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New Year's kids



Two-year-olds Fiona Reinhold and Antonia Aitoro enjoy the festivities at the noontime New Year's Eve gala for children at Bethlehem Public Library.

Elaine McLain

NS town board makes appointments for 1999

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

At its organizational meeting on Monday, the New Scotland town board enacted several resolutions and made a number of appointments.

Town Supervisor Herb Reilly named Joe Cotazino to the unpaid position of deputy town supervisor. Carol Cootware will continue as bookkeeper/confidential secretary to the supervisor, and town clerk Corinne Cossac named Kathryn Martin as deputy town clerk.

Town board members also took on committee assignments. Mark Dempf will work on the water committee, Advanced Life Support and the townwide water study. Andrea Gleason will work with the building department, planning, zoning

and animal control, and Michael Fields will work with recreation, the village of Voorheesville, and Voorheesville high school. Scott Houghtaling will work with the highway department, continue to work on the town's Web site, and work on infrastructure. Reilly will serve as liaison to the assessor's department, buildings, parks and senior citizens.

Dempf will be the town's delegate to the Association of Towns convention in February, and Houghtaling will be the alternate. All elected town officials and town board authorized employees can attend the meeting, and the town will reimburse them for actual budgeted expenses.

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Herb Reilly

Senior citizen STARS help out in RCS schools

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

When Glenmont resident Judy Glassanos attended a Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board meeting and heard about the benefits of intergenerational programs, she recalled how important

her grandmothers were to her when she was growing up in Watertown, Jefferson County.

The STARS program, now in its third year in the RCS school district, grew out of that meeting.

STARS — Seniors Teaching and Reaching out to Students - pairs senior citizens with students at the elementary or middle-school level.

"A teacher is the one who asks a STAR to work with a student," Glassanos said. "STARS are used primarily with students who are lagging behind, although sometimes they work with higher-end students on special projects."

Right now, there are about 15 to 17 STARS working in RCS schools, with teachers identifying students and Glassanos recruiting seniors. "We try to match interests," she said, "and work out a mutually beneficial schedule."

STAR James Sutton has worked with third-grade teacher Mark Kearney at A.W. Becker Elementary School since the program began. "Judy had a booth at the budget vote," Sutton said of how he got involved, "and it sounded like a good thing."

Sutton, now 66, had recently retired from his job as a manager at Blue Circle Cement, when he started working as a STAR.

"It's very satisfying to work with the

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Chilly New Year's morn strictly for the birds

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A crystalline New Year's morning, the stillness broken only by the crunch of boots on snow barely two days old, the thin crust signifying that it has been disturbed little since it fell. A new year, new snow.

From behind a cloud mass in the near-perfect blue sky swooped a lone outline, winging through the crisp winter air. Suddenly a finger stabbed the air: "A hawk!" sang out one of about 15 hardy souls trudging the North Loop Trail at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Tramping boots halted; up went many pairs of binoculars.

Was it the red-tail seen earlier, perched high in an evergreen, that defiantly flew off when approached?

"Low on the horizon," said someone finally. "Being harassed by some crows." There it was! A marsh hawk wheeled high overhead, confident and not bothered by the crows, the first one seen over

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Is that a red-tailed hawk? Five Rivers Craig Thompson points out a sighting to New Years Day bird-counters.

Joseph Phillips

Bethlehem police arrest three on DWI charges

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem police recently arrested three individuals and charged them with driving while intoxicated (DWI), two in cases that involved alleged use of drugs.

On Dec. 19, Officer Christopher Pauley responded to a domestic-situation call about a suspect vehicle, which he found being driven in circles in a cul-de-sac on Equinox Court in Slingerlands.

According to the incident report, Pauley stopped the vehicle and found the driver, Paul William Vasko, 37, of 28 Featherbed

Lane, Ballston Spa, bleeding and sweating heavily. Pauley summoned an EMS unit which transported Vasko to Albany Medical Center for treatment.

Vasko was subsequently charged with DWI and operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs, and ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 19.

The second arrest occurred Christmas Eve at around 3:51 a.m., when Officer Jeffrey Vunck responded to a request for assistance for a driver locked out of a vehicle on River Road in Selkirk.

Attempting to enter the vehicle, the officer reported, he saw through the window a pipe and what appeared to be crack cocaine on the front seat of the vehicle.

After administration of field sobriety tests, the driver of the vehicle, Lisa Ann Valenti-Labrie, 38, of 117 Lasher Road, Selkirk, was arrested at the scene. She was charged with DWI, operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs, and criminal possession of a controlled substance, and ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 5 to face the charges.

The first DWI arrest of the new year occurred at 2:46 a.m. on Jan. 2, when, according to police reports, Officer Thomas Heffernan observed a vehicle northbound on Elsmere Avenue operating erratically. He followed the vehicle to the Main Square parking lot on Delaware Avenue where he administered sobriety tests and arrested Ryan Steven Miller, 18, of 35 Par Circle in Albany.

Miller was ordered to answer the charges in Bethlehem Town Court on Jan. 19.

Police union elects '99 officers

Bethlehem Police Officers Union (BPOU) recently elected its officers for 1999. Anthony Arduini was re-elected as president of the local; Scott Anson, vice president; Tom Heffernan, secretary; Brian Hughes, treasurer; and Chris Pauley, delegate-at-large. Their one-year terms commenced Jan. 1.

Topping the agenda in the new year will be ongoing contract negotiations with the town of Bethlehem for a new contract to replace the one that expired on Dec. 31.

Negotiators for both town and union, and mediator Michael J. Smith, are under a news-blackout agreement regarding the progress of ongoing negotiations. BPOU president Arduini said, "We are still discussing matters, with neither side wishing to release any specific information."

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Counting down



Kevin Weber, 1, celebrates with a balloon at the Bethlehem Public Library's New Year's gala for kids. Elaine McLain

Town board holds year-end meeting

By Katherine McCarthy

At its year-end meeting Dec. 30, the New Scotland town board wrapped up some of its affairs for the year.

Town Supervisor Herb Reilly informed the board of several insurance agencies' applications for rate increases with the state Insurance Department.

The board also divided water department employee John Hensel's salary between the Heldervale sewer and water districts, appointed certified public accountant Jon Rutnik to review the 1998 financial statement, and approved the purchase of a computer back-up unit for the assessor/building departments in the amount of \$1,154. A change order for the Northeast Water District was also approved.

"It took more pipe to go underneath the road than we thought," Reilly said. "It came to another \$15,000, which is well within our contingency funding. We discussed this with Micheli Contracting Corp. and CT Male, the engineers. CT Male is preparing 'as built drawings' and we've marked 'final bill' on this last bill."

Gail Sacco, director of the Voorheesville Public Library, pro-

vided the board with more information about the microfilming of town records, a project being funded by an \$8,313 local records management grant from the state Archives and Records Administration.

"We are microfilming the records from the town and village," Sacco said, "things like the meeting minutes and special use variances. The library is funding a librarian named Veronica Cunningham who has preservation expertise with SUNY. We also have clerical help. We have a contract with the Ulster county clerk's records management program. They take the records, microfilm them, and return them. Ultimately, there will be three 35-millimeter microfilms. One copy will be in the library, one in the town or village, and one in the state archives."

Sacco said the films will be filed by year and meeting, and she will create a research aid to help access the material. Sacco said her hope is that this will be the first step in an ongoing project to make the records more accessible.

The town also approved the payment of bills, as it does at all of its meetings, with town board member Andrea Gleason stating

that each bill must have the proper documentation accompanying it. "I feel really uncomfortable about bills with no receipts," Gleason said. "For this year, I'm not going to sign any bills with no receipts. I think a letter should go from the town board, or me, or the supervisor, letting employees know this ahead of time. I want to do this correctly; I don't intend anyone harm."

The board also continued its discussion concerning who is responsible for the removal of dead animals on town highways: the animal control officer or the highway department. Currently, the two are cooperating to remove road-kill.

Town attorney Fred Riester said that his interpretation of a legal opinion from the state Comptroller's Office is that the dog warden has neither the duty or the authority to dispose of dead dogs on the highway. Under town law, though, the town board is a local board of health, and can appoint whomever they would like to remove carcasses from the roadways.

The board decided to study the issue more carefully, and make a decision at a later date.

Water main overflows, quickly mopped up

By Joseph A. Phillips

A gushing water main closed a section of Route 32 from Elm Avenue to Creble Road for several hours on Dec. 28, but the damage was quickly repaired and no long-term problems are anticipated, according to Bethlehem's public works commissioner Bruce Secor.

Secor said the incident occurred about 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 28, when a valve installed on the water main was pushed out of place and escaping water sprayed across the road. Town public works crews responded quickly, but while repair work proceeded, traffic was detoured out of the area.

"It's quite a long detour, so I'm sure there was some inconvenience for traffic," Secor said. Bethlehem police reported no major problems at the scene, and normal traffic resumed within a few hours.

No actual break in the water line occurred, Secor said. "This time of year, as water gets colder, pipes expand, and apparently the valve's thrust block shifted and was pushed out of the way, and had to be bolted back together."

The main was installed in the 1960s, said Secor, and the affected valve was installed to provide a future water line for potential tenants in the Owens Corning industrial park.

Secor said there are few residential customers in the affected service area, and he was unaware of any inconvenience by the water main shutdown. Only the Owens-Corning plant itself was briefly shut off; other industrial customers in the area received water from the town's Clapper Road plant or through the nearby interconnection with the city of Albany water supply, he said.

Normal water service was restored by about 2 a.m., and Secor said the affected valve was undamaged. Public works crews repaired a fence and regraded a road shoulder damaged slightly by the spraying water.

Shooting winds up in traffic court

By Joseph A. Phillips

A bizarre incident that began with gunplay in Selkirk ended in Albany with a host of traffic citations and a charge of driving while intoxicated (DWI) for an Albany man on the Sunday after Christmas.

Mervyn Sifontes, 21, of Southern Boulevard in Albany was arrested about 5 p.m. on Dec. 27 after he crashed the minivan he was driving into a parked car on McCarty Avenue.

Responding at the scene of the accident, Albany police discovered that Sifontes had suffered a gunshot wound to his right foot, and he was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for treatment.

He was subsequently charged with DWI, driving with a suspended license, and with traffic infractions for following too closely, imprudent speed and reckless driving, according to Albany police spokesman Lt. Fred Aliberti.

Sifontes initially told police he'd been shot in Albany by another individual, but further investigation determined the wound was self-inflicted, said Aliberti. Bethlehem police were then contacted to investigate the circumstances of the shooting based on information supplied by Sifontes.

He was alleged to have been attending a party earlier on Sunday at the private home of an Albany police officer in the Elm Estates section of Selkirk, according to Bethlehem police spokesman Lt. Timothy Beebe, who declined to name the officer or give his

address. The weapon involved in the shooting was a 22-caliber handgun belonging to the homeowner, and was not a service revolver, Beebe said.

"The detective working on the case feels very comfortable that by all accounts it was an accidental discharge," Beebe said. "I don't know that (Sifontes) has got anybody to hold responsible other than himself."

The Bethlehem police investigation determined that a casual discussion of firearms had led to the discharge of the handgun by Sifontes.

He subsequently drove from the Selkirk home to Albany.

"He was apparently trying to get to the hospital," Aliberti said, but he "collided with a number of vehicles in the vicinity of McCarty Avenue and Southern Boulevard. Apparently he was also intoxicated and driving much too fast."

No charges have been lodged by Bethlehem police related to the shooting incident. Sifontes was arraigned on Dec. 28 on the Albany charges and released on his own recognizance, pending a further court appearance.

Voorheesville sets village election date

By Joseph A. Phillips

Two four-year village trustees' terms will be up for grabs in elections to be held this March in Voorheesville.

The village board of trustees, at its meeting on Dec. 22, set March 9 as the date for village elections, in accordance with state law. Polling will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at the Voorheesville firehouse on Altamont Road.

The incumbents for the two trustee seats that will be up for election are Harvey Huth and Kevin Garrity. Dec. 29 was the first day on which signatures could be gathered on nominating petitions for the nonpartisan elections, said village clerk Lauren Hatch. Though no formal announce-

ments have been made to date, Hatch indicated her belief that both would very likely stand for re-election.

No other village-wide offices are up for election this year.

Nominating petitions with at least 75 signatures must be submitted to the Albany County board of elections during the week of Feb. 2 through 9. Hatch said her office cannot provide nominating petitions but can assist prospective candidates in preparing them.

Village residents who voted in the most recent presidential election or any subsequent general election are eligible to sign and to vote, and others can register with the county board of elections by March 5 in order to be eligible.

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Matters of Opinion

Trying to weather the inevitable baby envy blues

By Katherine McCarthy

Lots of new babies was the news in this year's Christmas cards.

Elizabeth really deserved her second baby, five years and two miscarriages after the birth of her first child.

Karen's pregnancy also is good news; she's only 30 and only has one child so far.

Natalie and Kirk, after 16 years of marriage, are finally having their first child — how wonderful for them.

And Hilary in Hong Kong is expecting her third. If I had live-in help like she does, I'd have more children, too.

Only Apple's news of her third pregnancy made me feel betrayed and envious at the same time that I was happy for her. More down-to-earth and normal than her name indicates, Apple has two children close in age to mine. We were

good friends and young mothers together in New York City, before Apple left for Milwaukee, and we moved to the Capital District.

We were part of a playgroup that met once a week in someone's apartment, and daily on the playground. Apple was always patient and loving with her two daughters, and able to articulate some of the tribulations of the very-young-children phase of full-time motherhood.

"It would be nice to not hit the ground running every morning."

"John will do anything I ask him, but I hate that I always have to ask."

"Callie needed me to hold her all day long today, so by 5, I hadn't even done the breakfast dishes."

"I was in a car with Anna when she was 1, and she gerbed out some Teddy Grahams into my

hand. I sat there with them; do I fling them out the window or what? So I ate them."

COMMENTARY:

Mom's the Word

We spent lots of time talking about our pre-mothering lives, as if trying to cling to the days when full nights' sleep and jobs that you could talk about at cocktail parties made us feel more a part of the world outside of playgrounds and double strollers.

We talked about when we'd

return to the work world, and how, and whether we really even wanted to.

"Maybe it's enough," Apple once suggested tentatively, "to just be a good mother."

"It may be," I replied, "but I don't think the rest of society feels that way."

We also all talked about how many children we'd like to have, but the apartments we lived in made two children seem like a lot. After Chris and I had settled in to a new town and a new house that could maybe accommodate a third child, I began to sense that the moment has passed.

Sure, I love my boys, but those two-children-in-diaper days wear me out just remembering them. Now they are in school, and I am able to work at something all my own that has more acknowledgment value, if less worth, than potty-training and teaching my children to work things out with words, not fists.

Mostly, though, with only two years between them, our boys are thick as thieves, sibling battles notwithstanding. A third child would be years away from them, and we worry that he or she would feel very excluded. Apple's new pregnancy threw doubts on that thought process.

"I just couldn't imagine life without a third child," she wrote at Christmas, making me remember one other thing Apple had said, "Who wouldn't always love to have a 4-month-old head bobbing at your shoulder?"


I could picture her next 4-

month-old baby there, and remembered the feeling of my own children clasp my shoulder with a tiny hand, silky hair brushing my chin. I remember the powerful and tender moments of a smiling baby on his changing table, or who stopped fussing as soon as I picked him up — Christopher, sucking his fingers and twirling his hair, Cormac, grinning at the cat. And the feel of them: solid and compact against my body, a perfect fit against my chest. There's so much hope and promise in a new baby, all soft skin and wide eyes, making everything old seem new.

Since I turn 40 this year, I'm relating more to the idea of pregnancy than I would ordinarily. One part of me would love to be pregnant again, then hold a whole new life in my arms. On the path of this life, which is making my two boys grow up a lot faster than I would like, a new baby would be someone to say hello to, instead of good-bye. It would also reinforce my sense of self as a mother, and not make me have to worry so much about the next steps as a woman combining motherhood with employment.

But babies aren't commodities, or something to use to hide from the next part of my life. Until I can feel as certain as Apple does that this family isn't complete without another child, I will focus on appreciating the children I do have.

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Speaker to discuss life in China

Voorheesville resident Steven Schreiber, who spent five months of the past year at a college in southern China (on his third trip to that country) will talk about his adventure in the Orient on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in

evening story time at 7 p.m. on Jan. 14th.

Sign up and a permission slip is necessary for The Library Club for kids in fourth- through sixth-grade, which will also meet on Jan. 14. Come after school on the bus for a mystery/surprise program which includes refreshments.

Registration is now going on for the all-new Winter Adult Reading Club. Sign up and receive an information packet at the reference desk.

A mixed-media collaboration of paintings from Joan Mullen and Anne Jaster is hanging in our gallery this month. The exhibit features watercolor florals.

The Centennial Cookbook has almost sold out. A reservation list will be started again with the expectation of a re-order in the spring. See the cookbook and other centennial promotional items on display at VPL.

Historians and local history buffs should pencil in Jan. 21 for a really special presentation at the library by Assemblyman Jack

McEneny on the settlement of Albany County's towns and villages during the 19th century. It is the first in a series of lectures being put on in conjunction with the Voorheesville centennial celebration.

Barbara Vink

Delmar library sets chronic illness talk

Author Susan Milstreet Wells will discuss living successfully with chronic illness on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

She is the author of *A Delicate Balance: Living Successfully With Chronic Illness*. The talk will touch on coping with the stumbling blocks of chronic illness, based on the author's own and others' personal experience.

Wells, who writes on homelessness, health care, and serious mental illness, runs WYSIWYG Publishing in Halfmoon.

The program is free and open to the public. To register, call 439-9314.

Ice storm causes brief power outages in area

The first major snowstorm of the winter caused only brief power outages on Dec. 3 for customers in the Bethlehem and New Scotland areas, according to a Niagara-Mohawk spokesman.

The only widespread outage occurred at 2:03 p.m. when a fallen tree limb, broken off by the weight of accumulated ice, brought down a power line along route 85A near NiMo's Voorheesville substation.

NiMo crews shut the line down for repairs, temporarily interrupting service to approximately 2,200 customers in Voorheesville, according to spokesman Nicholas Lyman. Service was restored about an hour later, with no long-term damage to the power line.

Otherwise, only scattered power problems were reported, Lyman said, and "whatever problems we had, we fixed them."

Library schedules story time sign ups

In-person registration for Bethlehem Public Library's winter story time sessions is set for Monday, Jan. 11, starting at 9 a.m. at the library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Story time sessions start Tuesday, Jan. 12, and run through

Thursday, Mar. 25. There are no sessions during spring break, Feb. 15 to 17.

Phone registrations will be accepted beginning at 1 p.m., but voice mail registrations will not be accepted.

For information, call 439-9314

Thacher Park offers winter walk

Naturalist Ed Miller will lead winter botany walk on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at John Boyd Thacher State Park in New Scotland.

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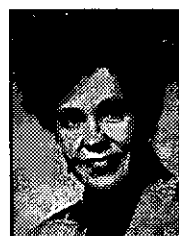
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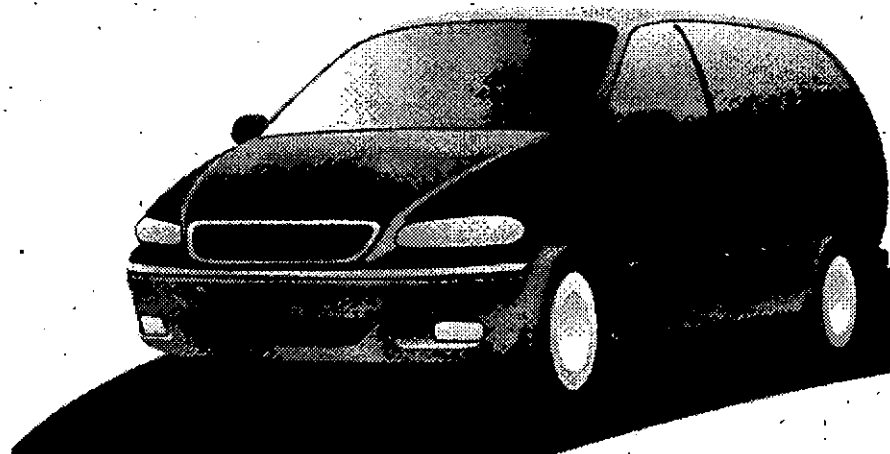


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Matters of Opinion

New Year's nerves

This New Year's has a strange sense of portent about it.

As we enter the last year to begin with 19, New Year's stories seem to be focused a year hence, on the big one when computers go haywire, Champagne becomes even more scarce and expensive and all the cool parties are already sold out.

Here and now, things on the whole seem to be going pretty well — unemployment is at record lows, the stock market near record highs, the world relatively peaceful, the weather relatively warm, crime is down, incomes are up, a gallon of gas costs less than \$1, the Jets are in the playoffs.

Why, then, the sense of unease?

Let us count some worries of our end-of-millennium time — the first impeached president in 130 years (and only the second ever), the remarkably nasty tone of politics in Albany and Washington, mergers causing hundreds of layoffs locally and tens of thousands nationally, too many Americans one serious illness away from destitution, an increasingly volatile stock market becoming the de facto old-age safety net for American workers, rapidly proliferating nuclear, chemical and/or biological threats to world peace and, in the coastline-flooding sense, the historically warm weather.

For some, the coming of the millennium portends the end of the world. From the earliest Christians to upstate New York's own Millerites in the 19th century, the end-is-coming prophets have come and gone, most with more than a little egg on their faces.

Despite that record, you can certainly expect to hear plenty from those who seek to profit from the millennium in the most cynical way.

While we feel some of the jangled nervousness of the near-millennium, we generally consider the approach of 2000 as an opportunity.

For example, New Year's resolutions this year have an extra significance — would anyone want to begin a new millennium still overweight, inactive, debt-ridden and/or smoking?

In any event, we think the millennium is pretty exciting, an extraordinary milepost for individuals, families, businesses, municipalities and countries. Let's make the most of it!

Editorials

Gadflies keep officials on toes

By Joseph A. Phillips

The writer is a reporter for The Spotlight.

The late Tip O'Neill once famously declared that all politics is local. Since joining *The Spotlight* back in October, I've come to understand just how literal that bit of political folk wisdom is.

I've become intimately acquainted with politics at the close-in, first-name, small-to-moderate-sized-community level. I respect and appreciate the commitment, seriousness of purpose, diligence and dedication of public officials in our region's town and village halls. And I've come to appreciate, too, those citizens on the outside looking in, banging on the door.

I've come to appreciate Frank Madej. Frank is concerned with the issue of handicapped access in Rotterdam. Thoroughly versed in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Madej buttonholes local businesses about curb cuts and parking spaces and automatic doors. He worries about sidewalk snow removal. He thumps the tub at town meetings for full ADA compliance. He recently spent the better part of an hour ringing a doorbell that's supposed to bring the wheelchair-bound help at the town's senior center — just to see how long it actually took for someone to respond. (He is not, mind you, in a wheelchair himself.)

He fearlessly speaks up, and mostly knows what he's talking about. He's articulate. He's passionate and can make others so. He knows where the bodies are buried. He has time to burn. And on a certain visceral level, if you

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face him across a commissioner's desk or council chamber table, he's a pain in the butt.

Every community has one or more Frank Madejs. Not all of them always know what they're talking about; not all are articulate. But they're meaningful contributors to public discourse.

Voorheesville has local dentist Michael Jarus. He spent hours one afternoon standing on the shoulder of Prospect Street — a brave move for a guy who's convinced that Prospect Street is a pedestrian accident waiting to happen — videotaping passing cars.

I admit it; I do not have the patience to stand on the shoulder of Prospect Street for hours. His point is that most drivers drift out of their assigned lane at a particular point on the street. And to make the point, he was prepared, at a recent village trustees' meeting, to show every minute of that tape.

Bethlehem has Bill Kelleher. Bill is one of several critics who have spent much of the last several years pressuring the public works commissioner on the issue of the town's new water supply system on Clapper Road. Kelleher recently changed his tune — the problem with Clapper Road, he maintains, is not Hudson River water, but seepage from the nearby town sewage plant. The charge produced a flurry of official rebuttal, a marshaling of documents, a public response. I believe he's wrong; nonetheless, his inquiries forced someone to check it out.

Norman Kurland is worried about the unknowable: the so-called Y2K problem. He's not one of those crazies who has built himself a cabin in the Adirondacks and armed himself to the teeth to prepare for the coming of the millennium. But in his spare time (as a retiree, he has lots of spare time), he frets that there may be a run on local supermarkets, that everyone's thermostat may shut down and the corner ATM won't work, that folks might begin to panic, within days and weeks of Triple Zero, and that public officials aren't fully prepared.

He has made his presence felt in Bethlehem town hall, has even been recruited to help them plan. He actually prompted the supervisor to devote a portion of a recent meeting to discussing Y2K. And he'll stay on their case until, well, the millennium.

All of which makes Kurland, Kelleher, Jarus and Madej both valuable and burrs under the saddle of town government. As are the folks who are commonly described — and often dismissed — as the Not-In-My-Front-Yard crowd, the

in Delmar, Tall Timbers in New Scotland, the Selkirk bypass, Home Depot in Latham, the expansion of Crossgates Mall.

Some NIMBY's undoubtedly are selfishly motivated, adherents of the venerable political maxim, "Don't tax you, don't tax me, tax that fella behind the tree." Their version, "Build it, but not where I'll see it." Whatever their motivation, they are surprisingly self-aware. One avowed NIMBY recently told me the difference between herself and a BANANA.

"You've never heard of a BANANA?" she asked, "like those Save The Pine Bush folks." It means, she said, Build-Absolutely-Nothing-Anywhere-Near-Anything, and she laughed as she said it, as if to say, "Well, at least I'm not one of those."

Some of us, public officials, beat journalists and casually interested citizens alike, dismiss the whole bunch. Don't they know I've got another meeting to get to? Don't they realize how much time we're wasting on their narrow beef? Don't they see the big picture? Aren't they tired of it? Haven't they got something better to do?

Actually, no. I've come to feel that, right or wrong, informed or misinformed, they are a vital ingredient in good government.

Should we uncritically accept what developers tell us without asking them to prove it? Isn't it possible that public officials, with all good intentions, might overlook something in reviewing a certain project? Doesn't someone need to ask these nit-picking questions? Shouldn't someone be made to answer them?

Our public lives are dependent upon decisions made who-knows-where and technology we don't understand. Tell the truth, you who can't even program a VCR, do you really know how food gets to your supermarket, or where your drinking water comes from? We're all too busy to figure out how, or whether, the Americans with Disabilities Act works in our town. Folks like Frank Madej take the time. Agree or disagree with them, they provide a valuable public service, even when they get it wrong. Democracy in its purest form is citizens representing citizens, under the watchful eye of other citizens, all being informed, engaged and responsive.

Barring that, we need the gadflies, amateur sleuths and Freedom-of-Information riders, the dedicated pains in the neck. And we need public officials to listen, to challenge their critics when they're wrong, to anticipate them, to do their homework, to respond.

"Respond" is the root of both "responsive" and "responsible," two things we all want our

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Registration for Red Cross Learn to Swim classes is Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school foyer.

Classes are sponsored by Helderberg Aquatics Swim Club from Jan. 23 to March 27 at the high school pool. There will be no lessons on Feb. 13 and 20 due to school vacation.

The program includes eight 50-minute sessions. All classes are on Saturdays, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$72 for one child. Reduced fees are available if more than one child in a family participates.

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petitive and competitive swim programs at the high school.

For information, call Tam Sayer at 765-5015.

Thacher Park offers snowmobile safety course

John Boyd Thacher State Park will offer a course in safety for young snowmobilers on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Successful participants will receive a snowmobile safety certificate, a legal requirement for operators

under the age of 16.

Preregistration is required by calling 872-1237.

Food pantry committee to meet tonight

The New Scotland Community Food Pantry meets tonight, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in classroom No. 4 at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road. Everyone is invited to attend.

Due to the overwhelming response from holiday food drives, the pantry is well stocked with most nonperishable items.

The following items are still needed: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry and dish detergents, shampoo, bath soap, coffee, cocoa, maple syrup, pan-

cake mix, jams and jellies and dry cereal.

School board to meet at high school

The school board's next regular meeting is on Monday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Blood pressure clinic set at church

The Kiwanis-sponsored blood pressure clinic is set for Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. Walk-ins are welcome.

Dollars for Scholars to meet next week

Dollars for Scholars group will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The group raises funds for scholarships for local students. Volunteers are always needed, and everyone in the community is invited to attend meetings and get involved.

For information, call Tim Kelly at 765-3314, ext. 205.

Public works to pick up discarded Christmas trees

New Scotland and Voorheesville public works departments will pick up Christmas trees left at the curb. Residents should remove all trimmings and not put trees in plastic bags.

Absentee call must be made

Parents of elementary school children are reminded to notify the school whenever their children will be absent.

If absentee calls are not made, the school will try to contact parents

— often leading to considerable delay in confirming a child's whereabouts. The school's answering machine allows parents to call before normal office hours. The number is 765-2382.

Haskins Relief Fund to help fire victims

Amid all the busyness of the holiday season, local residents are taking time to reach out to help a neighbor in need as a result of a home fire.

An accidental fire last month destroyed the Slingerlands home of Mark Haskins, where he lived with his 15-year-old son. Fire officials called the home nearly a total loss. But a group of neighbors have come to Haskins' aid, setting up a fire-relief fund.

Donations to the Haskins Relief Fund are currently being accepted in care of Marlene Brookins at the Little Country Store, 410 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, or at the Elsmere branch of Trustco Bank on Delaware Avenue.

Brookins says the fund-raising drive is going well so far.

"I know everyone has other things on their mind at Christmas time, but a number of people have already stopped by the store to help," she said.

Haskins and his son are currently staying with relatives in the area until insurance adjusters can evaluate the damage to the home at 1462 New Scotland Road.

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Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) maintains a very good site (www.irs.ustreas.gov), also accessible through the library's homepage (<http://www.crisny.org/libraries/capreg/bethlehem>). From the homepage, scroll down to the "Selected Links" list, click on "Links to Useful and Fun Sites on the Net," scroll down to the "Reference" list and click on IRS.

Your first stop is the front page of the "Digital Daily" ("faster than a speeding 1040EZ"). It's attractive, clever, and user-friendly, with abundant links to tax information, FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions), current and past forms, instructions and publications, indexes and cross-references, and links to state tax department sites. A link called "Tax Regs In English" offers clearly worded summaries of new regulations enacted this year to make the IRS more

responsive and responsible to the nation's taxpayers. "IRS Newsstand" contains current tax-related press releases and information on Y2K compliance. The Site Tree link is a well-designed search tool that makes it easy to find the information you need.

Seasoned Internet users can connect to both federal and state FTP servers for fast, bare-bones service and retrieval.

The library will replenish hard-copy tax materials once a week until they run out. Limited supplies of the most-used (most popular doesn't seem to apply here) forms are reordered in late February. Tax products can also be obtained from a CD-ROM (PC and Mac compatible) available for loan from the media center. (The library does not have public terminals equipped to play CD-ROMs.)

Please take only the tax forms you need. If the library doesn't stock a form, it can be copied from a master at the reference desk. The law does not allow librarians to give tax advice.

Louise Grieco

V'ville student wins oratorical contest

Clayton A. Bouton High School student Chris Bonham won first place and a \$100 cash prize in Albany County competition at the 62nd annual New York State Oratorical Contest recently at the Bucci-McTague American Legion Post in Albany.

Bonham competed against students from Albany High School, Christian Brothers Academy and Clayton A. Bouton High School. He had won first place and \$100 in the initial high school contest sponsored by Voorheesville's American Legion Post 1493.

Mark Diefendorf, a teacher at Voorheesville, helped Bonham prepare an eight- to 10-minute original oration on an aspect of the Constitution, which he had to memorize.

The contest is conducted on the basis of successive eliminations: by high school, county, district and zone. Bonham will compete in district finals Jan. 16 at Rensselaer High School. In district competition, participants must deliver a three- to five-minute extemporaneous talk in addition to their 10-minute speech.

Parent groups to meet

The PTO at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Church Street will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.

A.W. Becker Elementary School's PTA also meets on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the school on Route 9W in Selkirk.

RCS Sports group to meet at high school

RCS Sports Association will meet tonight, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

Community members are invited to attend.

High school to host wrestling tournament

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School on Route 9W in Ravena will host the RCS Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 9.

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RCS senior accepted at Princeton

Congratulations to RCS senior Courtney Endres who was recently accepted at Princeton University.

Endres has maintained a 4.0 average at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School and is a cross country runner and drummer.

She would like to pursue a career in biological research and has worked at the state health lab in Albany.

Physically Speaking



by Nick
Valenze, P.T.



BACK ON YOUR FEET

Whether their bodies suffer injury due to disease or trauma, patients will begin a process of diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation. It is this last element of this formula for restoring health that will be the subject of this column in the weeks and months that follow. Our purpose is to inform and advise the general public about the variety of therapeutic and rehabilitative techniques and services available which may be of considerable value in restoring comfort, strength, and function to the body. In simple terms, medical management that includes physical therapy offers patients their best assurance that they will get "back on their feet" after a physical setback.

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Sports

Indians and Eagles basketball squads win tourney titles

When it comes to basketball, there was plenty of holiday cheer to go around at Ravena-Coeys-Selkirk Senior High School, where both the boys and girls teams captured titles in their Gold Cup Tournament Dec. 30, and at Bethlehem Central High School, where the Eagles earned the championship of their annual Helderberg Tournament Dec. 29.

In Ravena, coach **Bryan Wood's** boys squad demolished Maple Hill in the final, 72-28, behind tournament Most Valuable Player **John Weinheimer's** 19 points. Senior co-captain **Kevin Reinisch** chipped in with 10, and **Jim Latter** came off the bench to score eight points.

Eleven players scored for the Indians, who had a 20-point lead after one quarter.

The win got Ravena, which opened the season with five straight wins, back on the winning track after it had dropped consecutive league games to Watervliet and Cohoes. Its next game will be at Averill Park Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The Indians' first Gold Cup game was forfeited by Cairo-Durham because of bad weather.

The girls team also gained a free ride to the finals via forfeit, and made the most of their opportunity as well, knocking off Cox-sackie-Athens High School 46-36. The victory was Ravena's third straight, coming on the heels of wins over Watervliet and Cohoes. **Bruce Stott's** club has now battled back to a 4-4 overall record. Tournament Most Valuable Player **Melissa Eissing** paced the Indi-

ans with 14 points and junior **Casey Firstiun** added eight.

Meanwhile, in Delmar, things were a little dicier when the Eagles faced Guilderland for the Helderberg title. The hosts came back from seven points down with a huge fourth quarter to force overtime before winning 52-48.

Junior guard **Chuck Abba** scored 17 of his 19 points in the last 13 minutes, 13 of them in a 24-point final stanza which eclipsed the Eagles' output for the prior three quarters combined. Sophomore swingman **Josh Burnett** hit for 16 points, and senior forward **Ryan Venter** added eight points to go with his seven rebounds. In their first game, Bethlehem outclassed Berne-Knox 83-27, placing the entire roster in the scorer's book. Junior guard **Mitch Lane** led the scoring parade with 15 points.

The pair of wins helped the Eagles (5-3) right their ship after three successive league losses. They will next travel to Burnt Hills for a Jan. 8 contest.

Beating Guilderland was something the Clayton A. Bouton High School boys could not do, as they fell to the Dutchmen 82-54 in their opening round game of the Helderberg Tournament. A 30-12 second quarter onslaught by Guilderland all but sealed the Blackbirds' fate.

Coach **Bill Logan's** crew came back in the consolation game, though, to dismantle Berne-Knox 85-62. **John Krajewski** (21 points), **Tim Beadnell** (20) and **Pat St. Denis** (15) led the way, and junior center **Brian Matthews** (12) also scored in double figures. The Blackbirds (1-6 league, 2-7 overall) will host Lansingburgh Jan. 8 at 8 p.m.

Jack Adams' Lady Blackbirds were in action Dec. 26 and 27 at the site of their Class C championship triumph a year ago, Hudson Valley Community College, for the Holiday Hoopfest. They massacred Maple Hill in the opener, pitching a shutout in the second half en route to a 44-4 win. Senior guard **Caryn Adams** pumped in

20 points to help the Ladybirds reach the white division final against Cambridge. A two-point second quarter put them in a 10-point halftime hole, which grew to 14 by the end of the third quarter. **Caryn Adams** and sophomore guard **Katelyn Berger** helped cut the deficit to six late in the game, but that was as close as the Blackbirds would get in a 46-39 loss. They next play in Lansingburgh Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

The Bethlehem Lady Eagles competed in the Hoopfest's red division, opening with a 45-41 win over Bishop Maginn. The Griffins used 15-0 run to forge a big first quarter lead, but Bethlehem chipped away and finally took the lead on a basket by **Lauren Murray**, who combined with her sister **Bridget** for 23 points.

The Lady Eagles met Shenendehowa in the final, in a rematch of a Dec. 18 game in which the Plainsmen won by eight. The result this time was similar, with Shen winning 55-43. As they did against Maginn, Bethlehem suffered a first quarter drought, when the Plainsmen scored 13 straight points. Bethlehem won the second half 29-28, but it was not enough.

Bridget Murray and junior center **Lily Corrigan** had 10 points apiece, with senior guard **Kate Strait** tossing in nine. The Lady Eagles are at Niskayuna High School Jan. 6 at 8 p.m.

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BCHS wrestling looks to overcome loss of stalwarts

By Len Tarricone

Bethlehem Central High School varsity wrestling coach **Rick Poplanski** says that it is important for a young team to think in terms of "small steps" and "patience" in charting its development.

His current group, which includes only two seniors, does not

and five other starting seniors from the 1997-98 team that went 12-2 and finished second in the league's Gold Division, question marks about depth and leadership were understandable coming in. The team has yet to wrestle league powers Niskayuna and Burnt Hills, but the beginning has been encouraging.

seen a lot of growth."

He praised his seniors for their influence on the underclassmen, calling Hessberg and Kawczak "solid kids whose work ethic makes them good leaders."

Poplanski said his core group of six juniors, all of whom started or saw significant mat time last season, need to "know where they need to be, and to step up" for the team to be successful. Since they

were key members of a squad that last year went to Niskayuna and snapped the Silver Warriors' 47-match league winning streak, they have reason to be confident.

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Dan Hazen (facing camera) battles a Colonie High wrestler. *Len Tarricone*

seem to want to wait that long, as it has jumped out to a 4-2 start to their season.

"If someone had told me back in November that we would be within six points (the combined margin of defeat in the Eagles' two losses to Shenendehowa and Colonie) of being undefeated I would have questioned the possibility of that," Poplanski said.

Yet here they are, a starting squad of an eighth grader, three freshmen, three sophomores, six juniors and senior co-captains **Jason Hessberg** and **Dean Kawczak** making their presence felt in the Suburban Council.

"The strength of this team is its character, its willingness to accept challenges and to make great strides," said Poplanski. "This is not a group that will allow themselves to be tossed around."

After losing the Section II champion at 119 pounds, **Tim Leonard**,

"The kids realize this is an opportunity to get maturity and they are slowly learning how to win and how to make adjustments during matches," said Poplanski. "This takes time for young kids but we're making progress; I've

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BCHS swimmers and divers trying to continue dynasty

By Len Tarricone

In Jack Whipple's first year as boys swimming coach at Bethlehem Central High School in 1971-72, the Eagles swept through the regular season without a loss, but fell to Shaker High School in the Sectionals. They hated that blemish so much that they did not lose within Section II for the next 26 years.

That's right, 26 years. Whipple never lost another Section II dual meet, before handing the reins to Buzz Jones in 1984. Jones went spotless for two years, and then Ken Neff took over and led the Eagles for 12 years before tasting defeat Dec. 16, 1997 to Burnt Hills.

Bethlehem rebounded from that loss, and a tie to Guilderville, to claim its 27th straight Sectional championship last season, but this year they have already lost to Shenendehowa, and some schools

may finally be catching up.

"Guilderville did not graduate anyone from a team that finished second in the Section last year; Shenendehowa has beaten us, and Burnt Hills is very good," said Neff of his powerful Adirondack League foes. "We have a green team this year; we were concerned two years ago that we would lack experience with this group, but we haven't stopped working and we're slowly, steadily improving."

But before any reports about the pending demise of the Eagles become exaggerated, it should be noted that since Neff made those observations, his squad bounced back from the defeat to the Plainsmen by taking down Guilderville in impressive fashion, 104-79, Dec. 16 in Delmar, winning eight of the first nine events to clinch the meet.

It would not be reasonable to expect this program to yield its

title meekly. There is far too much tradition involved. Neff said it all started with Whipple's commitment to excellence, something he experienced firsthand as a backstroker and individual medley performer for Bethlehem from 1976 to 1979.

Once that mentality was established, Neff said "a lot of hard work, planning, and luck along the way" has been instrumental to the school's winning legacy.

The dedication of the community to the Delmar Dolphins feeder program has been very important, he added, in ensuring that youngsters have the proper training and technique before they get to high school. The school is very much connected to the program, and its coaches make themselves available to it. Neff saluted Doug Gross, the current coach, for his instruction and guidance of the Dolphins.

Another contributing factor is the presence of three pools in Delmar, at the high school, the middle school and in the town park, which increases the availability of pool time.

The pipeline has provided talent to the varsity squad, although a half-dozen graduations, including two major losses, have left Neff with big slots to fill this season. Steve Corson was the Sec-

tion II 200- and 500-yard freestyle champion a year ago, and Scott Strickler was an excellent sprinter and backstroker. When factoring in their influence on the relays, there is a lot there to replace.

"Those two enabled me to neutralize the other top two or three people of any team we faced," said Neff.

He does not have that luxury this year, but he does have the top butterfly in Section II last season, junior Chris Shaffer, back in the fold. Shaffer is a third-year varsity swimmer who also is strong in the 200-yard individual medley.

After him comes a huge pack of swimmers who, according to Neff, need to become faster and stronger than they were last year if the Eagles are to successfully defend their crown.

His seasoned returnees include the two senior captains, Rob Storey and John Porco. Storey is a four-year varsity swimmer, a freestyler in the sprints and the 200, and Porco swims the breaststroke.

Other seniors include Todd McCoy, a distance freestyle specialist (200 and 500 yards), and Ilya Furman, a breaststroker and sprinter who Neff has nicknamed "The Russian Rocket".

Pat Davis is a junior who Neff

said has "come out of nowhere to become the team's best sprinter this year."

First-year diving coach Sean Gnat has one returning senior, Mark Bassotti, and two returning sophomores in Dan Kohler and Brendan Jordan, with freshman Scott Lipnick in the wings.

While Bethlehem has not been known as a diving school during the prolonged period of dominance by the swim team, that aspect of the program has always been solid. This year's unit has beaten Saratoga, one of the traditional diving powers, and Neff said it is getting better.

Integral to the Eagles' incredible success over the years, according to Neff, has been team depth, and he hopes the development of his younger swimmers will provide quality in this area.

"You don't win championships by having superstars; you win by filling every event, by having a whole bunch of good swimmers," he said. "The only way we can win is to qualify as many people as possible, then have them swim fast enough to score points."

The Section II meet this year will be held Feb. 11-13 in Amsterdam.

"Two years ago I would have written us off for the Sectionals this year," said Neff. "But if you give youth a chance, it just might surprise you. Our kids are working hard, and they're throwing times up there. There is a mountain to climb and they're trying to climb it."

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Wrestling

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This contingent is headed by junior captains **Andrew Hayes** (145 pounds) and **Dave Woodworth** (112), and also includes **Bob Hazen** (160), **Tom Hotaling** (125, 130), **Paul Rapoccio** (119) and **Dennis Lenhardt** at 215. Lenhardt recently finished third in the Oxford Tournament, which attracts many of the best wrestlers from across the state, and won the Columbia tournament Jan. 2.

Then there are the youngsters. In a recent loss to Colonie, sophomore and first-year starter **Sean Altamari** provided a bright spot by pinning one of the Garnet Raiders multiple-category leaders, **Josh Stenglein**, at 103 pounds. Other starting sophomores in-

clude **Bill Tierney** (130, 135) and **Mark Willey** (189), who is coming off an injury and working his way back to top form. **Matt Curtin** is an eighth-grader starting at 96 pounds.

Freshman wrestlers include **John Sterrett** (130), **Dan Hazen** (152), and **Dan O'Brien** at super heavyweight. The latter is a classification that the Eagles were forced to forfeit in most matches last year, which is testament to the depth of that squad, since they won 12 of 14 matches even though they gave away six points most nights.

"Last year we could face anyone and get quality performances," said Poplanski, who credited his staff—assistant varsity and head junior varsity coach **John DeMeo**, volunteer coaches

Anthony Genovese and **Al Gordon**, modified head coach **Dan Cremo** and modified assistant **Scott Kniffin**—for the successes the program has had over the years.

Though this edition of Bethlehem wrestling is not at last year's level, Poplanski is confident that the team will build from week to week. "Our challenges are to develop consistency by accepting our conditioning, developing mental toughness, and gaining match awareness," said Poplanski. "I'm excited about this team."

The Eagles will get the opportunity to measure themselves against one of the league's best when they travel to Burnt Hills Jan. 6. The first match will begin at 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Basketball Club weathers storm

Icy conditions did not deter the Bethlehem Basketball Club Jan. 3.

In NBA action, **Tony Lombardo** led a balanced New York attack as the Knicks steamrolled Orlando 62-24. **Sam Brody** had five points in defeat. The Celtics edged the Spurs 35-30 behind 10 key points from **Brett Boyd**. The Sonics fell 44-41 to Chicago, despite **Andrew Dolan's** 19 points. **Lindsay Franklin** and **Reid Prinzo** combined for 10 points to lead the Bulls. **Jason Colocino** and **Casey Carroll** led the Rockets past the Lakers. **Jeremy Trotta** had five points in a losing effort.

In Big East play, Boston College beat Miami 41-24, as **Matthew Laiosa** and **Justin Hartman** combined for 20 points. **Mark Fitzsimmons** and **Cullen Breen** paced the 'Canes. **Eddie Hotaling** scored 11 points in St. John's 36-29 over Villanova, while

Chris Olsen had 13 for the Wildcats. West Virginia's **Billy Comptois** scored 14 points in a 48-38 win over Pitt, which got 12 points from **Dan Forrest**. Point guard **Ryan Murphy's** eight points led Providence to a 32-22 win over Seton Hall. Connecticut, behind **John Burk's** eight points, beat Syracuse 31-25, despite 12 points by Syracuse's **Ethan Levine**. Notre Dame, behind 10 points from **Clem Darling**, defeated Georgetown 31-25. **Brian Wendth** played strong defense for the Hoyas.

Georgia Tech beat North Carolina 38-31 in ACC action. **Kevin Manilenko** bulled his way to 21 points in the win, while **Kate Mendel** tallied seven for the Heels. Maryland got 15 points from **Marcus Kaplan** in a 47-38 win over Wake Forest. **Jesse Czajka** scored six points in the loss. **Adam Burke's** 12 points led Florida State past Clemson 45-28, as **Ashley Dwyer's** late-game heroics fell short. Duke beat Virginia 22-15 behind **Joshua Monroe's** five points. **Jake Spencer** had six points for the Cavs.

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Tomboys schedule final registration

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Stars

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kids and see them gain something from you," Sutton said. "I do reading, math, sciences and social studies. More often than not, I work with the kids who are behind a little. Sometimes I work with kids who have been absent."

Sutton spends two hours, two days a week in a classroom and Kearney finds Sutton's presence a great help. "The kids love him," Kearney said. "Some of them have had STARS before, and they all want to work with him. They really crave that one-on-one attention."

Kearney said the focus is usually on language arts. "It's great to

have Jim work with a group. It lets them work at their own pace, and he can give them specific attention," he said.

Kearney also finds it good for students to see older people in the classroom. "The way society views the elderly isn't always positive," Kearney said.

Letting children learn about different generations was one of Glassanos' goals when she set up the STARS program. "The children can see what the seniors' lives and careers were like," Glassanos said.

STAR volunteer Percy Forman said, "A lot of these youngsters do not have contact with a grandparent figure. This gives them an

opportunity to have contact with a generation beyond their parents."

Both Sutton and Forman feel they get as much out of the program as they give to it, which was another of Glassanos' goals. "This is definitely a two-way street," Forman said.

"There's a real sense of satisfaction from the idea that you're helping the kids a little bit," Sutton said.

School Superintendent William Schwartz said the program really motivates the children. "It sends a clear message that someone cares," Schwartz wrote in support of the STARS program. "That goes a long way in creating a positive climate for learning."

The program has received many commendations, including a letter of praise from Hillary Rodham Clinton congratulating the STARS for their contribution to the community. It is funded by grants from the state Education Department.

Seniors are offered free breakfast and lunch on the days that they work and a \$5 per hour stipend. The program is open to any senior citizen in the state, and training is provided.

Forman said the program's only drawback is that there aren't more volunteers.

Board

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Reilly will be the town budget officer, and the board appointed Rutnik & Matt Co. to assist in preparing the town's financial report and to review records.

Highway superintendent Darrell Duncan will continue as the town's deputy director for emergency management, an unpaid position.

Fields praised the work of attorney Margaret Atkins, who will continue to serve as counsel to the planning board and zoning board of appeals.

Robert Stapf will continue as chairman of the planning board, and Cynthia Elliott was appointed to a seat on the planning board formerly held by John Loucks. Loucks, whose term was up for renewal, did not seek reappointment.

Elliott will have to resign from her current seat on the zoning board of appeals.

The town board will appoint a new member at its next regular meeting on Jan. 13.

Ronald Von Ronne will continue to serve as chairman of the zoning board of appeals, and Judith Wing was appointed to an-

other term on the board.

The board reappointed Paul Nichols to the assessment board of review, where he will serve as chairman.

Paul Jeffers will continue as building inspector, and will also be the town's constable. Jeffrey Pine will continue as probationary code enforcement officer will continue through March 28.

Harry Duncan will also continue as town parks coordinator in 1999.

In a holdover rather than an appointment, Chester Boehlke will continue as animal control officer. The town board is reviewing the job description for that position, after which time it will make the appointment.

Kevin Phelan, Bob Hampston, Bob Cook and Katie O'Rourke will serve on the town's water committee, and there is room for one additional member.

The board tabled the appointment of members to the economic development committee.

The board also established an eight-hour work day for highway employees and seven-hour work day for other full-time employees.

At its next meeting, the board will discuss giving employees with more than five years service with the town either additional pay or more time off.

The town board will continue to hold its regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

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Markses celebrate 50th

Henry and Eleanore Marks of Delmar celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner party Nov. 22 at The Stone House in West Winfield, Herkimer County.

The couple was married Nov. 20, 1948, at the Congregational Church in Patchogue, Suffolk County.

Henry is retired from Sterling Drug in Rensselaer where he was

a purchasing agent for 35 years.

Eleanore worked for the former New York Power & Light for several years and is a homemaker.

The couple has two daughters, Cynthia Konchanin of Norwich, Chenango County, and Cheryl Stees of Colonie; a son, Tom Marks of Schenectady; and two grandsons.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Jack Donal Rooney, to Christine and Michael Rooney of Glenmont, Oct. 26.

Class of '98

SUNY Oswego — David Kling of Slingerlands, bachelor's in computer science.

College of Saint Rose — Tamara Lynn Myers of Albany, bachelor's in communication disorders, summa cum laude. She is the granddaughter of James and Patricia Stratton of Delmar.

Dean's List

Johnson & Wales University — Katherine Pahl of Voorheesville.

Rochester Institute of Technology — Daniel Xeller of Delmar.

RCS teacher wins service award

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School math teacher Ardyce Elmore was recently honored as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State.

The award is presented by the association's past presidents to a member who has exhibited long and quality service to the group. Elmore has served the association in many capacities.

She has been a teacher in the RCS School District for more than 30 years.

Glenmont student earns cadet rank

Benjamin Levine, son of Dr. Catalina Alegre-Levine of Glenmont, has been elevated to full cadet status at Valley Forge Military Academy and College.

Levine completed a six-week training program and was recognized along with 365 other cadets who received their cap shields in recent ceremonies.



Deirdre and Matthew Snyder

Gobeille, Snyder marry

Deirdre Gobeille, daughter of Ernest and Janet Gobeille of Queensbury and formerly of Voorheesville, and Matthew Howard Snyder, son of Richard and Joan Snyder of Vestal, Broome County, were married Oct. 10.

The Rev. Ralph Marino and the Rev. Kenneth Wood performed the ceremony at Queensbury United Methodist Church.

A reception followed at Fort William Henry on Lake George.

The matron of honor was Denise Gobeille Rogers, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Paj Howard, sister of the groom, and Betsy Appert, Tracy Hejmanowski, Rachelle Mont, Katherine Rostick and Paige Beadling. Emma Rose Neale was the junior

bridesmaid.

The best man was Jeffrey Howard, brother-in-law of the groom. Ushers were Pete Hatala, Tom Greblick, Scott McGorry, Bill Doolittle, Rob Schack, Charles Zimmer and Jeff Bosse. Baker Neale was the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, SUNY Geneseo and the University of South Carolina.

She is an account executive at Marengi & Associates in Wellesley Hills, Mass.

The groom is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo. He is a graduate student in counseling education at Boston College.

After a wedding trip to the coast of Maine, the couple lives in Brighton, Mass.

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- Sundays, Jan. 24 and Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. for players.

Children in prekindergarten through eighth-grade can play. Registration costs \$56 per player, and new players must bring birth certificates. For information, call 448-5904.

Obituaries

Maurice W. Mulhern

Maurice W. Mulhern Jr., 47, of Delmar died Monday, Dec. 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was graduate of the former Vincentian Institute and Stonehill College.

Mr. Mulhern worked at GE Plastics in Selkirk for many years.

He was a communicant of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Trimarchi Mulhern; his mother, Grace A. Mulhern; five daughters, Alina K. Lee, Alicia M. Polverelli, Allyson G. Mulhern, Morgan E. Mulhern and Moira Mulhern; a son, Ernest J. Allie; two sisters, Mary K. Mulhern-Foote and Maureen R. Mulhern-Cunningham; two brothers, Timothy Mulhern and Michael Mulhern; and three grandchildren.

Services were from St. Catherine of Siena Church and the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department, Clarksville or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, Mass. 01104.

Florence R. Morris

Florence R. Morris of Delmar died Monday, Dec. 28, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar.

She is survived by her nephew, Thomas Flynn of Delmar.

Services were from St. Teresa of Avila Church in Albany.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, 141 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054; The Little Sisters of the Poor Adult Day Care Program, 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane, Latham 12110; or Sisters of the Holy Names Retirement Fund, 1061 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

Florence Marsch

Florence E. Marsch of Delmar died Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home.

She is survived by a sister, May M. Reissig of Delmar.

Born and educated in Albany, she was secretary for Agway at the Port of Albany for more than 40 years.

She was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Albany and Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

Services were from St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Burial was in the St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 75 Whitehall Road, Albany 12209.

Claire Layaou

Claire C. Bowles Layaou of Voorheesville died Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Survivors include a son, John K. Layaou of Voorheesville; a daughter, Judith Fuller of Albany; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers

Funeral Home in Delmar.

Lois Riedel

Lois K. Riedel, 72, of Delmar died Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Born in Worcester, Mass., she was a longtime Delmar resident.

She was a graduate of Clark University in Worcester and had been employed at the Albany Public Library and Delmar Friendly's Restaurant.

She was active at First United Methodist Church of Delmar, serving as president of the altar committee and United Methodist Church Women's Club.

Mrs. Riedel was a volunteer for the American Red Cross Blood Center in Albany and Bethlehem Senior Services. She was a member of the Delmar Progress Club and active in the Literature Group.

Survivors include her husband, Alan Riedel; three sons, Richard Riedel of Lenox, Mass.; Charles Riedel of Delmar; and Steven Riedel of Elsmere; and eight grandchildren.

Services were from First United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054 or Bethlehem Senior Services, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Thomas D. Winship

Thomas D. Winship, 42, of Delmar died Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

He is survived by three brothers, Lockwood Winship, Benjamin Winship and Frank Winship Jr.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

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

Joseph P. Tammany

Joseph P. Tammany, 90, of Delmar died Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J.

Mr. Tammany was director of operations for the state Department of Civil Service, retiring in 1972.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and a member of the Holy Names Society.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Michalak Tammany; two daughters, Mary Ellen Cuneo of Summit, N.J., and Karen T. Cruse of Washington, D.C.; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Ar-

rangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the St. Thomas Church Building Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Stewart C. Andrews

Stewart C. Andrews, 86, of Delmar died Friday, Jan. 1, at Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta, Otsego County.

He is survived by two sons, Stewart E. Andrews of Boulder, Mont., and Alan D. Andrews of Durango, Colo.

There will be no services. Contributions may be made to Catskill Area Hospice, 542 Main St., Oneonta, 13820.

Gene Sattler

Gene "Skeeter" Sattler, 70, of Glenmont died Friday, Jan. 1, at Albany Medical Center.

Born in Franklin, N.J., he lived in the New York City area for most of his life before moving to the Capital District.

Mr. Sattler was a graduate of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

He was a stockbroker for 42 years retiring in 1997 from RAF Financial in Colonie.

He was past president of the Albany Stockbrokers Association and a member of Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

Mr. Sattler is survived by his wife, Donna Williams Sattler; three daughters, Allyson L. Christopher of Salem, Mass., Kathleen L. O'Neill of Berne and Colleen O'Neill Smith of Aylett, Va.; and a son, Mark L. Sattler of Glens Falls.

Services were from the Wm. J. Rockefeller Funeral Home in East Greenbush. Internment will be private.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Senior Services, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Helen L. Van Ness

Helen L. Van Ness, 89, formerly of Adams Street in Delmar, died Friday, Jan. 1, at Albany Medical Center.

Mrs. Van Ness was a graduate of Albany Business College. She was a bookkeeper for Orange Motor Co. and Kelly Jewelers in Albany, retiring in 1975.

She was a member, past regent and treasurer of the Tawasentha Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, and a 50-year member of First Church in Albany (Reformed).

She was wife of the late James F. Van Ness. Survivors include two daughter, Christine V. Torey of Castleton-on-Hudson and Suzanne V. Boe of Hyde Park; two brother, Frederick Lendrum and Harold Lendrum of Berne; a sis-

ter, Marjorie Shultes of Berne; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, at noon at First Church in Albany. Internment will be in Knox Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

William L. Rooney

William L. Rooney, 93, of Delmar died Saturday, Jan. 2, at Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Mr. Rooney had been principal land and claims adjuster for the state Department of Transportation, retiring in 1969. He oversaw land purchases and mediated sales disputes during construction of the Empire State Plaza. After he retired, he was employed by the state Power Authority as a consultant on the Blenheim-Gilboa Power Plant.

He was husband of the late Margaret Karl Rooney. Survivors include a daughter, Sally Ann Rooney; two sons, Michael W. Rooney of Delmar and James K. Rooney of New Hartford, Oneida County; a sister, Mary Catherine McWilliams of Elmira, Chemung County; two grandsons; and two great-grandsons.

Services will be today, Jan. 6, at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Contributions may be made to the Vascular Institute at Albany Medical Center, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

Charles E. Alford

Charles E. Alford, 79, of Delmar died Sunday, Jan. 3, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

Mr. Alford was a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy.

He was employed by the former Sterling Winthrop Research Institute from 1946 until his retirement in 1982. He wrote many scientific papers and held several U.S. and foreign patents.

Mr. Alford was a Navy veteran and member of Blanchard American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Webster Alford; a daughter, Nancy Panganiban of Delmar; a brother, Nelson Alford of Chatham; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services are today, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Delmar. Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Church Memorial Fund, 16 Elsmere Ave., Delmar 12054; Child's Nursing Home Activities Fund, 25 Hackett Blvd. Albany 12208; or Bethlehem Senior Services, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

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DANDY YANKEE DOODLES

FYFERS AND DRUMMERS GATHER FOR HOLLY JOLLY MUSTER

By Joseph A. Phillips

It's difficult to say, says Charlie Alonge of the Spirit of '76 Fife and Drumm Corps, just how many visiting corps will be participating in this weekend's Holly Jolly Muster in East Greenbush, the '76ers' home town. His ensemble hosts the informal gathering of musicians, which is getting ready for its annual drumroll on Saturday, Jan. 9, at Genet Middle School.

Beginning about 10 a.m. the host corps posts the colors, and then the assembled fife and drum corps will, one by one, perform "on stand" at the Genet gym. Which means they'll march out onto the parade deck and strut their stuff, while a narrator describes their uniforms and maneuvers.

The assembled corps then mix with one another and jam in a "circle of friendship" that can last a couple of hours. That's followed by a short, informal parade, which in the case of the East Greenbush muster runs to the Martin Roads Legion Hall on Routes 9 and 20, where the musicians sit down for a hot meal and more jamming.

All of which sounds a lot like a really great Fourth of July picnic.

"It kinda gets into your blood when you've been to enough musters," says Alonge. But January? There remains a question just how big that circle of friendship is likely to be. "It's true," Alonge concedes. "We're the only ones crazy enough to hold a muster in January."

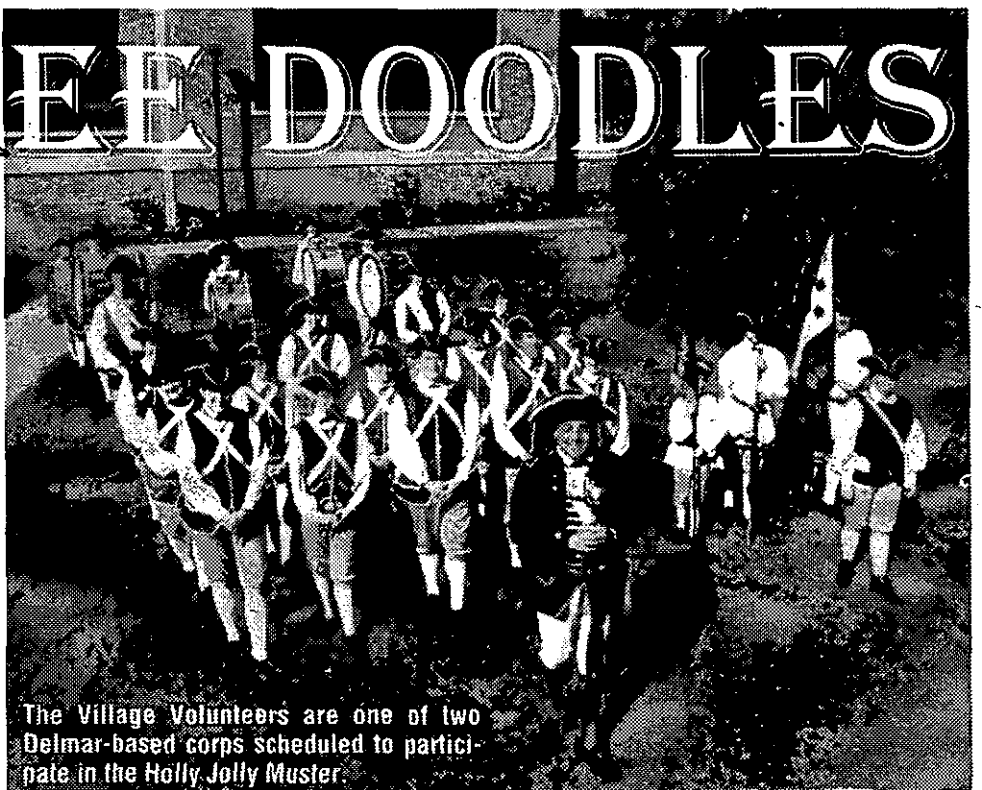
Throughout New England, especially in Connecticut, there are a great many of these little ensembles, playing primarily Colonial-era patriotic music and dressing up in period garb, tricorn and buckled shoes. There are fewer in New York, but the tradition marches on as a great small-town family activity. Many, like East Greenbush, belong to the International Company of Fifers and Drummers.

For those of us who only see fife and drum corps at Memorial Day parades, musters are their other key activity. Corps just put out a call to neighboring groups to come over for an afternoon of corn on the cob and "Yankee Doodle." Many of these are scheduled annually and hitched to events like volunteer firemen's carnivals.

Why on earth did the East Greenbush gang choose January? "Because nobody else does it then," says Alonge matter-of-factly. It's just kooky enough to have caught on with drum corps throughout upstate New York and eastern New England.

Still, January is not exactly prime-time to be marching about in waistcoat and breeches. So — who besides the hosts will show up for a little of what Alonge calls "holiday jollification"?

Relax. Holly Jolly is in its 22nd year, so they've got this down to a science, of an inexact sort. The featured corps this year is the Mt. Kisco Fife and Drum Corps from Westchester County. And you can count on a solid turnout of local contingents —



The Village Volunteers are one of two Delmar-based corps scheduled to participate in the Holly Jolly Muster.

the Village Volunteers and Adamsville Ancients, both of Delmar, and Glenville's Sons and Daughters of Liberty.

"The Fusileers from Millbrook will almost definitely be there," says Alonge. "And there's the Confederate Field Music Re-enactors, from LaGrangeville in Dutchess County. And we might see the Windsor Fife & Drum Corps." They're from nearby Connecticut.

In all, Alonge anticipates somewhere between 10 and two dozen corps of what are called "ancient musicians," though not so named for their age. Many members of these troops of fifes, drums and the occasional bagpipe or bugle are youngsters.

This makes historical sense: so-called "little drummer boys" were often used by Colonial-era militias to set marching cadences and for field communication, the tradition to which fife and drummers pay tribute. They aren't all drummer "boys" anymore either. In fact, whole families sometimes participate.

Which also makes a lot of sense. It's not like, say, putting together a whole marching band. "They're not huge," says Alonge of the typical corps. "They don't have to be. The original Spirit of '76 were only three guys." The instruments are simple to learn, and "there's a lot of history in the music we play and the uniforms we wear," he says. "And they learn how to work with one another."

Many local ensembles got a boost from the Bicentennial two decades ago. The East Greenbush bunch were launched in 1971, with, naturally, 13 players. "One for each of the Colonies," says Alonge. The younger Adamsville Ancients first piped up in 1988. (They've borrowed the old-fashioned name for Delmar.)

All recruit more or less continuously.

"It's gotten difficult to get a commitment from kids these days, they've got so much going on," says Alonge, a state employee and card-carrying union drummer who's been in drum corps since he was 4. "But we do get them."

Alonge says he might see corps from as far away as Virginia this weekend, but he can't quite pin it down. Fife and drummers, for all the uniforms and military trappings, are a pretty informal bunch.

"You never know what's going to show up," says Alonge. "You never know what to expect until they're out on the floor on stand."

The main event is free and open to the public and starts at 10 a.m. at Genet Middle School at 39 Englewood Ave. in East Greenbush, with the muster parade at approximately 3 p.m.

As the host of the 18th annual Muster, the Spirit of '76 Fife & Drumm Corps of East Greenbush has the honor of performing first on Saturday morning.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

NICOLE PEYRAFFITE

multimedia performer, Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and children. Information, 438-5503.

GRACE AND GLORIE

comedy by Tom Ziegler, Capital Rep., 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Jan. 19 to Feb. 14. Information, 462-4531.

KINDERTRANSPORT

World War II drama by Diane Samuels, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., Jan. 8, 9, 15, 16, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., Jan. 10, 17 and 24 at 3 p.m., Jan. 16 and 23 at 3 p.m., \$12. Information, 462-1297.

THE SHOULDER

"chamber opera" presented by Proctor's Too, Yulman Theatre, Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 15 and 16, 8 p.m., \$15, \$10 for students. Information, 388-6545.

WILD WOMEN BLUES

blues revue, Savannah's, 1 S. Pearl St., Albany, Jan. 9, 8 p.m., \$20, \$34 including dinner. Information, 438-5503.

MUSIC

PATTI LABELLE

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., \$28.50-\$37.50. Information, 465-4663.

JULLIARD STRING QUARTET

performing works by Mozart, Bartok and Smetana, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Jan. 10, 3 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

STANLEY TURRENTINE QUINTET

famed tenor saxophonist, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, Jan. 16, 7 and 9 p.m., \$24. Information, 381-1111.

CARL WEATHERSBY AND CHICO BANKS

Chicago blues guitar stars, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 16, 8 p.m., \$14. Information, 473-1845.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

performing "The Planets" by Holst and "Also Spach Zarathustra" by Strauss, Palace Theatre, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, Jan. 16, 8 p.m., \$14-\$33. Information, 465-4755.

THE KINSEY REPORT

with Ernie Williams & the Wildcats opening, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Jan. 23, 8 p.m., \$14. Information, 473-1845.

CLASSICAL COLONIAL TEA

sings and arias by Opera Excelsior in Slingerlands home, Jan. 24, 3 p.m., \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Information, 346-4187.

DANCE

THE SPLENDOR OF BAROQUE DANCE

18th-century dances performed by the Ken Pierce Baroque Dance Co., Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 22, 8 p.m., free. Information, 388-6201.

FAMILY FUN

THE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS

by SAIL Productions, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Jan. 17, 1 and 4 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and children. Information, 473-1845.

VISUAL ARTS

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM
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, Model Train Village, through Jan. 31, Nott Terrace Heights, Information, 449-4756.

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PEERLESS MANAGEMENT, 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 Peerless Management, LLC.

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

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

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

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P.O. Box 459, Albany, New York 12201-0459.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 14th day of December, 1998.

Richard A. Langer
Attorney-in-Fact

(January 6, 1999)

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 Com-

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pany 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 BLUMBERG EXCELSIOR
CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.
488 Broadway, Suite 106
Albany, NY 12207
(January 6, 1999)

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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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:

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, as Attorney-in-fact for 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
Qualified in Saratoga County
Commission expires Aug. 8, 2000.

(January 6, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE

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
(January 6, 1999)

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5 Fragrance
9 Colorado resort town
13 Quench
18 Mrs. Jupiter
19 Penny or Primrose
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24 Susan of "Golden Girl"
25 Happening
26 Start of a remark by Jack Benny
28 Goldsmith's "The — of Wakefield"
29 Skagway's state
30 Pinnacle
31 Join forces
33 Half and half?
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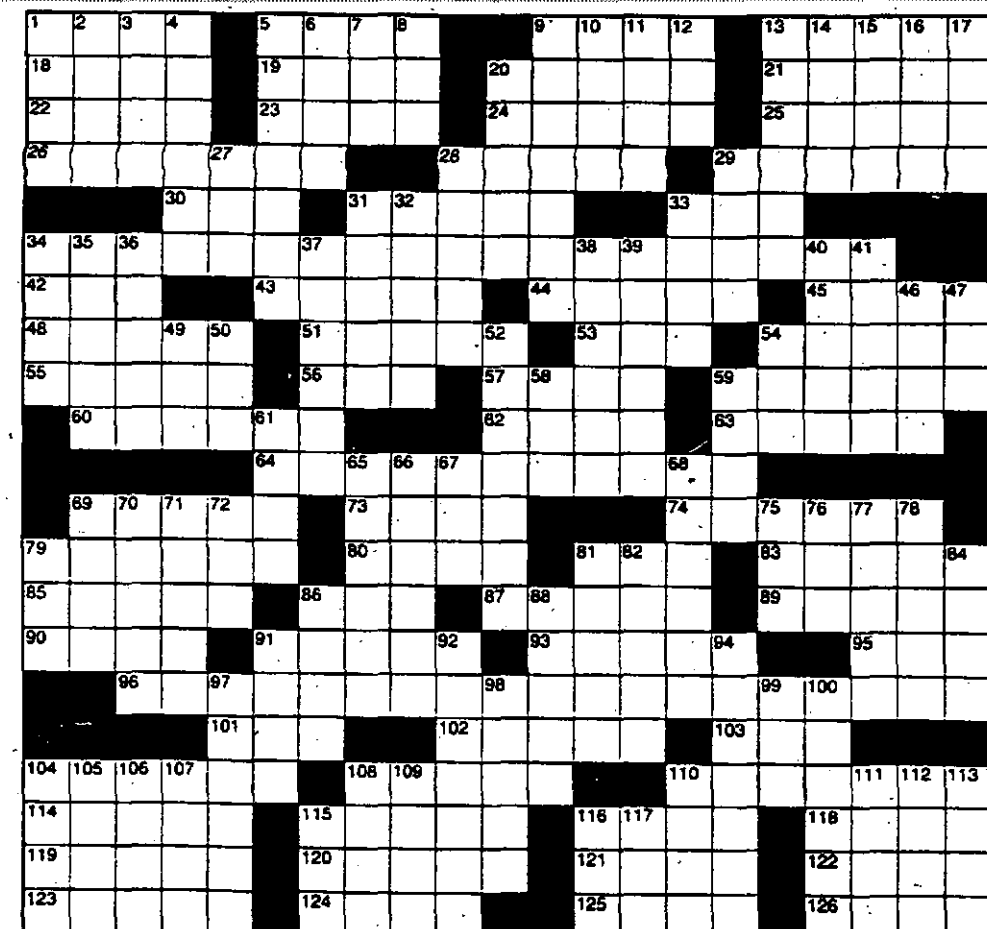
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69 Maestro Zubin
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74 Bush or Burns
79 Patterson's profession
80 Spice-rack item
81 Paving material
83 Kind of mushroom
85 Modify
86 Rock's — Supply
87 It's held by German banks
89 Harden
90 Rope fiber
91 Director Lubitsch
93 Perplexed Jones
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- "Players"
96 Part 4 of remark
101 Shirley, to Warren
102 "Psycho" setting
103 Endeavor
104 Exodus insect
108 Plentiful
110 End of remark
114 Addis —
115 Sharon of Israel
116 Agana's Island
118 Heavenly headgear
119 Something to write home about?
120 Unkempt
121 Atlanta arena
122 Hurler Hersheiser
123 Jury members
124 Bygone
125 Pinza or Chaliapin
126 Violin part
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1 California resort town
2 Propel with a pole
3 Word form for "within"
4 Prairie wolf
5 Hermes' home
6 Crockett or Jones
7 TV's — Life to

- Live"
8 Musical syllables
9 Price or Canby
10 Cultural grp.
11 Borodin's "Prince —"
12 Author Deighton
13 " — Dallas" ('37 film)
14 Stromboli
15 The Four —
16 Pain in the neck
17 Singer James
20 Half of Hispaniola
27 Actress Stark
28 Part of VCR
29 TV's — "McBeal"
31 Out-and-out
32 Bete —
33 Jocular Johnson
34 Applies lightly
35 Audibly
36 Harass
37 Papeete's place
38 Ode — Line
39 Avoid
40 Pen pals?
41 The Friendly Islands
46 Boat bottom
47 Goof

- 49 Command to Fido
50 Golfer's gadget
52 Bedroom furniture
54 Lots of laughs
58 Ooh's partner
59 Nero's need?
61 Stocking mishap
65 Sign of spring
66 Publisher William Randolph
67 RN's specialty
68 "It's a deal!"
69 Pie a la —
70 End-of-semester tests
71 Helty herbivore
72 Big bang letters
75 Cockney's abode
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82 Photographer Adams

- 84 Balloon material?
86 Curved lines
88 Speed
91 Way out
92 Teapot disturbance
94 Goddess of the hunt
97 Lamb products
98 Singer Parton
99 Legendary Bruin
100 He'll give you a squeeze
104 Nightingale prop
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108 Bailiwick
109 " — You Much" ('89 hit)
110 Sachs or Brinker
111 Half-baked?
112 Actor Guinness
113 Mayonnaise ingredient
115 Rock band's need
116 Dollop
117 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"



The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 6**
BETHLEHEM
BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9955.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

WELCOME WAGON

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3791.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 7**
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.

LEGAL NOTICE

the LLC upon whom process may be served. Latest date to dissolve is 11/05/2028. Purpose is to produce educational products and any other lawful act or activity. (January 6, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is First Columbia Plank, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 17, 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 address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 210 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, New York 12203. (January 6, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Delaware Group, L.L.C.

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

AA MEETINGS

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

NEW SCOTLAND
FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

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

LEGAL NOTICE

The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 14, 1998. The Purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act/activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (January 6, 1999)

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. (January 6, 1999)

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 8**
BOOKS IN THE MORNING

discussion of *Lord Jim* by Conrad, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-9661.

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sponsored by Bethlehem Businesswomen, to benefit the scholarship fund, games, door prizes and refreshments, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 to 10:30 p.m., \$2.50. Information, 439-1817.

AA MEETING

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

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

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

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

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 West Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 ATTN: Lamont Hungershafer (January 6, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RAMAPO GARDENS COMPANY, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 9**
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by youth groups of local Reformed, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, to benefit the Haskins family, music and refreshments, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., \$3. Information, 478-9586.

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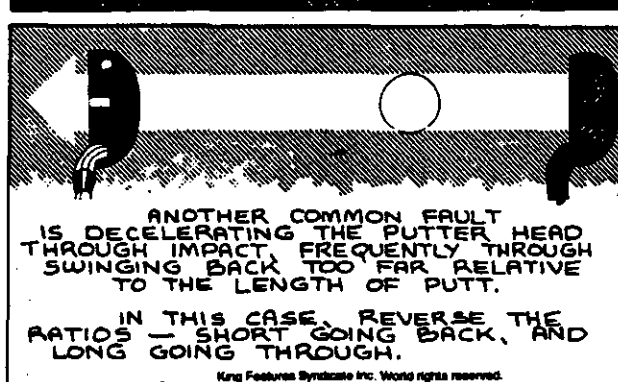
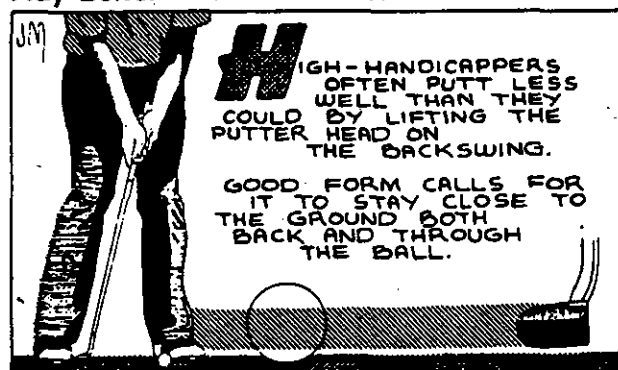
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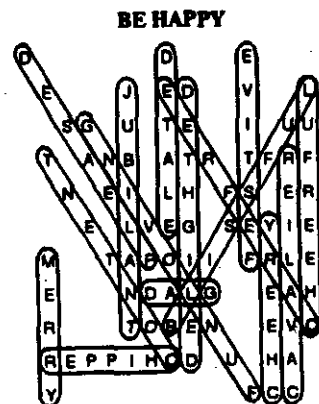
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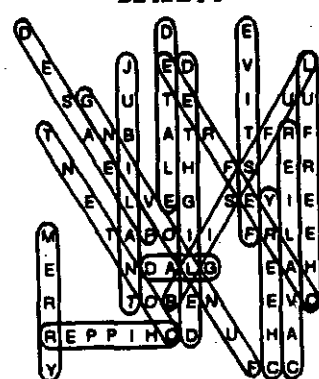
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Birds

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Five Rivers in the new year.

Which is more breathtaking — the first marsh hawk of a new year? The near-pristine snow, bathed in the golden glow of a magnificently sunny morning? Or a wild meadow in the first shivers of a belated winter?

Most of us usher in the sunrise on New Year's morning through drawn blinds, sleeping off a hangover, or dozing after watching televised midnight fireworks or lighted balls dropping in faraway squares. At the very least, we stay tucked under the covers, celebrating the rare opportunity to stay abed at dawn on a weekday.

Participants in the 18th annual New Year's Day bird count took in the dawning of 1999 breathing in the frost-tinged air at Five Rivers and peering through borrowed binoculars.

Five Rivers, on Game Farm Road near the Delmar-New Scotland line, has celebrated New Year's Day in this fashion since deciding to take their first-of-the-year bird census public in 1981. "We're in business longer than First Night is," said educator Craig Thompson, a Five Rivers staffer. "We're Albany's First Morning."

The purpose is not, strictly speaking, record-keeping, but reveling in the mysteries of nature on the cusp of a new year.

Sub-zero wind chills notwithstanding, about 35 bird watchers made the trek to the remote nature center this New Year's morn.

"We get a lot of regulars with the bird-watching organizations who really know their stuff," said Thompson. "And there are other people just catching the bug, novices who want experience. Others come because it's a valuable family experience." Still others can't quite tell a hawk from a handsaw, but can appreciate a crisp, cold, sunny January morning.

The New Year's morning bird count is structured as many Five Rivers year-round programs are, which is to say not too intimidating for the novice nor too far beneath the knowledgeable. Said Thompson, "We're always trying to move people up the environmental literacy ladder."

A list posted in the visitors' center logs all first bird sightings during the year; 1998 produced 144 different species. Typically, between two and three dozen of those are Jan. 1 sightings, some quite unanticipated. "Two years running we've found Eastern

phoebes on Jan. 1," said Thompson. "They're a mosquito-eating bird, a fly-catcher. What're they doing here?"

There would be no phoebes in 1999, but this year's count produced 36 other species, second-best on record, one ahead of last winter. "Not bad for such a cold morning," said Thompson later over a warm cup of coffee. "The amount of effort put into it is always a factor in the count. It can be hard to stay out there on a day like today. Still, our count has gone up steadily as the popularity of this program has increased."

As the watchers had gathered at 9 a.m. to get started, excitement bubbled around the report of an early-morning flyover by Canadian geese. Evidently baffled by the warm December, they'd made a late start southward.

The group broke into two teams; one headed for Beaver Tree Pond; the other set off in the direction of the North Loop. Thompson led the northerly excursion, and set a vigorous pace. He stopped frequently to point out salient features that attract win-

tering birds; open water, stands of apple trees on what was a fruit farm a half century ago, favorite berry bushes for feeding, electrical wires for bluebirds.

He paused by a thicket and coughed softly through his beard; he was answered only by the sifting of the winter wind through the underbrush. Trudging on, the group came to the shelter of a stand of evergreens.

"Hey — a cardinal! What's he doing there?" said Thompson. Several deer hightailed away into the trees off to one side. The group hightailed it back toward the coffee brewing at the visitor's center.

"Not much back here," said Thompson, sounding a bit crestfallen. "We didn't even bring a nuthatch back."

On the contrary, there had been a lot — a beautifully sunny winter day of unspoiled snow and fresh air; solitude.

"We have a 5 percent visitor growth rate every year," Thompson noted. "It's gotten to the point where you can't guarantee solitude anymore." But dawn on New Year's comes close.

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