. He also said the town has made an effort to wean itself from dependence on outside revenue streams, noting similar declines in state aid in recent years.

## Chugs

(From Page 1)

Which was fine with an Albany shopper emerging from the toy store. "I had no intention of going to Colonie or Crossgates," she said. "This I can handle." She guessed her spending this Christmas might be about as much as last year, and maybe a little more selective.

It seemed like a typical shopping day as well for Delmar's Rosemary Brennan at the plaza's Hallmark shop, The Paper Mill. Brennan claimed to have gotten a head start on Christmas shopping long before Thanksgiving. "Right now, I go around to gift shops,

pick up a few things, but I'd never go to the malls today," she said.

Laurie Mendelson, manager of the Paper Mill, said business was "very busy today" on the Friday-after, but not a record-breaker. "And mostly, it's people who really like Hallmark's," she said. She thought shoppers might be spending "maybe a little more, but I don't know ... it's a little early in the season to tell."

At Glenmont Plaza, another mall refugee, Jean Gordon of Selkirk, loaded a large purchase in the trunk of her car in the mostly-full parking lot outside Ames department store. She, too, was zeroing in on a specific purchase, and not browsing.

She thought maybe a mild holiday rush had taken the management by surprise. "Some of the departments seemed a little understaffed," she said. "Maybe it's a bigger crowd than they expected, but it's not really a very big crowd."

And for Grimwood at I Love Books, Black Friday's no big deal. It's the day after the day-after that produces the biggest crowds, when the store holds its members-only book sale.

"Friday was a little busy," she

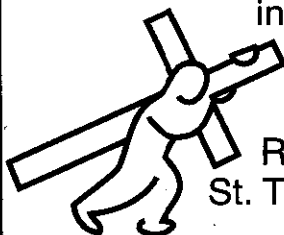
said. "Today's our busiest sale day of the year. But it'll be pretty consistent from now right through Christmas."

She doesn't see a huge rush in the offing — just the normal local shoppers. "Really, there's always something you can only get at the mall, but people here in Delmar are very supportive of local business," she said. "This is my third Christmastime here, and it seems a little bit up from last year. But it's been a good year all around."



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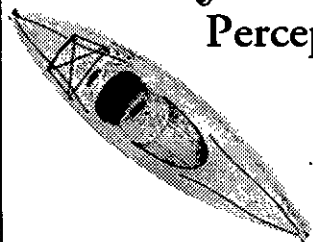
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# Sports

## Indians on defensive as basketball season nears

By Len Tarricone

As the defensive coordinator of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School football team, **Bruce Stott's** game plans were instrumental in the Indians shutting down every offense they saw in Section II this season.

Now that he is heading the

school's varsity girls basketball team, it is not surprising to hear his assessment of the squad.

"Our defense will be the key to any success we might have," he said. "We have good athletes and we have to use our athleticism to develop a stingy defense, and that is going to have to carry us until

we start to get offensively."

Stott, in his first year with the girls after having guided the boys varsity for the last five years and the boys junior varsity for 10 years before that, is trying to recapture the glory days of the '60s, '70s and '80s, when RCS was a perennial winner under **Betty Faxon**.

"I keep telling the players that we are in the process of implementing a system, and it may take a while to right the ship, but with commitment, desire, and determination, and faith in the system,

we can get the ship turned the right way," Stott said.

The Indians will be young this year, with only three seniors and five returning players from a year ago. Senior center **Melissa Eissing** missed most of last season due to injuries after playing on the varsity as a sophomore.

"Melissa can score and is a good shooter from the foul line and in," said Stott. "She is strong and can bang the boards to give us second-shot opportunities."

Colleen Prior and Samantha

**Skiff** are the other seniors and return up front. Junior **Casey Firstiun** will play on the wing.

The backcourt will feature junior **Alyssa Sebert**, a good ballhandler who can play the point or the off-guard, and **Kim Prior**, a sophomore who made the varsity as a freshman last year. These two are fine outside shooters, and will be key to the Indian's perimeter game. Junior **Amanda Carrk** will also see time at the two-guard.

**Leia Weidman** is a junior swing player who can fill in at guard or small forward, and sophomore **Amiee Norton** is up from JV and will provide depth.

Stott will not have to wait long to see how his squad fares against the Colonial Council's best, with league powers Schalmont, Holy Names and Voorheesville among the first five games.

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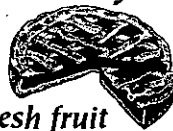
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## BCHS standout wins tennis tourney

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Treadgold, who was the top seed in his draw, defeated fourth-seeded **Ben Haynes** 6-4, 7-5 in the final. Another Bethlehem player, **Jonathan Clair**, was unseeded and lasted until the third round before being defeated by Treadgold.

The event featured 180 players from the USTA's Eastern Section, which encompasses all of New York state, northern New Jersey and parts of Connecticut, and staged competitions in eight different categories — boys and girls 12s, 14s 16s, and 18s.

## Eagles eliminated from playoffs

The Bethlehem Pop Warner Eagles ended their Sr. Midget season by losing a 46-33 shootout to the East Greenbush Blue Devils in the second round of the playoffs Nov. 21.

The game was a seesaw affair in the first half, with the Eagles tying the score at 6-6 on a touchdown by **Tah-Quan Jackson** that was set up by the efforts of **Terence Stanfield**, **Alfonso Hill** and **Ryan Williams**.

The Blue Devils then scored a touchdown to take a 12-6 lead, but Bethlehem's **John Flagg** broke up the two-point conversion attempt, and **Sean Myrtle** led the Eagles to the tying score.

The Blue Devils exploded to a 34-12 third-quarter lead, but the offensive exploits of **Anthony Livreri** and defensive contributions **Shane Cassidy**, **Jeremy Irving**, **Nate Panucci** and **Patrick Traynor** helped Bethlehem cut the lead to 34-18.

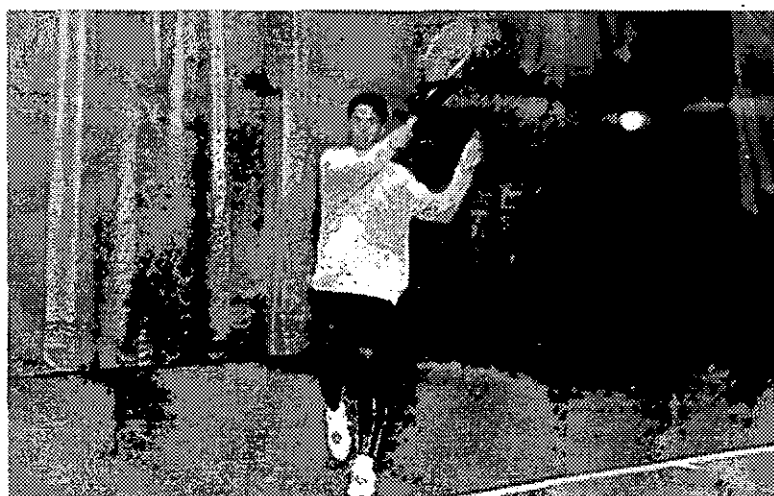
The Eagles scored a pair of late touchdowns, but could not catch the Blue Devils. A pass from Williams to **Ryan Livingston** set up Bethlehem's final score.

In the Eagles' opening-round playoff game, Jackson scored three touchdowns to lead Bethlehem to a 20-15 win over the Guilderland Mustangs Nov. 15.

Jackson's first touchdown tied the score at 8-8, and his second gave Bethlehem a 14-8 lead in the second quarter after Panucci recovered a Guilderland fumble.

After the Mustangs took a 15-14 lead in the third quarter, Jackson's fourth-quarter score provided the winning margin.

Other offensive standouts included Livingston, **John Sterrett** and **Jorge Luis Reyes**, while Livreri, Stanfield, **Jerry Saliba** and Traynor were strong on defense. Cassidy recovered a fumble for the Eagles.



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Len Tarricone

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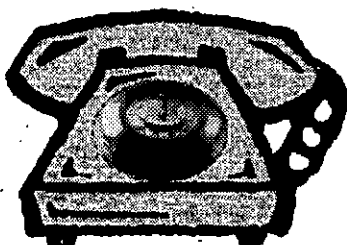


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Registration starts the day of the event at 10 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. Boys and girls age 8 to 13 are eligible to participate in the event.

Contestants in each age group will shoot 25 shots. District competition will take place in Cobleskill Jan. 23, and the national finals will be in Springfield, Mass., in April.

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# Playwright

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House, to see if someone would talk to me," Ambrosio said. "I met identical twins, who were very open to the idea. They thought it was neat."

Ambrosio won the grant, and "Cracked Pieces" is the drug story

told through the lives of twins Cathy and Cindy.

"It's about crack, and it's not a traditional linear play," Ambrosio said. "The dialogue is in and out of reality, and is a lot of vignettes of Cathy and Cindy's lives, which were in pieces."

In the year since she met them and began working on "Cracked Pieces," Cathy and Cindy have moved into apartments of their own and are working.

"I didn't know what an emotional effect this would have on me," Ambrosio said. "When they talked to me about the sexual abuse and neglect they had experienced, I was devastated. It's one thing to hear it on TV, but to sit with them on a sofa — it blew me away."

"I wish I could help," Ambrosio said. "The only thing I can start doing as a writer is to raise consciousness. It's such a huge, complex problem, and these are only two people. This has changed me artistically and as a human."

"Cracked Pieces" represents a departure for Ambrosio, who had written mostly comedy. She has tried to draw some comedy and surreal elements into the play, creating characters like a boxing referee named Guilt N. Remorse and judges named Pain, Regret and Hindsight.

"I've tried to be direct and honest, but theatrical at the same time," Ambrosio said. "It's a challenge to take someone's real life and present it theatrically. I really care about Cathy and Cindy, they represented their life well to me. The most gratifying thing about this is that it makes them feel important."

Ambrosio is originally from St. Louis, Mo., and acted in Boston and New York after college. During a performance of "Showboat" at Chatham's MacHaydn Theatre, she met her husband, Ralph

Ambrosio — who plays her husband in the production. Both Ambrosios will read from "Cracked Pieces," acting together for the first time since their "Showboat" days. The Ambrosios have four sons, Louis, 16; Ben, 13; Patrick, 10; and Elliott, 8.

In 1987, Ambrosio took a workshop at Bethlehem Public Library with playwright Elizabeth Diggs.

"I only had two children then," Ambrosio said, "and I wrote around them." The workshop production of her first play "Aluminum Anniversary" by the New York State Theatre Institute was "a stroke of luck and a shot in the arm," Ambrosio said. "I just about fell out of my chair when I heard. I saw it as a sign to continue writing."

Since then, Ambrosio's plays have included "Chock Full of Nuts," "The Face on Vitamin B12," and "At First Light." All have been performed locally, and Ambrosio describes them as comedy dramas.

"I have a knack or ability to write comedy," she said. "It makes people see the message." Ambrosio said she writes comedy dramas "because life is a comedy drama."

Ambrosio has also incorporated some of the mask-making that she learned in a mask workshop presented by Mary Gallagher, a former playwright in residence at the Capital Repertory Company.

Ambrosio said that the \$2,500 grant she received forced her to go about things differently. "Without the grant, I wouldn't have

searched so deeply for a social issue," she said, "which is the most important thing. It also gave me a salary, and let me pay the sound people and all the people who are working with me on this production. I think it's important for artists to be paid for their work."

After Friday's performance, Ambrosio will send "Cracked Pieces" to experimental theaters and hopes to get it produced. She also has the seeds of an idea for her next project. "I want to write a screenplay," she said, "and I think I'll go back to comedy drama."

"Cracked Pieces" will be performed on Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive in Delmar. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students.

The play contains adult content.

## Delmar church sets Christmas brunch

Bethlehem Community Church at 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar will hold a Christmas brunch on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Women are invited to attend for a morning program of Christmas carols, fellowship and food prepared by church members.

Darlene Clark will talk about "Tapestry of Love," the theme of the celebration.

All are welcome, and baby-sitting is provided.

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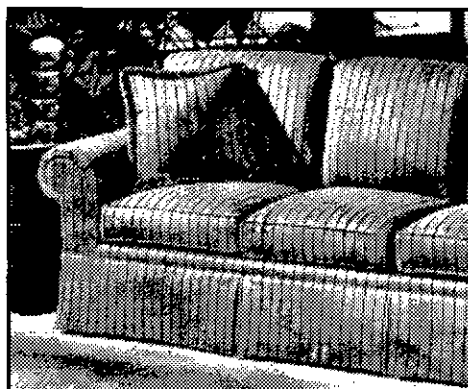
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# Obituaries

## Della F. Brady

Della F. Brady, 62, of Delmar died Saturday, Nov. 28, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was an administrative assistant for the Albany Citizens Council on Alcoholism. She also worked for the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Brady was a former board member of LaSalle School in Albany.

Survivors include her husband, John J. Brady Sr.; six sons, John J. Brady Jr. of Illinois, Mark Brady and Paul Brady, both of Delmar, Gary Brady and Dean Brady, both of Selkirk, and Neal Brady of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Sharon Lam of Albany and Sandra Jacques of Selkirk; two brothers, Borden Parker and Francis Parker, both of Texas; and 15 grandchildren.

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

Mrs. Brady donated her body to Albany Medical Center College.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Altamont House, Helderberg Avenue, Altamont 12009 or Albany Citizens Council on Alcoholism, 750 Broadway, Albany 12207.

## Evelyn Day Raiti

Evelyn Day Raiti, 64, of Voorheesville died Friday, Nov. 27, at her home.

Born in Albany, she worked for the state Thruway Authority for 17 years before she retired.

Mrs. Raiti was a communicant of The Church of Christ the King in Guilderland. She also worked in the church's food pantry.

Survivors include her husband, John Carmen Raiti Sr.; two sons, John C. Raiti Jr. of East Berne and Michael F. Raiti of Voorheesville; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany and The Church of Christ the King.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to The Church of Christ the King Building Fund, 20 Sumpter Ave., Guilderland 12203.

## Joseph Balfior

Joseph Balfior (Bellafore) of Delmar died Thursday, Nov. 26, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home.

Mr. Balfior was a director and teacher of theater, whose career spanned six decades. Before moving to the Capital District, he worked in New York City and Los Angeles.

Born in Brooklyn, he studied pharmacy at St. John's University. He then moved to Los Angeles to

study acting at the Actors Lab. He worked for Ed Wynn as his assistant and appeared regularly on his TV show.

He was the founder and director of the children's theater program, Pete's House Productions at Henry Street Settlement in New York City.

In 1969, he moved to the area to become an acting teacher and director at SUNY Albany. He also taught at Doane Stuart School for six years. In 1978, he founded the Theater Arts School at the New York State Theatre Institute.

He directed many productions for the institute and many for local community theater groups.

Survivors include a sister, Antoinette Christiano of Syosset, Nassau County; and a brother, Frank Bellafore of Jupiter, Fla.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Henry Street Settlement, 282 East Third St., New York 10009.

## Frank Zini Jr.

Frank Zini Jr., 66, of Elsmere died Monday, Nov. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in the Bronx, he was a counselor for the state Department of Veterans Affairs for 30 years before he retired.

Mr. Zini was a veteran of the Korean War.

He was a former member of the Sheehy Palmer Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Albany and the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

He was an avid woodworker.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Emerich Zini; a stepson, Joseph Addario of Alexandria Bay; two stepdaughters, Martha Addario of Albany and Angelina LaSure of Delmar; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054 or the

Mohawk & Hudson Humane Society, Oakland Avenue, Menands 12204.

## Peter Alan Evans

Peter Alan Evans of San Francisco and formerly of Onesquethaw died Monday, Nov. 23.

Survivors include two sisters, Carole Donato and Natalie Price.

Services were from the Parker Bros. Memorial Funeral Home in Watervliet.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Inner Sanctuary, 761 Madison Ave., Albany 12208.

## Sanford C. Pearson

Sanford C. Pearson, 83, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Melvin County, Ala., he was husband of the late Mattie Pearson.

Survivors include a daughter, Denise Kirkley-Cain of Selkirk; three sons, James Pearson of Selkirk and David Pearson and Roy Pearson, both of Albany; a brother, Jackson Pearson of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. John's Church in Albany.

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## Addition

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questions.

The biggest part of the plan, and the one that drew the most comment, is moving sixth-grade from the elementary school to the junior/senior high school. The move will create a cohesive middle school program for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades. Parents, however, are concerned about the contact younger children will have

with 11th- and 12th-graders in proposed shared facilities such as locker rooms and a new library media center.

District parent Chris Berte, who is a teacher in Duanesburg, said she saw "way too many shared areas. There are too many places where the children will have to travel a great distance, and share locker rooms, other facilities and buses. There are over 700 high schools in New York, and fewer than 50 are in a (grades) seven to 12 configuration. Even fewer are six to 12. There must be some

wisdom in that."

Berte's comments drew applause, and she further stated that she believed the middle school deserved its own building. McCartney said that by adding on to an existing building, the district will receive more state aid.

"The problem with building a separate building," McCartney said, "is that we couldn't get a separate middle school aided. If we built a \$6 to 8 million building, that wouldn't be aided at all, and would have to be paid for totally with tax dollars."

Voorheesville's state aid ratio is currently 61.8 percent. If district voters approve a construction bond by July 1, the district will receive another 10 percent in state aid. McCartney also reminded the audience that the capital reserve fund of up to \$525,000 that voters approved in a special October election would help defray taxpayers' portion of the expansion cost.

District parent Roz Robinson, who was on the original facilities committee in 1996, said that the committee wanted a separate building for the middle school. But, "we found that for a big percentage of voters, that wouldn't fly," Robinson said. "We tried ev-

erything, and to a certain degree, this is the compromise we have reached to get space."

Linda Wolkenbreit, assistant principal for middle level, said that bringing the middle level together will provide a much higher quality of education. "There are things we could have done, but we've been in two buildings," she said.

Scoville said that moving sixth-grade to the high school will also leave a fair amount of space at the elementary school. Goals for the elementary school include expanding the cafeteria and kitchen, with the cafeteria potentially doubling as a large group instruction room, and creating more space for the faculty. There is also a need for additional toilets and storage space. Storage rooms at the elementary school are currently being used as classrooms.

Space is already at a premium at the high school, and Scoville said that future plans need to include an identifiable junior high school area. One proposal puts the junior high on the west side of the building.

Classrooms with a minimum of 770 square feet, and an ideal of 850 to 875 square feet are also needed at the junior/senior high school. "Some classrooms are

down in the 600 foot range," Scoville said.

Other needs include physical education space, locker rooms, team rooms and seating capacity in the gym, as well as expanded playing fields. The architects are considering adding seating in the auditorium, and a large group instruction room that could accommodate two classes, as well as creating a larger cafeteria and library media center.

Scoville said that the architects have not yet calculated specific costs, but all the work they've proposed is aidable.

Larry Bonham of the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association urged fiscal prudence as the board considers the project. "The board will do everything it can to make sure the children get what they need," said board member C. James Coffin, "and get the maximum aid that we can."

New board member Thomas McKenna invited members of the public to attend a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in McCartney's office at the high school to discuss the possibility of obtaining corporate funding for the school district.

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If gifts are to be homemade, what supplies will be needed?

Discuss a budget with your child.

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James Gill and Suzanne Brown

Brown, Gill engaged

Suzanne Jennifer Brown, daughter of Neil and Rosemary Brown of Delmar, and James E. Gill, son of Geraldine M. Gill of Delmar and the late John O. Gill, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Marist College and the University at Albany. She is a fourth-grade teacher in Hyde Park schools.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and LeMoyné College. He is a social studies teacher at Daytop Village secondary school in Millbrook, Dutchess County.

The couple plans a July wedding.

Delmar man named to post

Stephen Cameron, a Delmar resident and director of cardiovascular services at St. Peter's Hospital, has been named to a two-year term as vice president of the American Heart Association's Capital Region Division Council.

Cameron has served on the council for nearly 10 years. He has been with St. Peter's since 1985, and oversees cardiology, electrophysiology and cardiac rehabilitation programs.

He is also a board member of the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals.

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Robert Terry and Denise Bellnier

Bellnier, Terry to wed

Denise Bellnier, daughter of Janet and Woodrow Moss of Hadley and Michael and Kathleen Bellnier of Glenmont, and Robert J. Terry, son of Jonathan and Ruth Terry Jr. of West Galway, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School and Schenectady County Community College.

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# Merrily we stroll along

Troy's annual event celebrates Christmas Past

A horse-drawn carriage is just one of the attractions at this year's Victorian Stroll. One of the Northeast's premiere holiday events, Troy's Victorian Stroll will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6. The event draws more than 15,000 to the Victorian splendor of historic downtown Troy each year.

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

In what has become a Collar City tradition, the Victorian Stroll will celebrate its 16th holiday season on Sunday, Dec. 6. What began as a city-funded effort to fill Troy's downtown with holiday revelers has become a major boost for downtown businesses in the home of that legendary entrepreneur, Uncle Sam.

On street corners, church halls, store windows and building lobbies, more than 130 attractions, including more than 90 performing groups and individuals, will bring the spirit and the sounds of Christmas alive.

It's the fifth straight year that the private sector, i.e., the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, has put the urban streetfest on for residents and visitors. Three downtown banks, Marine Midland, Pioneer Savings Bank and Troy Savings Bank, join forces with companies from Troy's industrial past (technical instrument manufacturer W. & L.E. Gurley) and its service-oriented present (Valley Optical Associates, a medical firm with a major office center in Troy) as major sponsors of the event.

While major cultural institutions including the Rensselaer County

Historical Society and Troy Savings Bank Music Hall all host free events as a part of the Stroll, many downtown businesses host smaller events, from bands to puppet shows to craft exhibits to clowns. Many downtown shop windows are decorated (a project sponsored by the Rensselaer Student Union), and most businesses are open for holiday shoppers and diners with special discounts and drawings.

The businesses kick in not only as sponsors, but as sites as well. "It's really a time when the downtown merchants and businesses come together to celebrate the beauty of downtown Troy and the spirit that exists here," said Anne McCartin Doyle, coordinator for the Stroll.

Much of that spirit, in a city with a distinctive 19th-century character, is the Spirit of Christmas Past. This year marks the return after several years' absence of the Masterworks Chorale of The College of Saint Rose, with a program of traditional music at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

"Traditional" can also embrace gospel music, as in the rousing sounds of the Bethel Baptist Choir, which will perform in the lobby of Pioneer Savings Bank. Barber shop quartets and Irish step dancers, handbell choirs and a Victorian Christmas party sponsored by the Masque Theatre will also add to the fun.

Horse-drawn carriages and an antique fire truck will be available to offer rides and a look at the city's Victorian architecture.

Many strollers turn up in Victorian garb, "But if you just want to wear a sweatshirt, you're dressed right, too," Doyle said.

Another longstanding tradition is the Rensselaer County Historical Association Greens Show at the Hart-Cluett Mansion on Second Street. This year's theme is an "Old Fashioned Cluett Christmas" in honor of the family that lived in the mansion for generations. Each room is decorated in a different motif, from colonial, replete with dried flowers and fruits, to English traditional, celebrating the "holly and ivy" look.

The spirit of the occasion embraces less traditional fare too with Zydeco bands, flamenco dancers, African drummers and the Irish pop-folk sounds of

Hair of the Dog. And plenty of jazz, from the New Orleans style of Reggie's Red-Hot Feet Warmers to swing with Doc Scanlon to the nightclub dance tunes of the Theresa Broadwell Quartet to the assorted jazz ensembles of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Troy schools. An interpretive dancer will perform "Stories in Motion," faces will be painted at the RCCA Arts Center, fencing and synchronized swimming demonstrations will be on view (mercifully, indoors) and numerous performance events for children are on tap.

A Movies Made Here bus tour will show off where key scenes from recent Hollywood films like *The Bostonians* and *The Age of Innocence* were shot. One

whole block, anchored by the Gurley building and its antique-instrument collection, will showcase science and technology, from a "Mad Science" Show to a reptile demonstration by the Junior Museum.

And if you get hungry, a chili cook-off will be part of the festivities this year, along with everything from popcorn to chestnuts to hot dogs all over the city.

It's all topped off by the city's formal tree lighting ceremonies in Monument Square, presided over at 5 p.m. by Mayor Mark Pattison.

All events are free and open to the public, but you might pocket a little change to buy a snack, do some shopping or drop a contribution into a passed hat. Festivities kick off around noon.

For information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 274-7020.



Full Victorian garb is greatly admired, but not required of those who attend the festivities.

## 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, Dec. 6 and 13 at 2 p.m., Dec. 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. 3, 4, and 5 at 8 p.m., \$10, \$7 students and seniors. Information, 442-3997.

**"MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT"**

by storyteller Spalding Gray, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Dec. 4 and 5, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 473-1845.

**"THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER"**

Home Made Theater production, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Springs State Park, Dec. 11 and 18 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12, 13 and 20 at 1 p.m., Dec. 19 at 1 and 4:30 p.m., \$11, \$9 for children under 13. Information, 587-4427.

## MUSIC

**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.

## HOLIDAY HARMONY

concert by River Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, Lake Hill Road, Burnt Hills, Dec. 6, 2 p.m., \$9, free for children under 11.

**IRISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

to benefit Irish American Heritage Museum, with Tony Kenny, Delia Reilly, Noel Ginnity, 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.

**NOWELL, SING WE CLEAR!**

carols with John Roberts, Tony Barrand, Fred Breunig and Andy Davis, Old Songs at the Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, Dec. 12, 3 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

## 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.

## 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.

**FULTON STREET GALLERY**

paintings by Charlie Steinbrecher, sculpture by Dorothy Wiers, photo transfers by Susan Myers, sculpture and drawings by Jim Sande, paintings by Susan Stuart, 408 Fulton St., Troy, through Dec. 5. Information, 274-8464.

**MARTIN BENJAMIN**

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

**FICTION/FACT: THE PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK OF DUANE MICHALS**

The College of Saint Rose Art Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 6. Information, 485-3902.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

**AUDITION**

for all roles in March Opera Excelsior production of "The Magic Flute," by appointment only. Information, 372-7455.

**AUDITION**

for Schenectady Light Opera Co. production of "Mack and Mabel," Opera House, 826 State St., Dec. 7 and 9, 7 p.m. Information, 372-3488.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-1603.

**COLONIE TOWN BAND**

openings for percussion, tuba and bassoon players, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 356-4331.

**COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR**

openings for trumpet players, rehearsals on first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 384-1924.

**AUDITION**

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

**MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS**

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

**CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES**

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

## CLASSES/LECTURES

**DANCE CLASSES**

fall session at eba Center for Dance and Movement, adult and children's classes, through Dec. 10. Information, 465-9916.

**MUSEUM ART CLASSES**

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

**DANCE CLASSES**

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

**ART CLASSES**

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

## Area FREEBIES

## Wednesday, Dec. 2

■ Staged reading of John Mulligan's play "Shopping Cart Soldiers, Studio Theater, Performing Arts Center, University of Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

## Thursday, Dec. 3

■ Lecture by lawyer Jan Schlichtmann, whose work on pollution-caused cancer in Woburn, Mass., is the focus of the book and film "A Civil Action," Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium, Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 381-1250.

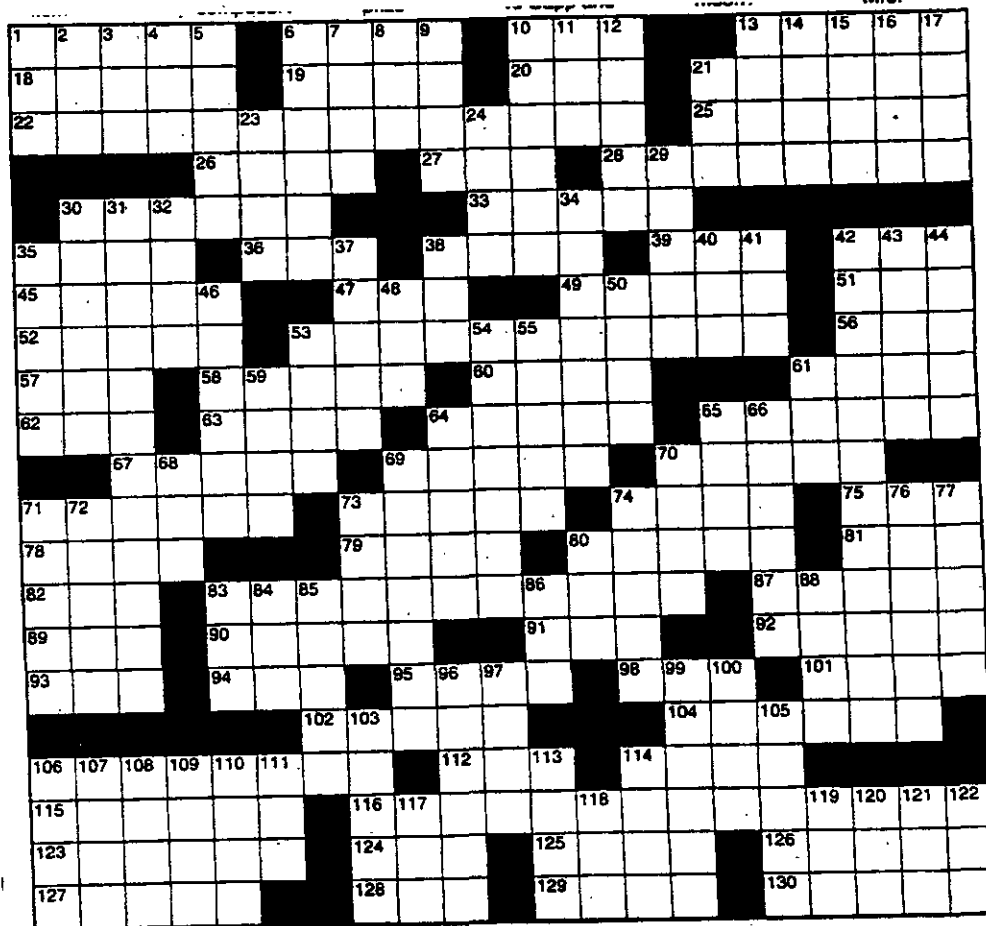
## Saturday, Dec. 5

■ Condensed performances of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by the Skidmore College Opera Workshop, New York State Museum Video Theater, Madison Avenue, Albany, 1:30 to 2:15 and 3 to 3:45 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

## Super CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- 1 Salivate  
6 Pressing need?  
10 "Crossfire" venue  
13 Trembled  
16 Indian  
19 Hawaiian goose  
20 Aries assent  
21 Do without dinner  
22 Popular game show  
25 Pearl harbor?  
26 Impersonates  
27 Excavated  
28 South American headland  
30 Problem solver?  
33 Stationed  
35 Egg  
36 Canonized Mlle.  
38 Head line?  
39 "My —" ('62 song)  
42 "Alice" spinoff  
45 The sky, at times?  
47 Pigeon  
49 Jergens or Astaire  
51 Seance sound  
52 Backside  
53 Accessory item
- 56 Tolkien creation  
57 Mineral suffix  
58 Corday's prey  
60 Dead End Kid  
61 Cooper's tool  
62 Ending for chariot  
63 Artist  
64 Auctioneer's implement  
65 "— Cafe" ('88 film)  
67 Piglet's creator  
69 — down (reduced)  
70 "In Search of ..." host  
71 Cauliflower clump  
73 Tacitus' tongue  
74 Rabbit relative  
75 Cal. page  
78 Spree  
79 "Thanks —" (62 song)  
80 Breakfast  
81 Author Le Shan  
82 Med. test  
83 New York City landmark  
87 Pop  
89 "I — Rock" ('66 song)  
90 A great composer?
- 91 Genesis vessel  
92 Heroic  
93 D.C. figure  
94 Luau neckwear  
95 Newsman  
98 Request  
101 Oliver of "Oliver!"  
102 Director Sergio  
104 Horned toad, for one  
106 Ruffian  
112 April initials  
114 Achy  
115 Poe poem  
116 Basketball franchise  
123 Involve  
124 Wrath  
125 Envelope part  
126 Lighthouse or minaret  
127 Saxophonist  
128 Greene's "The — of the Affair"  
129 Oscar's cousin  
130 "Big Three" site  
DOWN  
1 Municipal org.  
2 Team scream  
3 Prospector's prize
- 4 Sugary suffix  
5 Pale purple  
6 Overrun  
7 Umps  
8 Lennon's widow  
9 Urkel, for instance  
10 Mountain lion  
11 "Sister Act" extra  
12 Sib's kid  
13 Eye problem  
14 Diner fare  
15 "— take arms against a sea ..."  
16 Above  
17 "All the Things You Are" composer  
21 Pacifier of a sort  
23 Artistic output  
24 Heavy metal instrument  
29 Common viper  
30 Pilot  
31 "The Blue Knight" role  
32 "Lucky Jim" author  
34 Attached, in a way  
35 Hilarious Hardy  
37 Renown  
38 Word with cheese or roast  
40 Capp and
- Capone  
41 Billy — Williams  
42 "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" singer  
43 Tenor Mario  
44 Made a choice  
46 Philadelphia university  
48 Absent  
50 Blunt  
53 Ontario native  
54 Simon's "Sweet —"  
55 Sheltered spot  
59 "— it the truth?"  
61 Give it — (try)  
64 Croc's kin  
65 South African activist  
66 Blake of "Gunsmoke"  
68 Vex  
69 Sicilian seaport  
70 Injure slightly  
71 Terrier's tormentors  
72 Toliberos opera  
73 Tardy  
74 Hooded coat  
76 Whirled  
77 Saluted the moon?
- 80 Candy quantity  
83 Writer  
84 Dug into the donuts  
85 Tenor  
86 Georges  
88 Atmosphere  
96 Came together  
97 Earl — Biggers  
99 — Joe  
100 Soprano Te Kanawa  
103 Singer  
105 Piquant  
106 Commoner  
107 Late-night name  
108 Till  
109 Barnyard butter  
110 "Topaz" author  
111 Solidity  
113 Flaccid  
114 35 Down's partner  
117 East ender?  
118 U.N. branch  
119 — degree (somewhat)  
120 He gives a hoot  
121 Volleyball divider  
122 Mexican Mrs.





# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 2**
**BETHLEHEM**
**BC SCHOOL BOARD**

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

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

**BINGO**

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

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**

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

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**WELCOME WAGON**

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

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**

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

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**

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

**ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER,**

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

**BETHLEHEM BUSINESS**
**WOMEN'S CLUB**

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

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**VOORHEESVILLE ZONING**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR**
**CITIZENS**

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

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 3**
**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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS**

4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush Road, 7 to 8 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

**FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 4**
**BETHLEHEM**
**AA MEETING**

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

**CHABAD CENTER**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**YOUTH GROUP**

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

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 5**
**BETHLEHEM**
**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 6**
**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.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

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

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

**BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child-care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR**

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

85 Elm Ave., Delmar, worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices, handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER CHURCH**

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. Information, 768-2021.

**NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM**

(SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER)  
In the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**

worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

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

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 7**
**BETHLEHEM**
**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING**

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

**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**

Christian support group for mother's of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**BLANCHARD AMERICAN LEGION POST**

16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1603.

**TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM**

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

**AA MEETING**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**QUARTET REHEARSAL**

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

**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 8**
**BETHLEHEM**
**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**
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**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

CHESTNUT ASSOCIATES, L.P.  
Dated: Albany, New York October 20, 1998

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

a copy of any process against Chestnut Associates, L.P. to the following post office address:

Dreyer Boyajian, LLP  
75 Columbia Street  
Albany, NY 12210

5. The name and business or residence address of each general partner is available from the Secretary of State.
6. The latest date of dissolution is September 29, 2028.
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. (December 2, 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

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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. (December 2, 1998)

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

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

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

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

(December 2, 1998)

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE T&amp;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 upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 19028 S.E. Loxahatchee River Road, Jupiter, Florida, 33458. The name and business or residence address of the general partner is available from the SOS. Term: latest date of dissolution 12/31/98. Purpose: to

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invest in real property and to engage in any lawful act or business permitted under the LPL and the laws of NYS. (December 2, 1998)

## 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.

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(December 2, 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

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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, refi-

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION  
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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:

1621 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York 12205

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  
(December 2, 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") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New

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York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:  
FIRST: The name of the Company is GKR Shares, LLC.

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

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Richard A. Langer, Esq., McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, P.O. Box 459, Albany, New York 12201-0459.

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.

Richard A. Langer  
Attorney-in-Fact  
(December 2, 1998)

AS PART I of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Albany and the State of New York at the Albany County Courthouse of Albany, State of New York on the 20th day of November, 1998.

PRESENT: HONORABLE J. HUGHES, JUSTICE  
STATE OF New York  
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF Albany  
in the matter of the Application

## LEGAL NOTICE

of Cecilia V. Martin  
For Leave to Change her name to

Muslimah Quattlebaum  
On reading the petition of Cecilia V. Martin, verified the 28th day of October 1998, praying for a change of name of petitioner, it being requested the Cecilia V. Martin change her present name to Muslimah Quattlebaum, and the Court being satisfied that the said petition is true and it appearing to the Court that there is no reasonable objection to the change of name proposed and it appearing that the petitioner was born on the 28th day of June, 1956 in Albany County, State of New York, Birth Certificate No. 2532, State of New York.

And it further appearing that the interests of the petitioner will be substantially promoted by the change; it is hereby Ordered that the petitioner, Cecilia V. Martin be and hereby is authorized to change her present name to Muslimah Quattlebaum in the place of and instead of her present name.

Upon complying with the provision of Article 6 of Civil Rights Law and of this Order, namely; That this Order be entered and the said petition upon which it was granted be filed within ten (10) days from the date thereof in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Albany; that within twenty (20) days from the date of entry hereof, copy of the annexed:

Notice shall be published in the Spotlight, a newspaper published in the County of Albany, State of New York; and that within forty (40) days of the making of this Order, Proof of such publication by affidavit shall be filed with the Clerk of the County of Albany, State of New York. That following the due filing of said petition and entry of this Order, the publication of said Notice and the filing of proof of publication thereof, and on after the 31st day of December, 1998 a date at least forty (40) days after the entry of the Order, petitioner Cecilia V. Martin shall be known as and by the name of

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Muslimah Quattlebaum.  
Dated: November 20, 1998  
JUDGE/ COURT s/ Harold J. Hughes  
Justice, Supreme Court  
(December 2, 1998)

## LEGAL NOTICE

1424 Western Avenue, LLC  
Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York State 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 P.O. Box 113, Diamond Point, New York 12824.  
(December 2, 1998)

MBH EDUCATIO  
NAL PRODUCTS, LLC

Notice of Formation of MBH Educational Products, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law on 11/05/98. Office location is Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served at 18 Computer Drive West, Albany, NY 12205 who is also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Latest date to dissolve is 11/05/2028. Purpose is to produce educational products and any other lawful act or activity.  
(December 2, 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 :

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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.

6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is: Any lawful purpose.  
(December 2, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF  
PROFESSIONAL LIMITED  
LIABILITY COMPANY

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.  
(December 2, 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

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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.  
(December 2, 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 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.  
(December 2, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A  
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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.  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Boom	Coast	Foil	Rush
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Bullion	Field	Mine	

## CLASSIFIEDS

Individual rate minimum \$10.00 for 10 words, 30 cents for each additional word, payable in advance. Commercial rate minimum \$12.50 for 10 words, 30 cents for each additional word, payable in advance. Ad deadline 4 p.m. Friday for publication in Wednesday's newspaper. Box Reply \$3.00. Submit in person or by mail with check or money order to Spotlight Newspapers, 125 Adams Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Phone in and charge to your Mastercard or Visa.

439-4949

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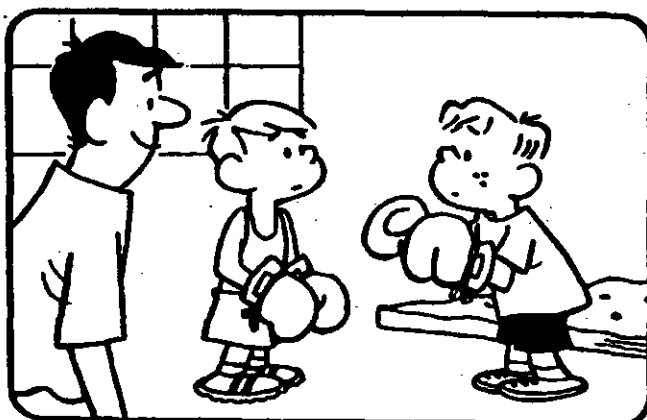
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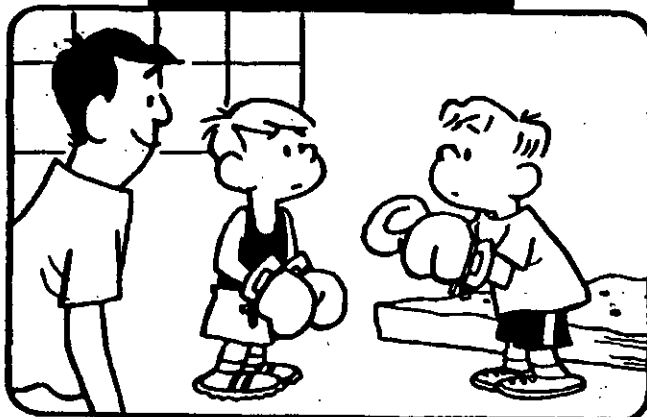


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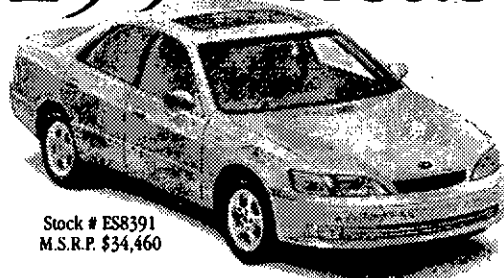
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## Local dancers enjoy roles in 'Nutcracker'

Twenty Delmar youngsters will be featured among the nearly 200 local children who will perform in Albany Berkshire Ballet's production of the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 5 and 6 at the Palace Theatre.

They will augment the professional dance company in its 25th annual presentation of the Tchaikovsky holiday favorite, filling a number of roles in the ballet's fantasy sequences as soldiers, mice, angels, clowns, reindeer, and as children and servants at the holiday party that provides the setting for the story of a child who receives a magical Nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift.

Laura Graver, Kelly Hotaling, Lillia Panych, Kerstin Robinson and Alexandra Vresilovic appear among the ensemble of clowns in the ballet, and Rebecca Frazier, Abby Melnikoff, Sophia Panych


and Laura Salhoff among the soldiers.

Featured as reindeer are Jenna Hendrick, Meredith Sampson and Hallie Skripak-Gordon. Lisa Lee Herbert and Amber Knee both appear as angels.

Also appearing among the local contingent are Allysa Knaack and Allison Teevan as mini-mice; Michelle Andriano as a grandmother; and among the party participants, John Graver and Micaela Townsend as children and Audrey Ting as a maid.

Performances of "The Nutcracker" will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, at 3 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m.


For information, contact Albany Berkshire Ballet at 426-0660.



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