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## Hill thrills



McKenzie Pezze, 4, whizzes down a hill with sister Madison, 11 months, at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar over the wintry weekend.  
Elaine McLain

# Spotlight

## DEC: Rabid animal count up in Capital District

By DONNA J. BELL

The number of confirmed rabid animals recorded in the Capital District increased by 55 percent between 1997 and 1998, according to a report by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

These statistics were recorded even as the state was wrapping up a three-year trial to distribute rabies vaccine bait throughout southeastern Albany and southwestern Rensselaer counties.

The field test, which began in the fall of 1994 and ended in spring of 1997, distributed thousands of either hollowed-out fishmeal biscuits containing a plastic packet of vaccine or vaccine-filled wax ampules, costing approximately \$1.50 per bait.

"This project was intended as a research study to determine whether an oral rabies vaccination was effective in an area that was

endemic," said Kristine Smith of the state Department of Health (DOH). One of the things the study looked at was the minimum number of baits needed to be effective. The bait was primarily for raccoons.

"Every state that has raccoon rabies sees it settle into foxes, skunks and cats and dogs," said Millicent Eidson, state public health veterinarian and director of the Zoonoses

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Millicent Eidson

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## Pesky raccoon attacks Slingerlands resident

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

An encounter in his driveway with a potentially rabid raccoon has sent a Slingerlands man to the hospital and aroused local concern about rabies in the wildlife population.

Stephen Sedgeley, 60, of 48 Meadowbrook Drive, off Blessing Road, reported to Bethlehem police that he was attacked on the afternoon of Jan. 4 while unloading groceries from his car, and bitten on the right leg by the animal, which then fled.

Sedgeley drove himself to St. Peter's Hospital,

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## Fire destroys New Scotland apartments

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A fire on Jan. 8, in a barn converted to apartments just outside of the village of Voorheesville, has left three families homeless and the building a total loss.

The Friday evening fire, at 169 State Farm Road (Route 155) in New Scotland, was called in to the New Salem Fire Department at about 9 p.m., according to Fire Chief Charlie Unser. By the time units of the New Salem department responded, the two-story building was heavily involved, Unser said.

Elements of the Voorheesville,

□ FIRE/page40

## McEneny book fares well over holidays

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

There are few better ego boosts for an author, than to see one's mug staring back from the display window of a bookstore.

"Barnes and Noble gave me a whole display window," said Jack McEneny, whose coffee-table history, *Albany: Capital City on the Hudson*, enjoyed a renaissance during the recent Christmas shopping season. "I actually outsold Tom Brokaw at Barnes & Noble."

The first edition of his book, published in 1981 with a forward by former Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II, has been out of print for

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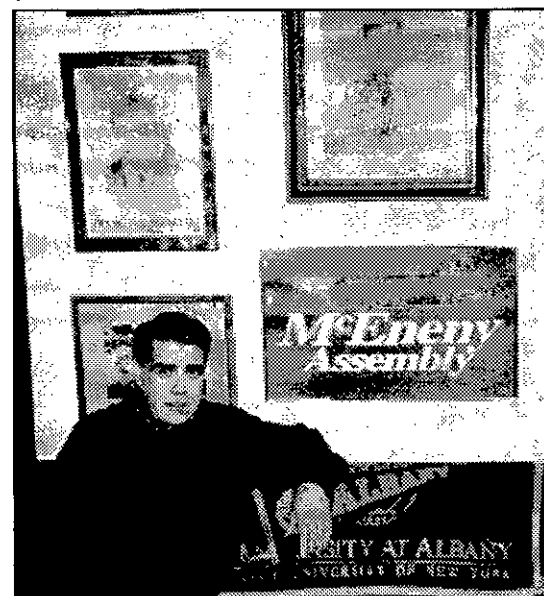
McEneny

about a decade now. But a new edition, with a chapter that covers the post-Corning era, a fistful of new photos and a new forward by author William Kennedy — alongside Corning's — hit the bookstores the Monday after

Election Day and has been a brisk seller throughout the holiday season, moving more than 2,500 copies.

It's been a satisfying cap to a year that saw McEneny re-elected as assemblyman in the 104th district, representing a chunk of Albany County that includes not only the capital city but most of the town of New Scotland. The extra chapter was completed in the midst of this year's primary challenge for McEneny's

□ BOOK/page28



John McEneny with some of the materials included in his book.  
Joseph Phillips

## Bethlehem police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police last week arrested two individuals and charged them in separate incidents with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

On Jan. 5, at approximately 3:09 a.m., Officer Brian Hughes observed a speeding vehicle in the vicinity of Clarkson and Wellington roads in Delmar.

Hughes stopped the vehicle on Douglas Road. After administering field sobriety tests, Hughes

arrested Jill Cathleen Gola, 20, of 35 Surrey Mall, Slingerlands, and charged her with DWI as well as several traffic violations.

On Friday, Jan. 8, at approximately 2 a.m., while on patrol, Officer J. L. Rexford reported his vehicle was nearly struck by another, southbound on Route 9W, swerving from lane to lane.

Rexford pursued the vehicle for approximately a quarter of a mile to the Coeymans town line

and stopped it.

The driver, identified as Gretchen M. Van Valkenburg, 46, of 802 Cedar Court, Coxsackie, was administered field sobriety tests, arrested for DWI and ticketed for failure to keep right.

A passenger in the vehicle was not charged.

Both Gola and Van Valkenburg were ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 19 to answer the charges.

## Town board to conduct organizational meeting

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Bethlehem town board will meet tonight, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. to reorganize for the coming year. The main items on the agenda: reappointment of various town employees, setting salaries, authorization of various bids for public services, and approving official meeting and holiday schedules.

Town supervisor Sheila Fuller will reappoint councilman George

Lenhardt to the post of deputy supervisor, a one-year term. Also up for reappointment to a two-year term is comptroller Judith Kehoe, and for one-year terms, the respective chairs of the planning board, Douglas Hasbrouck, and the zoning board of appeals, Michael Hodom.

The rest of the agenda consists largely of routine approvals and reappointments, said Fuller, including renewal of contracts with various insurance providers and the reappointment of attorneys as counsel to various town governmental bodies.

The town board will be asked to approve modest salary increases for all town employees except police, who are subject to a union contract still in negotiation.

The budget also included increases in a variety of fees for various town services that will also be subject to board approval tonight. Those include engineering and inspection fees, and incidental service fees like copy charges for Freedom of Information requests. "At budget time every department head was asked for ideas on increasing revenues," Fuller said. "These fee increases were some of the areas where we've decided to do so."

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## Physically Speaking



by Nick  
Valenze, P.T.



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## Suburban singers



Khalid Umar and Brian Dowd sing with Suburban Life at Saturday's Battle of the Bands at First United Methodist Church of Delmar. Proceeds benefit a Slingerlands family whose home was destroyed by fire. Elaine McLain

## IDA reviews projects

By Joseph A. Phillips

In an early morning meeting on Jan. 12, the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency reviewed the progress of several projects pending in the town.

The agency met in executive session to continue to review the potential purchase of parcels that

might make up a future site for a proposed computer-chip fabrication site along Route 9W, one of several sites under consideration through the state's Chip Fab '98 initiative.

"We're still actively pursuing it," said IDA chairman Michael Tucker after the meeting of the chip site. "But we're not putting all our eggs in that basket." The recent downturn in the computer chip industry has put the brakes on an immediate decision on the state's choice of site, he said. But the IDA is continuing its investigation of a site with an eye toward developing some other type of industrial park in the area.

The IDA also reviewed the progress of the Bethlehem Ice Group in developing a business plan and securing financing for the proposed 55,000-square-foot ice rink the corporation would build on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, south of Bethlehem Central High School.

## Neighbors oppose beauty shop plan

By Joseph A. Phillips

A public hearing on a request for a zoning variance before the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals turned into an impassioned debate among neighbors at the board's first meeting of the new year last week.

Yolanda Augusiak, proprietor of the Cut & Curl Beauty Salon in Slingerlands, and Beverly Piazza, a resident who lives less than a block from the Four Corners on Delaware Avenue, applied jointly for the variance. It would permit Augusiak to purchase Piazza's property at 376 Kenwood Ave. as a residence and move her 11-year-old single-chair beauty business there.

"If there's a place in Bethlehem suitable for this activity — and I truly believe there should be someplace in Bethlehem for such activity — it's this house," said attorney Stephen Downes, speaking on behalf of the applicants at the Jan. 6 hearing. He said the property, in a row of homes zoned A Residential, is less than 20 yards from the CC Commercial zone that runs along Delaware Avenue, a few doors away from several offices and stores, and across the street from Key Bank.

But more than 20 residents, many of whom own homes on adjacent Adams Place, appeared at the hearing to voice their oppo-

sition to granting the variance. They presented the board with a petition signed by about 30 neighbors opposing the move. One of them, Kevin Mahony, said, "I'm here to tell you, Mr. Downes, that the residents of this town aren't going to stand for it. This is our neighborhood."

Piazza, who has resided at 376 Kenwood Ave. for more than a decade, seeks to sell the home because she can no longer afford to live there. "I don't want to sell it," she told the hearing, "but I have to, or it will go into foreclosure."

But according to Judie Janco, the Realtor who brokered the potential sale, Piazza has had difficulty selling the property. It has been on the market, listed with Janco and a previous broker, for nearly three years. Janco attributed the lack of sale offers to the building's proximity to a busy commercial area.

Augusiak, who said she had been looking for a new location in Bethlehem for several years, wanted a home closer to Bethlehem Central Middle School, which her son will begin attending next year.

"In order to stay in business," Downes told the board, "she needs to have a residence and a shop in the same place." Augusiak, who said she visits roughly a third of

her clients at their own homes, offered assurances that she would not hire any additional staff, and that she would see customers only one at a time.

But opponents to the proposed variance expressed fear that, as Mahony declared, the zoning variance would "change the character of the neighborhood in a major and negative way." He opposed any further commercial encroachment along Kenwood Avenue. Adams Place resident Doug Zeno agreed, "We have to draw the line somewhere to protect the integrity of the neighborhood."

Both Mahony and Zeno were active in the now-dormant Central Delmar Neighborhood Association and are on record opposing commercial development in residential zones in the area.

Both men raised questions about adequate parking in the vicinity for a business, and raised safety questions, particularly for children, with several schools in walking distance. Mahony expressed sympathy for Piazza's difficulty selling the property, but said, "We're all taking a beating now (in property values) because of the market. But we are not here to guarantee our neighbors a profit from investment in our houses."

The board took no action on the variance request and will review it at a future meeting.

## Bethlehem planning board continues to review revised CMI site proposal

By Joseph A. Phillips

While a lawsuit challenging the Bethlehem town board's approval of a rezoning request from CMI Healthcare Associates still faces a court challenge by a neighborhood group opposed to CMI's proposed assistive-living facility in Delmar remains pending, the proposal continues to make its way through the planning approval process.

The town planning board could complete its review of CMI's project application for a currently undeveloped site adjacent to the town library by early February, and return a recommendation on the project to the town board for final approval.

Ruth Leistensnider, the attorney representing the town board in the pending lawsuit, sought a meeting with Donald Zee, the attorney representing the 11 plaintiffs, to discuss procedures in the case. In the meantime, Leistensnider, who also serves as counsel to the planning board, declined to respond to Zee's charges of conflict of interest. "I make it my policy not to litigate cases in the press," said Leistensnider.

Zee formally requested that Leistensnider recuse herself from further counsel to the planning

board on the CMI matter in a letter sent to planning board chairman Douglas Hasbrouck two weeks ago. At its meeting on Jan. 5, the planning body briefly discussed the matter but took no action on the request.

The planning board also continued its review of the CMI site plan.

Planners for CMI submitted revisions in response to issues raised at the Dec. 1 public hearing on the proposal and the board's subsequent Dec. 15 review session.

In the revised plan, several parking spaces were moved from the front of the facility facing Delaware Avenue to the rear. The plan also outlined where additional parking could be placed if needed. But CMI also submitted tables that projected the building's likely parking needs and suggested the existing 48-space parking lot would be adequate.

The revisions also outlined improvements to drainage and a proposal to save several existing trees currently on the site. The planning board discussed a performance bond to be requested of the developer to ensure that landscaping is carried out as planned. The CMI representatives also pre-

sented samples of the building materials to be used.

Hasbrouck said he had received a letter from Delmar Fire Department officials indicating their satisfaction with CMI's plans for emergency access, a concern of the neighbor group. Hasbrouck also addressed the group's concerns about accident rates on Delaware Avenue, saying, "There is no model, no means of predicting accident occurrences based on (the impact of) a single project."

The planning board declined Zee's request that the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process be reopened.

Planning board member Joe Rooks said, "I think that everything that has occurred with this project (since the initial SEQR determination) has reduced its environmental impact, so it doesn't seem there'd be any logic to claiming that we needed to go back and reconsider our previous negative SEQR determination."

CMI officials promised additional data requested by the planning board within 10 days, and Hasbrouck said the board "should be in a position to move on" and make a recommendation to the town board by its Feb. 2 meeting.

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# Bouton names honor students

Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior high school in Voorheesville has announced its high honor and honor rolls for the first marking period. Students who have earned an average of 90 or better this marking period qualify for the high honor roll. The honor roll is comprised of students who have earned an average of between 85 and 89.

## Seventh-grade

Kaitlyn Arico, Jenette Axelrod, Brittany Baron, David Berger, Joshua Brian, Scott Brunt, Emily Burns, Brianna Burtman, Jason Bye, Michaela Byrnes, Kathrine Clark, Nicole Colehamer, Chaemee Colfer, Kaitlin Conway, Cassie Cramer, Daniel Denn, Sarina Fiero, Matthew Fuglein, Jordan Glover, Samantha Gregorius, Gregry Herzog, Jacinda Hover, Brooke Howard, Ashley Junco, Eric Kiernan, Victoria Kusel, Nancy Lenseith, Anne Liu, Jaclyn Markert, Sean Michael, Jennifer Miller, Michelle Nadratowski, Matthew Nagy, Tyler Nichols, Heather

Niemiec, Taylor Osterhout, Katherine Partington, Olga Paskovataya, Andrea Passarelli, Amanda Polsonelli, Christine Reddy, Richard Russo, Stephanie Scaccia, Ashley Schultz, Zephaff Schumacker, Patrick Selby, Robin Sommer, Kate Thorman, Audrey Tice, Keri Vanderwarker and

Matthew Zimmerman.

## Eighth-grade

Jennica Abram, Kathryn Alpert, Mandi Bareis, Jessica Baugh, Ashleigh Berger, Tracie Boyle, Cassandra Cacace, Chase Campbell, Brian Carey, Thomas Cocca, Jessica Coyle, Heather DeCotes, Stephanie Fried, Sarah Goetz, Jeremy Goren, Lynn Hallenbeck, Kathryn, Inglis, Jamie Masterson, Lindsay McGrath, Lindsay McKenna, Rachel Moore, Matthew Neri, Catherine Nicholson, Stefan Oehrlein, Jane Pearson, Allison Pofrit, Sarah Samson, Brendon Schlappi, Emily Schultz, Lesley Stefan, Amanda Taylor, Stacy Veeder and Matthew Watson.

The following students are on the senior high school's high honor roll.

## Ninth-grade

Conor Bryant, Kara Byron, Anthony Califano, A.J. Cavanaugh, Gregory Conklin, Emily Corcione, Christina Decocinis, William Denn III, Samara Glover, Nathan Gibson, Jamie Gluster, Eileen Griner, Loren Guerriero, Lindsay Halpin, Timothy Hauser, Kimberly Kavanaugh, Terrence Kremer, Travis LaDuke, Heidi Lapham, Nicole Lapham, Jordan Liberty, Michael Lombardi, Kevin Massaroni, Jessica Matthews, Christina Michael, Christin Nadratowski, Lydia Norman,

Emily Osterhout, Binky Sayer, Jennifer Seay, Caitlin Sommer, Michael Sullivan, Tennyson Tippy, Heidi Wiesmaier, Shanna Wiley and Alicia Young.

## 10th-grade

Collin Adalian, Amy Belasen, Jamie Boyle and Brittany Burnham.

And Jesse Bye, Patrick Carey, Stephanie Conklin, Sean Conway, Jillian DeGregorio, Matthew Delaney, Leah Demo, Christopher DiBlasi, Nicholas Freeman, Jessica Fuld, Maria Giglio, Nicole Halabuda, Jessica Hover, Matthew Hubert, Bryony Kelly, Amy Lenseith, Adam Lustick, Melissa Maikoff, Danielle Masterson, Christopher McCune, Nicole McMahon, Marc Meservey, Ashley Miller, David Okoniewski, Danielle Ruby, Daniel Scher, Cassandra Schultz, Daniel Segal, Brendan Shields, Arone Silverman, Jesse Sommer, Amanda Tommell and William Zimmerman.

## 11th-grade

Meredith Bentley, James Case, Tobi Erner, Amy Fiato, Deborah Greene, Amy Gregory, Joseph Guastella, Matthew Horn, Jeffrey Hover, Christian Jackstadt, Jessica Jensen, Melissa Klapp, Jacquelyn Konis, Kelly Kurposka, Melissa Long, Aniela Lupien, Jeremy Malloch, Glenn Manss, Joshua McMahon, Alissa Parsons, Susanne Patashnick, Joshua Pistana, Stefanie Pivar, Jennifer Reddy, Laura Remmert, Catherine Robichaud, Daniel Samson, Edward Sayer, Cheyne Suker, Andrew Tanner, Christine Tanner, Kelly Ulion and Elissa Waltz.

## 12th-grade

Addie Abrams, Caryn Adams, Julianna Baron, Aaron Benedict, Krysta Berquist, Craig Brown, Ashlee Dombrowski, Megan Dorn, Matthew Dunbar, Dorothy

Gibson, Thomas Gregory, Cynthia Griffin, Jason Halpin, Daniel Hihn, Brian Kern, Alison Leonard, Lara Lukomski, Justin Maikoff, Lauren Michael, Ryan Nolan, Whitney Reed, David Ruby, Trinell Russel, Jeremy Scher, Patrick St. Denis, Sarah Steinkamp, Jessica Stewart, Beth Tidd, Andrew Walter, Brian Washburn, Erin Wiater, Michael Wiater, Lynette Winchell and Jessica Wuntsch.

The following students are on the junior high school's honor roll.

## Seventh-grade

Michael Allen, Carl Becker, Adam Bied, David Bode, Erin Brackett, Amanda Connors, Alyssa DiBlasi, Stephanie Disser, Jessica Engel, Patrick Garrity, Benjamin Gibson, Amber Gravelin, Kristopher Hauser, Melissa Hopper, Michael Lagattuta, Ryan Lombardo, Edward Mahar, Sara Mayo, Maximilian Nemier, Meghan Okoniewski, Netanya Rigberg, Matthew Robinson, Randy Thomas and Justin VanZutphen.

## Eighth-grade

Aaron Albright, Anne Bloomfield, Francis Catellier, Kathryn Cole, Deborah Dawson, Jaime DiBona, Amanda Frone, Peter Hoffman, Christine Jordan, Brandon Konis, Robert Lambert, Megan Marczewski, Kathleen McGinty, Sarah Mohan, Megghan Newport, Lisa Rosttiser, Caralynn Simpson, Erick Thackrah and Matthew Underwood.

The following students are on the senior high school's honor roll.

## Ninth-grade

Nicholas Angileri, Marie Ashline, David Brown, Andrea Burch, Erica Cacciotti, Kelly Debes, Michelle Delacruz, Elizabeth Dieckmann, Amy Dunbar, Katherine Duncan, Brianne Dwyer, Jessica Faustel, Jared George, Stephanie Gotham, Stephen Hensel, Joamy Herzog, Barret Iarossi, Kimberly Jones, Eric Klefbeck, Lindsay Menia,

Rose Mitchell, Daniel Musella, Kristen Musella, Robert Pillans, Sarah Roman, Rachel Saddlemire, Karla Schallehn, William Schlappi, Melissa Throneburg, Mark Tidd and Rebecca White.

## 10th-grade

Jonathan Berquist, Elizabeth Bloomfield, Jessica Bogert, Cortney Buchanan, Christopher Byron, Maureen Cavanaugh, Evan Darpino, Caitlin Devine, Nicole DeBella, Ashley Dillenbeck, Peter Dorn, Kristin DuBritz, Adam Holcomb, Blair Klopfer, Katie Lemieux, Anne Marinaro, Victoria Papa, Sarah Ruane, Christopher Spina, Stephany Warner, Robert Washburn and Jeffrey Wiesmaier.

## 11th-grade

Caitlin Abram, Glenn Ashline, Neil Blot, MollyBeth Bradley, Steven Brunner, Stephen Chan, John Cocca Jr., Casey Daigle, Benjamin Dawson, Elizabeth DiDomenico, Sara Edson, Justin Finkle, Amanda, Gotham, Daniel Greenberg, Mindy Greene, Noelle Igoe, Jessie Kafka, Christina Lenseith, Jennifer Marczewski, Margaret McGinty, Sam Mitchell, Joseph Nelson, James Nicholson, Steven Oravsky, Kristen Portanova, Elizabeth Riede, Rebecca Smolen, Leigh Underwood and Adam Wozniak.

## 12th-grade

Christopher Bent, Christopher Bonham, Paul Buzzard, Sarah Carr, Karen Collins, Meghan Conway, Andrew Corcione, Joseph Cotazino III, Nicole Filkins, Sarah Fisher, Deborah Freihofer, Enrique Garcia, Julia Geery, Karla Guzman, Tyler King, Jessica Lindner, Michael McCune, Kelly McNally, Matthew Melewski, Carolyn Nemeth, Eric Papandrea, Janeen Rissacher, Daniel Scherer, Hiroaki Taguchi, Kristen Vanderwarker and Darcy Veeder.



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# Speakers will discuss teen communication

By Katherine McCarthy

If living with your teen-ager seems too often to consist of "verbal kung-fu," and you are concerned about the issues facing teens today, the Voorheesville PTA has three speakers who might be able to help open up some channels of communication.

"Teens at Risk: Challenges and Opportunities for Parenting," a forum scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14, is open to parents of teen-agers everywhere, not just in Voorheesville. Frank Doberman, Michael Nerney and Sister Anne Bryan Smollin will address the risks that teen-agers face, and the anxieties that parents must deal with as they watch their children move into the next millennium.

"These are big-time speakers," Voorheesville's high school principal William Furdon said. "They'll address different aspects of the same problems, and give parents a chance to hear what their kids go through, as well as an opportunity to learn more to deal with some of those things."

Furdon said that the issues of substance abuse, teen sex, violence, stress and depression that the forum will address are not problems unique or endemic to Voorheesville, which is why the evening is open to a larger population. "Every parent needs education on this front," Furdon said. "Everybody is welcome from all the area communities."

PTA member Deb Baron was part of the committee that worked with Furdon and middle level associate principal Linda Wolkenbreit to put the evening together. "Kids today face a lot of peer pressure, but so do parents," Baron, who had heard Nerney speak before, said. "Nerney makes

you feel that it's OK to make the decision to say no."

Nerney focuses on the adolescent brain and how its structure and neurochemistry factor in the choice of whether or not a teen abuses a substance. He is a nationally recognized trainer and expert on the issue of substance abuse.

He has worked with families to prevent substance abuse, does workshops with college students, trains medical personnel, and even attends rock concerts to catalog drugs currently in circulation.

Psychologist Frank Doberman is clinical director of Karner Psychological Associates, clinical associate professor of pediatrics at Albany Medical College and consulting psychologist to Wildwood School for the Learning Disabled. He is a nationally recognized speaker in the areas of family preservation and learning disabilities, and the author of *Build a Happy Family: How To Be the Parent You Want to Be When You Just Don't Have the Time*.

Sister Anne Bryan Smollin has gained acclaim by combining humor with parenting tips. She is a sister of St. Joseph where she is the executive director of counseling for laity.

She is a consultant in communication skills, values clarification, stress and burn-out, and humor. She has written two books, *Jiggle Your Heart and Tickle Your Soul*, and *Polish Your Soul and Spruce Up Your Heart*.

"Teens at Risk: Challenges and Opportunities for Parenting" will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School at 432 New Salem Road in Voorheesville. For information, call 765-3314 ext. 211.

## Ice main cometh



Motorists took the high road and stayed off the ice on Louise Street in Delmar.

Elaine McLain



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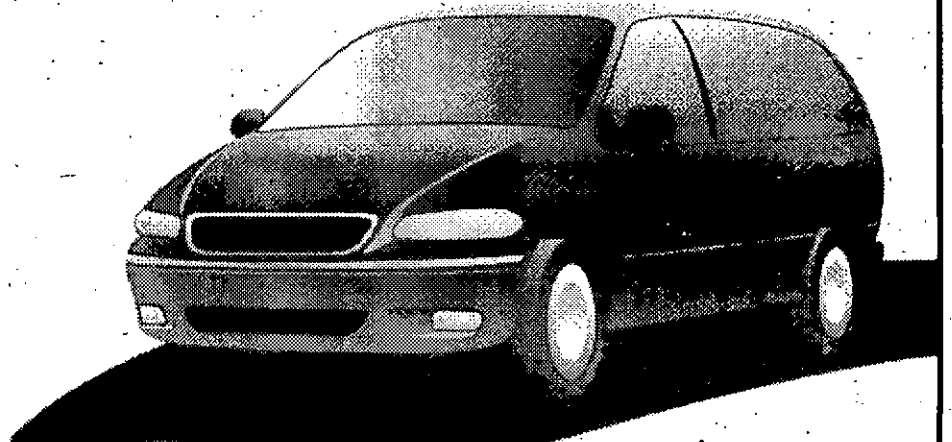


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# Matters of Opinion

## Dr. King's 'legacy'

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is a national holiday that likely holds little meaning for school children — especially in suburbia where kids have hardly any interaction with African Americans. The percentage of blacks who live in communities like Bethlehem and New Scotland is negligible, and African American role models are practically nonexistent.

Even many young adults seem oblivious to Dr. King's legacy, and this makes it hard to truly celebrate the man who did so much to liberate African Americans in this country.

His bravery, nonviolence and relentless message about equality have been blurred by — as Alice Green says in her Point of View — weekend ski packages to "celebrate" this holiday. This is typical of many Americans who are "honored" by a national holiday. Washington's birthday is now Presidents Day, further obfuscating who is being honored and why. The day has basically become an opportunity to get to the malls for all those holiday bargains.

Green suggests that each of us celebrate Dr. King's birthday by focusing on what we know about him, and therein lies the problem. We know far too little about him, and our children hardly anything at all.

Our lack of knowledge can't be blamed wholly on our schools. It is something we all — parents, educators and community leaders — share responsibility for. Ignorance only serves to further dilute the meaning of the day designated in Dr. King's honor.

More of us realize that Dr. King's dream is still a work in progress for African Americans who continue to struggle for dignity and fairness under the law and equal opportunity in the workplace.

We must make more of an effort to reacquaint or acquaint ourselves with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a truly remarkably American. Today, there are more compelling reasons than ever to do this.

African Americans have not overcome all of the social and economic injustices that existed during King's lifetime, and without greater awareness of the accomplishments of people like Dr. King, they never will.

## How should we celebrate?

By Alice P. Green

*The writer is the executive director for the Center for Law & Justice in Albany.*

In 1968, I was a young woman visiting Washington, D.C., on the day Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed. I remember vividly the violence that erupted all around me in response. It pained me greatly to realize that the life of a man of nonviolence had been taken by a violent act that led to more violence. What was to become of Dr. King's message, I wondered.

Others wondered too. Eight days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn., a bill was introduced to establish a federal holiday in his honor. But it was not until 1986, under legislation that was signed reluctantly by President Ronald Reagan, that America would begin honoring this man of peace with a national holiday. He would be the first black and only private individual so honored.

In New York, the Martin Luther King Institute for Nonviolence was set up and charged with organizing and managing a state-sponsored celebration. The first celebration set the tone for many to follow. A symbolic march, led by a select few, ended at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center where a program of speeches and music was presented.

After years of the same format, many became dissatisfied, believing that the holiday celebration had lost its original meaning. It was no longer viewed as an opportunity to continue the struggle for

justice and equality. The celebration was also proving empty as far as grass-roots protest and organizing were concerned.

Politicians seized the celebration for the purpose of political posturing — a photo opportunity to demonstrate their true concern for the economic and social needs of African Americans. Thus organizers were forced to honor Dr. King in a manner consistent with a sanitized, or saintly, view of him, one that the power structure found less threatening and more self-serving.



***The first order of business, then, is to learn as much about his life as you can. Then, you will find ways to honor him that make sense to you.***

Hidden from view was King the prophet, who forcefully and directly challenged the status quo, causing him to be vilified by the power structure throughout his public life. Also carefully omitted was his strong opposition to the Vietnam War, his increasing support for a more equitable distribution of this country's economic wealth, and his revolutionary zeal to change the socio-political relationship between blacks and whites in America.

The controversy over how to best honor Dr. King and celebrate the national holiday has grown. Many believe that Dr. King's image and message have become too commercialized. Shopping malls now advertise special sales and ski areas sell Martin Luther King weekend ski packages.

Many others remain content to participate in the state-sponsored celebration of music, speeches and wreath-laying. This year, a 70th birthday cake will be added to the festivities.

How should we celebrate Dr. King's birthday? The Center for Law and Justice, the community-based criminal justice advocacy and civil rights organization that I direct, has chosen to celebrate Martin Luther King Day by raising our voices against injustice. We use the day as a time to educate our community about, and bring attention to, the injustices we see in America's criminal justice system, as well as those we witness in our society in the form of poverty, racism and bigotry.

Specifically, we raise concern about such issues as the incongruity between our state's expressed commitment to nonvio-

lence and morality and its willingness to kill people under the death penalty law. We strongly reject the state's policy of abandoning crime prevention and criminal rehabilitation in favor of a policy that overly relies upon long-term incarceration, that disproportionately destroys African Americans, their families, children and ultimately, their communities. Where, we ask, is our commitment to mercy and justice?

Our actions on Dr. King's day are deliberately loud or unusual because we want to draw attention to these issues of great concern to us. We engage in protest marches, distribute printed information, hold community meetings on issues and, occasionally, commit acts of civil disobedience.

It is our belief that to honor Dr. King we must act and give voice to the usually quieter forms of resistance we engage in throughout the year. As he noted, "Three hundred years of humiliation, abuse and deprivation cannot be expected to find voice in a whisper." We believe that we must continue to move forward in our goal to achieve equality and justice.

We are often asked by others, "How should we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday?" Our response is that ultimately, the answer resides in each of us, but whatever it is, it should respect his sacrifice and be consistent with his teachings, principles and values.

The first order of business, then, is to learn as much about his life as you can. Then, you will find ways to honor him that make sense to you.

In a sense, Dr. King answered the question himself. In February 1968, he preached a sermon, a portion of which was played at his funeral almost two months later. In that speech, he speaks of his death and how he wishes to be remembered. He asks us not to talk too long about him and his accomplishments. His request was that if we had to say that he was a drum major, we should say that he was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness.

He went on to say, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he's traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain."

And as Dr. King implored, "Let us be dissatisfied until from every city hall, justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. ... When people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory."

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## Lab school parent clarifies issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to clarify a point in last week's issue of *The Spotlight* concerning the Bethlehem Central school board's plan to revise the science curriculum.

Students are able to enter BC's Lab School having taken either earth science or biology during their freshmen year. In fact, most students take earth science.

By the way, the Lab School, a "school within a school" at BCHS, is so called because it is a laboratory for innovative educational practices.

It has an excellent science component, but it is not exclusively for the study of science. The Lab School is open to students of all abilities.

If you would like more information about the Lab School program, please feel free to contact the Lab School Parent Group at 439-8322.

Ellen Kelly-Lind  
Delmar

## Senior Class Council says thanks for help

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, the Senior Class Council at Bethlehem Central High School held a fund-raising drive for an Adopt-A-Family with whom we had been placed for the holidays. We placed a small fish bowl at McCarroll's, The Village Butcher in the Delmar Marketplace in hopes of raising a small amount of money to help us partially offset the \$450 we spent on fulfilling the Christmas wishes of the three children in the family.

I'm very pleased to announce that in the 10 days the collection bowl was out, we raised \$528.50! I was amazed at the amount of money that was raised and the rate at which it poured in.

On behalf of the senior class at Bethlehem Central, and I'm sure our adopted family as well, I would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of those generous folks who contributed to our ability to make this Christmas a little happier for a local family.

I would also like to thank

Delmar Marketplace and especially Jim and Christine McCarroll for helping our effort so enthusiastically.

Our fund-raising drive has left us with \$75 more than was needed. The senior class at Bethlehem Central has decided to triple that amount from our own treasury in order to make a donation to the newly created Haskins Relief Fund, to help the local family who tragically lost their home to a fire in December.

Thanks again to everyone who helped us make this holiday drive an overwhelming success.

Adam Fryer

BCHS Senior Class Council

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## State announces park picnic lottery drawings

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

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

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

To participate in the lottery, patrons must obtain picnic shelter reservation applications from

the respective park office, and return them no later than 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 1. A lottery drawing will be held to assign picnic shelters. Reservation confirmations will be mailed to patrons by Feb. 12.

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

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

## Elks to host dances at lodge

Crooked Creek Band will play at a series of monthly dances at Bethlehem Elks Lodge on Route 144 in Cedar Hill.

Dances will run from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be line, couples and square dances. The cover charge is \$5 per person.

Dances are planned for Jan. 23, Feb. 13 and March 20.

A free gift will be given to the first 50 people and door prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

For information, call J. L. Williams at 756-8187 or Sue Hoffman-Van Alstyne at 756-1805.

## McEneny to discuss county settlement

State Assemblyman Jack McEneny will discuss the settlement of Albany County's towns and villages during the 19th cen-

surprise program. Sign up is necessary.

Books Before Bed will have a snow festival theme on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. Bring your children in their pajamas for this evening story program.

Also on Jan. 14, the Every Other Thursday Night Poets will hold its first meeting of 1999 at 7 p.m. New participants are invited to attend — no sign up is required. For information, call 765-2791.

No dues, no meetings, no origami projects — just do what comes naturally — read! Keep a record of what you read this winter (always a good idea) and if you liked it or not. The concept is called Winter Adult Reading Club. An optional wrap-up day will be held in April, when you can meet others who have been part of the reading club and talk about the books you read. Sign up now and receive an information packet at the reference desk.

The library will be open regular hours on Martin Luther King day, Jan. 18, but there will be no story times.

Barbara Vink

### Voorheesville Public Library

tury on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's community room.

The talk is the first in a series of historical lectures being held in conjunction with the Voorheesville centennial celebration. Sign up is requested and refreshments will be served.

Voorheesville resident Steven Schreiber will talk about changes in China tonight, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in the community room. Schreiber recently spent five months teaching at a college in southern China.

The Library Club for kids in fourth- to sixth-grade meets after school on Jan. 14, for a mystery/

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# RCS to present arts evening

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There will be a student art exhibition and small ensemble concerts.

## Church to dish up winter supper

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will dish up an all-you-can-eat winter supper on Friday, Jan. 15, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

There will be chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, rolls, beverages and homemade dessert.

For information and reservations, call 767-2281.

## Youth soccer club to meet

RCS Youth Soccer Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at RCS Middle School on Route 9W.

Community members are invited.

## Middle school PTSO to discuss success

RCS Middle School PTSO will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. to discuss Helping Your Child Succeed.

Parents, teachers and students are welcome to attend.

## Kindergarten registration set at elementary schools

Parents of next year's kindergarteners are asked to register their children for the upcoming school year.

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ing school year.

Registration for children who will attend A.W. Becker Elementary School is on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

P.B. Coeymans Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration on Thursday, Jan. 21.

## National Honor Society to hold flower sale

The National Honor Society will hold a flower sale on Friday, Jan. 15, at the high school.

Proceeds will be used for honor society projects.

## Bethlehem Elks to host dance

Bethlehem Elks Lodge on Route 144 in Cedar Hill will host a dance with music by Crooked Creek on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The event is open to the public. For information, call 756-8187 or 756-1805.

## Little League to hold registration

Little League will hold registration for spring baseball and softball on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ravena Lanes on Main Street.

First-time players must bring proof of age.

## Historical society slates program on dolls

Ursula Metz will present a program on American Dolls 1900 to 1950 on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Historical Society in the Little Red Schoolhouse on River Road in Cedar Hill.

The talk is free and open to the public.

## RCS Girl Scouts win Gold Awards

RCS students Rebecca Whipple and Helen Tompkins, both of Feura Bush, and Nancy McClumpha of Selkirk, recently received Girl Scout Gold Awards, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Whipple worked on a Healthy Heart Awareness project. Tompkins organized a heart-healthy Run For Your Life event.

McClumpha helped raise money for children with HIV/AIDS by coordinating a Remember the Children project with her Future Homemakers of America chapter.

Congratulations for a job well done.

# St. Stephen's to hold service for Martin Luther King Day

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive in Delmar, will celebrate its third annual service in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m.

The service will reflect on the

life and message of Dr. King, and include performances by St. Stephen's choir, folk singer Peggy Ayres and a children's choir.

The service will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Children and adults are welcome to attend.

## Library book group to discuss mystery

The book discussion group at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, begins the new year with a mystery, P.D. James' *Devices and Desires*, on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the adult lounge.

It will be the first of a series of

whodunits the group will investigate on the third Tuesday of every month through May.

Copies of the current title are available at the reference desk, and new members are welcome any time. For information, call 439-9314.

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# Teen-age parenting program on tap at high school

The high school PTA/Forum will present a program entitled Teenagers at Risk: Challenges and Opportunities for Parenting on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The guest speakers will be Frank Doberman, clinical director of Karner Psychological Associates; Sister Ann Smollin, executive director of Counseling for Laity of the Albany Diocese; and Michael Nerney, an expert on substance abuse.

For information, call 765-3314, ext. 211.

## Register for swim lessons

Registration for Red Cross

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Learn to Swim classes is tonight, 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.

Red Cross levels one through five will be taught by qualified instructors.

Helderberg Aquatics Swim Club also offers pre-competitive and competitive swim programs at the high school.

For information, call Tam Sayer at 765-5015.

## Churches invite all to ecumenical service

The churches of New Scotland invite everyone to a service in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

The service will include special music and a message by the Rev. George Klohck, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

The service continues a tradition begun by the New Scotland Kiwanis Club more than 25 years ago.

## Winter botany walk

Naturalist Ed Miller will lead a

winter botany walk on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at John Boyd Thacher State Park.

Miller will discuss the identifying characteristics of trees and shrubs in the park.

For information and the meeting place, call 872-1237.

## Legion to serve Sunday breakfast

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes eggs, ham or sausage, French toast, home fries, toast and beverages.

## Methodist church sets annual conference

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue will hold its annual conference tonight, Jan. 13, starting with dessert at 7 p.m. and the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Child-care will be provided for children in grade six and under.

New officers will be elected and the budget for the year will be approved.

For information, call the church at 765-2895.

## Hearing clinic set for Methodist church

Tri-State Hearing will offer a free hearing test and consultation on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 18

and 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

Appointments are advised but not required. To make an appointment, call the church at 765-2895 by Jan. 15.

## Nursery school sets informational meeting

Community Nursery School of First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold an informational meeting on Monday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall at 68 Maple Ave.

The meeting is for parents who would like to enroll their preschooler for the 1999-2000 school year. School board members and teacher Rosemarie Pakenas will answer questions about the program.

The parent cooperative nursery school is celebrating its 32nd year as a nonprofit, nondenominational organization.

Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1 to be eligible. The school accepts 16 children into each of its sessions (morning and afternoon). Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, October through May.

Applications will be available at the meeting or can be picked up at the church. They will be accepted until 7 p.m. the evening of the acceptance drawing, Monday, Feb. 8. The drawing will be at 7:30 p.m.

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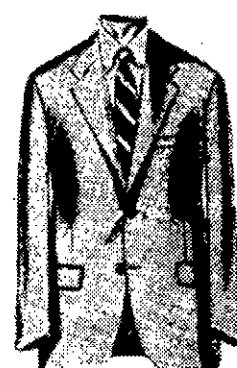
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### Schools to close for King holiday

District schools will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

There will be a staff development day at the elementary school on Friday, Jan. 22. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. Morning kindergarten students will be dismissed at their regular time, 11:35 a.m. and afternoon kindergarten will follow the normal schedule.

Roller-skating will be from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. in the large gymnasium. Tickets will be sold at school for \$3.50 each. All children must be picked up in the cafeteria.

### Activity night planned at elementary school

The PTA will sponsor an activity night for fifth- and sixth-graders on Friday, Jan. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

There will be music, games, food and fun for all. For information, call the school at 765-2382.

### PTA to meet Jan. 19

The PTA will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Parents are need to help out with this year's Fun Festival on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Return the volunteer form that your child brought home by Friday, Jan. 15.

### Student to sing at King day ceremony

Krysta Crawford of Delmar, a sixth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, has been invited to sing the National Anthem at the 1999 Martin Luther King Day Holiday Observance at Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany on Jan. 18.

The program, which begins at 9 a.m., will include a memorial service, various displays and presentations, and a march to the King Monument in Lincoln Park.

## Circulation measures initiated

Last week the library initiated some new circulation procedures that should speed up the renewal and reserve process.

As of Jan. 4, materials can be renewed at any library in the Upper Hudson Library System currently linked with the UHLAN (Upper Hudson Library Access Network) database.

For example, if a patron has borrowed a mystery from Albany Public Library, a cookbook from William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie and material on poison antidotes from Bethlehem Public Library's pamphlet files, and happens to be visiting relatives in Menands for a spell, any or all of those materials can be renewed at Menands Public Library, or for that matter, at any one of the 20 or so Upper Hudson libraries now online.

As always, patrons with overdue materials or fines of \$1 or more will not be able to renew. Other situations may preclude renewal—for example, if someone else has requested the material, or if a patron has renewed the same material several times.

The most extensive change is to reserve procedures, which have been considerably streamlined.

### Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

The library has dropped the 25-cent charge, and has initiated a request procedure that treats the libraries of the Upper Hudson Library System as one library.

The first available copy from the pooled collection will be held for the patron who put in the request and delivered promptly to the requester's library. This should result in requests being filled and received more quickly.

Another innovation—the initial patron notification of a reserve will be attempted by phone. If the patron cannot be reached within 24 hours of receipt of the requested material, notification will

be mailed.

These procedures are enabled by UHLAN, our system-wide automated catalog, which this month celebrates its first anniversary of operation at BPL.

For a list of Upper Hudson libraries and information about UHLAN and current BPL borrowing policies, pick up a copy of "Your Library Card and the UHLAN Electronic Catalog: Borrowers' Q and A," located in the reference rack.

Louise Grieco

### King holiday hours

Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 18.

Regular hours will resume at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

### Time to register for RCS kindergarten

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District has scheduled registration for children who will enter kindergarten next September for Wednesday, Jan. 20, at A.W. Becker Elementary School on Route 9W in Selkirk and Thursday, Jan. 21, at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Church Street in Coeymans.

There will be two sessions at both schools. If your child's last name begins with the letter A through L, you should attend session I at 1 p.m. Those with last names beginning with M through Z should attend session II at 2 p.m.

Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 1.

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# Sports

## Indians, Blackbirds hoops wins highlight week's action

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team improved its Colonial Council record to 6-2 with a 67-46 win over Mechanicville Jan. 5 to highlight an abbreviated week in area sports action.

Senior forward **John Weinheimer**, currently fifth in the area scoring race at 23.4 points per game, pumped in 20 points, with guard **Nate Seaburg** chipping in with 10. **Kevin Reinisch** combined with **Jim Glastetter** for 14 points in the pivot and senior guard **Tony Tucker** hit two three-point baskets for six points.

The win by Weinheimer and crew pulled the Indians into a third-place tie in the Council with

the Red Raiders. They will next host Waterford Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Coach **Bruce Stott's** RCS girls basketball team, meanwhile, won its third straight game and brought its season record above .500 for the first time this season (4-3 league, 5-4 overall) after coming from behind to win 47-40 Jan. 5 in Mechanicville. Trailing 27-25 entering the final quarter, the Indians finished strong, using 10 points from junior forward **Casey Firstiun** to pull away from the Red Raiders. Firstiun totaled 14 points on the night to complement senior center **Melissa Eissing's** game-high 18. RCS will host Hudson High School Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

In Voorheesville, **Pat St. Denis** recently returned to the hoops team after missing a month with mononucleosis, his two free throws with 10 seconds left in regulation propelled Clayton A. Bouton High School to its second league win of the season, and third overall, a 56-54 victory over the Cadets of Albany Academy Jan. 5. The senior tri-captain finished with 12 points for the game, while senior forward **John Krajewski** hit for 15 and junior center **Brian Matthews** added 14. The Blackbirds used a 38-point second half to come from behind for the victory. They will see the two top teams in the league this week, when they host Averill Park Jan. 15 at 7:30 after having visited un-

defeated council leaders Watervliet and Section scoring leader **Kevin Yanni** Jan. 13.

In Bethlehem, the Eagles were also involved in a nail-biter, but they came out on the short end of a 54-51 score Jan. 5 when Niskayuna's **T.J. Rucinski** hit two free throws with four seconds left to clinch the victory. Junior guard **Chuck Abba** continued his fine play for Bethlehem by scoring 25 points, and senior point guard **Pat Hughes** added nine, but their output could not prevent the Eagles (1-4 league, 5-4 overall) from falling for the fourth consecutive time in league play. They will visit a hot Shaker team Jan. 15 for an 8 p.m. league tilt.

Meanwhile, the Lady Eagles

also had a tough time with their Silver Warriors counterparts the following night in Niskayuna, as the hosts ripped off 21 consecutive points in the second half to blow the lid off what had been a close ballgame and won 54-25.

The first half saw 12 lead changes, and the Eagles' **Lauren Murray** opened the third-quarter scoring with a jump shot to bring Bethlehem even. Then the Silver Warriors started their run, using full-court pressure to create a myriad of Eagles turnovers.

The Lady Eagles were hampered by the loss of center **Lily Corrigan**, and Niskayuna operated with efficiency underneath, especially in the second half. Murray and her sister Bridget teamed for 17 of Bethlehem's points. Things do not get any easier for **Kim Wise's** squad, as they travel to Gunderland to face the state's ninth-rated Class A team Jan. 13 at 8 p.m.

While the Eagles' roundballers were mixing it up on the hardwood, the indoor track team was in action at Hudson Valley Community College for a Tri-County Indoor Track League meet. The boys 'A' team took third and the girls 'A' squad took fourth place out of 10 programs. **Khalid Umar** won the 55 meters, the 300-meter run and the triple jump.

The girls scored victories in two relays. The combination of **Liz Capiello**, **Caryn Leonardo**, **Kim Link** and **Lindsay Strogatz** won the 800-meter relay. Herman replaced Strogatz to help the Eagles to victory in the 1600-meter relay. The team will be back on the Hudson Valley track for a 6:15 p.m. league meet Jan. 13.

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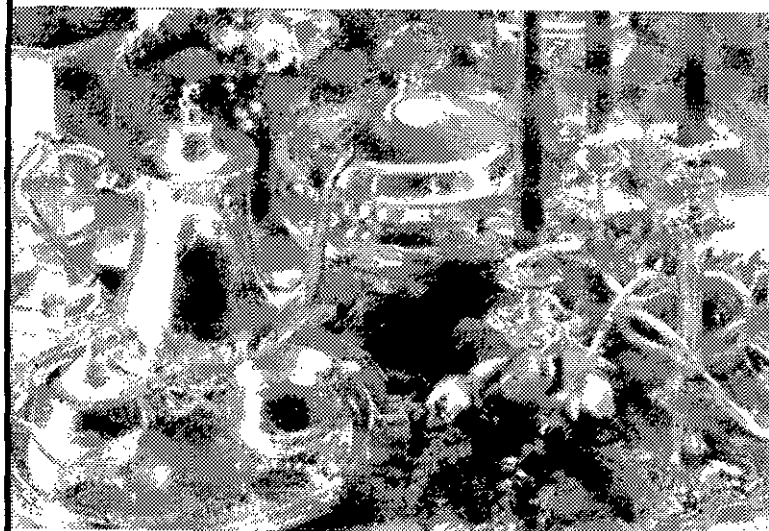
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# Ladybirds fall short in basketball battle with Holy Names

By Len Tarricone

The Clayton A. Bouton High School girls basketball team may not have come out of Christian Brothers Academy gym with a win Jan. 5, but they did leave with a dose of added confidence to propel them on to the second half of their schedule.

"After this game, I feel very good about the rest of our season because we showed we can play with the best teams in our league," said coach Jack Adams after the Ladybirds' 35-29 loss to league-leading Academy of the Holy Names. "I have no complaints about our kids' effort; they played as hard as they can play and did an outstanding job."

Struggling for everything they could get against a taller Holy Names team that sat back in an uncharacteristic zone defense, the Ladybirds took their first lead of the second half, 29-28, with 3:27 to go in the game on a Jessica Stewart three-point play on a putback of senior forward Jessica Lindner's miss.

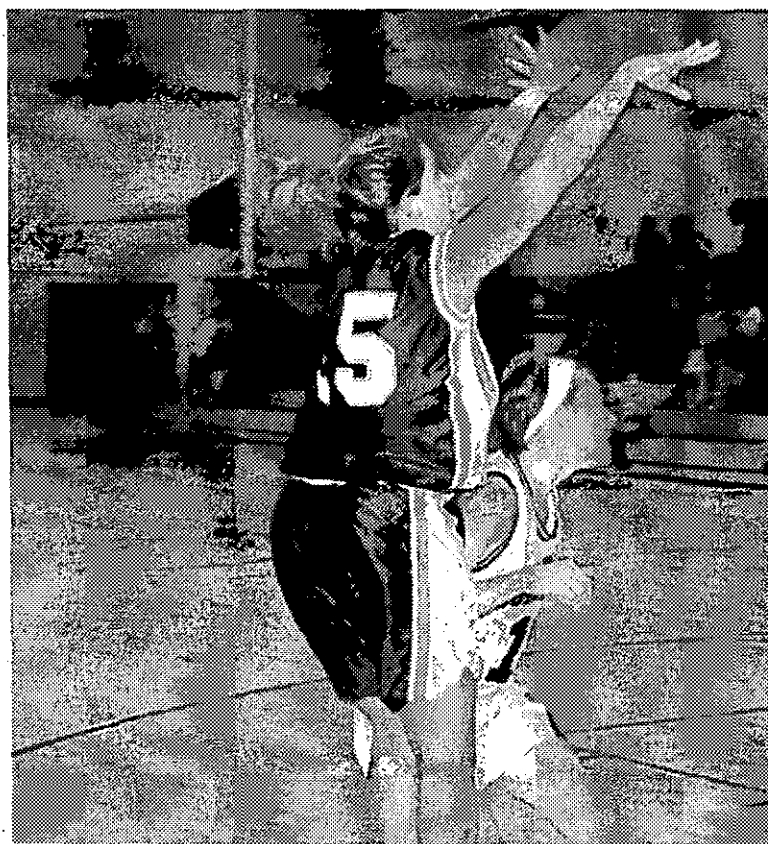
Kate Johnson missed on the other end and Jan Rissacher rebounded for the Ladybirds, who called timeout to talk about the final 3:02.

Unfortunately, Adams did not have any advice that could help his team put the ball in the basket. They came up empty on that trip and, after Holy Names guard Shannon Quinlivan took a pass from Erin Keeler to score inside for a one-point lead with 2:10 left, the Ladybirds did not score again.

"We needed another basket or two and didn't get it," Adams said. "Their second chances killed us."

In fact, after the hosts (the CBA venue was considered a home game for Holy Names) retained possession after a Stewart misfire, Brehan Walsh shot and missed, but Keeler was on the spot for the rebound. She went back up and also missed, but this time center Brooke Rutnik came down with the ball for Holy Names, and Keeler eventually finished the critical possession by extending the lead to three inside of a minute to play.

Even after sophomore guard Katelyn Berger's long-range miss, the Blackbirds still had time after stopping the clock by foul-



Brittney Burnham shoots over a Holy Names defender. Len Tarricone

ing Quinlivan. She missed the back end of a one-and-one, but Rutnik came down with the rebound.

When Rutnik's putback missed, Keeler was there, and then when her attempt missed, Rutnik was in position to snatch

the ball and close the door on the defending state champions.

While Rutnik was a powerhouse on the boards, she was held to only four points, well below her season average of 13. Quinlivan managed her average of 14 points, but Adams was pleased with the

job his group did on these two.

"Our triangle-and-two was effective; the kids practiced it and executed it at a high level," he said.

Meantime, his squad had some adjusting to do of its own with the Holy Names defensive strategy.

"This is the first time in five years that they have shown a zone against us," said Adams. "I'm not totally surprised because he (Holy Names coach Joe Anastasio) saw us have some problems with it in other games, and I thought he might try it. It didn't bother us too much though. We just didn't make

as many shots in the second half as we made in the first."

Lindner had eight points to pace the Ladybirds (5-2 league, 7-3 overall), while Rissacher and senior guard Caryn Adams chipped in with seven apiece.

Adams' troops, who fell to third place in the league behind undefeated Holy Names (7-0) and Schalmont (6-1), will do battle at Averill Park Jan. 15. Game time will be 7:30 p.m.

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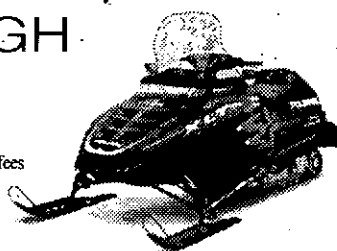
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# Delmar Dolphins swimmers have successful meet at RPI

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Three Dolphins relay teams made up of swimmers under 10 years old won their events. Alyssa Sullivan, Katie O'Donnell, Anna Holop-Kaufman and Kristen Gloeckler finished first in the 8-and-under girls medley relay, as did the 8-and-under girls freestyle relay team of Sullivan, O'Donnell, Gloeckler and Eleanor Grady.

The 10-and-under boys relay team of Larry Gloeckler, Justin Murphy, Sean Kennedy and Matt Shaffer was also victorious.

The girls 8-and-under relay team Lauren Grady, Martha Grady, Ann DeLucca and Lisa Frangella finished seventh.

In individual events, Kristen Gloeckler took seventh in the 50-yard breaststroke, and O'Donnell finished fifth in the 50-yard backstroke, sixth in the 100-yard individual medley (IM) and eighth in the 50-yard freestyle and butterfly. Placing in the top 20 and/or achieving personal bests were Eleanor Grady, Holop-Kaufman, Sullivan, Stephanie Clement and Mariah Kennedy.

In the 10-and-under category, Tyler Dudas finished seventh in the 50-yard butterfly and eighth in the 100- and 200-yard individual

medleys. Martha Grady took seventh in the 200-yard freestyle, while Murphy finished sixth in the 200-yard individual medley and seventh in the 100-yard IM.

Paul Caifero came in eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke, and Larry Gloeckler took third in the 100-yard backstroke, fourth in the 100-yard IM and 50-yard freestyle, fifth in the 50-yard backstroke and butterfly and sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke and butterfly.

Sean Kennedy placed seventh in the 100-yard freestyle and butterfly events, while Matt Shaffer came in second in the 50-yard freestyle, fourth in the 50-yard backstroke and fifth in both the 50-yard breaststroke and the 100-yard backstroke. Ann Delucco

finished in fourth place in the 100-yard backstroke, sixth in the 100-yard butterfly and eighth in the 100-yard individual medley. Coming in the top 20 and/or achieving personal bests were Frangella, Lauren Grady, Laurel Heighton, Hadar Koren-Roth, Kyla Walsh, Shoko Kubotera, Alex Parker, and Barbara Pohl.

In the 11- and 12-year-old division, David Richardson finished eighth in the 200-yard IM, and Scott Solomon finished in seventh place in the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke. Natalie Singer also turned in a strong performance.

In the 13- and 14-year-old category, Teresa Rosetti took second place in the 200-yard butterfly, third place in the 100-yard but-

terfly, sixth in the 200-yard individual medley and seventh in the 200-yard freestyle. Courtney Arduini finished eighth in the 200-yard freestyle, and Meredith Singer took fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke and eighth in the 50-yard freestyle.

The relay team of Teresa Rosetti, Lauren Sullivan, Sarah Richardson and Meredith Singer took third place.

Also finishing in the top 20 and/or achieving personal bests in the 13- and 14-year-old or the 15-and-over categories were Sarah Richardson, Lauren Sullivan, Kathleen Shaffer, Hannah Gold, Katie Parafinczuk, Larissa Suparmanto, Ellen Bandel and Katie Richardson.

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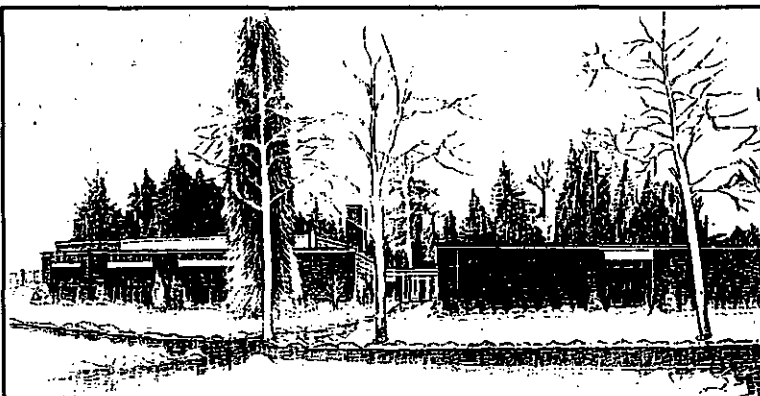
## Close games the norm in BBC action

In Bethlehem Basketball Club play Jan. 10, UConn. and Nate Rauch topped Seton Hall and Paul Parker (12 points) 32-27. West Virginia used 18 points from Anthony Butler to beat Providence and Vanessa Patry (6 points) 44-32. Emily Sobiecki helped Villanova beat Georgetown

and Samantha Watkins 31-25. Dan Forrest and David Haddon teamed for 18 to lead Pitt past BC and Rima Rahal 31-21. Matt Carroll led Miami to a 27-23 win over St. John's, despite Danielle Mozeleski's efforts. Mary Plummer led Notre Dame past Syracuse and Kate Leary 33-29.

In the NBA, Nick Criscione's 16 points led the Spurs past the Rockets 27-25. Ryan Quinn's eight points led the Knicks past Chicago, 34-23, despite the work of Bulls Brendan Ennis and Kerry Cunneen. Kevin Gutman's 10 points were wasted in the Lakers 48-42 loss to Boston and Tom Wilsey (12 points). John Wyluda led the Sonics over the Bob Gombel-led Magic 35-24.

ACC winners included Wake Forest, Duke, North Carolina and Maryland. Shane Gray, Chad Languish, Matt Macri and Tim Carey and Jeremy Kondrat paced their teams, while Russell Ellers, Adam Burke, Scott Solomon and Matt Mahoney played well in defeat for Georgia Tech, FSU, Virginia, and Clemson.



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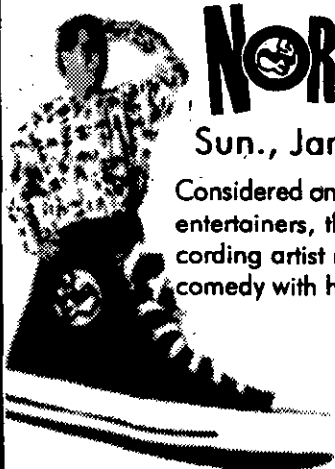
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# Unusual locations make for unique and beautiful weddings

By Joseph A. Phillips

**I**F YOU'VE VISITED EVERY BANQUET HALL, HOTEL AND CHURCH IN THE CAPITAL REGION AND still haven't found that perfect spot to tie the knot, if you feel like you don't want the one-size-wedding-fits-all standard package, if you want something, well, different — how does this sound?

A Victorian manse, the classic house on the hill, perched in the Helderberg foothills and commanding a view all the way to Albany on a clear day. Yet it's not visible from the road, hidden at the end of an 80-foot drive that winds past iris beds. Behind the house, a sunken garden with a pond and a fountain; an original 1894 trellis, newly restored. Along stone wall sweeping up to a central staircase, perfect for post-vow pictorials. A wraparound porch for your guests to sip cocktails until you stride through the 9-foot wooden archway over the front portal, into a banquet room, canopied by a new mahogany ceiling, and suitable for up to 150 guests. If your wedding falls between April and October, the booking season

for Altamont Manor on Main Street, the picturesque spot described above could be your wedding location.



A beautiful outdoor spring wedding at Altamont Manor.

ding location.

"Sometimes people will do dinner outdoors and come in for dancing," says Harvey Zlahos, owner of the manor. "It's like, any and all possibilities for the combination's here."

And it's by no means the only such venue in the area for a wedding to remember. In fact, you

little bit of planning.

Want historic atmosphere? Want sunshine and an informal feel? Want a paddle-wheel steamboat? A covered bridge? Or a walk in the park? All are available nearby.

Heck, if you want, you can really "have it your way," the Burger King at Colonie Center hosted a

nuptial a couple years back for two employees. (Wonder who the caterer was?) You can even get married half a mile underground, at Howe Caverns' subterranean wedding chapel in Schoharie County.

But if you're not looking for something that way-out, or way-down, there are still plenty of interesting alternatives somewhere between a fast-food fete and what Zlahos calls "the wedding factories, that kind of have a tendency to be a little cookie-cutter, and that have plans without a lot of flexibility."

Zlahos is justifiably proud of his own locale, but is not afraid to list his respected competitors: the nearby Mira Vista and Appel Inn, Hildene in southern Vermont, even the Dutch Barn at the Altamont Fairgrounds, for that rustic touch. The fairgrounds Dutch Barn is managed by the folks who run the Old Songs Festival and Andy's Front Hall music store.

And then there is the Pruyn House in Loudonville.

Pruyn House is an historic old Dutch-style estate, owned by the

town of Colonie, with beautiful grounds that feature two prize-winning gardens — one floral and one herbal — maintained by local garden societies, and a barn that can house a sit-down dinner of as many as 200.

"It can be very formal in the barn," Pruyn House director Diane Morgan says, but it's really ideal for an ambience of casual elegance. "Imagine getting married on a balmy summer night, wedding at 4 p.m., getting married in the garden," she says. "Wander into the barn for a sit-down supper and some dancing."

Or you can book a wedding in the house itself, with its grand center hall, small butler's pantry, two drawing rooms that connect to one another, for a smaller affair — about 30 to 40 for a sit-down dinner, 80 to 100 for a stand-up reception. Caterer needs more room to spread out the spread? "If they need a lot of setup room, they can work out of the basement kitchen," says Morgan.

The place hosted 14 weddings this past year, most in the summer months to take advantage of the grounds. You need to bring your own services — caterer, florist, and so forth — but Morgan has listings of service providers that have worked the Pruyn House in the past and can help get a wedding started, including a wedding planner who can help you get it going from canapes to canopies.

The Glen-Sanders Mansion in Scotia, which operates year round as a restaurant and banquet hall, also specializes in wedding receptions. But it has developed a lucrative business in catering weddings off-site at more, um, unique locales. Planners there list Congress Park and the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, the New York State Museum and the Shaker Museum in Chatham — even the Mine-ha-ha steamship on Lake George operated by the Lake George Steamship Company — as wedding or reception spots for which they've offered catering support.

Speaking of boats: several local cruise services offer shipboard weddings or receptions, including Crescent Cruise Lines; the Halfmoon-based sightseeing service working on scenic sections of the Erie Canal, or Rensselaer's Spirit of St. Joseph Cruise Line. Captain JP Cruises out of Troy has a full-time wedding planner, Jennifer Sheeran, on staff to plan about 25 weddings a year during the river cruise season, from May 1 to Oct. 15. They offer three packages with a per-head price of \$22 to \$28 that cover most of the basics — the boat, meal, entertainment, cake, limo service, gratuities; you'll have to secure your own florists and decorations. They even have a local judge who'll do the honors if you haven't got a minister of your own.

Picture a dockside ceremony,  
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# Weddings don't have to be overpriced - if you do it yourself

By Joseph A. Phillips

**T**RYING TO SAVE A COUPLE OF BUCKS BY DOING YOUR WEDDING YOURSELF? Here's a few helpful hints.

Stage managing your own wedding can mean a lot of angst over last-minute arrangements. You need a little distance, a critical eye. Consider a modestly-priced consultant for some of the complicated stuff — or recruit a trusted friend to pitch in.

Stay away from heavily-booked dates: mid-May through July Fourth; August through Columbus Day; Christmastime. Mid-to-late July is not a prime wedding time; consider also March, April or early May, or late-October through Thanksgiving. And Sundays are cheaper and easier to book than Saturdays!

If you're going to a banquet hall or a hotel, get a one-price-covers-everything deal that spells out explicitly what's included. You don't want to find out at the last minute, for instance, that the price doesn't include decorations or bar service.

But why not consider a non-traditional location? The price of a place that doesn't do a lot of weddings might surprise you. (Want some ideas? Take a look at the preceding page.) If you do, are there hotel rooms nearby for weekend wedding guests? Are there spots for elderly or infirm guests to sit down — and enough room for everyone to see? Where does the banquet set-up or buffet table go? Pay a visit to the site and

walk through the ceremony to make sure all the details fit. And warn your guests if it's a stand-up reception, lake-side vista, or little country church on a hot summer day, that they might want to dress differently, bring a change of clothes, or wear softer shoes.

Don't go crazy with the guest list! Think: how many people can you practically spend time with on your wedding day? No one wants to sit alone at a wedding getting no face-time with the bride and groom, so keep it modest.

To save on invitations and programs, try copy, art-supply or stationery shops that won't cost a bundle. Or recruit a friend who loves doing calligraphy; not a good idea if you have 200 guests, but for a smaller wedding, why not?

If you have a graphics package

on the home computer — design your own!

There's no law that says the bride must wear white, or the groom a tux. A nice new suit or summer gown you can also wear on future family occasions might be a good, and inexpensive, investment. Or borrow from a costume rental place or consignment shop rather than a tux or bridal shop. Who cares where it came from if it looks nice?

That goes for favors too. Is there a handmade-candy shop or bakery nearby that can make something nice and put a personalized ribbon on it? Or can you make it yourself?

Wrap homemade fudge in festive-colored cellophane. Think local color, or give something unique. One friend had pals crochet little appliques. Another, wed

in Holland, found little wooden shoe ornaments (inexpensive at a tourist shop) perfect favors.

Friends stumped for wedding gifts? Why not suggest they give you part of the wedding? Do you have an invitee who's a videographer or photographer, or can bake and decorate a wedding cake? Do floral arrangements? Decorate the hall? Does cousin

Sadie play the guitar, and sing? For reception music — got a friend who has a band? Or can spin CD's or make a tape?

Ask them to donate their services as a wedding or shower gift; or donate a case of champagne, a keg of beer or the price of the limo.

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# Brides want to give more personalized favors at weddings

By Maureen O'Connell

FINDING JUST THE RIGHT GIFT TO THANK YOUR GUESTS OR BRIDAL PARTY FOR SHARING your special day isn't always easy.

There are always the traditional matchbooks or Jordan Almonds wrapped in decorative fabric. These gifts are always a hit and make wonderful favors, but if you want to get creative, there's a world of possibilities.

Picture frames that hold place cards and personalized candy

boxes are the most popular favors being sold by Letter Perfect at The Balcony in Niskayuna.

Co-owner Sue Frisoni said Letter Perfect at The Balcony carries many other small silver gifts that could be used as favors or gifts for the bridal party.

"We specialize in personalized gifts," said Frisoni. "We can put names on items that can also serve as place cards."

If you're looking to cater to

your guest's sweet tooth, there are a number of candy options available.

"The Jordan Almond is still most popular, but chocolate is becoming a close second," said Kathryn Cassimeris, owner of the Peanut Principle in Cohoes.

Chocolates can be put in small personalized boxes, or personalized with the couple's names or initials.

Jelly beans, in the colors of the bridal party, are also becoming popular. Cassimeris said some couples personalize their favors, by adding novelties to the candy packets, such as small toys or symbols that have special meaning for them.

Cassimeris added that some couples choose to leave favors in their guest's hotel rooms, rather than on reception tables. She suggested leaving gift baskets including a small bottle of wine, snack mixes or candy, to welcome your guests and thank them for being part of your special day.

Clearly Yours in Latham also specializes in personalized gifts.

"The perfect attendant gift is

the personalized gift," said owner Mary Jo Johnson.

Clearly Yours carries a large selection of monogramable items, including key rings, jewelry boxes, pewter tankards and cosmetic bags. They also have a large selection of Vera Bradley handbags and travel accessories.

Johnson said fleece stadium blankets are becoming very popular. The blankets are available in a variety of colors, and Clearly Yours can order them in patterns and colors to match your bridal party.

The Internet also has some great ideas for favors, and some Web sites have sections containing unique ideas.

The Wedding Shopper at [www.theweddingshopper.com/favors.htm](http://www.theweddingshopper.com/favors.htm), offers both personalized and ready-made gifts.

Throwing rice at a couple as they left the church used to be a way of wishing them prosperity and happiness as they started a new life together. In recent years, however, concerns about the environment have caused couples to look for alternatives to rice. One of those is small bottles of bubbles for blowing.

An idea that's gaining popularity is dissolvable, heart-shaped rice. The heart-shaped rice is bird-safe, and dissolves in water. It comes in small bags, which come in a variety of colors, and can be personalized.

If you like the candy idea, but want something different, The Wedding Shopper offers candy conversation hearts, like those enjoyed on Valentine's Day. These fanciful hearts contain different and fun romantic messages, to go along with your romantic day.

Lastly, The Wedding Shopper offers bookmarks, that can be personalized with a name, saying or poem.

If you're having a smaller wedding, Blue Hawaii Weddings ([www.bluehawaiiweddings.com](http://www.bluehawaiiweddings.com)), suggests handcrafted teacups and saucers, filled with candy or potpourri.

Regardless what you choose to give, having it personalized seems to be the trend for today's brides.

"Nothing is as unique as a gift with your name on it," said Johnson.

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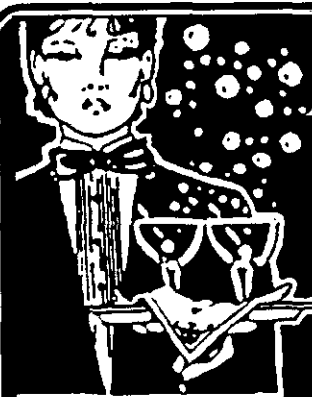
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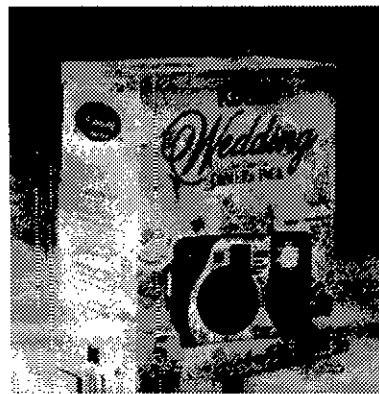
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By Bill Fonda

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About Town — which rents party tents, wedding arches, fountains, tables, chairs, special linens and skirting, china and silverware, lighting, dance floors, stages, balloons and helium — has used the CADD program for more than three years and offers it at no extra charge.

"Even if they haven't booked with us yet, they can look at a layout and it helps them make a decision. It's pretty neat," said About Town's assistant manager and rental consultant Patty Van Amerongen.

Many of the potentially aggravating nuts and bolts of wedding planning can also be made easier by computers. The Emily Post and Wedding Planner home computer software packages are just two of the programs that help couples with chores such as making the guest list, budgeting and tracking invitations.

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# Tips for couples who marry outside the United States

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"In some cases, married life will offer enough pitfalls and crises throughout the years; there is no need to have a marriage start that way," says Lisa Habicht, president and founder of Grand Luxe, a 10-year-old New Jersey company specializing in all details and arrangements for overseas weddings.

"The reason some couples have problems is that they are unfamiliar with the marriage laws, rules and regulations where they want to be wed. We know the laws — we have to know the laws because that is our business," Habicht says.

"Most of the weddings we arrange are at fabulous castles or villas in Europe. And in more than a decade of making such arrangements, I'm proud to say we've never had a problem."

But whether it's in Europe or somewhere else, Habicht says couples need to be aware of many items and should answer the following questions before embarking on their trip:

- Is the ceremony recognized as valid in the United States?
- What is the minimum amount of time required in the destination

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Lisa Habicht

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# Busy brides use simple fixes to organize their weddings

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Between finding a venue, developing a guest list and choosing a wedding party, life can become very hectic, not to mention disorganized.

So how can today's busy brides-to-be stay organized?

3M, the developer of Post-it Flags, has identified wedding planning tips that can help brides and wedding planners stay organized and keep on top of all of the wedding details:

• Register as soon as possible. When you set a wedding date, you should start looking through

bridal magazines and visiting stores in order to make choices. This way your registry is up and running in time for any showers that take place prior to the wedding.

• Organize important information. As you are looking through bridal magazines, registry books and cookbooks, use Post-it Flags to mark and index specific dresses, hairstyles or recipes for easy reference later.

• Save money on flowers. Check with the church or the place you will wed and see if there is another wedding before or after your own. Call the people plan-

ning the ceremony and see if they would like to split the cost of flowers.

• Remind yourself of deadlines. Whether you are in a bridal store, at the caterers or at the wedding venue — keeping all of your wedding details in a notebook can help. Tagging important items with Post-it Flags and Notes can help remind you of major deadlines.

• Planning a wedding is hard work, but with simple communications tools like Post-it Flags and supportive friends and family, brides-to-be can successfully plan a great wedding.

For more information about Post-it Products, visit the Post-it Products Web site at [www.3M.com/Post-it](http://www.3M.com/Post-it).

## □ Yourself

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For an informal affair, skip the caterer and throw a potluck or a backyard barbecue. Or order a couple platters of cold cuts from a supermarket or the local butcher; the quality can be darn good and the price a lot better than a full-blown wedding caterer.

Instead of paying for an open bar, think months ahead of the ceremony and purchase a bottle of liquor every time you go by a shop. That way, you can pick out what you want, pay for it over time, take advantage of sale prices — and have the leftovers for your home bar.

But remember, wedding memories are forever — so don't scrimp too much.

Spring for a limo or a tux or a string quartet and invite a crowd of 300 if you really want it. And don't be a cheapskate. If you pay for professional services, don't cut corners on tips.

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# Creating the picture-perfect smile

By Maureen O'Connell

**Y**OU'VE GOT THE DRESS. THE RINGS ARE BOUGHT. THE RECEPTION HALL IS booked. You've picked the photographer and the florist. Your perfect wedding plans are almost complete. But no wedding is complete without the perfect smile.

"The smile is the focal point of the face," said dentist Leonard Berl. "It's the first impression."

Berl and his partner, Askold Wynnykiw, practice cosmetic dentistry at Aesthetic Dental Associates (ADA), on Western Avenue in Albany.

"There's nothing like a great smile," said Berl. "Why not plan as part of your wedding budget to look your best dentally as well?"

ADA specializes in all the things needed to make your pearly whites shine, particularly whitening and polishing. They can also repair chipped or damaged teeth with bonding, porcelain veneers, laminates, crowns, inlays and onlays.

With personalized attention, Berl and Wynnykiw help patients choose the treatment that is right for them.

"Too many times you go to the dentist, he does the procedure, and tells you you're done," said Berl.

At ADA, pleasing patients is their policy. "There's nothing wrong with giving the patient what they want as long as it's within reason," Berl said.

There are times when patients choose to leave a space between their teeth because that's how they were born or because it is how they are known, Berl said, citing celebrity examples such as talk show host David Letterman and actress Lauren Hutton.

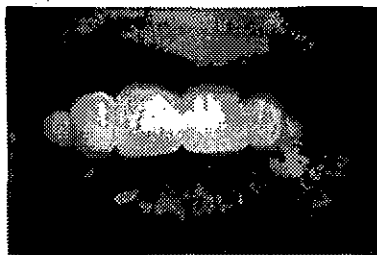
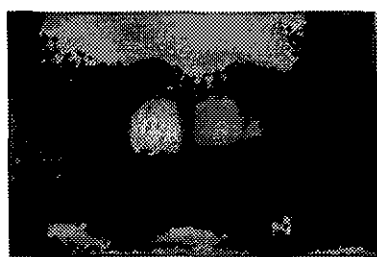
"Everything is adjusted to patients' requests. ADA uses video technology to help patients select the procedures that are right for them. Monitors are positioned next to the patients' chair to allow them to see before and after pictures," he said.

This video technology is just one of the many methods used by ADA. Berl and Wynnykiw both attended New York University College of Dentistry, where they assisted professors in research that led to the breakthroughs of today. They use these methods to make the patient's experience as pleasant as possible. ADA's technology makes these procedures comfortable for even the most squeamish or apprehensive patients.

ADA can fill cavities without drilling by using Prep Star, a device that uses micro air abrasion and kinetic energy to remove decay and prepare a cavity for filling.

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"We're able to make the face look nice, give the patient a nicer cosmetic appearance," said Berl.

The time required to create the perfect smile varies from patient to patient, but many procedures can be done temporarily, if not permanently, before the event. Whitening can be done in as few as one or two visits.

"You don't have to go to New York City or Boston to get Park Avenue dentistry," said Berl. "Aesthetic Dental Associates is the only office where you're going to receive this kind of unique dental treatment." Cosmetic dentistry can sometimes be costly, but Berl feels it's well worth it.

"Instead of buying a car or house immediately, invest in yourself first," he said. "Most likely you'll be pleased with your new smile and appearance."

For information, call 482-1201 or 482-0916. ADA also has a Web site at [www.aesthetic-dental.com](http://www.aesthetic-dental.com).

## Locations

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river as far as Albany and back as you dine and dance. Says Sheeran, "If you pay for extra hours, sometimes we'll go a little farther." But remember, she says: if some of your guests want to leave a little early, unless they're swimming

ashore they'll have to wait until the Captain docks. So why not take the three-hour cruise and the rest of your reception at dockside?

Or consider a site like Albany's historic Ten Broeck Mansion, which hosts the occasional nuptial. Thacher Park rents pavilions and picnic sites for receptions and weddings. Or try outdoors at a park or country club.

Maria Lanides of A Touch of Class, the limo Booker and wedding consultant service, has seen it all, and says increasingly her clients are exercising their creativity and getting out of the traditional church wedding setting.

"The locations we have in the Capital Region are just lovely, and I see an increase in the past 10 years — I couldn't say how many — but we do see more weddings at the reception sites, and more unusual reception sites." How about on board a rented yacht? The steps of city hall?

"The most romantic wedding I remember was in a country club outside of Troy, near a pond," she says. "The loveliest thing happened after the wedding. A white dove flew across the wedding party. Nobody released it; it was wild. The Indians used to say that was a good omen for a union."



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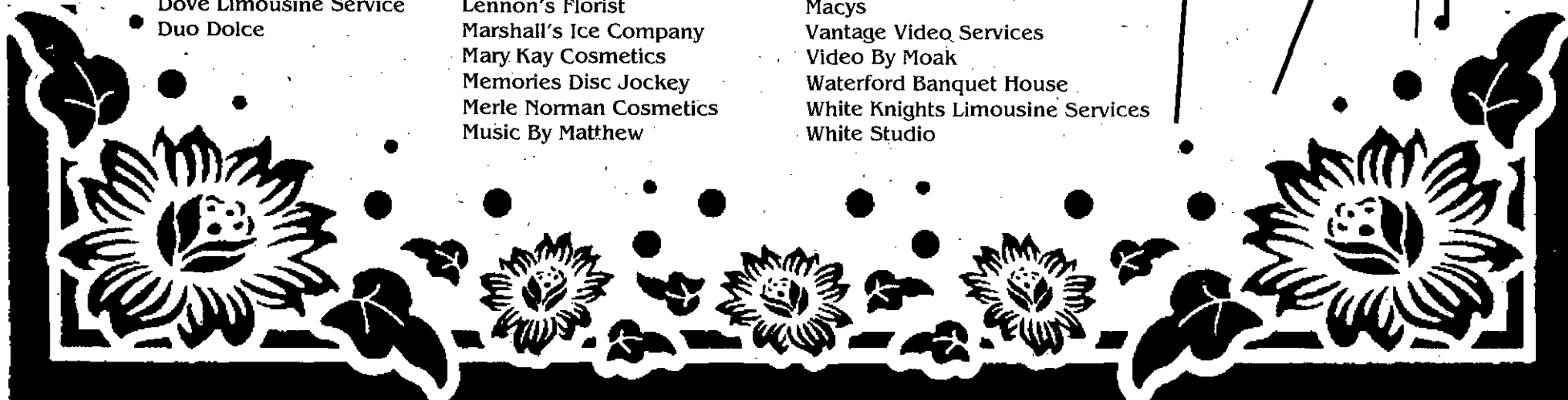
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# Village Stage revives troupe

By Joseph A. Phillips

After a hiatus of nearly two years, Delmar's own community theater, Village Stage, is back in business and gearing up for a new production this March.

Village Stage will perform the musical "Carnival" with a cast of 26, of mostly Bethlehem residents, on March 11 through 14 at the Arts Center of the Academy of Holy Names, New Scotland Road in Albany.

The decade-old theater group, which has performed dramas and musicals at various locations in and around Delmar, including the Bethlehem Middle School stage and Holy Names, ceased operations following a production of "Mr. Scrooge" at the middle school two Christmases ago.

"People just got worn out," says Tom Watthews, a longtime member of the group. "People got tired out and withdrew for awhile." The group also experienced difficulty securing a consistent location for performances and rehearsals, Watthews said.

"Interest sort of flags. I think this happens to a lot of theater groups," Watthews said. "What we needed, and still need, is an infusion of new blood. But instead of dissolving the group, we knew if we just became inactive for a bit, people would come back ready to go."

Last spring, several of the group's longtime members wrote

to a mailing list of former participants in the theater about re-forming the group. Approximately 50 responded positively, Watthews said, and a meeting was held in July at the Delmar VFW hall to elect a new board of directors. Julia Fillipone was elected the group's president, with Frank Leavitt as vice president, and Watthews took on the post of treasurer. "Half of our board are present or former Bethlehem teachers," Watthews said.

Since the summer the new board has met on roughly a half dozen occasions. "We've been reorganizing," Watthews said, "renewing our tax-exempt status, the usual business that goes on behind the scenes."

The town of Bethlehem permitted Village Stage to resume use of vacant office space in the town's waste transfer building on Route 32, where the group stores some stage materials and records.

While tracking down dormant bank accounts and sorting out bylaws, the group also gave some consideration to staging a production in the fall, but opted instead to devote that time to organizing.

One key roadblock to a new production was locating a performance space. "A big problem with

the group is not having a permanent home," Watthews said. "It's very difficult to keep a group going when you don't have a regular place to perform." The increasing demands on the auditoriums at the high school and middle school for use of school groups and classes, he said, has made those spaces difficult for community groups to reserve for the long periods of time a stage production would require.

In November, the group secured a commitment from Holy Names to use the Arts Center for several weeks of rehearsal and performance in March, and Watthews signed on to direct the reconstituted group's first production. Auditions for "Carnival," a musical about the romance and intrigue behind the scenes at a European travelling circus, were held in December.

The cast began rehearsals at Bethlehem town hall auditorium last week.

The group's long-range goal, Watthews said, is to mount two productions a year, one of those being a musical. And they still seek new participants "We're always looking for people who want to work on productions behind the scenes — props, costumes, makeup and sets," Watthews said.

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# Book

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legislative seat.

"I actually finished it the same date I finished the last one, Aug. 30, my birthday," he said. It didn't distract him from his official responsibilities. "I didn't write any of this material until after 11 p.m. at night," he said. "If I'm really on a roll, I don't stop till 4 in the morning. Otherwise, I'd never have gotten it done."

"I'm on seven legislative committees, and I didn't know there'd be a Domalewicz challenge (in the primary) when I agreed to the updated chapter. Your mind is always filled with the business of the day. As a writer, you need that

calm-down time. You need that total isolation. The only time I get that is late at night."

Producing a book has been a labor of love for McEneny, a Siena College graduate trained in history, steeped in the lore of Albany's neighborhoods around his grandmother's kitchen table, and a political fly-on-the-wall for three tumultuous decades.

The original book was published by an academic imprint, Windsor Press, which produced only two runs and about 7,000 books the first time around. An initial spurt of interest in 1981 and a second wave coinciding with the Albany Tricentennial in 1986 pretty much cleared local book-

store shelves of the tome.

Demand dampened with time, but it never died entirely, McEneny said. "If I had been in the bookselling business, I could have sold a book a week for the last seven years," he said. He has given a few copies of the first edition away for charity auctions and has been startled to see the prices they bring, recalling one volume that sold for \$100 at a Doane Stuart School fund-raiser.

Urged on by literary friends like author William Kennedy, he sought a second printing. But when Windsor went out of the business, McEneny faced the daunting task of tracking down the original plates.

Then last spring, he received "a call out of the blue from California — from American Historical Press, which I didn't know." The publisher had acquired the Windsor catalog and wanted to talk about a new printing.

Why do one? "There's been a lot of good specialty books on Albany in the last 20 years," says McEneny, but they're specialty books. What most authors do is take one moment in time and write about it." He cites recent books by Marion Hughes on the desegregation of Albany's schools, Virginia Bowers' take on Albany's South End, and Hy Rosen and Peter Slocum's *From Rocky to Pataki*, his chief competition this past Christmas for the local-interest book market.

"It's very difficult to write about Albany as a whole," he said. "What this book has done, and has always done, is give an overview."

And from a unique perspective: McEneny has been a city hall insider since the late '60s when, straight out of college, he went to work for the city welfare department and then ran Corning's CETA office.

His rise in Albany County poli-

tics brought him into close contact with Jim Coyne, whom he served as a deputy county executive at the height of the scandal that brought Coyne down. McEneny was a player who witnessed the battle over the Empire State Plaza, the sunset of the Democratic machine, and the rise of the reformists who have taken hold in city hall since Corning's death.

Publisher and author agreed that the book badly needed updating. After all, McEneny pointed out, "when I first wrote it, Carey was the governor, Corning was the mayor, Stratton was the congressman, Conners was assemblyman ... It was too old to reprint in its current form, and I had no time to rewrite it until after session."

The answer, he decided, was not a total rewrite but his new 10th chapter, "Albany in the Post-Corning Era." "As a historian I've always wanted to remain an observer, and I tried to be a detached observer as well, which is difficult to do if you're a participant," he said.

McEneny, who recounts past clashes with mayors Whelan and Jennings, found the portions dealing with Coyne's downfall to be the most tricky. He showed portions of the new chapter to both Coyne and Whelan and won their approval, and briefed Jennings. He believes he's been fair. "I did only one thing that was unscholarly and unprofessional," he said, pointing out a reference to his primary victory this year "over a Jennings backed opponent."

"See, it is up-to-date," he said with a laugh.

Some things were easier the second time around. "The biggest difference between the first book and the second is I actually learned how to operate the computer," he said, crediting his 14-year-old daughter Maeve (whom he acknowledges in the book) with teaching him the rudiments of word processing.

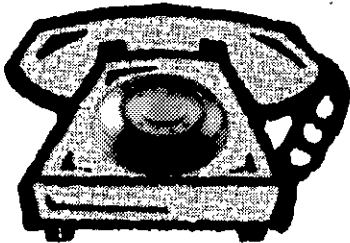
He attributes the sales bump for his book to the revived interest in ethnicity and neighborhood roots, and to the influx of newcomers to Albany, hungry for some sense of history. He is modest about the implications of the Christmas rush: "it's a pain in the neck to ship a sweater, but a book is easy to mail," he said.

His book is carried not only by independent bookstores like the Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza and at Plaza Books at Empire State Plaza.

Now that he knows his way around a word processor, is there another book in him? "Here I am, a two-time published author the easy way — reprinting the first book," he said. "But I really would like to write another book. As I age, I think I have some observations to make that are probably worthwhile."

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# Obituaries

## Evan C. Regal

Evan C. Regal, 50, of Delmar died Thursday, Jan. 7, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was a graduate of Syracuse University, Albany Law School and Northwestern University's Graduate Trust School.

Mr. Regal began his career as a trust officer for State Bank of Albany and headed its Troy office for several years, before entering private practice with Tate, Tate, Bishko & Ruthman.

In 1987, he became a principal in the law firm of Hinman, Straub, Pigors & Manning, where he concentrated in trusts, estates and estate planning. He was admitted to practice in state Supreme Court for the northern district and the U.S. Tax Court.

Mr. Regal a member of the Albany County and American bar associations. He also served on the trusts and estates executive committee of the State Bar Association.

He was a member of Albany Rotary Club and served on its board of directors. He had also been active in Syracuse University's Capital District Alumni Club, the Troy Chamber of Commerce, the American Institute of Banking, Bethlehem Pop Warner, Tri-Village Little League and Bethlehem Tomboys.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen Regal; his father, Evan C. Regal of Binghamton; two sons, Thomas Regal and Christopher Regal; and a daughter, Mary Ellen Regal.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Caregivers Program of Catholic Charities, Community Hospice of Albany County or the Visiting Nurses Association of Albany.

## Donald J. Mero

Donald J. Mero, 68, of Delmar died Thursday, Jan. 7.

Born in Willsboro, Essex County, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Mero was a firefighter for the Albany Fire Department for many years.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Duclos Mero; two sons, Douglas E. Mero of Coeymans and D.J. Mero of Albany; two daughters, Victoria Carolus of Schenectady and Theresa A. Mero of Delmar; four brothers, Robert Mero of Keesville, and Howard Mero, Leo

Mero and Leon Mero, all of Willsboro; a sister, Melvina Toomey of Keesville; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

## Gail D. Vadney

Gail Hanzlik Vadney, 62, of Feura Bush died Wednesday, Jan. 6, at her home.

Born in Albany, She was a graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School. She attended Albany Nursing College.

She was the widow of Rudolf Hanzlik.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas J. Vadney; a son, Gregory Hanzlik; a daughter, Lisa Moss; six stepdaughters, Diane Lee, Joanne Clickman, Pamela Vadney, Teresa Vadney, Deborah Parady and Sharon Samalot; four stepsons, John Vadney, Thomas Vadney, Richard Vadney and Robert Vadney; two brothers, Robert Swain and Richard Swain; a sister, Linda Miller; two grandchildren; 27 step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

## M. Rachel Phillips

M. Rachel Phillips, 75, of Feura Bush died Thursday, Jan. 7, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Alabama, she was a Feura Bush resident for 50 years.

Mrs. Phillips was a member of Unionville Dutch Reformed Church.

She was the widow of Earl F. Phillips.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Curcurito of Guilderland and Donna Phillips of Feura Bush; a brother, Artis Thrasher of Alabama; three sisters, Odell Johnson of Alabama, Brenice Williams of Georgia and Lessie Phillips of Feura Bush; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Unionville Dutch Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to Unionville Dutch Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, Delmar or Onesquethaw Rescue Squad.

## Marian Quirk

Marian Flood Quirk of Albany died Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home in Albany.

Born and educated in Utica, she lived in Albany before moving to Delmar in 1988.

She was employed as a principal clerk for the state Department of Labor, retiring in 1959.

During World War II she had helped organize Bundles for Brit-

ain for the Labor Department and in 1942 was commended by Gov. Herbert H. Lehman. She was a Red Cross Gray Lady for many years.

She was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

She was a lifelong member of the Catholic Women's Service League and a member and president of Blessed Sacrament Rosary Society.

She was an office holder and member of the Mothers Club at Christian Brothers Academy, Vincentian Institute and The College of Saint Rose.

She was a charter member and past president of the Albany Fort Orange Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include two daughters, Marguerite Quirk Britting of Bloomfield, Conn. and Marian Quirk Choppy of Delmar; two sons, William Copeland of Albany and Terrance M. Copeland Sr. of New Paltz; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Daughters of Sarah Memorial Fund, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany 12203.

## Neal Weeks

Neal H. Weeks, 69, of Glenmont died Saturday, Jan. 2, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in New York City, she was a graduate of Albany Academy for Girls and Katherine Gibbs School in New York City.

Mrs. Weeks was a homemaker.

She had been a field executive for the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council from 1973 to 1979, when she became disabled. She recently worked part time for School Pictures of Glenmont.

She was a life member and officer of Albany Academy for Girls Alumni Association and served on its board of trustees.

She was a member of the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Forrest Weeks of Glenmont; three daughters, Virginia Cipressy of Watervliet, Monelle Cottrell of Queensbury and Pamela L. Weeks of Turner, Mich.; a brother, William C. Haight Jr. of Skaneateles; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Cathedral of All Saints.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Academy for Girls (Capital Fund), 140 Academy Road, Albany 12208 or Albany Medical Foundation for Center Cancer Research, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12214.

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## Attacks

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where he was treated for a wound behind his knee and released. Animal Control Officer Richard Watt investigated but was unable to locate the raccoon.

Animal control officers then referred the matter to the county Health Department, which contacted Sedgeley to initiate treatment with a vaccine and immunoglobulin series used to combat the rabies virus. The month-long treatment, a series of five shots, was initiated last Wednesday.

The incident prompted Bethlehem police officials to issue an advisory to area residents about the ongoing potential for rabies in local wild animals.

The advisory, released by patrol division commander Lt. Timothy Beebe, warned residents to avoid contact with wildlife and to report any unusual wildlife behaviors to police animal control personnel; to stay with pets while outdoors and make sure their rabies inoculations are up-to-date; and to avoid leaving food outdoors where it might attract wild animals.

According to Ward Stone, a state Department of Environmental Conservation wildlife pathologist at Five Rivers Environmental Conservation Center in Delmar, the behavior exhibited by the raccoon in this incident is unusual, and an indicator that the animal may well have been rabid.

"It was cold, it was daytime. Raccoons are nocturnal and normally shy away from people, so its aggressive behavior, which is abnormal, is probably associated with rabies virus in the brain," he said.

Marcia Len, county assistant public health sanitarian, said the vaccine treatments for a biting victim are mandatory if an animal suspected of being rabid is not caught for examination. But, she said, "it doesn't make any sense to go look for the animal." In all likelihood, she said, it is already dead, as such aggressive behavior is generally only exhibited by an animal near death.

"During the winter, we have much less of a problem," Len said. "The activities of raccoons and

skunks and other animals that carry rabies is very low." Len said her department has no reason to believe that the Bethlehem-New Scotland area is a "hot spot" for rabies cases in the wild.

Nevertheless, Stone said, suburban dwellers should take the potential threat of rabies seriously. "Rabies is still around in Bethlehem and in New Scotland, in Gunderland," he said. "You'll often find more raccoons per square mile in the suburbs than you do in the Adirondacks. This is a good habitat for raccoons. There are little patches of trees, there are fruit trees, there's garbage, there's dog and cat food left out. There's plenty for them to eat. We're not surprised that (rabies) occurs in this area."

Typically, he said, a rabid animal will bite and run away, but if anyone is bitten, "if (the animal) can be captured without putting oneself or one's neighbors at risk, it might be valuable to do so. It might spare the uncertainty" if the animal can be tested.

## Count

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Program at DOH. "Then it settles in for the long term and it's never been eradicated."

Rabies strikes raccoons so heavily because they tend to live closely together and have a greater tendency to bite another animal, said state wildlife pathologist Ward Stone.

In 1993, the Capital District's raccoon population was decimated by a rabies epidemic, but it has been on the rise even since. Ironically, there may be a high number of rabid animals in a previously vaccinated zone because the raccoon population, enjoying the protection of the vaccine, rebounded. Baby raccoons do not inherit rabies immunity from their parents, however, and a sizeable number of unvaccinated animals now populate the area.

The rabies virus attacks the nervous system and is 100 percent fatal once symptoms develop — that's why anyone who suspects they have been infected should seek treatment as soon as possible.

Rabies virus enters the body through a cut or scratch or through mucous membranes, such as the lining of the mouth and eyes. From there it travels to the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). Once the infection is established in the brain, the virus travels down the nerves from the brain and multiplies in many different organs.

"Rabies is just about the only 100 percent fatal disease that we face," Eidson said. "Luckily the rate has been low in humans, only about four deaths per year. But treatment is costly and has side effects on its own."

Stone said that there was a reduced occurrence of rabies in the vaccination zone in the 1995-96 reporting period. "We sent (DOH)

a copy of our report — baiting did reduce the amount of rabies but now it is coming back," he said. Stone added that he's discouraged the baiting program isn't being continued. "If you really want to get something out you have to work long and hard at it. It certainly helped at the time."

"(The baiting) was always intended to be a study," Smith said, adding that while there have been initial conclusions from the report, the full study may not be available for some time. "It's complex," she said. "They are looking at several different things at once," and there are different ways to look at the effectiveness of the vaccine, Smith added.

The study first looks at the vaccine's effect on the rate of rabies, then, raccoons are captured to see if they have antibodies and finally, researchers test raccoon's teeth or jawbones to see if they show a biomarker for the vaccine.

Since the program can be costly, the inquiry is also looking at its cost-effectiveness. "Studies indicate, to have a good vaccination program you have to do it twice a year," Eidson said. "You could not get away with doing it less than once a year. That is one of the big issues with starting the program."

Smith said it would be premature to decide to fund another round of baiting until all the results were in. She also emphasized that rabies prevention is the No. 1 way to limit the spread of rabies.

Smith recommends keeping cats and dogs immunized against rabies with periodic booster shots. Also, children should be taught never to approach or play with wild animals of any kind. While a baby skunk or raccoon may look cute, it can spread serious diseases.

## Youth Network

### Bethlehem Partnership holds work session

A Bethlehem Partnership work session was held on Saturday, Jan. 9.

Diane Alston, Jane Sanders, Jon Hunter, Vicary Thomas, Joyce Strand, Lynne Lenhardt, Jane Lyman, Bob Salamone, Ellen Kelly Lind, Gay Petrie, Jill Rifkin, Tim Beebe, Becky Marvin, Mike Mc Millen, Nan Lanahan, Denis Foley, Phyllis Hillinger, Mona Prenoveau, Vince Rinaldi, Mary Capobianco, Bill Cushing, Helene Meckler, Doris Davis, Sandy Damhof and Karen Graziade attended the work session.

Our community owes these hardy individuals a debt of gratitude for their dedication and commitment to the Bethlehem Community Partnership.

The group got together in spite of rain, snow, sleet and hail. The Bethlehem Central Middle School's Media Center was a warm and cheerful place as the group met to discuss concerns and to establish action plans.

The weather was raging outside and ideas and plans were storming forward inside. Much was accomplished, and we congratulate the group for its enthusiasm and commitment.

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Kim and Jeffrey Riker

## Cirillo, Riker marry

Kim Theresina Cirillo, daughter of Michael and Alice Cirillo of Glenmont, and Jeffrey Paul Riker, son of Jack Riker of Louisville, Ky., and Kathy Remling of Queens, were married Aug. 22.

The Rev. James Walsh performed the ceremony at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

A reception followed at Wolfert's Roost Country Club in Loudonville.

The maid of honor was A. Spring Pape, cousin of the bride.

The best man was John Riker, brother of the groom. Ushers were Todd Michael Cirillo, brother of the bride, and Michael Harchand.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Syracuse University.

The groom is a graduate of St. Francis Prep High School and Cleveland Chiropractic School.

He is a chiropractor at Delmar Chiropractic.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii and Las Vegas, the couple lives in Selkirk.

## Births

### Samaritan Hospital

Boy, Ethan Robert Knapp, to Heather and Jeffrey Knapp of Delmar, Dec. 14.

## Dean's List

Purdue University — Cheryl Goeldner of Delmar.

SUNY Oneonta — Stephanie Goeldner of Delmar.

University of Rochester — Keith Campbell of Slingerlands.

## Class of '98

SUNY Fredonia — Marcus Anderson of Delmar, bachelor's in art.

## Jenkins, Renaud engaged

Kelly Blair Jenkins, daughter of E. Kent and Jeanne Jenkins of Slingerlands, and Christopher John Renaud, son of Donat and Terry Renaud of Williston, Vt., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Lawrence University. She has a master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The future groom is also a graduate of St. Lawrence University and has a master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The couple plans a fall wedding.

## BCMS musicians named to honor band

Four Bethlehem Central Middle School eighth-graders have been named members of the 1999 New York State Band Directors Association State-wide Middle School Honor Band, and will perform with the select group in Syracuse on Feb. 26 and 27.

The students are: Scott Birdsey, trombone; Peter Laird, trumpet; Jordan Murray, tuba; and Allegra Smith, clarinet.



Robin and Kyle Austin

## Crocker, Austin wed

Robin Lynn Crocker, daughter of Robert and Julie Crocker of Glenmont, and Kyle Edward Austin, son of Jerry and Gail Austin of Wells, Vt., were married Sept. 18.

The Rev. David Schalekamp performed the ceremony at Delmar Reformed Church.

A reception followed at Crossgates Restaurant & Banquet House in Albany.

The maids of honor were Michelle Bardin, cousin of the bride, and Dorie Trombley.

Bridesmaids were Laura Austin, sister of the groom, Brooke Bardin, cousin of the bride, and Tracie Pelton. Rachel Lyon and Emily Bardin, both cousins of the bride, were junior bridesmaids, and Michaela Lyon, cousin of the

bride, was flower girl.

The best man was Shawn Burburic.

Ushers were Rob Crocker, brother of the bride, Jay Rielly and Dan Rielly. Drew Trombley, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and The College of Saint Rose.

She is a teacher at Bethlehem Preschool in Glenmont.

The groom is a graduate of Newberry College. He is an assistant manager for Carrols Corp. in Latham.

After a wedding trip to Martha's Vineyard, the couple lives in Clifton Park.

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## Community



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Feestelijk Bethlehem highlights the artistic offerings of the town and its residents.

To be considered, send a promotional package with individual or group biography, audio or video tape, photo and contact phone numbers to: Feestelijk Bethlehem Entertainment, PO Box 1, Delmar 12054 by Feb. 1.



# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## Learning to ski - easy as 1-2-3

By Katherine McCarthy

There's finally some snow on the ground, so if you've decided to learn to ski this winter — or teach the kids — now's the time.

New York has a great deal for people who want to try skiing for the first time. Learn To Ski 1-2-3 is in its third year and 9,000 adults and children have learned to ski or snowboard through the state program.

For \$59.95, beginners get three days of downhill skiing or snowboarding at participating New York ski areas. The cost includes lessons, lift tickets and rentals for all three days, along with discounts and certificates for future lift tickets, clothing, accommodations and dining. Cross country skiers can take advantage of the same program for \$39.95.

Linda Wohlers from the state's I Love New York program said that the Learn to Ski program evolved from personal experience. "When I turned 40," Wohlers said, "I was going through a divorce and living downstate. I had two kids who were climbing the walls during the winter and I figured we needed to do something outside. So we learned to ski." Learning to ski led to larger changes in Wohlers' life; she and her children have since moved to the Adirondacks, where they whitewater raft and mountain bike — and still ski.

Learn to Ski gives you confidence, said Wohlers. "The best part about Learn To Ski," Wohlers said, "is that it gets you up and skiing in control. By the end of the third lesson, you should be able to negotiate a turn, stop and control yourself going down the hill."

The first two lessons, Wohlers said, must take place at the same ski area, and skiers are limited to beginner slopes. For the third lesson, skiers can choose the terrain and the ski area. Best of all, participants are able to try skiing without laying out a lot of cash. "After three lessons at a reasonable price," Wohlers said, "you are able to ask yourself if this is an investment you want to make."

Ski Windham, West Mountain and Catamount are a few local ski areas that participate in the Learn to Ski program. Tricia Landi, who handles group sales at

Ski Windham, said that the program has grown over the last three years. "It's a phenomenal program that everyone embraces," Landi said. "It's great for tourism and families. Skiing is such a great New York state winter activity."

Ski Windham also offers skiing and snowboarding lessons beyond the Learn to Ski program.

Ski Windham, located in the Catskills town of Windham, has 34 ski trails, many of them lighted at night, snowboarding trails, and one of winter's newest activities, a tubing park. "We opened the tubing park to make it an all-around type of mountain," Landi said. There are six tubing lanes, and the mountain provides the large tubes to coast down the mountain in. "The tubing park is open weekends," Landi said, "and it's \$12 for four hours, including the tube."

West Mountain, located 40 minutes from Albany in Queensbury, is also a full-service mountain, according to marketing director Kerry Metivier. "We have 22 trails, five lifts and a vertical drop of 1010 feet," Metivier said. "We also have 70 percent snowmaking coverage." West Mountain offers a variety of lesson plans in addition to the Learn to Ski program, and tries to be accommodating in its pricing. "We have a ticket that we don't call a half-day ticket," Metivier said, "since it's good for any four consecutive hours, and only costs \$18."

West Mountain also has night trails and a tubing park. "We have nine tubing chutes for people who don't want to ski," he said. "It's not just old-fashioned walking up a hill and sliding down. Five of our chutes are 1000-foot long, and four of them are 700 feet. There's one person per tube, and you have to be 40-inches tall to use a tube." Two hours of tubing during the week costs \$8, and four hours is \$10. Weekends, the price goes to \$12 for two hours and \$10 for four hours, including tubes and lifts.

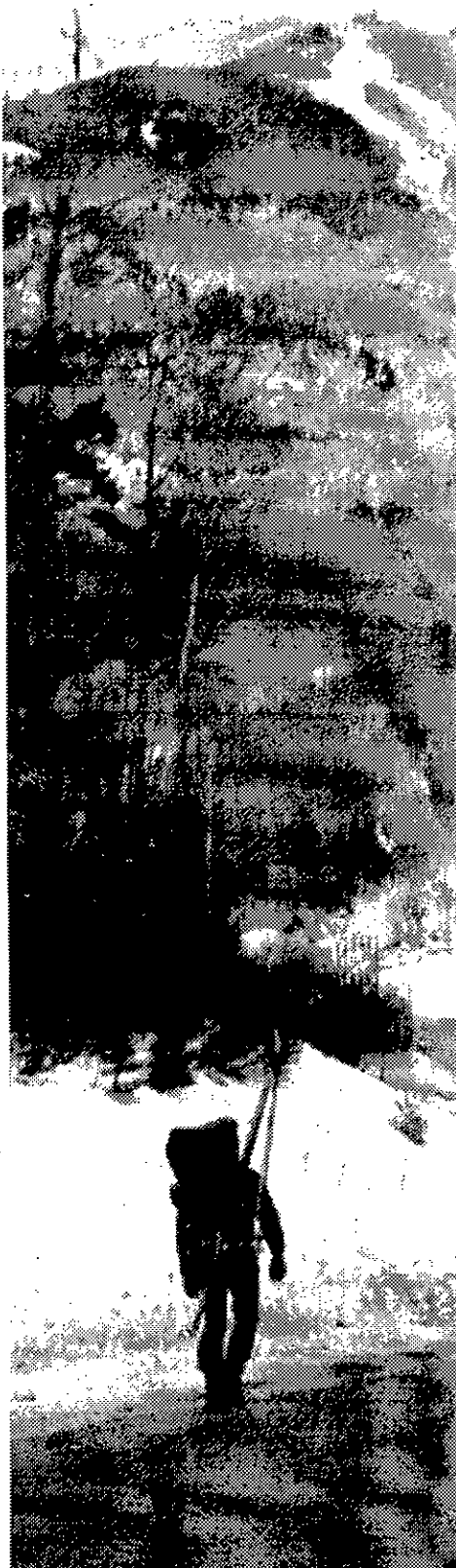
Catamount, located in Hillsdale, Columbia County, has been in business for nearly 60 years, and beyond Learn to Ski, offers a variety of lesson packages. "The director of our children's program is a former summer children's camp director," said marketing director Ed Horowitz. "We teach skiing and snowboarding to four to 12-year-olds, and we have three beginner teaching areas before students go up on the mountain."

We've had some of the same instructors here for more than 30 years."

Catamount has a 1000-foot vertical drop, and recently put in 51 high efficiency snow guns. "We have night skiing Wednesday through Saturday, and we have the steepest slope in the Berkshires, the Catapult," Horowitz said. "We have everything from extremely challenging to nice cruising intermediate slopes."

Catamount offers a number of two-day packages and hotel packages. It also does a lot of work with Scout groups, school ski clubs, and educational programs.

Complete listings of ski areas in the Capital District and throughout New York are available by calling the New York State Division of Tourism at 1-800-CALL NYS, or at Web site <http://iloveny.state.ny.us>.





# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### GRACE AND GLORIE

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

### DIAL 'M' FOR MURDER

murder mystery, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, Jan. 28 to Feb. 13, \$17, \$14 for students and seniors, \$8 for children. Information, 274-3256.

### KINDERTRANSPORT

World War II drama by Diane Samuels, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., Jan. 15, 16, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., Jan. 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.

### ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

performed by Spotlight Community Players, Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, Jan. 22, 23, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m., Jan. 23 at 2 p.m., \$10, \$8, for students and seniors. Information, 477-8330.

### MOON OVER BUFFALO

starring Gavin MacLeod, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Jan. 30, 8 p.m., \$32.50-\$36.50. Information, 346-6204.

## MUSIC

### 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.

### SPYRO GYRO

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Jan. 23, 8 p.m., \$30. Information, 465-4663.

### 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.

### L'ENSEMBLE

chamber music concert, followed by reception, Saratoga Golf & Polo Club, 301 Church St., Saratoga Springs, Jan. 24, 5 p.m., \$15. Information, 436-532.

### WYNTON MARSALIS

jazz concert to benefit music education, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., \$40 and \$75. Information, 273-0038.

### STEPHEN HOUGH

pianist performs works by Liszt and Tsonakis, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Jan. 30, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

### DIE FLEDERMAUS

Strauss operetta performed by London City Opera, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., \$34.50-\$39.50. Information, 346-6204.

## 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.

### NORMAN FOOTE

music, witty wordplay and puppets, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Jan. 24, 1 and 4 p.m., \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. Information, 473-1845.

## VISUAL ARTS

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

We Shall Overcome: Photographs from America's Civil Rights Era, Jan. 14 to Feb. 28, 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, The Iconography of George Washington, Jan. 23 to May 30, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Model Train Village, through Jan. 31, Curator's Choice, through Feb. 14, Recent Acquisitions, through March 15, plus permanent exhibits, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 449-4756.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

Mohawk-Hudson Regional Invitational, Jan. 15 to Feb. 26, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

## PAT CAHILL

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

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### AUDITION

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

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### AUDITION

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

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

### CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

## CLASSES/LECTURES

### MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

### DANCE CLASSES

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

## ART CLASSES

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

### DANCE CLASSES

all forms of dance, winter session, Jan. 18 to April 1, registration Jan. 13 and 14 from 6 to 8 p.m., eba Center for Dance & Movement, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany. Information, 465-9916.



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- 5 Kind of sandal
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- 19 Contradict
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- 21 The Shady Rest, for one
- 22 Irritate
- 23 Caesar's 1,054
- 24 Distinct parts
- 25 Habituate
- 26 Sign of things to come
- 27 "Look, Ma, —"
- 29 Play on words
- 31 Windy Rodgers and Hart song?
- 33 French novelist
- 34 Ponds, to poets
- 36 Greenland settlement
- 37 Soap plants
- 40 Prince of comics
- 42 Slumbers
- 46 Dove shelters
- 47 Sorority house topic?
- 48 Night noise
- 50 Region of West

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- 1 Pakistan
- 51 Grafted, in heraldry
- 52 Climbing pepper plant
- 54 Go by car
- 56 Plexus
- 57 Female ruff
- 58 Trailer-hauler
- 60 Australian marsupial
- 62 Satisfied
- 63 Admiral's sauna?
- 65 Glens or valleys
- 67 Exhausts gradually
- 69 Like pie?
- 70 Corolla leaf
- 71 Indian hemp
- 72 Flight of steps
- 75 Discharged
- 76 Musical token: "My —?"
- 80 Former chess champ
- 81 Move sideways
- 83 Soap operas, to really
- 85 Hosp.
- 86 The same
- 88 Region beyond the suburbs
- 90 — and Joan
- 91 Bat without swinging
- 92 Young eel
- 94 Deputy
- 96 "Rose — rose..."

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- 97 A walk between trees
- 98 "I'll — in My Dreams"
- 100 Most refreshing: poet
- 102 Beasts
- 103 Crescent-shaped figure
- 105 Skier's terrain
- 106 Nobelist Wiesel
- 107 Mountain greeting?
- 111 School org.
- 112 Rap about Baal?
- 116 "—, a bone..."
- 117 Author Jong
- 119 Harbinger of spring
- 121 Stratford's river
- 122 Narrow strip of wood
- 123 Marine detecting apparatus
- 124 Son or daughter
- 125 — majesty
- 126 They're made of clay?
- 127 "Saratoga —"
- 128 Flexible tubes
- 129 Highland tongue
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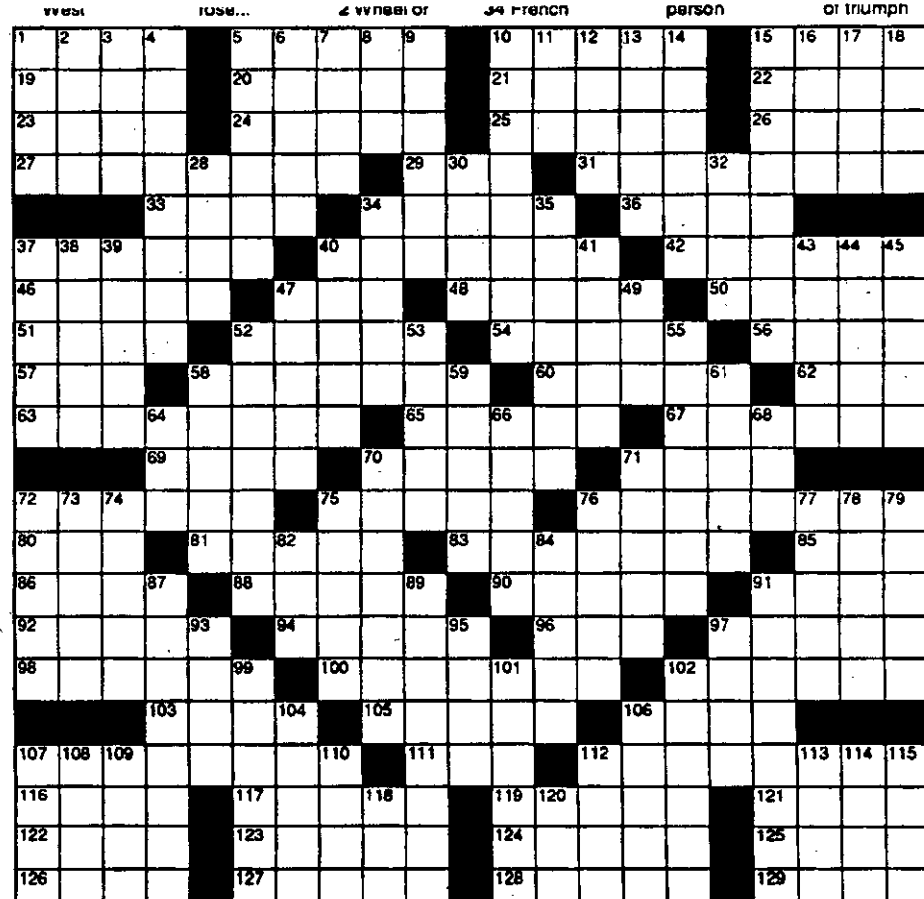
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- 5 Has faith in
- 6 Capital of North Vietnam
- 7 Norse god
- 8 — picker (overly fussy one)
- 9 Style of folk singing
- 10 Peevish person's movie: "Days of — Roses?"
- 11 Pet name, for short
- 12 "...three men in —"
- 13 Hollywood's Oberon
- 14 Showers as snow and hail
- 15 Soundtrack only: "— to Eternity?"
- 16 VIP conveyance
- 17 Table spread
- 18 British actor Leo
- 28 Negative replies
- 30 "Exodus" author
- 32 Take mild exercise
- 34 French

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- 35 Swimmer's breathing tube
- 37 Sour in taste
- 38 Bag or lender lead-in
- 39 Weasel's cousin
- 40 Fodder plant
- 41 Musical groups
- 43 Fragrant oleoresin
- 44 Metal disk or plate
- 45 Marks to let stand
- 47 Pithy
- 49 Topsy's friend
- 52 Golf club
- 53 Sweetheart
- 55 In the ranks of the seniors
- 58 Ski lifts
- 59 Appraises
- 61 First sign of the zodiac
- 64 Agnus —
- 66 Loaded
- 68 Labor org.
- 70 Penetrates
- 71 Moslem shrine at Mecca
- 72 Filthy places
- 73 Word with talk or tennis
- 74 — and kicking
- 75 Not settled or fixed
- 76 Earliest
- 77 Mature person

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- 78 One receiving a gift
- 79 English novelist
- 82 Caesar's t
- 84 Bring up
- 87 Dawn on "L.A. Law"
- 89 Retreat for unhappy fans?
- 91 Burl Ives' "The — Fl"
- 93 Debauche
- 95 Unruly tumult
- 97 Seed covering
- 99 Disquiet
- 101 Orthodox Eastern Christian bishop
- 102 Fair-haired men
- 104 Blunder
- 106 Roman magistrate
- 107 Tone or tr: lead-in
- 108 Dies —
- 109 Surfeit
- 110 Japanese aborigine
- 112 Wading bi
- 113 Declare positively
- 114 Word with leader or r
- 115 Cap or pal lead-in
- 118 Food container
- 120 Exclamation of triumph



# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 13**
**BETHLEHEM**
**TOWN BOARD**

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

**BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS**

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

**BINGO**

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

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**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.

**RED MEN**

St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

**DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

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

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

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**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 14**
**BETHLEHEM**
**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**  
open-house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

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

**DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185**  
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

**ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

**AA MEETINGS**

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

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**  
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 15**
**BETHLEHEM**
**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

**AA MEETING**

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

**CHABAD CENTER**

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

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

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

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 16**
**BETHLEHEM**

**SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE**  
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 768-2882.

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 17**
**BETHLEHEM**
**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

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

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**

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

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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

**BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

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

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**

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

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**

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

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR**

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

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM**

in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

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

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

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**

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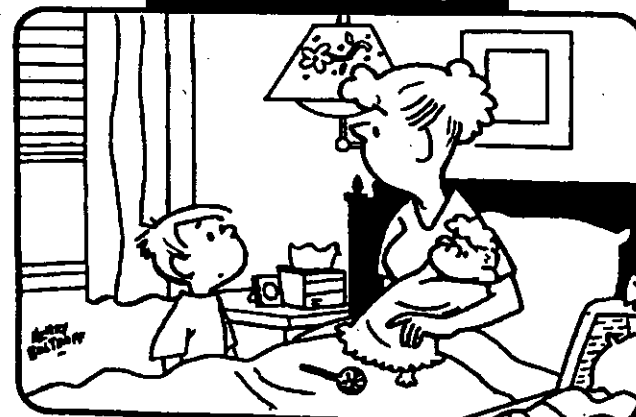
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3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served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

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4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:  
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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.  
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General Partner  
By: s/ Kenneth B. Segel,  
Member

January 13, 1999

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
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**NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

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January 13, 1999

## LEGAL NOTICE

**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.  
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Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Richard A. Langer, Esq., McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, P.O. Box 459, Albany, New York 122010459. 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 13, 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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that: FIRST: The name of the Company is BEST TILE OF VERMONT, LLC. SECOND: The county within the State of New York in which the principal office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is STEPHEN MARCUS, 2241 CENTRAL AVE., SCHEMECTADY, NY 12304. FOURTH: The Company is to be managed by MEMBERS. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I

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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 BLUMBERGEXCEL/SIOR  
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January 13, 1999

**CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HARRY WILBUR, SR. FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNDER SECTION 121201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT**

I, the General Partner, having executed a partnership agreement, now execute a certificate of limited partnership in accordance with New York Partnership Law Sections 121201 and 121204. 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

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located will be Albany County; 3. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of HARRY WILBUR, SR. FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, upon whom process against this limited partnership may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon it against this limited partnership to the following post office address: c/o Harry J. Wilbur, Sr., 222 Van Wies Point, P.O. Box 31, Glenmont, New York 12077; 4. The name and business or residence street address of the sole general partner is: Name: Harry J. Wilbur, Sr. Address: 222 Van Wies Point, P.O. Box 31, Glenmont, New York 12077 5. The latest date upon which the partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2030; IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on October 2, 1998, the General Partner affirms this Certificate as true under penalties of perjury. s/ Harry J. Wilbur Sr., General Partner by Harry J. Wilbur as Attorney in Fact for Harry J. Wilbur, Sr.

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

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## 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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## 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.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RAMAPO GARDENS COMPANY, LLC

Under Section 203 of the

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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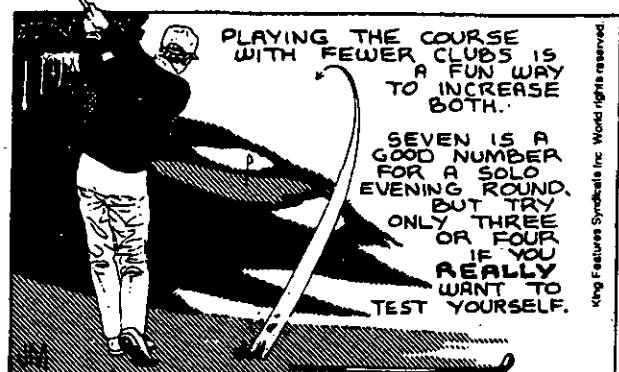
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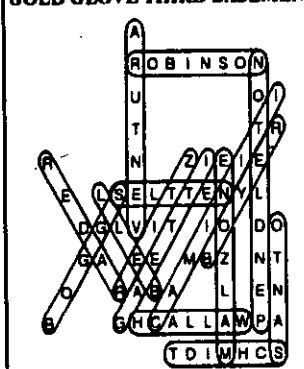
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Onesquethaw, Guilderland and Selkirk fire departments were summoned to assist in fighting the blaze. "We tried our best to stop it, but it was too far ahead of us," Unser said. East Berne and Delmar fire units served as backup to companies on the scene.

The fire apparently began in the front section of the former horse barn on property owned by contractor Joseph Crisafulli. Unser said that the fire was be-

lieved to have been ignited by an unattended industrial kerosene heater, being used to thaw water pipes, which had been frozen since Dec. 30, in a crawl space under the building. He said he could not estimate how long the fire had been in progress before fire officials were called.

"The building was balloon construction, with the attic all open," Unser said. "Once the fire got into the walls it went right up to the roof." He also said that the heater, continuing to run during the early stages of the fire, "was like putting a blowtorch on it, accelerat-

ing the fire by blowing hot air in and pushing cold air out. It was like a chimney."

Firefighters continued to combat the fire well past midnight, and New Salem firemen remained on the site until the following afternoon, Unser said.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire and none of the firefighters was injured, he said, but two pets belonging to one of the tenants were killed in the blaze. Three families lost their homes and belongings in the fire. One of the victims, Linda Albers, lived in the building with her five children. She identified the other occupants as Stacy and Bill Smith and their infant, and Laurie Silvano.

Several days after the fire, Albers said she was too distraught to speak at length. "Here's the situation," said Jeff Albers, her husband, who was not a resident of the building. "You have a negligent situation here with the landlord leaving a heater unattended. Everything was lost in the fire, but thank God nobody was in the building at the time. That's about all we can tell you. Now is the time to regroup." Efforts to reach Crisafulli were not successful.

All the burned-out families are presently staying with nearby relatives, and were assisted by the local Red Cross, Unser said. Fire officials have ruled the fire accidental and no further investigation is anticipated, he said.

## Planners mull zoning change

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Bethlehem planning board kicked off the new year at its Jan. 5 meeting by considering a controversial zoning change that would permit construction of a satellite medical facility in Slingerlands.

The town board last month referred to the planning board a request for such a change by First Columbia, developer of a planned family care center that would be leased by St. Peter's Hospital at 12 Maher Road. The site overlooks Route 85 in Slingerlands, across from the now-vacant former Blue Cross headquarters.

Kevin Bette, on behalf of First Columbia, made a presentation of preliminary ground plans at the Jan. 5 meeting. "I think it would be a good asset — a taxpaying commercial property of high quality," he said of the project.

Pat Waniewski, director of the St. Peter's Ambulatory Care Network of off-site services, said the hospital planned to consolidate a variety of family care providers in the building. Those would include the Women's Health Program already offering ob-gyn services in Delmar, along with pediatrics and internal medicine.

"You have the opportunity to have what I think is going to be a

fantastic service location at the gateway to your town," Bette told the board. He also addressed questions related to various issues, including traffic along the heavily-travelled stretch of Route 85.

But the planning board focused not on the merits of the proposal but on its implications for the zoning process. The area is currently residentially zoned, and First Columbia seeks a commercial designation for the site.

Planning board chairman Douglas Hasbrouck told the board, "The specific referral from the town board to this board deals with only one question at this time, and that's rezoning. That's step one. If the land doesn't get rezoned, there is no step two, which would be a site plan application from the applicant."

No vote was taken on the zoning recommendation, which Hasbrouck said will be taken up at the board's next meeting, on Jan. 19. But two of the board's seven members, James Blendell and Marcia Nelson, declared themselves already opposed to the zoning change.

"We as a planning board, and the town, should look at the entire area and make a determination of how it should be used, and then set the standards that should be followed in doing it," Blendell said. "By approving one site at a time, we're going to get ourselves into very, very serious problems with what we do in the future with other parcels ... It seems to me that approving (this) building is going to put us in a very difficult position to not approve other types of similar facilities up through this corridor."

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