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Peace on Earth



Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue is all decked out for the holidays.

Elaine McLain

Mild weather bodes well for Bethlehem coffers

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Others may dream of a white Christmas, but for the area's highway departments, this year's late winter has already made the days merry and bright.

By the National Weather Service's reckoning, December of 1998 has already shattered records for the latest first snowfall and the latest date of sustained sub-zero temperatures in the Northeast. As a result, highway departments in Bethlehem and New Scotland, and the public works department in Voorheesville, have chalked up savings in funds budgeted for battling the white stuff. The warm weather has also afforded them a head start on spring work as well.

"It's been a positive impact for sure," said Gregg Sagendorph, Bethlehem's highway superintendent. "A real savings in materials cost for salt, sand and whatever. It's also been a big savings on overtime costs, and there's fewer trucks in need of maintenance. We've saved over \$100,000 in labor costs, maintenance costs and materials this year." Such savings, he said, help the town's year-end fund balance.



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Sagendorph

Sagendorph's counterpart in New Scotland, Darrell Duncan, also sees the late snowfall as a windfall for the bottom line. "This is the first year since I've been here that we haven't run out of money," he said. "We have \$10,000 or so left in that account. We've been \$5,000 to \$12,000 in the red in some years because of the rough winters."

Old Man Winter's late arrival has also been a plus for the town's bookkeepers. New Scotland delineates between funds devoted to services for the whole town, its so-called A fund, and those devoted only to areas outside the village of Voorheesville, the B fund. Since village road-maintenance

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New business revitalizes Stonewell Plaza

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

In just one visit to Stonewell Plaza, you can get a massage or a chiropractic adjustment, shop for clothes, buy a motorcycle, grab a slice of pizza or join neighbors for a leisurely chat over a sit-down meal, and pick up a quart of milk before heading home.

"It's kind of neat," said Dawn Turner of the "strip mall in the country. There are a whole bunch of little things here; customers really have a lot of variety at their own convenience."

Turner, a registered nurse, licensed massage therapist and reiki master, has been sharing office space with chiropractor Robert Goldin since September, and finds the location to be great. "People are stopping in and calling, and all of the merchants here are working together."

Karen Frisch, co-owner of Something Olde, Something New, said the



Stonewell Plaza in New Scotland is making a comeback.

Elaine McLain

consignment shop has been so successful in its first year, that it's been expanded to include collectibles and furniture.

"Sometimes things work out," Frisch said. "Zoe Anderson, the new owner, fixed up the plaza and people are starting to come back."

For Anderson, purchasing the plaza last March was a something of a homecoming.

"I used to own the grocery store," Anderson said, "which was how my grandfather, Davis Stonewell, started out."

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V'ville ponders Prospect St. house's future

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The proposed sale of a Prospect Street residence owned by the village of Voorheesville has prompted village officials to address a host of long-standing safety issues on that stretch of road.

Voorheesville put the building at 30 Prospect St. up for public bidding several months ago and has secured a prospective buyer, village resident Francine Boucher-Bidell, who has indicated she intends to live in the home with her daughter.

But beginning at a meeting of the village's zoning board in October and continuing at village board meetings in October and November, residents have raised concerns about completing the sale before safety problems along that portion of Prospect Street have been addressed.

Mayor Ed Clark said he expects the matter to come up again at this week's village board meeting, but

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Court cases adjudicated, police make DWI arrest

Two individuals charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) in the town of Bethlehem pleaded guilty to lesser counts of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) on Dec. 17. An additional DWI arrest was recorded by town police the same day.

Charged was William M. Perry III, 32, of 135A Fairlawn Drive in Selkirk. At 2:25 a.m., officer J.L. Rexford observed a vehicle allegedly exceeding the speed limit on Elm Avenue in Selkirk. After administering field sobriety tests, Rexford arrested Perry and ticketed him for both DWI and exceeding the speed limit. He is due to appear in Town Court on Jan. 5.

Jason P. Biel, 20, of RD 2 Box 46, Selkirk, arrested on May 16, agreed to a DWAI plea in court on Dec. 17, after several adjournments of his case. He was fined \$300 and a \$30 state-mandated surcharge; his license was suspended for 90 days.

Joseph Alphonzo Tannatta, 24, of 845 Elm Ave., Selkirk, who was arrested Nov. 28, pleaded guilty to DWAI. He was fined \$300 and a \$30 assessment, and his license was suspended for 90 days.

In both cases, Bethlehem Town Court also required mandatory participation in a drinking-driver remediation program and a victim impact panel.

Local bookstores support AIDS council fund-raiser

Two Delmar bookstores are selling Entertainment '99 discount books to benefit the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York.

I Love Books at 380 Delaware Ave. and the Friar Tuck Book Store in Delaware Plaza are among 20 local bookshops sponsoring the volunteer project "Helping

Through Books & Music."

Diane Malinowski is coordinating the project in Delmar.

Last year's effort to sell the \$40 Entertainment books raised approximately \$10,000 for the AIDS Council.

For information, call 482-5602.

Food stamp assistance available at town hall

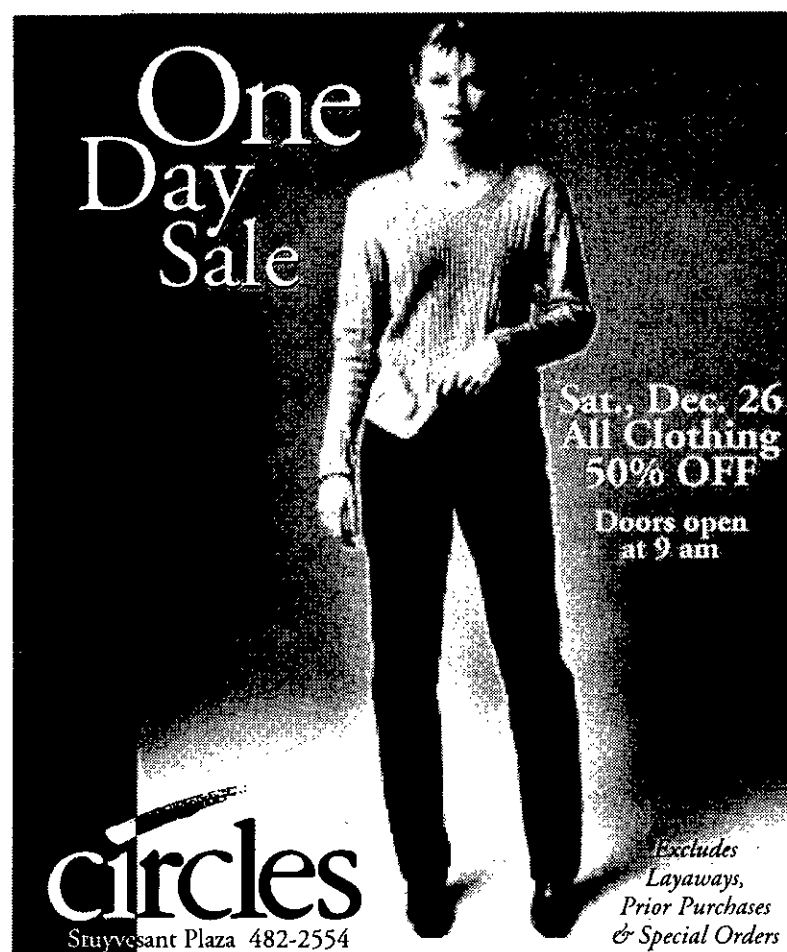
The town of Bethlehem's Senior Services Department and Albany County Social Services recently announced a nutritional assistance program.

A representative from Albany County's Food Stamp division will be at Bethlehem town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. from 9:30 a.m. to noon on the first Monday of each

month to assist in completing applications or re-certifications.

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Planners give Monro green light

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

The Bethlehem zoning board of appeals has given thumbs-up to a proposal to build a Monro Muffler outlet on the site of a former farmhouse on Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Plaza.

At its meeting on Dec. 16, the board voted unanimously to authorize counsel Peter Bishko to

zoning code language.

"Though they will not be dispensing motor fuel, they will be dispensing motor accessories," Hodom said.

The site is adjacent to Bethlehem Auto Laundry and across 9W from Calvary Cemetery, and the zoning board agreed that locating an oil change facility

bay oil change facility at the Glenmont location, and would do brake work and some tire service.

"We're not in the engine-repair business," Jarrett said. "We're not in the auto-body business." Nor would they sell gasoline at the site, he said, or operate a convenience store on the premises. He anticipated the firm would hire four to six employees.

Steve Cleason of ADP Engineering, the site engineer for Monro, told the board that the existing farmhouse and several outbuildings would be razed before the new facility was built. He also answered questions about drainage and waste disposal.

Board member Robert Wiggand, noting a long-standing proposal by the state Department of Transportation to widen Route 9W, suggested that the building be set farther back from the existing roadway to anticipate such a change. At the Dec. 16 meeting, the board reviewed revised site plans that responded to this concern.

Included in the board's resolution granting the zoning exception were conditions requiring review of drainage and other systems by the planning department, restrictions on vending and hours on the premises.

But the board was satisfied with the proposal in general. "There is no question," said board member Richard Lewis. "We need this type of business in town ... I can't come up with a negative here."



This old farmhouse will be razed to make room for Monro Muffler.

draw up the necessary resolution for final approval next month.

To grant the zoning exception for the project at 454 Route 9W the board was required to make a liberal interpretation of "motor fuel filling station," one of the uses permitted in a CC Retail Commercial Zone. Bishko and chairman Michael Hodom advised the board that limited auto service like that performed by Monro would be compatible with the spirit of the

next door to a car wash made sense from a planning standpoint.

Board member Gilbert Brookins said, "This type of application is certainly in harmony with other types of retail business in the area."

Monro operates more than 550 locations in 18 states, but all are company-owned, not franchise operations. George Jarrett, Monro's director of development, said the company proposed a six-

Not so silent night



Laura Lambert, left, and her mother Suzanne Lambert enjoy caroling in Delmar neighborhoods with the Happy Voices from Delmar Reformed Church to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Elaine McLain

Town voters elect fire officials

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

Fire commission elections held on Dec. 8 in Bethlehem's five districts produced modest turnouts, with candidates for five-year terms as fire commissioner in four of the five districts running unopposed.

The fifth district, Selkirk, with the only competitive election, produced the highest voter turnout. In a three-way race for Selkirk's open commissioner's slot, Jack Bailey was the winner, with 147 votes, over Richard H. Weisheit with 101, and 30 for Richard C. Hummel Sr.

In uncontested elections in

other districts, William E. Wright was elected fire commissioner in the Delmar district, collecting 61 votes. In Elsmere, John E. Brennan was elected to a full five-year term, and Richard S. Webster and George M. Kaufman were elected to fill vacant seats, for four- and three-year terms, respectively. All three candidates received all 34 votes cast.

In the Elmwood Park fire district, which includes North Bethlehem and adjacent portions of New Scotland and Gunderland, 25 voters turned out for the election, and 23 of them cast their ballots for the uncontested candidate, Paul Fuino.

The remaining two ballots went to write-ins, Paul Miller and Cathy Tinkler respectively. A referendum was also held in Elmwood Park on a proposition to reduce the entitlement age for service awards, a retention benefit, from 65 to 62. That resolution passed by a 23-2 margin.

Only 13 voters turned out at the Slingerlands fire station, and 12 cast their ballots for Walter W. Eck as commissioner. The remaining ballot was unmarked.

The commissioner's election was preceded in Selkirk by company line officer elections, held

Dec. 3. Members of the district's three fire companies re-elected district chief Harlan W. Metz Jr., who received 37 votes to 21 cast for Mike Murray.

Elected chief of Company No. 1 in Selkirk was William Borger, with George Morehouse, Michael Weddell and Michael Reinisch elected as first, second and third assistants, respectively.

Company No. 2 in Glenmont selected Steven Wieland as chief, with his assistants being Steven Hummel, Josh Therrien and Jason Hammond. The South Bethlehem fire company, No. 3, chose Jeffrey Stangle as chief, with Kurt Witt, Jessy Wilson and Robert K. Burns as his three assistants.

District-wide, eligible company members also selected fire police officers on Dec. 3. Fire police provide traffic control and crowd safety at emergency scenes. Robert Peseka was elected district captain. Company No. 1 chose Randall Drobner and Norma June as first and second lieutenants, respectively.

In Company No. 2, Jack Bailey and Robert A. Burns were chosen, and Richard Stangle and Frank A. With were elected by Company No. 3.

By Donna J. Bell

Over the objections of several parents, the Bethlehem Central school board voted to approve changes to the high school curriculum for the 1999-2000 school year at its Dec. 19 meeting.

The changes, affecting science, math and social studies classes, have been in the planning stages for more than a year. The district says that the revisions are needed to conform to the state Regents-for-All mandate.

"It is Bethlehem Central's goal to continuously improve all student learning and achievement," said assistant superintendent John McGuire. "Regents for All doesn't begin only when students get to the high school," he said.

Ideas for the new curriculum start with a high school faculty member, said principal John Hunter. That teacher then works closely with a group to refine the idea and make sure it meets standards-based principles. It then goes on to the curriculum council which judges the impact on the curriculum and students.

The controversy over the changes was two-fold. Parents were unhappy about a requirement set forth in the new curriculum requiring all ninth-graders take an earth science class. Those who addressed the board articulated their concern that by requiring the course some students would lose flexibility in planning their high school academic path. In the past, students who were on an advanced

placement track, or who were looking to move into the Lab School, were able to take biology instead of earth science. A second objection was that parents were not given any advance notice of the changes. The speakers asked the district to postpone approving the changes until there was additional input from parents. "While the district's communication process is improving, we have a long way to go," said Peter Shawhan, president of Parent for Excellence.

Anne O'Brien-Carelli said that she felt the district missed an opportunity to use the shared decision making process. "I feel ill-informed about the curriculum changes and am uncomfortable about it," she said. "We were really left out of the loop. Put the brakes on and get some perspectives from parents with children."

Superintendent Les Loomis responded to the parents concerns by saying that the changes had gone to parents through the BCCO and that they were also stated in the district goals. "I have to articulate clearly that it is the teachers, supervisors and principals jobs to make these decisions," Loomis said. Most board members said that they supported the changes and that the educators have been working on the changes for over a year.

"I think that the science department has done its job," said board member James Schwab. Board member Pamela Williams

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Christmas magic moments worth holiday hassle

By Katherine McCarthy

On one of November's unusually balmy days, Petra Hahn stood near a maple tree in her yard armed with strands of white lights. "I just love the way the trees look in Stuyvesant Plaza, and want to do it here," she said. "It's so magical."

Late on Christmas Eve, Mary Lou Morris will sprinkle "reindeer dust" near her house, to keep her three boys believing in Santa a little bit longer.

In an intense work week, Elizabeth Dineen will find time to make the Santa Claus cake her 8-year-old requested.

Visions of sugarplums may dance in everyone else's head, but ask any mother, and visions of gifts yet to buy, toys to wrap, cards to write, relatives soon to arrive, big meals yet to prepare and a living room still to vacuum are dancing in her head. If there's any magic to be had in the Christmas season, it's up to us to make it.

Which too often finds us exhausted and grouching — exactly how we don't want to feel in this season of peace and joy. Newspaper columns everywhere offer us tips on de-stressing, which usu-

ally involve great organizational skills, scented candles and bubble bath.

Oh, I suppose I could try to plan the Christmas menu by Thanksgiving, do most of my shopping by catalogue, and mail everything by Dec. 1. But where's the fun in that? And what if something didn't get done? How dire would the consequences be? So much of being a mother involves tedium — how many different ways can you sort the laundry? — that I

There are some things I won't skip on, though, like a Christmas tree, outside lights, and searching for presents that will make my children's eyes light up. And that's why us moms push ourselves to the point where there's not enough concealer in the whole world to disguise the dark circles under our eyes. We are forming our children's memories of this special holiday, and since we can't choose which memories they will take with them

I will make my own memories, too, most of which will begin on Christmas Eve. I will vicariously enjoy the not-so-sublime anticipation of my children on the one evening they don't hesitate to go to bed. It's been a long time since I've felt such joyful anticipation, and I'm thrilled to have helped make this magic.

With shopping finished, presents wrapped, church attended, and dinner inside us, we will all gather around the Christmas tree to enjoy a lovely tradition my mother-in-law started: listening to Dylan Thomas read his magical recounting of "A Child's Christmas in Wales." I will tuck my angels into bed, and when they are safely asleep, Chris and I will begin the procession from the basement.

Once again, in spite of every vow to cut back a little this year, the plenty will be shocking, and I will say my own special prayer of thanks for the bounty in our lives.

I will wake to the sounds of children rustling in their beds. It's usually Cormac who first realizes what day it is, and both boys dance in anticipation as dad and mom come downstairs and turn on the tree. Last year, on seeing all the gifts he exclaimed, "Oh, Christopher, we must have been very good this year!"

I'll switch on the coffee pot, unwrap the bagels, put out the cream cheese, and settle down to enjoy the gifts. Maybe it will snow lightly. Chris will put on Christmas carols, and after weeks of sometimes frenetic preparation, I will live only in the present, committing to memory the joy on my children's faces.

That's all the magic I need. Merry Christmas to all.

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kind of like the adrenaline rush that goes with Christmas.

What if, one year, I didn't order the photo Christmas cards by Dec. 10? We'd have New Year's cards. Or, if I didn't buy a huge cut of meat, boil potatoes and bake a million pies? We'd have a cold buffet platter, store-bought French bread and tubs of Ben & Jerry's ice cream for dessert. Who wouldn't love a Christmas meal of ice cream?

into adulthood, we offer them a million to choose from.

I hope mine remember some of our nonmaterialistic Christmas traditions. We try to light an Advent candle every evening, so that Jesus gets equal play with Santa Claus. We contribute to food drives and giving trees, and drop quarters into Salvation Army buckets.

For the first time, the boys will buy presents from The Dollar Tree for all the relatives — none of whom will need a ceramic Santa soap holder, but will be delighted that the boys made the effort to buy them something. We will teach the boys to smile and say, "Thank you so much" when they get a new pair of pants instead of tossing the offending gift to one side.

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Families who may not receive heating oil through other programs will receive a one-time delivery. Citco will provide the heating oil, and Main Care will deliver it free of charge.

"As members of the community, we feel it is our duty to help these neighbors with their heating oil needs during this winter season," said Tom Soluri, Citco's terminal manager, "and we can't make that happen without assistance from Main Care."

Main Care, which began its business in Delmar in the 1930s, is pleased to be participating in the project.

Citco petroleum products original storage terminal was built in the 1920s and purchased by Citco in 1988. It is located at 495 River Road.

Church sets services for Christmas Eve

First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar will observe Christmas Eve with several special events.

The Thursday night observance will begin at 7 p.m. with a live Nativity on the church lawn, followed by family worship and a Christmas pageant at 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service with special music begins at 11 p.m., followed by a reception and fellowship time. For information, call 439-9976.

Church holiday events

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church presents its live Nativity at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the church's fellowship hall on Willowbrook Avenue.

The Nativity will be followed at 11 p.m. with a second service of scripture, music, carols and candlelight.

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RCS names honor roll students

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School principal Carl Heiner has announced the names of students who are on the high honor roll and honor roll for the first quarter of the school year.

High honor roll grade nine

Melissa Andritz, Carly Assael, Charles Biers, Katherine Bishop, Katy Boomer, Dorayne Boprey, Paul Buhrke, Anna Cross, Justin Cross, Christopher Currey, Matthew Dardani, Dustin Deering, Amy Denson, Kathryn Edler, Caitlin Fansler, Amy Fernald, Elizabeth Fink, Michael Fordyma, Elizabeth Glassanos, Jacob Hafensteiner, Rachel Kuhn-munich, Christina Latter, Aubrey Maki, Megan McGraw, John Poirier, Ashley Polverelli, Stephanie Przybylowicz, Rachel Quimby, Aubrey Spaulding, Sarah Stott, Megan Tracey, Dallas Trombley, Nicole Vasquez, Gillion Vaughn, Lorelei Wagner, Tera Weddell, Robert Williams, Katie Wilsey and Rebecca Wilsey.

Honor roll grade nine

Jessica Appleby, Ashley Armer, Robert Babcock-Ellis, Mitchell Baitsholts, Crystal Baldwin, Amy Billetts, Carla Borrelli, Kelly Cafiero, Marc Caprara, Shannon Coale, Mandy Connors, Tonya Conrad, David Cross, James Currey, Craig Danz, Adrienne Davis, Stephanie Davison, Howard Fagan, Anthony Ferrusi, Jacob Filkins, Robert Fisk, Shari Foro Jessica Gardani, Kelly Gardner, Amy Giovannetti, Fallon Haldane, Jared Hoose, Jeremy Irwin, Jennifer Keenan, Peter LePera, Rachelle Luchkiw and Rachel Matousek.

And Tara McGrath, Stephanie McLaren, Conor Morgan, Stephanie Morse, Katherine Mullarkey, Thomas Nevinger, Eric O'Brien, Sharon O'Brien, William Orsi, Katelyn Pauly, Andrea Preville, Darrick Priester, Eva Ray, Courtney Ross, Jessica Seaburg, Catherine Stevens, Adam Sugrue, Joel Trombley, Sarah Weisheit, Philip Whalen, David Whydra, Rebecca Wolfe and Jennifer Yurek.

High honor roll grade 10

Jessica Best, Chanda Brown-Bryant, Daniel Capron, Kalotta Carter, Rhiannon Cramer, Lori

Crocoll, Joseph Doherty, Gabriel Jones, Sophia McKenney, Abigail Moon, Ryan Morse, Sarah Nestlen, Theresa O'Connor, Gregory Pascale, Michael Rienti, Carissa Rosato, Ariel Schaible, Pritesh Shah, Joshua Stumbaugh, Andrew Wilsey, Alison Zaloga and Louis Zell.

Honor roll grade 10

Matteo Adesso, Dale Childs, Jeffrey Conrad, Matthew Deyo, Joseph Fiero, Amy Gordon, Carrie Griffin, William Horner, Jared Lackie, Andrew LeBlanc, Ashley Maki, Luke Mattice, Derek Parisi, Heather Parmelee, Kristopher Peters, Kimberly Prior, Thomas Reinisch, Erin Rogers, Stephanie Slingerland, Erin Van Vorst and Matthew Wyche.

High honor roll grade 11

Harold Babcock-Ellis, Orville Boehlke, Phillip Boyajian, Kimerly Brown, Sarah Burke, Rodney Carpenter, Theresa Carr, Amanda Carrk, Tina Connors, Diane Currey, Katerina Fagan, Jesse Felter, Niedra Ferrell, Beth Filkins, Casey Firstium, Megan Gorham, Sean Haught, and Stefanie Hostetter.

And Josua Houle, Bethany Kriss, James Latter, Jacob Lehmann, April Matott, Kathryn McDonald, Michael McGraw, Colleen Moore, Laura Nicholson, Nathan Orsi, Maria Orsino, Bradford Palmer, Jonathan Parker, Samuel Pitts, Brandon Roth, Allysa Sebert, Carrie Siy, Matthew TeRiele, Cori Tice, Brandy VanDorn, Charles Williams, Catherine Wilsey and Dustin Wolfe.

Honor roll grade 11

Lara Alicandro, Christopher

Calabrese, Denis Cheney, Thomas Connell, Donald Davis, Jaime Driscoll, Tiffany Eisgruber, Kristen Farrell, Kathleen Finnigan, Heather Fitzgerald, Simon Foulger, Joshua Hotaling, Joy Hudspath, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Kolanchick, Brian Lichorowicz, Emily Macie, Christopher Messenger, Gabriel Perez-Sanchez, Ryan Perry, James Reilly, Katrina Ross, Nathan Seaburg, Arika Slater, Jessica Slater, Katrina Springer, Charles Stumpf, Noemi TeJada, Robert Thompson and Leia Weidman.

High honor roll grade 12

Jeffrey Andritz, Nicole Breen, Stephanie Dardani, Cara Davis, Diana Doppelhofer, Heather Doyle, Melissa Eissing, Courtney Endres, Anthony Fahrenkopf, Jens Falk, Michael Fernald, Christopher Glassanos, Kristyn Gordon, Raquel Haldane, Danika Kapusta, Lisa Kot, Noah Lamoree, Michael Lintner, Nancy McClumpha, Richard Nestlen, Timothy Nevinger, Amy Nevins, Cristal Northrup, Kathryn Orsino, Rebecca Ostrander, Sarah Pascale, Tammy Quenneville, Jason Reuter, Jeffrey Ross, Michael Salisbury, Deborah Seufert, Samantha Skiff, Laura Trombley, Anthony Tucker, Emily Whalen and Paul Yackel.

Honor roll grade 12

Anthony Ceella, Nathanael Fink, Danielle Kellam, Daniel Kowalski, John McNeilly, Christopher Music, Colleen Prior, William Raup, Kevin Reinsch, Jarrod Rivituso, Megan Ryerson, Mary Shannon, Matthew Sherman, Erin Smith, Helen Tompkins and Jordan Williams.

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Matters of Opinion

More than half full

For many, 'tis the season to be glass-half-empty about Christmas.

You know the usual suspects — the road-raging traffic, full mall parking lots, long lines at cashiers, the uneven quality of retail service, the feeding frenzy over this year's must-have toy, the bickering relatives, the January credit card bills, the lack of a "true spirit of Christmas," etc.

These complaints about Christmas have become a kind of chronic affliction, a seasonal attitude adjustment downward. Although the complaints reflect real problems for many, there's a lot more that's positive about the Christmas season.

For example, take gift-giving. Done right, it is an annual expression of love and/or friendship, where the careful thought behind the gift is rewarded with genuine gratitude.

Sure, the process of gift-giving involves having to deal with some of the usual suspects, but if gift-giving were always easy or automatic, its value as a bond between people would lessen.

Then there is card-exchanging, by which we keep in touch with friends and relatives near and far. Most cards include chatty updates, short notes about getting together again or just best wishes — in any event, they are a refreshing personal touch in a world where communication, especially via the Internet, has become increasingly impersonal.

The glass-half-full includes "Nutcracker" and "Messiah" performances, visiting and/or hosting friends and relatives at holiday parties, supporting the local economy, providing food and gifts for the needy, decorating homes and businesses, inside and out, singing and/or listening to Christmas carols, a nice boost in sales tax revenues that helps hold down property taxes, and, most of all, the wonder in children's faces as they approach the gift-girded tree on Christmas morning.

For Christians, recalling the remarkably humble circumstances of the birth of the Son of God during this week's services is an appropriate counterpoint to the consumer aspects of the holiday.

And the Christmas concept of "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is a standard, both personal and governmental, we should all strive for.

So put aside the griping and grinning and have a Merry Christmas!

Avoid getting stressed to the max

By W. Terrence Mooney

The author, a psychologist, is director of the Stress and Anxiety Clinic and partner at Karner Psychological Associates.

You've been there before and, odds are, you're headed there again. You know the feeling all too well.

It actually starts for many people right after Labor Day — those warm thoughts about Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Eve. There are thoughts of holiday parties with friends and family, the look of little ones opening surprise gifts — just the way it used to be: perfect. We think of the joy and good cheer. We have high hopes for the New Year, and become Martha Stewart wannabes.

The problem is that by the time the holidays actually arrive, we're tired of the whole business, depressed because we can't get everything done, and don't have the money we think we need to do it. And, those family get-togethers have become a nightmare of arguments. The holiday season ends up being more disappointing, stressful, emotionally and physically draining and depressing, than it is exciting and fun.

What went wrong?

High-expectation, or more exactly, over-expectation is one of the most common causes of holiday stress. We want holidays to be like they were in the old days — perfect — even though they probably never actually were the way our perception has molded them. We want all the perfect trim-

mings — just like Martha Stewart — even though even she doesn't do them all at once and certainly not without the professional help of chefs, designers, craftsman and producers. We pile all sorts of expectation onto our already packed lives without taking anything else off the 'to do' list.

When we create over-expectation on our time, energy and financial resources; when we try to make people act the way we need them to in order to have them fit our image of the holidays; when we create a certain expectation of how another is supposed to react to a certain gift; when we overeat and drink to excess; all of these things can leave us feeling disappointed and unhappy. That creates stress. Stress wears us down, taxing our immune system and leaving us more open to illness.

Holiday stress is something that we create. Our problem is often internal and within our own control, rather than external. If we take charge early, if we plan ahead and are realistic, we can change the holidays for the better.

Perhaps the most important thing we all need to remember is that the best present we can give others is allowing them to enjoy the holiday too. We need to help make ourselves pleasant to be with and often that just means letting go and allowing ourselves to have fun, without everything being perfect. We might just find that what we really wanted was there all along.

The following are some tips for beating holiday stress:

- Make the holidays manageable by keeping expectations realistic. Don't try to make this the best holiday ever. Chances are you'll just make yourself and everyone around you miserable. Determine the source of your holiday stress. Ask yourself if everything you want to buy or do is really important or could some of it be cut out.

- Make plans, establish realistic priorities and organize your time. Be honest with yourself about what you can and cannot do.

- Don't try to make the holidays live up to unrealistic images of yore. Each holiday is new and frequently has new people involved. Take joy in creating simple new traditions. Challenge everyone to downsize the level of stress.

- Don't expect others to act differently than they do the rest of the year. You can't control other people. The fact is, some family members and friends don't always agree and they have lots of unfinished business. Limit time spent

in stressful situations to a minimum.

- Limit your responsibilities. Don't agree to do more than your time or financial resources will allow, and don't feel guilty about it if you are doing the best that you can.

- Don't place blame. Realistically, whatever our expectations of the holidays, we can be sure some things will go wrong and everything will not go as planned. Don't waste energy finding who to blame — yourself or others. Simply figure out a way to get around the problem.

- Schedule time for fun. Frequently, modern families have multiple celebrations with different branches of the family. Don't schedule them all at once. For instance, celebrate Christmas the weekend before with one branch, Christmas Eve with another, and the day after Christmas with still another. Tell everyone not to feel bad if you aren't with them all of the time. It's more important to focus the time you do spend together on having fun, relaxing and enjoying each other's company. Spacing celebrations a bit prevents spending time at one celebration worrying about how to get everything ready for the next one.

- Set a limit on spending and then stick to it. Even if you do get through the holidays on credit, you're just creating more stress in January. Set limits with those with whom you exchange gifts. Chances are they would rather have limits and spend less too.

- Don't drink too much. Excessive alcohol will only make you depressed. And, if it leads to intoxication, it can ruin the holidays for others who have to be around you. Above all, don't drink and drive.

- Help someone less fortunate during the holidays. Whether it's a family member, a friend or a stranger, helping someone else feel better is a tried, but true remedy for making yourself feel better, as long as you don't place unrealistic expectations on their potential reaction.

- Take time for yourself. Remember to exercise regularly, get enough sleep and eat right. This will help you cope better mentally and physically with the increased holiday activities.

While these tips might help most people, there will still be those who are truly depressed at this time of year. For these individuals, professional help and medication may be the only solutions. In such instances, those individuals, and/or those around them should seek professional help as soon as possible.

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Your Opinion Matters

Parents understand why sport is so important

Editor, The Spotlight:

We read with great interest and empathy Coach Jack Rightmyer's Dec. 9 Point of View.

We too have had the privilege of spending "cool crisp" days watching the Bethlehem girls (and boys) cross country team compete at various parks across the Capital District. Our daughter, who is a senior at Bethlehem Central, has been a member of the team for the past three years. In the beginning, we were somewhat bewildered as to why she chose cross country, especially when we think back to the times she would come home, take her sneakers off, and throw a pair of blood-soaked formerly white socks or mud-covered shorts into the washing machine.

We witnessed her practicing in the early morning hours in every kind of weather, sometimes just running up and down hills for an hour or more. We often wondered why she would inflict such discomfort on herself. As time passed, we began to understand the commitment and perseverance as we met her team-mates. This group of girls are a special breed. Not only are they dedi-

cated runners, willing to compete in one of the most physically and mentally demanding sports, but they were and are deeply dedicated to each other. The support and caring demonstrated, regardless of whether a teammate is a freshman, runs junior varsity or varsity, is a bond that goes way beyond the practices and meets. This level of commitment extends to coach Rightmyer, who understands both the individuality and teamwork that cross country running demands.

When the time came for our daughter to write her essay for college, she wrote about running and the team. She has shown the essay to a select few teammates, and we have shown the essay to a select few friends. The essay expressed the same message that coach Rightmyer wrote about, though in a slightly different way. One cannot read the essay without knowing what this sport has meant not only to our daughter, but to all of those on the team. Thank you team, and to you of course, coach Rightmyer.

Lynne and Paul Shatsoff
Slingerlands

Orchestra brought joy to many in audience

Editor, The Spotlight:

Applause, applause! Delmar Community Orchestra's very-well attended holiday concert at town hall last Monday was delightful.

The uplifting and spirited program seemed to be enjoyed by everyone with much foot tapping at times by the very young and the not-so-young.

The orchestra's members are our friends and neighbors, and their volunteer hours of practice and preparation for the concert were indeed well spent.

The evening was a wonderful community event for all ages, and I was pleased to see so many happy faces.

Doris Davis
Elsmere

Grinch dims lights of holiday spirit

Editor, The Spotlight:

Help! Apparently while we the residents of Whoville (aka Delmar/Elsmere), were asleep, the Grinch crawled into town and stole the holiday greens which used to decorate the businesses along Delaware Avenue and the Normanskill.

As if a bit of greenery and ribbon would be offensive to anyone.

But the biggest theft of all, and the one I personally miss, was when the star was removed from

the top of the fire tower on lower Kenwood Avenue and how it used to beckon us in the winter darkness.

We had all better be on guard before the decorations which so beautifully enhance the Four Corners of the "little town" also vanish mysteriously.

Beware the Grinch, he's on the prowl.

Richard Harte
Delmar

Take a peek at 4 Corners lights

Editor, The Spotlight:

Take a ride at night through the Four Corners and see the lively white lights on the apartment building across from the Delmar Bootery.

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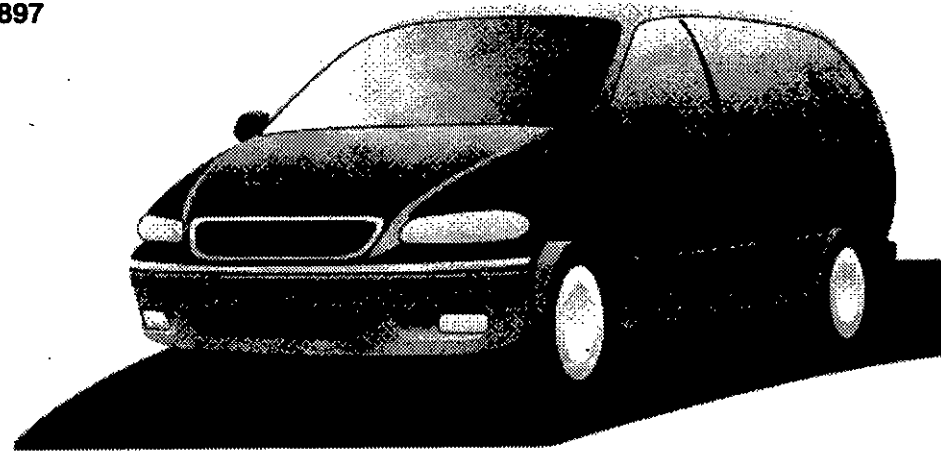


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Church sets Christmas Eve candlelight service

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue will hold two different candlelight Christmas Eve services on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

There will be a family service at 7 p.m. and a traditional service at 11 p.m.

The family service will feature the Christmas story told by people portraying Biblical characters who had a part in announcing the birth of Christ. The junior and cherub choirs will sing.

The 11 p.m. service will feature the chancel choir and the Christmas message by the Rev. George Klock.

Christmas Day service is at 10 a.m., with lessons, carols and prayers.

St. Matthew's schedules Christmas services

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road will hold a special children's Mass with a

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children's choir at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Due to crowding at this Mass, there will again be reserved seating for families of choir members. For information, call the church at 765-2373.

There will also be a Mass at 8 p.m. with the 5 O'clock Music Group and a 10 p.m. Mass with the adult holiday choir.

On Christmas Day there will only be one Mass at 10 a.m.

Schools to close for winter recess

Schools in Voorheesville will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan 3 for the winter recess.

Friday, Jan. 22, is a staff devel-

opment day at the elementary school. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. afternoon kindergarten will be in session.

New Scotland sets year-end meeting

The town of New Scotland has scheduled its year-end meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 7 p.m.

The town board will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

High school ski club sponsoring weekend trip

The high school ski club is planning a trip to Smuggler's Notch, Vt., the weekend of March 26 to 28.

The trip costs \$165 per person and includes two nights of lodging, a two-day lift ticket, breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday night dinner buffet, use of resort facilities, nightly entertainment and tax and service charges.

Transportation is not included. Skiers stay in condominiums that sleep groups of 10 to 12.

Resort facilities include a pool, hot tub, ice skating and tubing.

The trip is open to families and community members.

All students must be accompanied by an adult. Children 6 and under stay and ski for free.

A \$50 deposit is due by Jan. 30. Checks should be made payable to Voorheesville High School Ski Club and sent to Barb Blumberg at the high school.

Deposits are refundable until March 1.

For information, call Blumberg at 765-3314.

Helderberg Workshop plans February classes

The Helderberg Workshop will sponsor classes during February break for students in grades three to eight.

Classes will be held Feb. 16 to 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at the high school. Weaving Studio, Science Encounter of the Beastly Kind, Laboratory Archeology and Kaleidoscope of Art will be offered.

For information, call 765-2777 and leave your name and address.

Homeowners to apply for STAR exemptions

Homeowners in the town of New Scotland recently received applications for the School Tax Relief (STAR) exemption from the assessor's office.

The filing deadline is March 1. For information, call 439-9020.

Honor Society inducts new members

The high school Honor Society recently inducted 28 new members. They are: Meredith Bentley, James Case, Andrew Corcione, Tobi Erner, Amy Fiato, Deborah Greene, Mindy Greene, Amy Gregory, Matthew Horn, Jeffrey Hover, Melissa Klapp, Jacquelyn Konis, Melissa Long, Aniela Lupien, Jeremy Malloch, Joshua McMahon, Alissa Parsons, Susanne Patashnick, Jennifer Reddy, Laura Remmert, Daniel Samson, Edward Sayer, Rebecca Smolen, Cheyne Suker, Andrew Tanner, Christine Tanner, Kelly Ulion and Elissa Waltz.

The officers are: Julianna Baron, president; Alison Leonard and Ryan Nolan, co-vice presidents; Whitney Reed, secretary; and Megan Dorn, treasurer.

Members of the society are required to perform 20 hours of community service and in the past have sponsored fund-raisers, blood drives and provided tutoring.

Winter gardening tips

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County suggests homeowners use sand instead of salt on sidewalks as salt damages and can kill grass, shrubs and perennials planted near them. It also suggests using old Christmas tree branches to mulch perennials.

Village sports new banners

The village looks festive with its new centennial banners and Christmas decorations.

Special thanks to Helderberg Garden Club for the pretty Christmas tree display in the park on the corner of Maple and Voorheesville avenues.

Veterans to enroll for VA Health Care

Honorably discharged veterans of any of the Armed Forces should enroll in the VA Health Care Network of Upstate New York at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

If a veteran already has health insurance or belongs to a health maintenance organization, VA Health Care can provide important services current coverage restricts or doesn't offer.

A veteran who doesn't have health insurance may be eligible for VA Health Care, with or without co-payment, for many services.

For information or to enroll for VA benefits, call 462-3311 ext. 3318.

Youth can serve on library council

Young people age 12 and up are eligible to serve on the Bethlehem Public Library's Youth Advisory Council.

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Meeting room use soars during '97, '98 season

Among the many resources the library makes available to the public are our two meeting rooms for use by community organizations. A recent survey we prepared for



the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce yielded some astonishing numbers.

Our meeting rooms were reserved by a total of 80 outside organizations in 1997 and 1998. Twenty-six of these groups availed themselves of our facility for monthly meetings.

The library accommodated a variety of interests, including speulking, mountaineering, Civil War history, Mexican culture, art and literature, sports of various kinds, computers, button collecting, gardening, needlework and ham radio. Service and community action groups that have met here in the last two years include the YMCA, Girl Scouts, pedestrian and pesticide safety groups, Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Networks Project, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. Twelve local piano teachers used the community room for student recital programs.

This is by no means a complete list. Furthermore, outside organizations are only part of the story. Our calendar of library-sponsored events includes approximately 60 adult programs and 120 youth programs per year. To those amazing numbers must be added monthly meetings for four library departments, department heads, staff and the board of trustees.

The library staff is happy to be able to provide free space for meetings with a civic, educational or cultural purpose. The use of some of our presentation equipment is also available free of charge if reserved beforehand. But the increasingly heavy use has compelled the library to place some limits on who may use the room.

Groups of 10 or more people are given preference, but organizations are also asked to be mindful of overcrowding.

On the fire marshal's recommendation, posted limits are 100 for the community room and 40 for the board room.

Room use is pretty limited these days to Bethlehem-based organizations. Any one group may use the room only once per month. Larger groups pose a potential parking problem for patrons, so group members are requested to car pool whenever possible.

Because we are a public institution, community meetings held at the library must be open to the public, and no admission fee can be charged.

For information about our meeting rooms or to receive a copy of the policy, call me at 439-9314.

A reminder that the library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the holiday. The staff and trustees extend their good wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Louise Grieco

Parks to hold reservation lottery

The annual lottery for picnic shelters has been announced for parks in the Saratoga-Capital District State Park Region.

The lottery is now open for advance reservations at John Boyd Thacher State Park on Route 157 in New Scotland, along with six other parks in the region.

Reservations can be made by calling the respective park offices. At Thacher Park, they can also be made by mailing a lottery application.

To participate in the lottery, patrons must obtain picnic shelter reservation applications from the respective park office, and return them no later than 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 1. A lottery drawing will be held to assign picnic shelters. Reservation confirmations will be mailed to patrons by Feb. 12.

Shelters are generally reservable from early May through mid-October. Thacher Park has nine shelters available through the lottery, with varying capacities ranging from 100 to 200.

For information on Thacher Park, call 872-1237. For information on other parks, call 584-2000.

Paper specialist to work magic in vacation program

Paper magic specialist Barbara Bennett will be at the library on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. for a

all our patrons and friends. Lifestories writing group will not meet on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Barbara Vink



Parking ordinance in effect in Delmar

Bethlehem Police Department reminds residents that the town's No Parking ordinance is in effect, and will remain so through April 15.

Vehicles are prohibited from parking on town streets and highways between 1 and 7 a.m.

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

School's Out Library's In program.

All elementary school-age kids are invited to stop in and contribute to the construction of a "medallion ball," a three dimensional decoration that takes shape through paper folding.

Stock up on reading material and videos early as the library will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 for the holiday. The staff extends its wishes for a wonderful holiday to



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Sports

Indians use quick start to down tenacious Blackbirds

By Len Tarricone

John Weinheimer and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School boys basketball team put Clayton A. Bouton High School into a familiar, early hole in their game Dec. 15 in Voorheesville, and though the Blackbirds tried gamely to dig out, the Indians held on for a 65-56 victory.

The senior forward scored 22 of his game-high 32 points in the first half when Ravena built a 17-point lead. The Blackbirds trapped effectively to get within five points late in the game, but the Indians composed themselves to remain unbeaten at 5-0, and kept the Blackbirds winless at 0-4.

"The beginnings of games have really hurt us so far this year," said Blackbirds' coach Bill Logan. "We have played well in spurts, but cannot seem to put a whole game together."

After guard Bill Schlappi, who Logan recently inserted into the starting lineup, gave the Blackbirds a quick 2-0 lead with a left-side jumper, Ravena, aided by three consecutive turnovers, ripped off eight straight points on two Weinheimer baskets by point guard Brad Palmer and center Kevin Reinisch to assume a lead it never relinquished.

The Blackbirds made a spirited early run midway through the first quarter on five quick points by Tim Beadnell and a Brian Matthews follow to cut the lead to four, but Weinheimer had Ravena's response. The next four Indians possessions read as follows—Weinheimer from the lane with a short jumper, Weinheimer going off glass from the right side, Weinheimer over Beadnell from the left baseline and Weinheimer driving to the hole for a three-point play. The nine points went unanswered and pushed the lead back to 13.

"John was outstanding tonight, as he's been all season," said Ravena coach Bryan Wood. "He was all over the court, offensively, rebounding, and did a nice job defensively on (Blackbirds' forward and leading scorer) John



Ravena's John Weinheimer reaches for a pass over Voorheesville's John Krajewski in the Indians' 65-56 win.

Len Tarricone

Krajewski."

Weinheimer helped limit Krajewski, who came in averaging 25 points per game, to only five first-half points. But Krajewski heated up in the second half, as would his teammates, thanks to Logan switching to a 1-2-2 zone

that called for trapping out the Indians' guards out high.

The pressure paid off with a 15-4 run to open the fourth quarter, sparked by four straight breakaway baskets by Beadnell off steals that closed the gap to 54-49 with 3:36 to go. Krajewski

added a pair of buckets and Schlappi nailed a three-pointer in the surge.

But a foul-line jumper by Reinisch after the Indians retained possession with a couple of offensive rebounds, a 10-footer by Weinheimer and a Reinisch putback of his own miss brought the lead back safely to 11 points.

"We got impatient when they went to the trap and started making bad passes," said Wood. "Their guards were releasing on us and scoring, but we did a nice job in coming back strong; we have big-game players."

For Logan, it was a matter of too little, too late.

"We had opportunities late and everyone was battling, but we can

only pressure so much with a shortage of depth," he said, adding that he never considered starting the game with a zone or using it much in the first half. "Man-to-man is our best defense and we wanted to go with it. Weinheimer just was too difficult to stop. He is one of the class players in our league."

Logan was pleased with the effort, especially on the boards in the second half. Matthews, the junior center, pulled down 20 for the game to go with his seven points playing what Logan called "his best game as a varsity player."

Logan feels his team will regroup, knowing that a long season is ahead.

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BCHS hockey falls to suddenly-hot Rotterdam squad

By Bill Fonda

Bethlehem Central High School hockey coach **John Battaglini** did not mince words after his team lost 4-1 to Rotterdam Dec. 18 at the Albany County Hockey Training Facility.

"What we've done to be successful so far, we didn't do tonight. We didn't skate hard; we didn't check well and we didn't shoot well. Our team knows we didn't play well," he said.

Rotterdam, which won its first game in the two-year history of the program Dec. 12 against Troy, came out quickly against the Eagles (2-2). Sophomore center **David Badalucco** fell down on a

wide-open rush to the net and then shot just wide in the first 90 seconds.

They finally broke through at 9:42 of the first period when, with Bethlehem's **Anthony Trimarchi** serving an interference penalty, **Ricky Van Patten** beat Eagles' goalie **Matthew Via** after a scramble in front of the net.

Van Patten's goal was the first of three power-play goals Rotterdam scored on the night, as Bethlehem continued its season-long pattern of taking inopportune penalties.

"We've been doing it all year. We've been lucky all year on our penalty killing," Battaglini said.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Trimarchi streaked down left wing and slid the puck past Rotterdam goalie **Matt Wemple** at 11:53.

The period ended tied 1-1, even though Rotterdam outshot the Eagles 7-3.

scoring opportunities was good," he said.

Bethlehem missed a golden opportunity to take the lead at 5:45 of the second period when **Alex Weber's** shot beat Wemple cleanly but clanged off the goalpost.

Rick Long's follow-up attempt.

The Eagles also came out strong at the start of the third period, but Wemple, who made 27 saves for Rotterdam (2-4) was up to the challenge.

"The kid's a good goalie. He got hot, and he made some good saves," Battaglini said.

Once Rotterdam weathered the storm, they put the game away. With Long serving a slashing penalty, **Krichbaum's** perfect pass across the crease left Van Patten with little more to do than put the puck in the net to make the score 3-1.

Chris Deteso, who also had two assists for Rotterdam, then closed the scoring at 4:03 when he tucked the puck between Via and the post.

"We talked to the kids about how Bethlehem was going to come out strong. Our goal was to score in the first five minutes," Buffoline said. "That's probably the best game we played all year. We crashed the net and played much better in the offensive zone. Beating Troy was a big confidence boost."

Buffoline nearly did not make it to the game. His car broke down about 1.5 miles from the rink, so he walked to the arena, got a ride back to his car so he could get his supplies, and then guided Rotterdam to the win.

Via had 20 saves for Bethlehem, which, in Battaglini's estimation, underestimated Rotterdam. "I stressed before the game that they couldn't. We are one of the teams that gets taken lightly. You usually like to have one game a year when you learn something, and I hope this is it. Nobody on this team is good enough to go three-quarter speed," he said.

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"I thought we were very lucky to be 1-1. That was the worst period of hockey we've played all year," Battaglini said.

Rotterdam head coach **Jim Buffoline** was not discouraged by the opening period, in spite of the fact that his team could have scored several more goals.

"Just for the kids to get the

Krichbaum's tally, but this time they could not tie the score.

A shot by Weber hit Wemple in the shoulder, trickled behind him and rolled tantalizingly close to the goal line before Wemple covered the puck.

Less than a minute later, Wemple stopped **Ken Porter** on a breakaway and turned aside

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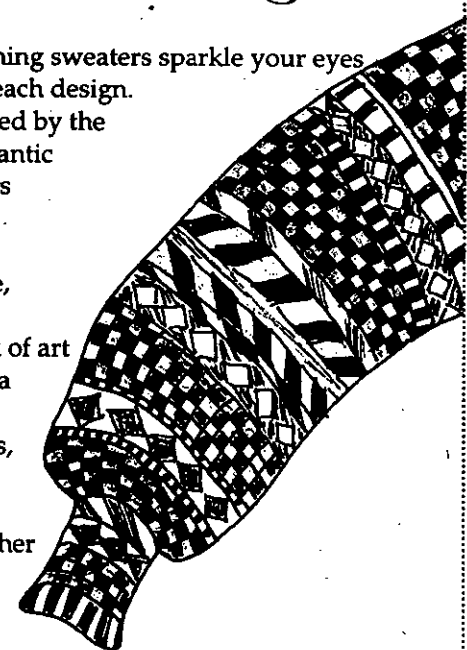
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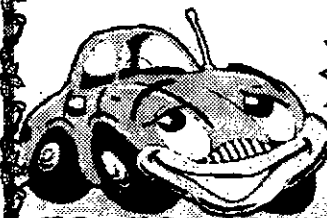
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Youth basketball results

In the second week of the Bethlehem Basketball Club season, **Josh Monroe's** 13-point effort led Duke past Wake Forest 37-19 to highlight the league's ACC division play. **Mike Di Giulio** had eight for the Deacons, Virginia, behind **Bobby McGrath's** 10 points, bested Georgia Tech 34-22. **Nick Hogan** threw in nine for Georgia Tech.

North Carolina edged Clemson 33-32 with **Jed Sigal's** eight points leading the way. **Luke Sullivan** scored 11 in the contest. In the division's other game, Maryland and Florida State battled to a 38-38 tie. **Evan Marsh** had 22 and **Michael Dax** 10 points lead their respective squads.

In NBA games played Dec 13, the Bulls ran past the Magic 40-28; **John Thibodeau** threw down 20 points in the win, and **Matt Glannon** had eight for the Magic.

The Rockets beat the Sonics 41-32 with **Nick Criscione's** 12 leading his team. **Sue Kelly** scored 17 in a valiant effort for the Sonics. The Knicks beat the Celtics 49-23. **Nate Pannucci** had 12 for the winners.

The Spurs, with **Emily Petraglia** leading the total team effort, beat the Lakers 24-23 in an exciting wrap-up in the eighth grade division. **Kevin Gutman** had nine for the Lakers.

In sixth-grade Big East action, Syracuse beat Pitt 18-13. **Cary Warheit** had 13 for the victors, and **Aaron Brauner** scored eight for the Panthers. **Philip Swartz** had seven points to lead Georgetown past Providence 25-18. **Vanessa Patry** had 10 for the Friars.

Notre Dame, with **Kevin Murphy** scoring 14 points, beat Boston College 42-30. **Rylan Conway** led BC with eight. West Virginia beat Villanova 25-20; high scorers were **Scott Strogatz** and **Kipp Spencer**, each with eight points.

Seton Hall got by Miami 34-30 with **Matthew Carroll's** nine points securing the win. **Geoff Wilcox** had 11 for the Hurricanes.

Connecticut beat St. John's 43-24, with **Adam Wasserzug** throwing in 11 for the winners and **Josh Dubois** scoring eight in a losing effort.

Dolphins make a mark in Super Splash

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club swam in the Dec. 5 Super Splash, sponsored by the Glens Falls Swim Club and held at RPI's Robison Pool.

In the 8-and-under category, **Kyla Walsh** took second in the 100-yard individual medley and fourth in the 25-yard butterfly. **Allysa Sullivan** was second in the 25-yard freestyle, second in the 25-yard breaststroke and third in the 25-yard backstroke and butterfly. **Katie O'Donnell** came in third in the 100-yard individual medley and 25-yard freestyle, fifth in the 25-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 25-yard butterfly.

Jimmy Kivlin won in the 25-yard backstroke with a time of 22.81 seconds and was fifth in both the 25-yard freestyle and the 25-yard breaststroke. **Kristin Gloeckler** took sixth in both the 100-yard individual medley and the 25-yard backstroke and **Kiersten Swete** took eighth place in the 25-yard backstroke. **Nate Foley** took third place in the 50-yard backstroke. The 100-yard freestyle relay team of Sullivan, Gloeckler, Kivlin and O'Donnell took first place. **Emily Shade**, **Eleanor Grady**, **Anna Holop-Kaufman** and **Stephanie Clement** all swam personal bests.

In the 9- and 10-year-old division, **Martha Grady** won the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:23.85 and finished second in

the 50-yard breaststroke. **Larry Gloeckler** had a first place finish in the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:23.91, the 50-yard freestyle in 32.53 seconds and the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 40.49 seconds. He also finished second in the 50-yard breaststroke. **Lauren Grady** was fifth in the 50-yard breaststroke and the 100-yard individual medley. **Laurel Heighton** had a seventh-place finish in the 50-yard backstroke. **Sidney Lane** swam to an eighth-place finish in the 50-yard backstroke. **Tyler Dudas** took sixth place in the 100-yard individual medley and eighth place in the 50-yard backstroke.

Justin Murphy finished second in the 50-yard butterfly and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke. Also swimming competitive races with many personal best times were **Emily Schade**, **Hadar Koren-Roth**,

Robin Bogen, **Molly Moriarity**, **Ann Delucco** and **Tim Bandel**.

Among the 11- and 12-year-olds, **Scott Solomon** took second in the 50-yard freestyle, fourth in the 100-yard freestyle and individual medley and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle. **Mackenzie Waggoner** had several personal bests.

In the 13- and 14-year-old group, **Courtney Arduini** took fourth in the 400-yard individual medley and fifth in both the 200-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle. **Teresa Rosetti** took second place in the 200 butterfly. **Meredith Singer** took seventh place in the 100-yard breaststroke and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle. **Larisa Suparmanto** swam personal bests in both the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke. **Caleb Bonnell** was eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke, and **James Traylor** took sixth in the 100-yard backstroke.



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"This is the hardest working group I've had," he said. "There's never any dragging with them. They really want to work, and it will pay off down the road."

As for Wood, he is looking ahead with confidence as well.

"We are right where we want to be," he said. "We get (senior starting center) **Jim Glastetter** back as we head into a tough schedule of games. We're going to get battle-

tough in this upcoming stretch."

Reinisch, the senior co-captain, finished with 10 points against the Blackbirds in his third straight start spelling Glastetter, who returned for a home clash with fellow unbeaten league rival Watervliet Dec. 18.

His presence could not prevent the Cannoneers from handing RCS its first loss of the season, 63-53, in a game which saw the Indians (5-1) get outscored 23-7 from the charity stripe.

BCHS hoopsters look to stop skid

By Len Tarricone

After winning their first three games, including the league opener in thrilling, double-overtime fashion, the Bethlehem Central High School boys basketball team dropped its next three, most recently 63-57 at Shenendehowa Dec. 18.

Despite the slide, coach **Chuck Abba** has seen some encouraging signs.

"I am not disappointed with

the effort we're giving; we're playing good ball," he said. "We have been right there in all of our games except one, and we've had a hard time putting the ball in the basket. The kids have been battling and working hard."

Against Shenendehowa, a charging foul in the final minute against Eagles' guard **Chuck Abba**, on a call that could have gone either way, was the difference between a possible tie game

and breathing room for the Plainsmen.

"We've been competitive through a tough part of our schedule," said coach Abba. "If we continue to play hard and the shots start dropping, we can win some games."

The Eagles will next take the court to host Berne-Knox-Westerlo in the opening game of the Helderberg Tournament Dec. 28 at 8 p.m.

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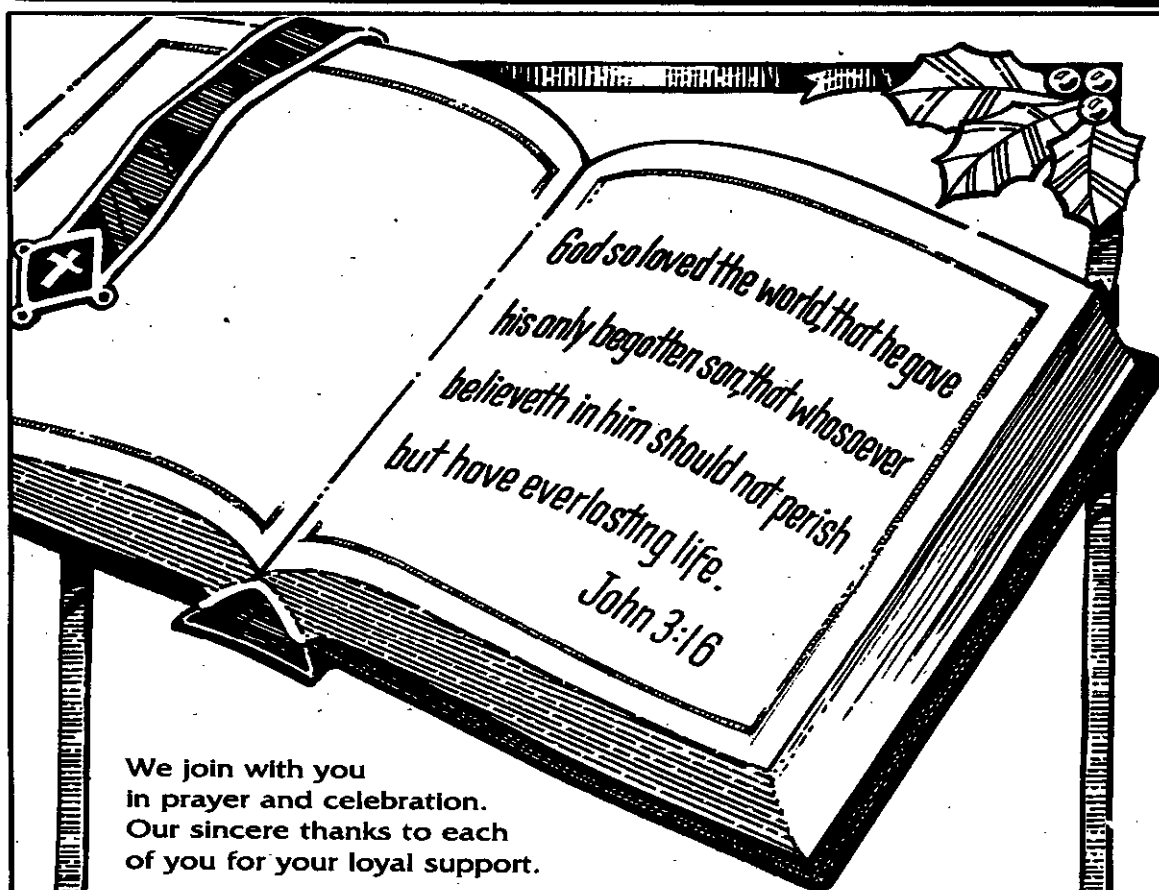
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that he sees the issue moving toward resolution.

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tial danger to pedestrians walking along the shoulder.

To address these problems, last year the village purchased the vacant home from the estate of the Schroeder family for \$34,000. Clark said the village had hoped to install a sidewalk on the property's frontage, but it proved too narrow.

Several other uses for the property were considered by the village before it decided to sell it. "The board decided overall it was in the best interests of the community to buy it, upgrade it, and then sell it, attaching conditions to its purchase that it get further

improvements," Clark said.

Boucher-Bidell was the high bidder from among four bids received, Clark said, bidding \$26,150 for the property. The other three bidders, he said, sought to improve the property and resell it; Boucher-Bidell wishes to occupy it herself. The zoning board agreed at its November meeting to grant the new owner an appropriate variance, stipulating that Boucher-Bidell upgrade the site's antiquated septic system.

But a group of village residents, led by dentist Michael Jarus, appeared at a Nov. 24 village board meeting to urge the village to address the street safety questions

before proceeding with the sale.

Jarus presented the board with videotaped evidence that vehicles tended to veer into the oncoming traffic lane as they topped the hill. "It's a perfect recipe for tragedy," he said, and cited past accidents in the area.

Those present at the meeting offered possible solutions, including restricting the street to one-way traffic and changing the speed limit in the area; levelling the hill or otherwise widening the roadbed; or removing the house. New Scotland Supervisor and village resident Herb Reilly urged the board to take action before selling the property. "You may never have

this opportunity again," he said.

Clark expressed "concern for the people who want to live there ... in fairness to (Boucher-Bidell), we have to settle this soon. But however we settle it, we have to deal with the problem of traffic on Prospect Street."

Since the meeting, village trustee Jack Stevens has canvassed the neighborhood informally, Clark said, and the canvass indicated neighbors were leaning toward the one-way-street alternative. "It would give us the opportunity to take a portion of the road and make it a pedestrian walkway," Clark said.

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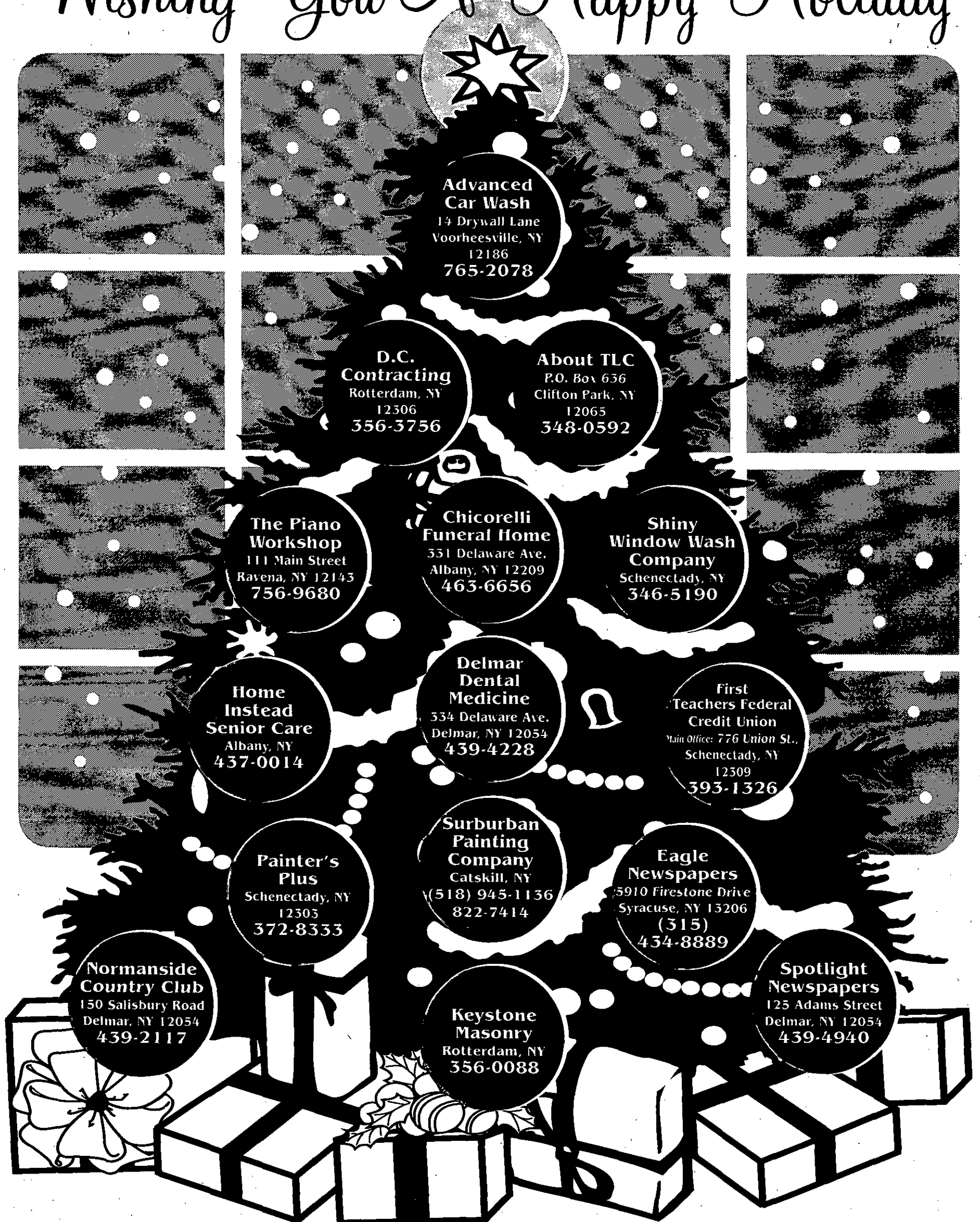
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"In some of the recent rough winters, we've had to actually do inter-fund transfers to pay our overtime costs," said New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly. "The town was in a cash flow problem until the sales tax revenue check (from the county) came in, in mid-January." With the highway fund currently in the black, this paper shuffle has been sidestepped for now.

Last Friday's light snowfall, said Voorheesville public works superintendent William Hotaling, "was the first time my guys went out to salt this winter. It's a late date for our first overtime." As a result, he said, "We have saved some money, definitely. If everything goes this way and it stays normal for the next two weeks, we'll save maybe \$80,000."

With relatively mild temperatures and no snow on the ground, maintenance crews have also been given a few precious extra weeks for other chores.

In residential Voorheesville, getting leaf and brush pickup finished the before first snowfall is an annual nail-biter. "The leaves are the worst," said Hotaling. "Once it snows you've got problems." Leaves not picked up before first snowfall end up wet or frozen and thus harder to move. But this year, he said, "We had a nice weekend in November when everybody raked. With the extra couple weeks of warm weather, we got a great start picking all that up. We moved maybe an extra 120 loads of leaves this year."

Thanks also to the warmer-than-usual November and December, last week Sagendorph's crews completed a new extension to town hall's parking lot. "We were actually paving," he said. "That's unheard of, to be paving in mid-December, especially in this part of the Northeast."

Paving was also completed on Mead's Lane, and road crews were able to work on shoulders and drainage not scheduled till spring, as well as similar shoulder work on Wemple Road. Said Sagendorph, "It's been a good time to play catch-up."

New Scotland's private paving contractor had already shut down in November in anticipation of winter weather, but Duncan, too, noted extra time devoted to ditch repairs and brush work. And "we have been able to do a little bit of extra work to prepare for road work next year," he said. "We've laid down some sub-base for a few roads," like Collabek Road south of Feura Bush. And in Voorheesville, Hotaling said, state Department of Transportation workers were able to wrap up work on two bridges being rebuilt in the village.

All three are keeping their fingers crossed until the end of the current fiscal year. "You have a storm that hits over a weekend, you work 20 or 30 hours of overtime, you're talking \$20,000," Sagendorph said. "Once it goes bad, it goes bad in a hurry." And if there are savings on the back end of 1998, there could just as easily be surprise costs on the front end of 1999. Said Sagendorph, "Ask me again in April how we're doing."

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BCHS graduate completes training

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Stonewell

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Anderson's grandfather opened Stonewell market 55 years ago. "He had a restaurant and sold plants and things to farmers, eventually getting into the grocery business," she said.

For a while, Anderson leased the store from family members. She finally closed up shop in the face of competition from Super-Valu and Price Chopper.

"After a while," Anderson said, "other family members accepted my offers on the building."

Tom Bruno, who also owns Tom's Taste Treat, has opened Short Stop Food and Beverage in a smaller portion of what used to be Stonewell Market.

"Nobody knew how much they'd miss it till Stonewell Market was gone," he said. "I thought there was a real need for it, so I remodeled."

Bruno credited a spirit of cooperation with the plaza's success. "We're all working together to keep business good," he said.

Business has been so good that Sue and Willie Cronin expanded their motorcycle business, Full Throttle Cycle.

"We've been here two years," Sue Cronin said. "We've added a service department, so we moved to a bigger spot in the mall. There's a lot of pass-by traffic here, and we're easy to get in and out of."

"It seems like everybody came at the same time," Will Cronin said of his fellow merchants. "We all try to help each other."

"Everybody's proud that we've brought this plaza back," Sue Cronin added. "Tom's market is one of the best things, since people just stop in to pick things up. And on Saturdays and Sundays, you can't even get into The

Windowbox Cafe."

"This is a big sharing community," said Bob Hefferon, who has owned The Windowbox Cafe for the past four years. "All of our customers share their money equally among the businesses. If it weren't for the good little community, we wouldn't be here."

Anderson described her tenants as "absolutely wonderful," and said she has plans additional renovations in the near future. "I have some plans for a new look, and am having an engineer draw up some fronts for me. This is all very preliminary, since I have to worry about the parking lot first. It's in desperate need of repair."

Only one storefront in the mall is empty, and Anderson said she has had inquiries about it.

"There's a lot of potential in this area," she added. "This is the kind of location people are looking for."

Pleased with the plaza's comeback, Anderson looks forward to carrying on her family's legacy.

"One of the main reasons I wanted to buy it is because my grandfather worked so hard to start it," she said.

Voorheesville cadet earns Wreath Award

Jennifer DeLaney of Voorheesville, a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point has been honored with the Wreath Award.

The award is presented by the academy's superintendent to students who carry a 3.0 grade point average in at least five courses while successfully completing all physical fitness and military program requirements.

DeLaney, the daughter of Jim and Ginger DeLaney, is a 1996 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to PO Box 100, Delmar 12054.

Here's to a *Wonderful Wedding!*



INVITATIONS

Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123
Personalized invitations & announcements for weddings, showers, bar mitzvah, new baby, graduation.

JEWELRY

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

LIMOUSINE

Super Special!!!! 3 hours for only \$99. Advantage Limousine. 433-0100. Some rest.

Community

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Delmar library to host New Year's gala for kids

Bethlehem Public Library, at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will host its annual New Year's Eve gala for children and their families at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Punch will be provided, and guests are asked to bring cookies. Party clothes are optional but encouraged. To register, call youth services at 439-9314.

Obituaries

Arthur Van Hoesen

Arthur T. Van Hoesen, 93, of Guilderland and formerly of Elsmere and East Berne died Saturday, Dec. 19.

Mr. Van Hoesen was a manager for Monroe Calculator in Albany before he retired.

He was the husband of the late Helene Wells Van Hoesen.

Survivors include two sons, Carl R. Van Hoesen of Ticonderoga and Donald W. Van Hoesen of East Berne; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association of the Capital District, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Mary Ellen Lord

Mary Ellen Lord, 52, of Albany and formerly of Delmar died Saturday, Dec. 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She worked for the state Department of Audit & Control for 18 years before she retired.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Palmisano Lord; and two brothers, Richard Lord of Michigan and James Lord of Albany.

Services are scheduled for today, Dec. 23, at 9:30 a.m. from St. Catherine of Siena Church in Albany.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Allen E. Liska

Allen Liska, 58, of Delmar died Thursday, Dec. 17, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., he received a master's degree from Marquette University and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Liska was on the faculty of Central Michigan University before joining the faculty of the University at Albany, where he was chairman of the department of sociology for three years. He was also a visiting professor at the University of Belgrade and at Nankai.

He published widely in his field, including the book, *Perspectives on Crime and Deviance*.

He was active in the American Society of Criminology and was named a fellow of that society.

His interests included sailboat racing on Saratoga Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette Liska of Delmar; two daughters, Nicole Liska of San Diego, Calif., and Stefanie La Page of Hannibal, St. Laurence County; a brother, Terrence Liska of Platteville, Wis.; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Alumni House at the University at Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Albany County Unit (Research in Renal Cell Carcinoma), 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

Lottie Jacobson

Lottie M. Jacobson, 71, of Wells, Maine, and formerly of Voorheesville died Thursday, Dec. 17, at York Hospital in Maine.

Born in Portland, Maine, she attended schools in Marlborough, Mass., and graduated from Commercial High School in New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Jacobson was a secretary and treasurer for Ken Smith Machine Co. in Albany.

She and her husband owned and operated the New Harborview Motel in Wells for many years.

She was known for her recipes that were published in magazines and was an avid quilter.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth L. Jacobson; three brothers, Melzar D. Cole of Marlborough, Mass., Thomas J. Cole of North Waterboro, Maine, and John M. Cole of Wells, Maine; and a sister, Marjorie Zaremski of Hampton, N.H.

Graveside services are scheduled for today, Dec. 23, at Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Auxiliary of Voorheesville Fire Department, Altamont Road, Voorheesville 12186.

Andrew Sneddon

Andrew M. Sneddon, 86, of Niskayuna and formerly of Delmar died Tuesday, Dec. 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in New York City, he was educated in Albany schools.

Mr. Sneddon was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star, the European-African Middle Eastern Service medal and a Purple Heart.

He worked for the former Home Savings Bank in Albany for 42 years, retiring as senior vice president.

He was a former treasurer and member of the Albany Rotary Club and a member of Normanside Country Club in Delmar. He was an avid golfer and fly fisherman and traveled extensively in his motor home.

Survivors include a daughter, Roberta White of Troy; a sister, Jean Mozolan of California; and two grandsons.

Services were from the Daniel D. Purcell Funeral Home in Troy.

Burial was in Our Lady of An-

gels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany.

Angeline Mary Spina

Angeline Mary DeMarco Spina of Slingerlands died Saturday, Dec. 12.

She served in the Army during World War II.

Mrs. Spina was a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service in Albany. She worked at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home after she retired. She was also a home care nurse.

She was organist at St. Mary's Church in Albany for many years.

She was a member of the Tamara and Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Posts. Mrs. Spina was the first woman adjutant in the United States.

She was the widow of Henry Spina.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Spina Morgan of Slingerlands; a son, Henry Spina of Slingerlands; a brother, D. Daniel De Marco of East Greenbush; a granddaughter; and three great grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Alfred A. Hanson

Alfred A. Hanson, 88, of Arizona and formerly of Elsmere died Friday, Dec. 4, in Scottsdale.

Born in Newark, N.J., he lived in Elsmere for 62 years.

Mr. Hanson worked for civil service and as a state Capitol guard.

He was a member of the Elsmere Fire Department and fire police, and a longtime member of the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge.

He enjoyed bowling and was a member of two Elsmere teams through his 85th year.

Survivors include his wife, Alice C. Hanson; a daughter, Rose Mary Hanson of Mesa, Ariz.; a sister, Martha Hanken of Albany; two brothers, Edward Hanson and Charles Hanson, both of Albany; and two granddaughters.

Spring burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie at a time to be announced.

Student wins HVCC scholarship

Kristina McShane of Delmar was among 13 Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) students recently honored with scholarships from the HVCC Foundation.

McShane was one of two recipients of the Richard Dinn Memorial Scholarship, awarded to two full-time matriculated students in the nursing or physician assistant programs who have completed their first year requirements with a minimum grade point average of 2.5. McShane, a nursing student, received a \$250 award.

The scholarship, established by the Dinn family, HVCC faculty and friends, was one of 11 such scholarships, administered by the foundation, given to the recipients at the annual Fall Scholarship Tea on Dec. 8 at the Bulmer Telecommunications and Computations Center.

New Scotland museum open by appointment

The museum of the New Scotland Historical Association in Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Route 85 in New Salem will be open by appointment throughout the winter.

To make an appointment, call 765-2071 or 765-4446.

RCS library has kids writing club

A writing club for children in the middle grades meets weekly on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Community Library, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.

Youngsters can bring homework, report assignments, and projects of their own to the workshop. For information, call 756-2053.

Delmar artist in Albany exhibit

Quilted wall hangings by Estelle Yarinsky of Delmar are on exhibit at First Unitarian Universalist Church at 405 Washington Ave. in Albany through Jan. 17.

The 16 original designs are made with printed and textured fabrics. Yarinsky's works have been included in juried and invitational shows.

Special on WMLC CHANNEL 17

A Christmas Gloria
with Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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

Richard Tucker Opera Gala
Friday, 9 p.m.

Antiques Roadshow
Saturday, 8 p.m.

Nature: Life at the Edge of the Sea
Sunday, 8 p.m.

Metropolitan Opera: La Cenerentola
Monday, 8 p.m.

NOVA: The Perfect Pearl
Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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Death Notices

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

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

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

Family ENTERTAINMENT

SPOTLIGHT ON CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

IT'S THE REAL THING

Informative, nostalgic advertising exhibit offered by Schenectady Museum

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

Leave the driving to us.

Does she or doesn't she?

Shot from guns.

Loose lips sink ships.

Good to the last drop.

Think small.

If you're drawing a blank on any of these phrases, you've been a hermit for most of the last half century. Or perhaps you're just too young to remember when the Hathaway Man first donned an eyepatch, when gaposis was a fashion no-no, when a loaf of bread built strong bodies 12 ways, or when there was a Ford in your future.

But if any of these stirs a glimmer of recognition, stroll down Memory Lane to the corner of Madison Avenue at the Schenectady Museum, for the traveling exhibit "Advertising Comes of Age: The History of American Advertising, 1920-1969," on display through Jan. 10.

As befits this topic, the exhibit is colorful, noisy, funny, poignant, startling, and sometimes in-your-face.

Advertising has been both a reflection and a driving force of 20th-century American culture, and the exhibit

from the American Advertising Museum in Portland, Ore., illustrates the changes in taste and attitude that marketing has wrought or chased in our lifetimes.

"It brings back a lot of memories," said Robin Roberts, the museum's assistant director. "Looking at these ads now gives you a whole different perspective than when they were interrupting our TV shows. We can look at them standing alone as an art form."

Memories are what most viewers of the exhibit have come looking for. Since it opened Nov. 10, it hasn't been a big draw for school groups, Roberts noted, although the show is crammed with history and educational text that relates marketing to its times.

Rather, she said, the show has brought out the baby boomers and their parents, to hear once again Carter's Little Pills commercials; to see Jack Gilford wordlessly intercepting a box of Cracker Jack passing between two disembodied hands jutting from sleeper cars on a train; and to remember the Edsel, more fondly recalled now than when it was introduced in the 1950s.

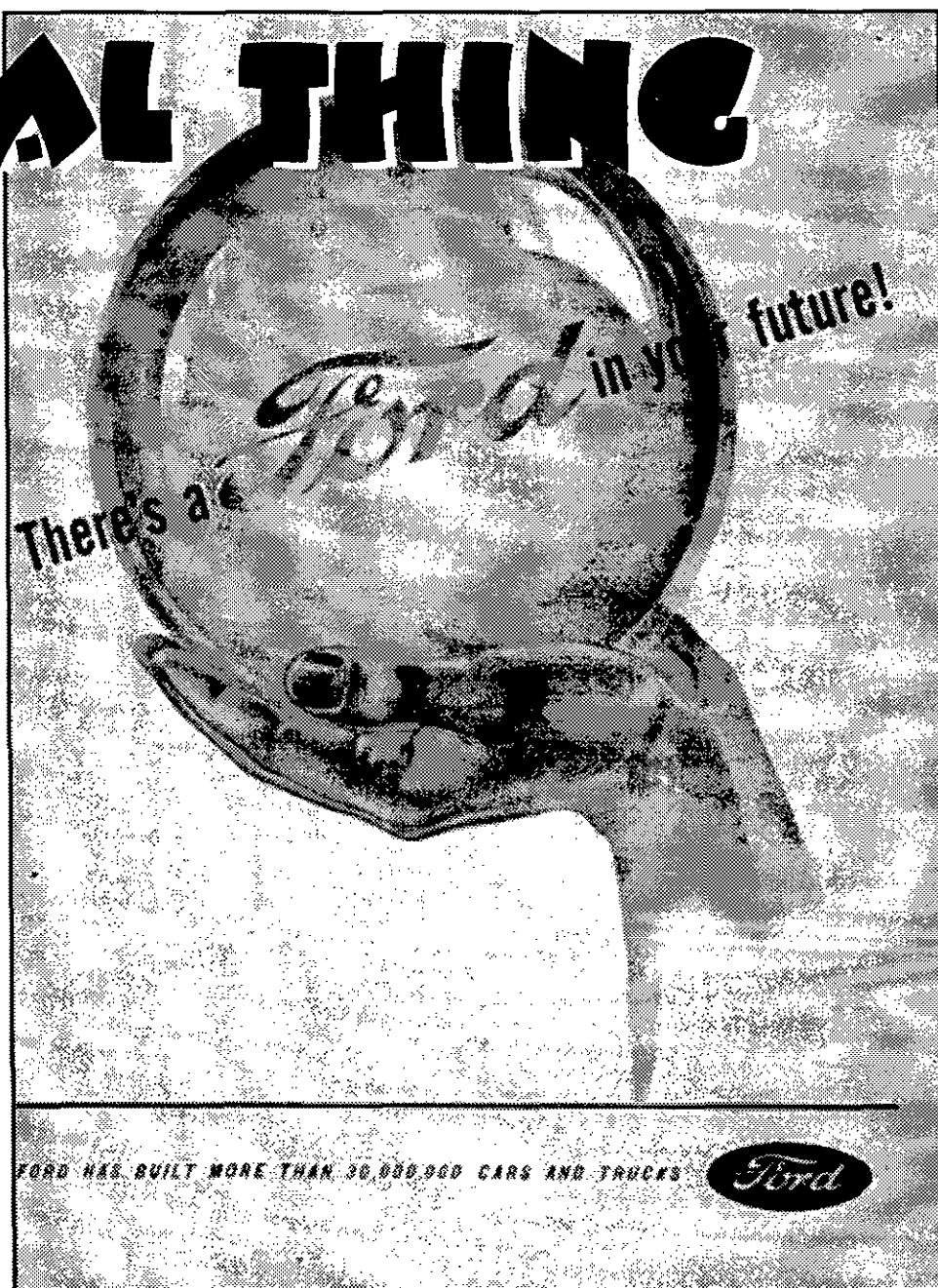
From the opposite side of the display wall holding the exhibit, a stream of radio commercials from the Golden Age continuously pours forth, while a TV monitor runs images of Arthur Godfrey huckstering for Lipton Soup and Volvo poking gentle 1960s fun at the stereotype of the "woman driver". Speaking of stereotypes — Amos n' Andy pitch Rinso White Detergent, and women's legs first cropped up in advertising as long ago as the 1920s.

The exhibit's visit to Schenectady is sponsored by the local Ad Club Association of Professional Communicators.

"They called us originally," Roberts said. "They had seen the exhibit and wondered if we were interested in having it here."

Most of the museum's exhibits are produced out of its own collections.

"This is reflective of some of the work we do here," Roberts said. "One of the



things we look at are contemporary culture and some of the ways it effects society."

The exhibit begins with the era of Victorian reticence and traces the changing face of mass marketing through its radio years and into the television age.

It tracks ads from the era of the long, wordy testimonial, through the program-endorsement age when Jack Armstrong touted Wheaties and Kit Carson sold Coca-Cola. It depicts how the chubby Campbell Soup Kids vanished during the Depression in deference to the suffering of so many, how Madison Avenue lined up behind the war effort and pitched in, and how image became everything in the 1950s and irony became hot in the 1960s.

The show underscores cultural changes — is there anyone who still thinks of cigarettes as a dietary aid ("instead of a sweet")? It chronicles the evolving aspirations of the middle class, as a car became possible, then nearly mandatory, for almost everyone. And it illustrates how 60-second mini-dramas reached out and grabbed us consumers by the lapels, whether we knew it or not.

The exhibit also gives prominence, finally, to the largely unsung heroes who preferred anonymity for themselves and notoriety for their products. It salutes J. Walter Thompson, the father of modern advertising; Raymond Rubicam, who made Steinway a turn-of-the-century

household name and taught brand sensitivity; Shirley Polykoff, one of the first women in a male-dominated field and one of the first ad executives to take women seriously as consumers; Walter Weir, who led the War Advertising Council and created starkly effective imagery; and Leo Burnett, the master of iconic image-making and creator of the Jolly Green Giant, the Pillsbury Doughboy, Tony the Tiger ("Grrreat!") and the Marlboro Man.

The museum has supplemented the exhibit with a display of Schenectady-based advertising images. There's also a temporary holiday-themed show called "Holiday Doors", displaying portals dressed up for the season, and "The Big And Small Of It", using a model-train village as a jumping off point for a meditation on perspective. The museum also features permanent exhibits on local technology, history and commerce.

With youngsters home from school during the holidays, the museum puts on extra planetarium shows and a daily program called "Science Surrounds Us."

But while the kids are pondering the stars, Mom and Dad can take in the starry-eyed memories of a time when being Number Two meant you tried harder, and when "99 and 44/100 percent pure" was pretty darn good.

The Schenectady Museum is on Nott Terrace Heights, just north of State Street. For hours and info, call 382-7890.



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Robin Roberts

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC

MANCHESTER MUSIC FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

performing Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 27, 4 p.m., \$15. Information, 273-0038.

AEROSMITH

with Candlebox, Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 29, 7:30, \$29.50-\$39.50. Information, 476-1000.

BERKSHIRE BACH SOCIETY

performing the six Brandenburg Concerti, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Jan. 1, 3 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

DAVID FINCKEL AND WU HAN

cellist and pianist perform works by Beethoven, Schnittke and Franck, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 3, 3 p.m., \$15, \$7 for students. Information, 372-3651.

FAMILY FUN

FIRST NIGHT

scores of music, dance, theater and other performing arts groups through downtown Albany, Dec. 31, 6 p.m. to midnight, \$10-\$12. Information, 434-2032.

VISUAL ARTS

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Bears, through Jan. 3; stoneware and antique furniture exhibits; 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, Holiday Doors and More, through Jan. 4, Model Train Village, through Jan. 31, 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.

PAT CAHILL

paintings, Learning Resources Center Gallery at Hudson Valley Community College, through Jan. 28. Information, 266-8072.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITION

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

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

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.

In Glenmont
The Spotlight is sold at
Cumberland Farms, CVS,
Glenmont Beverage,
Grand Union, Stewart's
and Van Allen Farms

AROUND the AREA

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 23

ALBANY COUNTY

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Capital District Church of Religious Science, 1237 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 446-1020.

FARMERS' MARKET

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

SQUARE DANCE

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 24

ALBANY COUNTY

CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

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

LUNCHTIME SIDEWALK SALE (SUMMER ONLY)

lawn sale of gift items from the Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

FARMERS' MARKET (June 22 to Nov. 16)

Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

FARMERS' MARKET (June 22 to Nov. 16)
Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

FARMERS' MARKET

corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIOR CHORALE

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

SARATOGA COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

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

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 25

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET (JUNE 23 TO NOV. 17)

Sacred Heart Church, Walter Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

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

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 26

ALBANY COUNTY

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR (JUNE to SEP.)

beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

FARMERS' MARKET (June 24 to Nov. 18)

First Congregational church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 27

ALBANY COUNTY

DANCE PROGRAM

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

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

MONDAY
DECEMBER

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

Super CROSSWORD

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1 Each
5 "Turandot"
tenor
10 Prejudice
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20 Maine town
21 Bound bundle
22 Manage to
miss
23 Sociopath's
stationery?
25 Chilly
powder?
26 Committee
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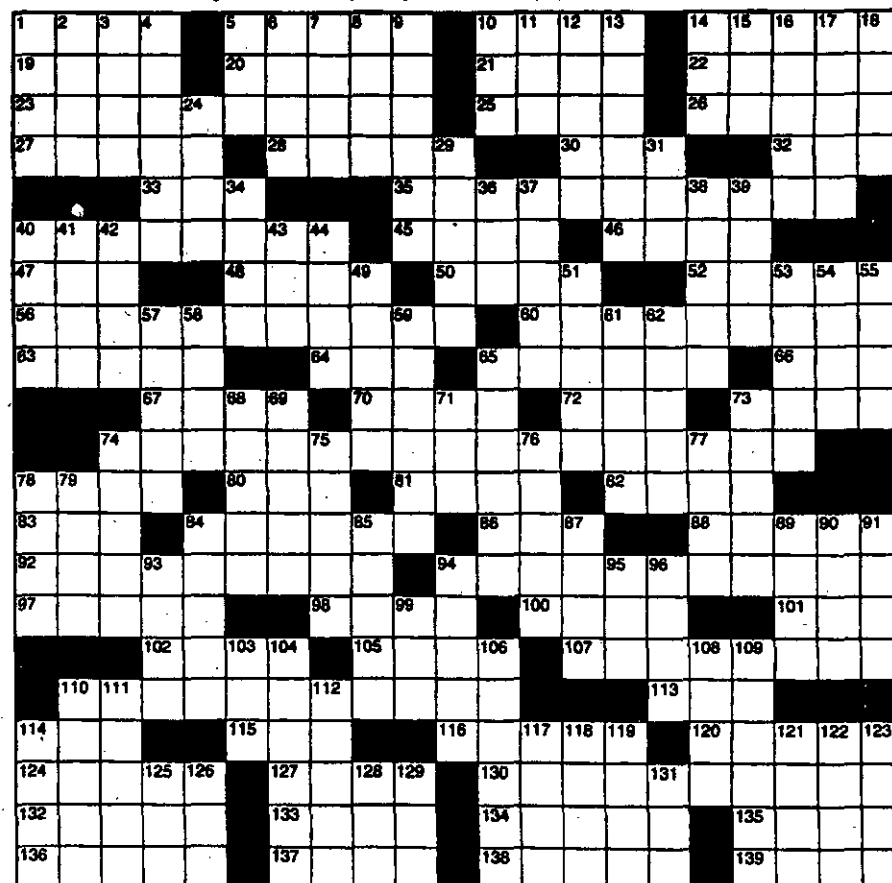
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1 Basics
2 Saucy
3 Spread in a
tub
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specialty

5 Cagney or
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6 Smell — (be
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7 Easy stride
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Arden
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12 Solitary
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14 Apt.
15 Pie — mode
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31 Funnyman
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tool
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 23**
BETHLEHEM
TOWN BOARD

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

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

WELCOME WAGON

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 24**
BETHLEHEM
RECOVERY, INC.

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETINGS

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 25**
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 26**
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 27**
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.

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

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 28**
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.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-24377 or 439-6952.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

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 29**
BETHLEHEM
INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TAKE POUNDS OFF SENSIBLY

Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

BINGO

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

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

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

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BEST TILE OF VERMONT, 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 York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is BEST TILE OF VERMONT, LLC.

SECOND: The county within the State of New York in which the principal office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY.

THIRD: 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 STEPHEN MARCUS, 2241 CENTRAL AVE., SCHENECTADY, NY 12304.

FOURTH: The Company is to be managed by MEMBERS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed these Articles of Organization and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under penalties of perjury, this 07/31/98.

s/SHARON BABALA
Sole Organizer
c/o BLUMBERGEXCELSIOR
CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.
488 Broadway, Suite 106
Albany, NY 12207
(December 23, 1998)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HARRY WILBUR, SR. FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

I, the General Partner, having executed a partnership agreement, now execute a certificate of limited partnership in accordance with New York Partnership Law Sections 121-201 and 121-204. Consequently, I certify that:

1. The name of the limited partnership is HARRY WILBUR, SR. FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;

2. The county in the State of New York in which the office of the limited partnership is to be located will be Albany County;

3. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of HARRY WILBUR, SR. FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, upon whom process against this limited partnership may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon it against this limited partnership to the following post office address: c/o Harry J. Wilbur, Sr., 222 Van Wies Point, P.O. Box 31, Glenmont, New York 12077;

4. The name and business or residence street address of the sole general partner is:

Name: Harry J. Wilbur, Sr.
Address: 222 Van Wies Point, P.O. Box 31, Glenmont, New York 12077

5. The latest date upon which the partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2030;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on October 2, 1998, the General Partner affirms this Certificate as true under penalties of perjury.

s/ Harry J. Wilbur Sr., General Partner by Harry J. Wilbur as Attorney-in-fact for Harry J. Wilbur, Sr.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

)ss:

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF ALBANY)

On the 2nd day of October in the year 1998 before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Harry J. Wilbur, Sr., personally known to me or provided to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to or within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

s/ Suzanne M. Wareing
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01WE5031602
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Commission expires Aug. 8, 2000.
(December 23, 1998)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF DP PARTNERS, L.P. UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "DP PARTNERS, L.P."

2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.

3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:

Shopping Center Development Co., LLC
582 New Loudon Road
Latham, New York 12110

5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2099.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 20th day of November, 1998, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as the date hereof.

BY: DP PARTNERS, L.P.
SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC, General Partner

By: s/ Kenneth B. Segel,
Member
(December 23, 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 23, 1998)

MBH EDUCATIONAL 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

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(December 23, 1998)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

for the Bennett Firm, LLC, a limited liability company (LLC). App. for authority files with Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/30/98. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: President, The Bennett Firm, LLC, Suite 1100, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. Date of dissolution 12/31/2051. Purpose: law firm.
(December 23, 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 23, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Co-

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lumbia Garland, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 5, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(December 23, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: 153 SOUTH PEARL STREET, LLC.

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/98. 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, 207 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(December 23, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OF BREAK DEVELOPMENT, LLC

has been formed as a limited liability company in New York. The Articles of Organization were filed on November 13, 1998 with the Secretary of State. The office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 527 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 ATTN: Lamont Hungersafer.
(December 23, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RAMAPO GARDENS COMPANY, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 23, 1998,

LEGAL NOTICE

RAMAPO GARDENS COMPANY, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State. The principal office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against Ramapo Gardens Company, LLC, may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to 74 Huntersfield Road, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose of Ramapo Gardens Company, LLC, is to engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company can be formed pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law.
(December 23, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Bish Realty, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 2, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203.
(December 23, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Greenville, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 3, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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(December 23, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

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

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

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

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

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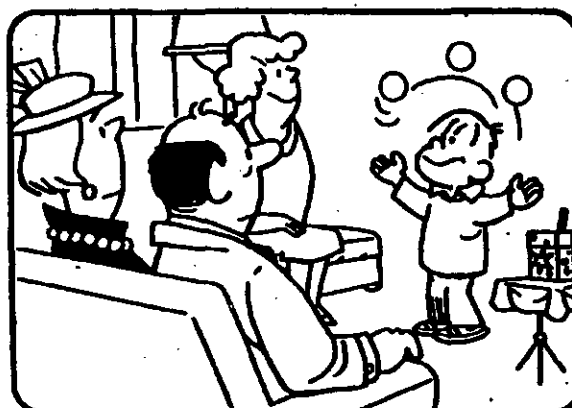
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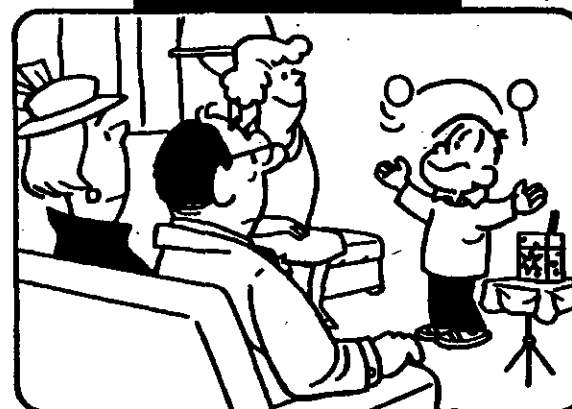
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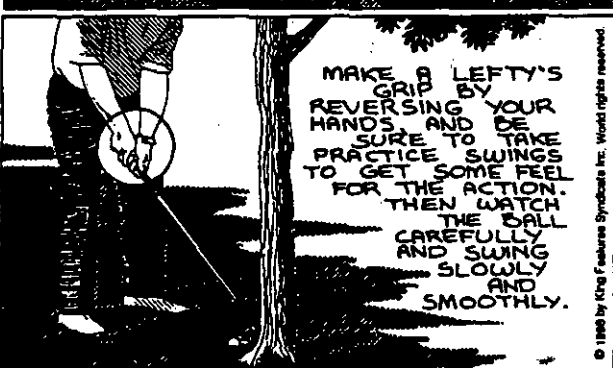
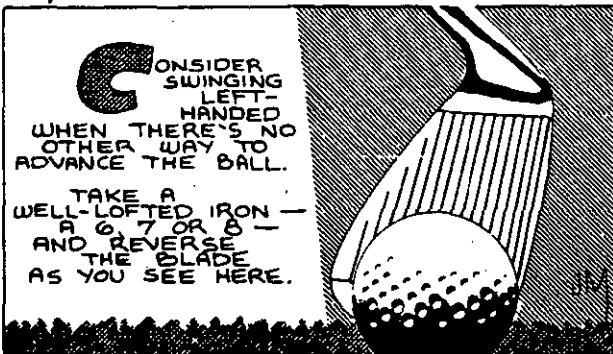
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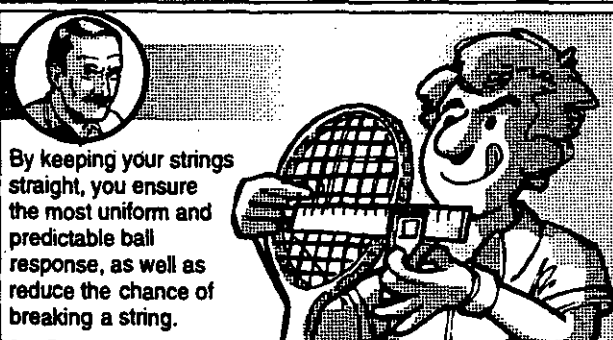


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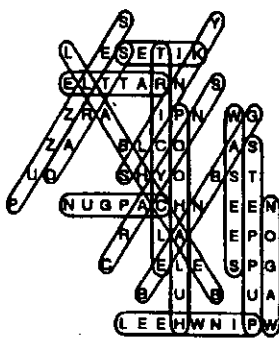
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He Did Say To Agree
"Just As Soon As There's A Car
Under Each Christmas Tree!"
"My Lots They Are Full
There is No time To Wait!"
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As The Time IT Got Late
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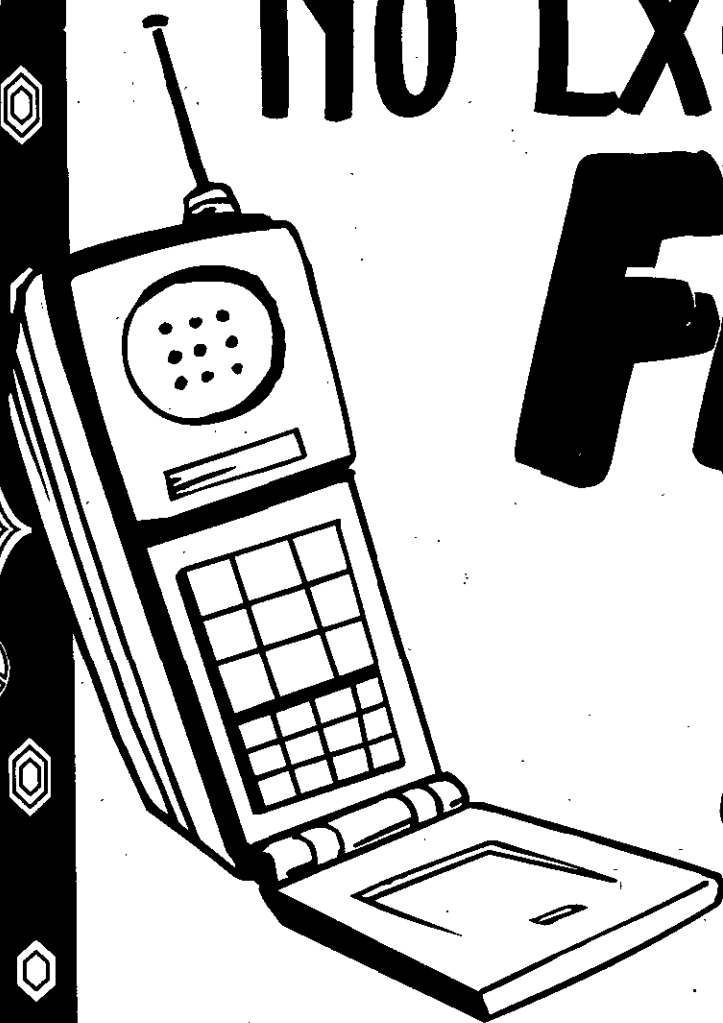
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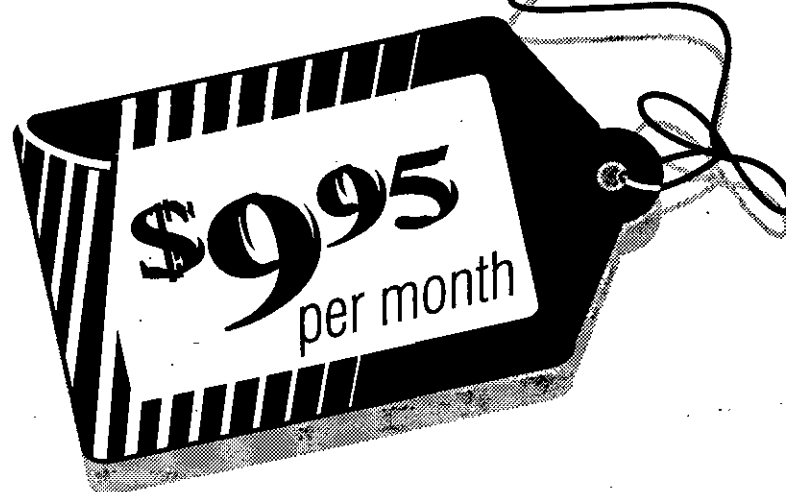
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