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RCS voters to decide \$29.2M bond

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Like many school districts, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk hopes to take advantage of the state's current 10 percent aid bonus for building projects.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, voters in the district will say yea or nay to a \$29.2 million bond issue to fund a large-scale building project that will yield improvements to all five district schools.

Board president Jerry DeLuca said the building project has been in the works for the past 18 months, after

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Jerry DeLuca

members of the school board toured the high school facility.

"If the community wants to move forward," DeLuca said, "we have to invest in the school district. There's no greater thing that people look at when buying a

house than the schools. This bond, and the appointment of a new superintendent (Robert Drake, currently superintendent at Berne-Knox-Westerlo, who will start on Jan. 1), are a two-pronged approach to making improvements in the RCS district."

DeLuca said the board, along with faculty, staff and district residents, looked at the long-term needs of the district's schools.

"With the extra 10 percent in state aid," DeLuca said, "we were encouraged to do a full-scale project. That way, if things are needed five to 10 years from now, there's no need to come back and ask for more money."

The 78 percent ratio of state aid is available only until June 30, at which time it returns to 68 percent. If the bond is

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Hamagrael Elementary School fourth-graders Chris Wise, left, Tim Bailey and Taylor Woodside, gather at the toll gate in their wax museum of local history and folk literature.

Debbie Eberle

Town to review traffic safety committee

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The latest in a series of contentious public hearings before the Bethlehem town board on proposed traffic signs for residential neighborhoods produced an unexpected result on Nov. 23: a unanimous vote by the board to override a recommendation by the town's Traffic Safety Committee, followed by another to reevaluate the committee's function — and its future.

"It's time to review the committee procedure that's been in place since 1980 and assess how it's working, and if the committee is doing the job it was originally set up to do," said board member Susan Burns, who introduced

the impromptu second resolution. "After 20 years, it's time to look at some of these issues and determine what best serves the community."

With only one board meeting left before the end of the year, Supervisor Sheila Fuller said later that she did not expect that review to begin in earnest until January at the earliest — but she pledged that it will be comprehensive.

"We all know what the Traffic Safety Committee's purpose is," she said of the advisory group, made up of rep-

resentatives of various groups in and out of town government with an interest in

traffic safety, from the highway department to the school board to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

"What needs to be resolved is, do we continue with the Traffic Safety Committee in its present form?" Fuller said. "I've had a lot of

calls from people calling for a new committee, asking if we can have a different structure, and questioning what the function of the committee is."

Bethlehem Police Lt. Timothy Beebe, who spoke on the committee's behalf at the Nov. 23 meeting, said last week that he and Bill Eck of the Elsmere Fire Department (co-chairmen of the committee) are "hoping to meet with Sheila soon and find out what direction it is they would like to take. I could speculate, but that would merely be speculation without some direction from the board."

The vote for a review came on the heels of a pair of public hearings at the same meeting, during which several Delmar residents challenged two of the committee's recommendations concerning proposed traffic signs. One proposal would restrict parking along Ridge Road in the vicinity of the Elsmere firehouse; another would install a stop sign on Sylvan Avenue at the intersection with Wellington Road, a proposal first discussed by the board on Oct. 13.

Beebe told the hearing that the Ridge Road no-parking request originated with Elsmere firefighters, needing room for trucks coming and going from the fire

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Attitudes changing toward domestic violence

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Second in a series.

Nov. 1, shortly after 11 p.m.: A Bethlehem police officer responds to a domestic disturbance in progress in Feura Bush. The dispatcher, in continuing phone contact with a mother and daughter calling on a portable phone from a hiding place in the woods, tells the officer the suspect may be in the garage; the officer quickly spots him looking out the window.

Suddenly, the subject yanks the garage door open, brandishing what appears to be a Ruger 10-22 rifle. The officer calls for radio silence and creeps to within 10 feet of the garage — close enough to see that the rifle is jammed and its bearer, apparently intoxicated,

is unable to slide the bolt into firing position. The officer charges, knocking the gun from the man's hands, tackling him. While the officer cuffs the suspect, a sergeant and a patrol officer have arrived on the scene as backup.

The would-be victims emerge from hiding.

Societal attitudes have changed toward domestic violence, and paralleling those changes have come changes in police procedure in the wake of New York's adoption of the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act of 1994.

Among other things, the new law dictated mandatory training for all officers in the handling of domestic violence cases. As a result, the emphasis of the police response at the

scene of a domestic incident has changed.

Where once the main focus of the officer on the scene was on calming down the situation and moving on, today the first priority is to attend to the victim, followed closely by establishing probable cause for an arrest if a violent act is suspected by the responding officer. "That's been the focus of our training for about the last four years or so," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Tim Beebe.

As a reminder of their first priorities, all Bethlehem patrol officers now carry with them a laminated card labeled RADAR. An acronym for Respond, Ask, Document, Assess, Review, it is a

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Four plead guilty to reduced drunk-driving charges

By Joseph A. Phillips

Four individuals charged with various drunk-driving offenses in the town of Bethlehem pleaded guilty to reduced charges on Nov. 16 in Town Court.

Three of the cases involved charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI), one of those a felony charge among several dating back more than two years.

Scott Brian Chrysler, 35, of 33

Waldorf Place, Schenectady, faced felony charges of DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief dating from an incident on July 1, 1997. Bethlehem Town Justice Theresa Egan reduced the DWI and unlicensed operation charges to misdemeanors, and the criminal mischief charge to a fourth-degree felony.

Chrysler had been arrested in September by Bethlehem police

on a year-old warrant following his release from Wallkill Correctional Facility, where he had served time in an unrelated matter. Egan sentenced him to time served on the felony count and in satisfaction of the other charges. He was also fined \$50 and a \$30 state-mandated surcharge on the unlicensed operation count.

In another case, Patrick Donovan, 36, of 50 Hudson Ave., Albany, pleaded guilty to a re-

duced charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) dating back to his arrest in a Feb. 14 incident. His license was suspended for a period of 90 days and he was fined \$300, but the fine was waived because he is indigent.

Eric Thomas Cavosie, 18, of 118 Second St., Troy, also pleaded guilty to DWAI stemming from his arrest on Oct. 31. He was fined \$300 and a \$30 state-mandated surcharge, and had his license suspended for 90 days.

Chrysler, Donovan and Cavosie were each ordered to face a victim-impact panel and to undergo a drinking-driver remediation program.

Roger Thomas Fischer, 32, of 7 Milton St., Slingerlands, also pleaded guilty to charges lodged on July 1, including consumption of alcohol in a vehicle, unsafe backing, failure to comply with a police officer and others. His license was suspended indefinitely.

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Those born in the '60s struggle with child-rearing issues

By Katherine McCarthy

This is the fourth of 10 articles profiling people from each decade of this century. Delmar residents Chris McCarthy and John Church and Ashlee Church, and Scott and Lori Houghtaling of Feura Bush were born in the 1960s.

Technology, the information age, and the way they're raising their children dominated the conversation among Scott and Lori Houghtaling, John Church and Ashlee Mathusa Church, and Chris McCarthy, all of whom were born in the 1960s.

"I remember, when I was growing up," said John Church, born in 1964, "going from black and white to color TV. From an information standpoint, everyone laughed at CNN, and never thought there'd be a 24-hour news service. Now look, there's also an all-weather channel. It's amazing, how many isolated little things like that there are. If we'd talked about them 20 years ago, we'd have laughed."

Scott Houghtaling, born in 1968, pointed out that much of the coverage of traumatic events has been very graphic. "Like all of the high school shootings," he said, "and the Gulf War. It was constantly on TV."

"We don't watch the news," said Lori Houghtaling, who was born in 1969. "It's inappropriate for the children (Tim, 4, and Kate, 2). I remember when we were growing up, we all ate together and my father had the news on during dinner. Now we wouldn't dare turn the TV on; we'd have to hit the mute button all the time."

"I heard a statistic that there are no more shootings today than there were in 1950," John said. "The difference is that the airplay is constant. You're there 10 seconds after something happens, and you're there for however long it takes to resolve the whole story. It's literally overkill; you cannot turn on major news or cable channel and being inundated with it. When it comes to a news event like that it's overwhelming and difficult to escape. It's in your face all the time."

Ashlee Church, born in 1967, said that the constant horror stories make her more cautious about her children's safety. Lori agreed, and remembered a different kind of childhood.

"We were so much freer," said Lori. "We were always outside playing, and I don't remember my mom being there. I don't let my children out the door unless I'm with them."

"When I see kids that are 8 or 9 out alone; I think it's such a bizarre thing," said John. "I wonder if their parents know where they are. There are so many horror stories around and now that we're parents of young children, you



From left, Chris McCarthy, Lori Houghtaling, Ashlee Church, John Church and Scott Houghtaling, seated, were all born in the 1960s.

Katherine McCarthy

just don't want them out of your sight."

"We used to never be inside," said Ashlee. "We were constantly outside, and it seems like we invented our own games. I don't feel like we had as much pressure as kids do now. We always had a lot of freedom, and never really had to be anywhere. I've just started chauffeuring my children around; we weren't chauffeured, we had to use our bikes."

"I always remember a mother calling her child home," said Lori. "You'd never hear that now. As a child, I don't remember day care centers, or anybody babysitting other people's children. Everybody just stayed home."

"There was a different infrastructure," said Chris McCarthy, born in 1960. "I remember growing up on a block where there was a lot of children, from 12 down to 6 or 7. We moved up and down the block, and I was gone for hours without my mother knowing where I was. In retrospect, almost every mother was home on the street, so it was implicit that if we were in front of Mrs. Fay's house, Mrs. Fay would intervene if something untoward were happening. Mothers had more of a support network to kind of let their children roam around."

Although safety concerns may be greater, Ashlee's desire to give her children a childhood like her own played a big role in her decision to be a full-time mother. Alexis and Kayleigh Church are 4 and 3, and Ashlee also watches her sister's two children two days a week.

"When I had Alexis, I went back to work part-time," said Ashlee, "and I hated leaving her, even though she stayed at my sister's. My sister Heather had a child 10 days after Kayleigh was born, so that was no longer an option. I couldn't imagine giving my chil-

dren to someone I didn't know or trust. Plus, I wanted to raise them the way I was raised. I just wanted it my way."

On the other side of the coin, Lori is a registered dietician who works full time at Albany Memorial Hospital.

"I wanted to work," said Lori. "That's a huge difference from how we were raised. My mother was a French and Latin teacher, but her job was to be a mother and to be in the home. Now we have an option; we can stay home or work if we choose to, and both options seem to be a little more accepted now."

Scott said the couple had talked at length about Lori returning to work, and that a good child-care situation proved the perfect solution.

"We have the perfect person who watches just our children and their cousin in her home," he said. "If we didn't have her, and she weren't so good, it would be a tougher decision."

Lori also said she had felt nervous when her son was first born. "After being home with Timmy for five and a half weeks, I felt so much safer with Scott dropping him off at the sitter's," she said. "I felt like I didn't know what I was doing. Our mothers would probably never have thought about that."

Lori also feels that parents had more authority when she was a child. "When I was growing up, what my father said was it, and you listened. He put the fear of God in you and you obeyed him," she said.

"Now we have a democratic system in the family," said Scott, also remembering the authority his father had. "The threat of the reprimand kept me on the straight and narrow. What my father said was the word."

"We worry about so many fac-

tors now," his wife continued. "Like how to raise a child's self-esteem, and how to raise the best child socially, emotionally and intellectually—it's overwhelming."

"We learn something new about raising kids every day," Scott said. "You'd be surprised at how much we work at it."

Historical events that the group remembered were, fittingly, those they had seen on TV.

"I don't remember the first landing, but I remember watching men walk on the moon," said Ashlee.

The Houghtalings also remembered regular school assemblies to watch rockets launch to the moon. "I remember the Challenger vividly," said Lori.

"I remember '60 Minutes' during the early '70s," said John, "covering the Vietnam War, and seeing body upon body, and my father moving me out of the room."

"On the 10 o'clock news every week," said Chris, "there was an honor roll of people who'd been killed in Vietnam. There was a scroll with the names, and some weeks it went on and on—it was very sobering."

Nixon boarding the helicopter after his resignation as president, the disassembling of the Berlin Wall, the return of the Iran hostages, and Desert Storm were other TV history highlights for the group.

"When I heard about Desert Storm, I remember being scared that with the technology we have, it could be our last war," said Lori.

The nuclear threat has always been a part of life for this generation.

"We had that whole idea that we didn't know what the Soviet Union was doing," said Scott. "They were the Evil Empire. We talked about SALT I and SALT II in grade school. There was also the reactor spill at Three Mile Island, and that show where the world was destroyed."

"We had bomb shelters," said Lori. "I don't think our kids will."

"But they may have Y2K shelters," added Scott.

As for the future, all agreed that computers have brought irrevocable changes in the way we communicate.

"I think we're at the beginning of a period of change that will be incredibly profound," said Chris. "It will be hard to know what will happen. I believe the computer and the Internet have a capacity that will unleash the most fundamental change in the way we're going to live since Gutenberg invented movable type to print the Bible. We have to watch the garbage that comes in and the capacity that people have to distort the

truth, but in terms of information, and what it opens up and makes available to us, I think in 20 years, we'll regard the way we live today as being in the period before electricity."

In addition to being able to use the Internet to follow his own personal interests, Chris predicted that it would change some of the world's political structures.

"Dictatorship as a concept is over," he said. "Unless you're willing to live in the Dark Ages, you've got to let people have access to those machines, and once you do, the whole world opens up to them."

Scott agreed. "The computer will definitely bring down barriers and walls in other countries. It's truly the global village, with the sharing of ideas across these borders."

"That's one of the biggest challenges we face," said John. "How to harness information, how to decide what's real, what's not real, and what's important and what's not important. It's an overload, and the challenge is to determine what sources provide the best, unbiased information that enables you to make a decision without somebody force-feeding you one."

Lori hoped that the future would bring a return to simpler times. "I mean that in the sense of the ideal," she said. "We've come so far, and we're doing so much, but still, there are people who don't have health care. Things have gotten so complicated that we worry about it every time our children walk out the door; we worry about it when they go to school. These things never crossed our minds when we were growing up. My wish for my children is that it was still that simple, that trust was there, and you still had that whole network of your neighborhood."

"I think people are getting fed up with things," said Ashlee. "I know I hear people say they're overworked and that nobody ever spends time with their families. To me it's a shame, because what this world is, is people. People are lost in a muck of money. Lots of times, two parents are working and making \$100,000 each, and the kids are in day care all day. It's a choice they have, but don't have to make."

Still, John said, it's an exciting time. "I'm looking forward to the future," he said. "I think we'll see some incredible things, like micro-technology and micro-machines. I'm looking forward to seeing what diseases will be cured."

"I love seeing new technology," said Scott. "I can't wait to see what the next 10 years will bring."

Town fires employee charged with stealing thousands

By Joseph A. Phillips

A Bethlehem Highway Department employee is out of a job, and out on bail, facing accusations that he stole thousands of dollars in cash as a laborer at the town landfill.

Donald J. Van Alstyne, 42, of 258 Alcove Road, Coeymans Hollow, was arraigned on Nov. 16 before Town Justice Theresa Egan on a charge of grand larceny.

According to the police report, Van Alstyne allegedly embezzled \$7,950 in petty cash from November 1998 to Oct. 30 of this year, funds he handled as operator of the scale house at the Rupert Road waste handling station in South Bethlehem.

His arrest followed a two-month police investigation.

Van Alstyne entered a not-guilty plea at the arraignment. He was released on \$2,500 bail and ordered to appear again in Town Court on Dec. 20.

Following a closed-door executive session on Nov. 10, the Bethlehem town board voted unanimously to fire him.

"We have a signed statement from Mr. Van Alstyne admitting his guilt," said Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagen-dorph.

Van Alstyne, a town employee since 1993, moved to the landfill position in June 1997, where he was responsible for collecting fees for trash disposal at the landfill.

The operation takes in an estimated \$130,000 a year in cash, according to Bethlehem Comptroller Judith Kehoe.

"He was failing to issue some receipts for the money that was changing hands," Sagen-dorph said. "That's what brought our attention to the problem in the first place."

Examining the department's records, Sagen-dorph said, "We found that on the days when Mr. Van Alstyne was off work or on vacation, the receipts were higher than when he was working."

With no paper trail of receipts, he said, Van Alstyne simply pocketed the money.

Sagen-dorph took his suspi-

cions to police, who installed video surveillance cameras to observe landfill employees.

"We're fairly satisfied he was acting alone," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Fred Holligan, adding that Van Alstyne was cooperating with the inquiry.

Sagen-dorph said: "The vast majority of town employees are honest, hardworking individuals. It's unfortunate if this sheds a bad light on the entire operation, but that shouldn't be the case here."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said the town will seek full restitution of the stolen funds.

Van Alstyne could not be reached for comment.

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College friendships still remain strong after 20 years

By Katherine McCarthy

We started with Freihofer's chocolate chip cookies, since that was the first major food group when Susan, Sally, Cammy and I were in college an alarming 20 years ago.

Before the drive up to The Sagamore, I had the next gift: insulated coffee mugs from our alma mater.

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"There aren't supposed to be presents," Sally wailed, as we filled

her mug with decaf coffee that wouldn't harm the baby growing inside her.

"It's just a little token of where we've been," I insisted, as we set off to celebrate our 40th birthdays together.

There should have been more of us, and we had hoped to go to London in January, after we all got

through the trauma of turning 40. But Sally and Cammy are due with their second babies in January, so we scaled back to a more local autumn trip. Work, distance, and husbands' schedules kept three other friends away, so the four of us headed for an overnight of relaxation at the beautiful old hotel that calls itself "The Lady on the Lake."

Appropriate enough, for to younger eyes, I suppose we do look like ladies. No puffy hairdos, not too much makeup among the four of us, and we don't yet panic if we don't know the exact location of our pocketbooks at any given moment — but technically, I guess we're in the "lady age."

Which is incredible, because it seems only a nanosecond ago that I was going up the stairs to the freshman dorm with my parents as Sally was coming down with hers.

"Are you Kathy?" she asked excitedly, an easy start to a long friendship.

Susan lived on that hall, too,

and she and I spent too many beautiful sunny winter afternoons on the cross-country ski trails instead of in the library.

I got to know Cammy junior year, when we spent a semester in Germany. Sally, away in la belle Paris for a whole year, met us for a weekend in Heidelberg, where she learned that "Achtung, Achtung," really meant "Watch out for the pile of dog poop you are about to put your fancy French boots in."

Later, Cammy, Sally and I would all live in New York City, where we started careers, had a few heartbreaks, met our spouses, and grew even closer.

Susan, living outside of Hartford, was the first to marry and start a family. We watched with caution from the safe distance of decidedly single New York City. She was also the first to lose a parent, when her father died shortly after the birth of her first child.

Sadly, we have now all lost our fathers, and Sally suffered the double trauma of losing both parents in a relatively short time.

We also danced at each other's weddings, and welcomed each other's children into the world. Sally and Cammy's protruding bellies were true reasons to celebrate our collective 40 years as we gathered at Lake George on a glorious autumn weekend.

Susan, who has three children and works full time, took advantage of The Sagamore's spa facilities. She basked in her mud bath, and extolled the glories of foot reflexology.

Sally, after checking with her obstetrician, had a facial, telling the aesthetician not to wrap her up too tightly, because pregnancy gives her a temporary, but real, sense of claustrophobia. She debated purchasing the products that would again make her skin look 20.

"There's this gel that you leave on all night, but I figured poor Carl, he already has to see me sleeping in my support hose," she said when she met us on The Verandah, making us laugh as the very young waiter came to take our drink order.

Cammy and I had modest manicures, content to spend more time chatting and admiring the splendid colors of Lake George.

We had hoped to take long walks, but the chatting came too easily and was too rewarding to really exert ourselves. Exercise clothes remained packed, as did books, and we chatted ourselves to sleep over the noise of the Yankees game that Susan wanted to see.

We treated ourselves to a lovely dinner at The Sagamore's Grill Room, where a bottle of champagne from Cyndy proved an extra treat.

But the best moment was when Sally and I saw a rainbow as we were going from The Verandah to a terraced patio leading down to the lake. It went from the sky, down a hill of red and orange maple trees, across the lake, and up the hill to land at our feet.

When Cammy and Susan joined us, Susan exclaimed out loud, "My third rainbow! I was waiting for it! Something good is bound to happen."

As the four of us stood there, dear friends for more than 20 years, it seemed that something already had.

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Schoolhouse to host Christmas party

The Little Red Schoolhouse on Route 143 in Coeymans Hollow will host an authentic, old-fashioned Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 4, beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from St. Nicholas.

Coeymans School to offer after-school program

The town of Coeymans will be sponsoring an after-school supervision program for children at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

The program, called SAFE (Supervised After-School Fun and Enrichment), will begin on Monday, Dec. 6, at 3:15 p.m.

Parents who would like to register their children for this affordable child-care program can call Marcia Rabinowitz, town of Coeymans youth services coordinator, at 756-6399.

Bond vote coming up Dec. 8

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec. 8, when RCS voters will be asked to approve a \$29.2 million school bond package.

The package includes renovations to all four schools, such as re-roofing buildings, building additional science and technology facilities, an improved high school library, a swimming pool, and an athletic track that will replace the district's outdated cinder track.

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Annual tree-lighting ceremonies set

The annual Christmas parade and tree-lighting ceremonies will take place Friday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Coeymans Landing Gazebo.

Christmas music will accompany the lighting of the town of Coeymans' Christmas tree. After the tree-lighting, a parade will process into the village of Ravena where the village's tree will be lit.

Artist slates open house

Wende Ide Williams will host a holiday open house on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at her pottery studio at 49 Central Ave. in Ravena.

Both first-quality pieces and seconds will be available.

For information, call 756-3845.

Churches to host Christmas house tour

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Association of Churches will sponsor a Christmas House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Ravena-Coeymans Historical Association is planning a Victorian open house in conjunction

with this event and is looking for volunteers to help decorate the museum, and members to lend antique toys for the event.

The historical association has completed restoration of the historic Mull Cemetery and Ten Eyck Cemetery.

The group's next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Sports group to meet

RCS Sports Association will hold its next meeting on today, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Coeymans School students to present concert

First and second graders at Pieter B. Coeymans School will present a holiday concert on Monday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at RCS Senior High School.

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with **Mary Vail**

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Matters of Opinion

One month to go

Well, here we are entering the homestretch of the millennial marketing race.

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Editorials

Complainers, arguing the "no year zero" point, object that the real first day of the millennium is Jan. 1, 2001. They may be technically right and have *The New York Times* on their side, but that picayune battle is long lost in the public mind.

When we stop partying like it's 1999 and start seeing 2000 at the top of newspapers, when we have to remember to write 2000 on checks, when we have had to face a veritable bombardment of commercial messages with a millennial theme, we have no doubt that 2000 is the start of something special.

Just as Dec. 31 of any year is an occasion to look back and try to understand how we get here, the end of a century coinciding with the end of a millennium is remarkable.

The 1900s were filled with superlatives both positive and negative. The last 100 years have seen us move from horse-and-buggy to space travel, from farm to suburb, from penny newspapers to the Internet, from cavalry charges to hydrogen bombs, from factory worker to information technologist, from official racism to civil rights, from continental heavyweight to the world's only superpower.

The millennium, while just a speck in geologic time, is way too long a period to make similar comparisons of what we were like then and now. And, indeed, who exactly are the "we" we would speak of? Anglo-Saxon, Irish, French and Russian peasants organizing to fight off Vikings; Italians pushed one way then the next in the power play among pope, Holy Roman emperor and local warlords; Jews herded into ghettos and denied most basic civil rights by the force of Christian law; sub-Saharan Africans happily isolated from unscrupulous trader/imperialists from the north; native Americans likewise farming and hunting throughout North and South America?

So much has happened in the last 1,000 years, it's hard to discern any trends that affect us today beyond relatively recent events like European colonization and the Industrial Revolution. So how excited can we get about the millennium thing, especially when too many of us have too little understanding of world history?

Since we are not all about to contemplate the deep meaning of the millennium, we can all do the basics — review the past year and resolve to do better next year, to get the next decade, century and millennium off to a good start, at least in our own lives.

Thoughts from a first-time father-to-be

By Jason B. Miller

The writer is married to Jennifer Miller, editor of the Journal newspapers.

Just like our wedding a few years back, although wonderful when it finally took place on a beautiful August evening after close to a year of planning, the pregnancy of our first child has not been without its lack of adventure either.

I suppose the whole thing started with a conversation about having children. Since we both wanted children, the discussion was more about when. Well, I can't remember that specific conversation all too well, but I do remember the results and chain of events that would soon follow.

When you are trying to have a baby, it sort of changes the atmosphere of the bedroom as it was once known. I can't speak for everyone's experience, but I have a feeling I am not too far off. First, I learned more about ovulation and progesterone than I ever thought I would. I was now on the clock. I needed to be home at certain times, regardless of what county or state, or country for that matter, I was in.

My wife Jennifer, a writer and editor, goes somewhat by the book when it comes to childbirth. So, whether or not we actually needed to go through the temperature taking and pillow propping, we will never know, but chapter one of some unknown book told her the most probable ways to get pregnant and she was not going to challenge its advice in any way.

I guess the next step was the home pregnancy test phase. At one point, I thought I would need a second job to support what seemed to be daily trip to the drug store for the "test." At first I didn't think much of it, but after a while I asked the question, "Just how much are those home pregnancy tests anyway?" Now I can honestly say I wish I hadn't asked.

The "test" was always an interesting way to start the day. Most



Point of View

mornings would start the same. I would wake up to a faint soft beeping, but what could be mistaken for an alarm clock was nothing more than my wife finishing the daily temperature-taking routine with her electronic thermometer. After a few sighs and facial expressions, I had a pretty good idea if I was going to be needed or not.

The next step was charting her temperature. The only thing missing was the whistle around her neck. Like the classic coach, with clipboard in hand, my wife would chart her temperature, then wake me to display the results. Once again, more information than I ever thought I would need to know.

The next step in the morning ritual would be my wife heading off to the bathroom for the "test." Normally it was quick, but sometimes I would wonder what she was doing in there for so long. So, I would get out of bed, wander to the door, tap lightly and say, "Is everything all right?"

The response was always the same, "Yes, but I think I see a faint pink line." I would say, "You know, you have been staring at that thing for more than 20 minutes now; maybe your eyes are starting to play tricks on you?" They usually were, until one day it happened. We were pregnant.

It was an emotional time. We chose a doctor, and the beginning of this 90-month, I mean nine-month process was beginning. So, now that we were pregnant, my wife felt compelled to support all of those struggling writers out there who have published baby books. Our home is now a public library of sorts, complete with Internet links to baby sites, magazine subscriptions, books and novels, and of course, my favorite, the pregnancy wall calendar — complete with weekly facts and sketches of where you should be at any given time during your pregnancy.

I am not complaining. You have to take the bad with the good. Now that we have the pregnancy wall calendar, we no longer need the beeping thermometer or coach's clipboard and temperature charts. Not to mention all of those home pregnancy test kits.

But don't get me wrong; the hidden costs are not gone. And I say hidden because I did not foresee all the other costs involved with preparing to have a baby. Let's see, you've got the prenatal drugs, vitamins, folic acid and Tums. Our home had never seen so many fruits and vegetables until my wife became pregnant. Our grocery bill has skyrocketed due to the amount and volume of specific foods Jennifer now needs to eat.

It's funny, my wife is, and I am sure always will be, a thin, long-legged woman. However, the most bizarre thing happened when she became pregnant — she wanted people to be able to tell she was pregnant immediately. This was going to be a challenge. Because of my wife's frame and build, it did

not take long for her to start showing. But unlike most women when they are pregnant, my wife wanted to be big, and she wanted to be big fast. And God forbid you didn't notice in the beginning!

A compliment to my wife in the early months was, "Oh, you are so cute, how far along are you?" A flight attendant once said that very thing to her as we boarded a plane to Florida, and I have promised myself to never forget her name because that trip would have been much longer if she had said something like, "You, pregnant? You can't even notice."

I can honestly say there are people who used to be close friends of our who are no longer welcome in our home, because what they meant to be a compliment was misconstrued as a way of telling my wife something must be wrong because she wasn't big.

Well, big is not a worry anymore. Now the usual comment from family and friends comes after a little chuckle and sounds something like, "Wow, you look like you are going to burst!" A far cry from hardly noticing she was pregnant, wouldn't you say?

This, of course, has led to her clothes not fitting anymore and weekly trips to maternity stores, but I promised her I wouldn't get into that.

So here we are, just six short weeks from the due date of Dec. 26. However, another surprise in the pregnancy saga — it appears that the baby may come much sooner.

I do have to say my wife has been a trooper. I honestly believe no man could handle pregnancy or actually deliver a child. Now that we have started our childbirth classes and I have witnessed the childbirth videos, if there ever was a question in my mind about males surviving pregnancy, it has now been confirmed: we couldn't.

We are now waiting day-to-day and the emotions are running high. The nursery is almost complete, and a name has been chosen.

However, there are times in between Braxton Hicks contractions and frequent trips to the bathroom when I have had to explain to my wife that she will need her legs after the pregnancy, and cutting them off now because they are cramping so badly is probably not a good idea. And even though it seems easier to sleep in her favorite chair each night because she can't gather the strength to get up the stairs, I would much rather have her in bed, even if she has 15 body pillows.

I haven't covered everything about the pregnancy, and have obviously poked more fun at some of the smaller things along the way than at serious issues. But none of the things I have touched on compare to that time in the movie theater when my wife and I felt the baby kick for the first time, or the trip to the doctor's office when we found out the baby's sex. Which, by the way, hasn't lessened any of the anticipation or excitement of the pregnancy for us, as some people claimed would happen.

Now, we are almost at the end of our long journey and are both ready to have our little girl. See you again in a couple of months.

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Your Opinion Matters

Parent groups support RCS bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

Please allow us to express our support and appreciation to all community members who have worked on the RCS proposed building project. The time and energy they have devoted to this progressive and visionary project has been phenomenal.

This project is the result of the needs made known by faculty, students, parents and community members. Because of our changing technology, growing population, and aging facilities, this comprehensive plan addresses the re-

quirements of our school district for many years to come. Raising the standard of education secures the future for our children and ultimately impacts our entire community.

We believe the building project will be successful in providing the highest advantages for all children and youth in mental, physical and social education.

Some of the people who support our efforts belong to the following groups: Middle School PTO, Special Ed Support Group, A.W. Becker PTA, and Pieter B.

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For information call the board office at 756-5201 or e-mail at RCSbondproject@ag1.com.

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Physically Speaking

by Nick Valenze, P.T.

WOMEN'S EDGE

Women can outperform men in ultra-endurance events because they are able to more readily draw on energy reserves of fat. Now, recent research indicates that estrogen may provide women with the advantage of being less prone to soreness after exercise. As fitness enthusiasts know, dull pain and stiffness often set in 6 to 12 hours after exercise. The soreness generally peaks 24 to 36 hours later and causes a loss of strength and mobility. It is thought to be due to exercise-induced microtears in the muscle tissue. Preliminary research shows that estrogen may help women avoid this damage by protecting muscle. This may provide an edge that helps women endure longer exercise sessions than men.

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Matters of Opinion

Litigation continues over water plant

Editor, The Spotlight:

According to the Nov. 17 *Spotlight*, newly elected town board member Dan Plummer said he would like to see a quick resolution of the legal battles over the Schermerhorn Island water plant. He also indicated that litigation may not be the right course of action. I would like to advise Mr.

Plummer and other town residents as to the status of the lawsuit.

The town has done everything possible to fix the new water system. There are no fixes that will produce the 6 million gallons of drinking water per day that the design engineers Rust and Fraser promised the town. Therefore, the

only way for the town to recover the damages will be through the lawsuit.

On Sept. 3, a preliminary conference was held by state Supreme Court Judge Joseph Teresi. I assume that he tried to get a settlement, but the damages are so great that a settlement was not possible. On Sept. 9, Judge Teresi signed a stipulation and order that establishes a schedule that must be followed before a trial date can be set.

Deposition of all parties and witnesses must be completed by June 30. Expert witnesses for the town and defendants must be fully identified by Sept. 30, 2000. The town must be ready to present the case by Dec. 31, 2000. Judge Teresi will then schedule a final pre-trial hearing where a settlement will be discussed and a determination made that the case is ready for trial. This means that if there is a trial it will not start until the year 2001.

Medical malpractice trials are common. A trial involving engineering malpractice is extremely rare. Therefore the trial judge will probably have little experience with the engineering practices that went into the design of the Schermerhorn Island water system. The town must present expert witnesses to prove there was engineering malpractice. Rust and Fraser will be given the opportunity to present expert witnesses to prove their design was in accor-

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signed or in 1978 when Rust made an investigation of Schermerhorn Island as a possible source of drinking water.

I do not know what the finan-

cial arrangements are with the attorney. However, if additional funds are requested for expert witnesses I recommend that the town board approve the funding. I

also recommend that town residents stop talking about fixes that have not been tried yet and stop questioning the need for the lawsuit. Both weaken the lawsuit. The

town must support our attorney 100 percent because the lawsuit is the only way to recover our money.

*William Kelleher
Delmar*

Post office sets holiday mailing deadlines

To ensure delivery of Christmas letters and parcels, the U.S. Postal Service recommends Dec. 14 as the last day to send standard mail to arrive by the holiday.

The recommended last day for Global Priority Mail to arrive by Christmas is Dec. 18, and for priority or express mail international services, Dec. 22. Express mail sent on Dec. 24 will arrive the next day.

Feestelijk schedules planning meeting

A planning meeting for the fourth annual Feestelijk Bethlehem will be held on Monday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the school district office at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

This year's Feestelijk Bethlehem, the community's spring celebration of the arts, will be held on April 29.

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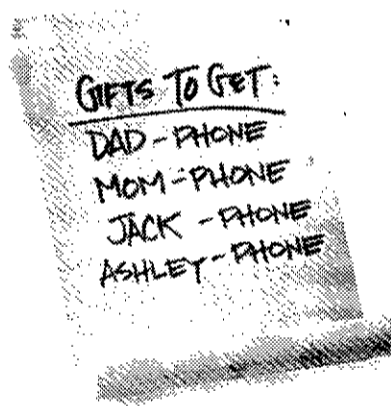
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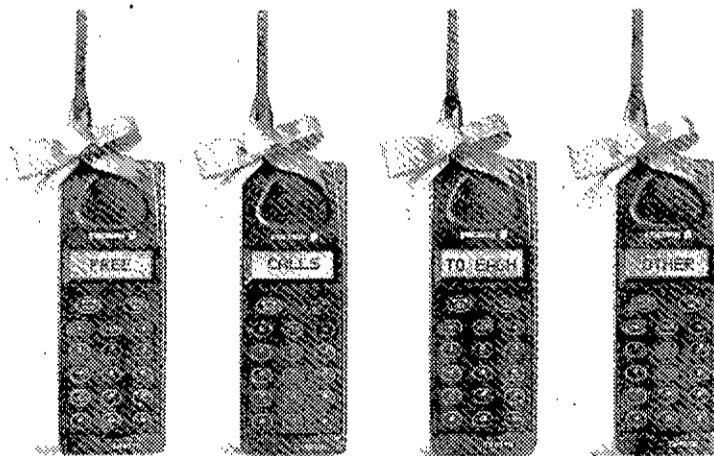
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Matters of Opinion

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service thanks blood donors

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service wishes to

thank all those who came to our building on Route 9W on Nov. 6 to donate blood at our semi-annual

blood drive.

We had 41 people take the time to donate. This was an outstand-

ing turnout! We, along with the American Red Cross appreciate the generosity of our donors.

Our next blood mobile will be in April. We hope to have 50 donors then. We would also like to thank all of those who helped make the day a success.

If any one wants to join our ambulance squad or would like information about the services we provide the town of Bethlehem, they can call 767-2301.

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Friendship Singers to perform at church

The Friendship Singers will present a program of holiday music Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7:15 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave.

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Pedestrian group member urges doing more to keep everyone safe

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent debate about actions required to improve the safety of our streets is a healthy mechanism to involve citizens in potential solutions to community problems.

A recurring theme found in many of the letters to the editor is how to decrease vehicle speeds through our neighborhoods.

As a citizen advocacy group, the Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety was formed to provide a voice for this, as well as other issues affecting pedestrian safety in our community.

We encourage all decisions affecting our community to be as responsive as possible to the concerns and the particular character of neighborhoods.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to remind Bethlehem residents that increasing the safety of our streets takes more than an increase in stop signs.

Measures to increase safety must be tackled concurrently if they are to be effective.

1. Engineering, for example, road designs which slow traffic, signage, bike lanes and sidewalks (some of these are long-term projects).

For established communities, using multiple methods to slow traffic such as speed bumps, center barriers and others (users of the roads would have to be willing to put up with the inconvenience which some of these measures include).

2. Enforcement, i.e., using more police or more police time

to enforce traffic laws.

This option may mean a willingness to pay for extra police and an understanding on the part of drivers that tickets and fines are a necessary price for increased safety.

3. Education. This is where each driver in and through our community must change his/her driving habits to increase the safety of our neighborhoods, like leaving a little earlier for work or the soccer game.

If you're running late, trade the tardiness for the chance to prevent an injury or a death. Make bad driving habits unacceptable in your family and in your neighborhood.

Lastly, get involved with the

Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety. Help us change community expectations for safer driv-

ing, walking and biking. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the chamber of com-

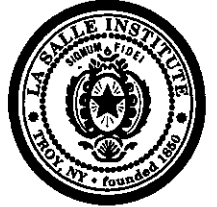
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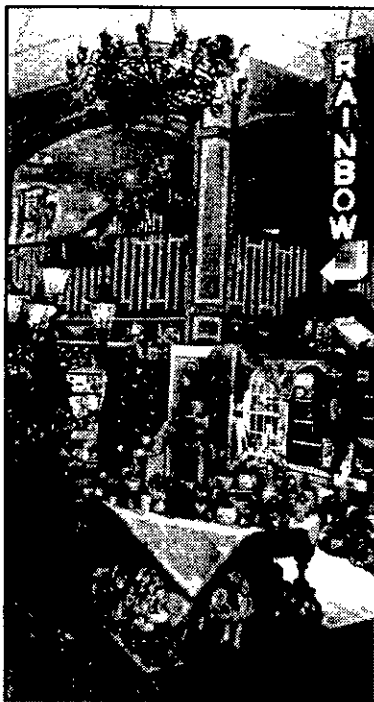
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Library hires new circulation head

Corinna Parker has been hired to fill the position of head of circulation services at Voorheesville Public Library.



For the past 10 years, she has worked at the Bethlehem Middle School library and brings a love of libraries and an interest in children to her new position, along with considerable organizational skills.

"I'm very excited about my new job," she said at her first staff meeting.

Outside the library, she likes to swim, hike and canoe. She teaches an eighth-grade Sunday school class at her church.

Library patrons are encouraged to extend a warm welcome when they see her at the library.

Children in The Library Club have started a puppet project. The fourth- through sixth-graders will be working for the next several months to create and produce a dramatic performance in the puppet theater.

If this sounds like fun, it's not too late to join the group, which meets once a month after school. For information or to sign-up, call or e-mail the reference desk. The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 9.

Lifestories memory writing group meets Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. after a short holiday break.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. No sign-up is necessary for either writing group or the watercolor painting group, which also welcomes newcomers on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

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PLANNING MEETING

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RCS library to host eba Dance Theatre at high school

RCS Community Library will sponsor "So, This Is Dance" with eba Dance Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School auditorium.

The dancers will present a wonderful introduction to the art and magic of dance in all its styles. The program is free of charge.

The eba dancers will illustrate many styles — classical modern dance from the early 1900s, contemporary modern dance, ballet, African dance, tap, jazz, hip-hop — and even Sufi spinning.

Maude Baum, artistic director of eba Dance Theatre, will narrate, and the audience will have a chance to try a tapping few rhythms. The performance ends with a question-and-answer period with the artists.

The performance is partially funded by the state Council on the Arts through the Community Arts Connection of the Albany/Schenectady League of Arts.

Origami workshop

A workshop teaching how to fold origami stars for ornaments is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to noon at RCS Community Library, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.

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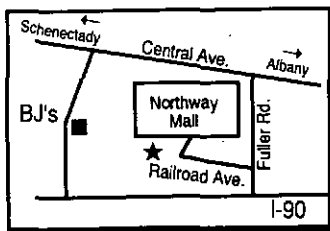
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Sports

BCHS JV football team completes impressive season

By Noah Feit

Playing in the shadow of the varsity team, the junior varsity football squad from Bethlehem Central High School had a stellar season. Finishing the year with an impressive 6-3 record, the j.v. Eagles surprised many, establishing BCHS football as a force to be reckoned with.

Although they fell short of a j.v. championship, the Eagles fought hard, as they had all season long, in a rematch against eventual champs Shenendehowa High School. The final score of the play-off game was 15-12, as the Eagles played good enough to win but

came up short. BCHS held a 12-7 lead going into the final period, but were burnt by an outstanding run by the Plainsmen quarterback late in the fourth quarter.

Against Shen, the j.v. Eagles were led into battle by head coach John DeMeo, who summed up the loss saying: "We can't control the score, but we can control the way we play. If we do what we are supposed to and play hard the score should take care of itself. Against Shen we just came up a little short."

BCHS opened the season with a 46-26 rout of Bishop Maginn and a 19-13 win over Guilderland. In their first duel against Shen, the Eagles suffered their first loss of the season 26-8. BCHS showed no signs of a post-loss hangover as

they bounced back with wins over Columbia, 20-8, and a thriller against Niskayuna, 14-8. After losing a hard-fought contest to Shaker, the Eagles scored a huge victory over a bigger CBA squad. The 26-8 shellacking of the strong Big 10 team propelled BCHS into the playoffs where they lost to the Plainsmen.

The narrow defeat in the play-offs takes nothing away from the Eagles' strong season. With the odds stacked up against them, the BCHS j.v. boys overcame adversity to put together an impressive record.

From the onset of the season, DeMeo and his assistant coach, Dave Rounds were short-handed, as a good deal of potential junior varsity players were

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called up to fill rosters spots on the varsity squad. In addition, the j.v. Eagles suffered numerous injuries that thinned out their already depleted roster. However, this group of youngsters fought through the setbacks and injuries and played together as a cohesive team unit.

"They played really good as a team," DeMeo said. "They stepped it up when they had to and were very coachable."

All season long, various players stepped up their games to contribute to the teams success. Among those primary contributors was quarterback Noah Bacon, linebacker Brian Guertze, halfback Jeremy Irving, fullback Joe Kadish and multi-faceted Jeremiah Giacone, Anthony Laveri and Tommy Frankovic.

Bacon did a super job guiding the Eagles attack as he grew into the position with budding confidence that may have him contending for the starting spot on varsity next season. Irving displayed instinctive running skills and showed toughness as he fought off severe injuries.

Guertze and Giacone were stalwarts who were the backbone of the BCHS defense. Laveri and Frankovic moved all around the field in skill position on both sides of the ball, sparking the offense and reinforcing the defense. And Kadish provided leadership and encouragement as the team captain.

These individuals were pieces of the puzzle that played great on the field and were better off of it. DeMeo characterized his squad best saying, "They were good ball players but even better kids."

Scholastic sporting events scheduled this week

- Wednesday, Dec. 1
V WRESTLING
BCHS @ Niskayuna; 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 2
V GIRLS BASKETBALL
Voorheesville @ Watervliet; 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 3
V ICE HOCKEY
Shen @ BCHS; 6:30 p.m.
V BOYS BASKETBALL
Waterford @ RCS; 7:30 p.m.
- Winterfest Tournament @ BCHS
Bishop Gibbons vs. Amsterdam; 7 p.m.
Brewster vs. BCHS; 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 4
V BOYS BASKETBALL
Voorheesville @ LaSalle (scrimmage); 10 a.m.
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V GIRLS BASKETBALL
Winterfest Tournament @ BCHS
Albany High vs. Guilderland; 5 p.m.
Catholic Central vs. BCHS; 8 p.m.
- V WRESTLING**
Voorheesville @ Canajoharie; 11 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 5
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Girl Scouts to carol in Centennial Park

Voorheesville neighborhood Girl Scout Troops will gather to-

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gether to sing carols on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. in Centennial Park on the corner of Voorheesville and Maple avenues.

The public is invited.

Historical society to host local history program

New Scotland Historical Association will sponsor a program on teaching local history through local documents and songs on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Teacher Owen Colfer will be the guest speaker and will perform songs that teach us about our own history.

Girl Scouts leaders schedule meeting

The Girl Scout leaders' next regular meeting is today, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

School board to meet

The school board will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the large instructional room at the high school.

Garden club to meet

Helderview Garden Club will hold its next regular meeting and holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker Tom Kernan will discuss Christmas traditions in and around the Hudson Valley.

Community Food Pantry slates meeting

The New Scotland Community Food Pantry will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street. New members are welcome.

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Violence

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detailed procedural list distributed by the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

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One specific obligation of the officer on the scene is to inform the victim of his/her legal options — principally that of "concurrent jurisdiction."

"One of the things the legislation made very clear is that the victim has the right to bring cases in criminal or Family Court, or both," said Bethlehem Town Justice Kenneth Munnelly. "It was very unclear before 1994 that there is concurrent jurisdiction between the criminal courts and Family Court."

"If you go into Family Court to seek a family offense petition, it could result in certain actions by the court, but not necessarily a criminal finding and a criminal record."

By granting concurrent jurisdiction, the 1994 law makes it possible for a victim to seek, at one and the same time, a criminal charge of, say, assault, and under Family Court's different evidentiary standards, a "family offense" petition which can change custodial arrangements involving any minor children.

Such a petition, said Munnelly, "does not negate the victim's right for a criminal case to go forward."

But a family offense petition would be relevant to the question of custody, where an assault conviction involving the spouse might not."

Concurrent jurisdiction also enables Town Court judges like Munnelly to issue orders of protection, an increasingly important tool in combatting domestic violence. Sixty-three orders of protection were issued in 1998 by Bethlehem Town Court in connection with such cases; through mid-November of this year, the total is up to 89.

The two backup officers note that one of the victims has a severe cut on her knee. But she refuses to say how she received it. With her husband under restraint, and with the immediate threat now a few minutes past, she becomes uncooperative; she is also, apparently, intoxicated. She is adamant about not pressing charges against her husband.

While one of the backup officers continues in an effort to obtain information from the first victim, his partner attends to the second, the accused's daughter, gathering enough information to complete a Domestic Incident Report.

A victim's refusal to cooperate at the scene of a domestic incident might once have halted the police investigation. "You might never have even taken it before the judge before," said Beebe.

But under the provisions of the new law, the priorities of the police and of the victim are no longer one and the same. If the responding officer has probable cause to believe a crime has been committed, an arrest is now mandatory — and the officer is now obliged to document the scene, with or with-

out the victim's assistance.

"We are also probably more aggressive now in collecting evidence to support our cases," said Beebe. "Especially if you've got an uncooperative victim. They may even end up in court to testify on (the accused's) behalf. So it's essential to gather enough evidence at the scene to make your case."

Under the 1994 law, a responding officer must also complete a detailed Domestic Incident Report (DIR) in addition to his standard police report.

In order to meet the new mandates, Bethlehem police procedure now calls for summoning immediate backup. "One person to make the arrest, one to respond to the victims and document the scene," said Beebe. A third is also dispatched if possible.

This necessarily creates a manpower issue for a large suburban town with a 39-member police force.

An increased emphasis on specialized areas of police work like domestic violence and DWI patrols, and the required specialized training demanded of police from weapons to blood-borne pathogens to diversity training to haz-mat, has further put pressure on manpower. Meanwhile, the Bethlehem police force has only grown by eight officers in 20 years.

In his budget request for 2000, Bethlehem Police Chief Richard LaChappelle requested authorization to add two more patrol officers; at preliminary budget hearings before the town board in October, he specifically cited the added demands of domestic violence reporting and investigation

procedures in backing up the request.

The board agreed to the request only if federal funding becomes available for the new positions — a long shot at best.

While declining to discuss specific force levels on the various shifts, Beebe said, "We typically have only three or four officers on patrol on any given shift, and a supervisor."

When you have a domestic incident and send three men to the scene, that leaves only one body on active patrol. There's no doubt about it, staffing levels are an issue. I only wish we could get more people in the position to let us hire more people to believe us."

The arresting officer empties the seized rifle clip of nine bullets. Securing ammo and rifle as evidence, he begins to run a check on whether the weapon has previously been used in a felony; the check comes back negative.

Meanwhile, the other officer takes two photos of the uncooperative victim's injuries and offers her transport for medical treatment; she declines. The sergeant presents the daughter with a Notice of Victim's Rights, details some of the victim resources available, offers to make referrals.

The officers return to the station house. Evidence is tagged and "dropped," paperwork completed. Felony charges are formally lodged: second-degree assault, third-degree menacing. A town justice is summoned at about 3 a.m. for an immediate arraignment.

"One of our key responsibilities now is social support of the victims," said Beebe. "It's one of the key focuses of our training nowadays."

If the arrested party is the sole adult in the household, arrangements might need to be made with another relative, or a social service agency; perhaps a ride home is required. Officers are equipped with reference lists of hot line numbers.

"We provide whatever service they may require to cope," said Beebe.

A raft of paperwork awaits back at the station. A DIR must be filed; in a case involving a youth in danger, a report must be dispatched to the state's child abuse register. The police Youth Bureau is contacted. A check is made for any existing order of protection.

An officer required to physically restrain the accused must also file a use of force report, and a weapons discharge report if his revolver came into play. All three officers must generate a separate incident report.

All told, Beebe said, police service logs show that the actual incident reported here took up 14 and a half man-hours — and that was before arraignment. Subsequent court appearances, and follow-up with victims and required witnesses, will add to the tally.

"And a lot of (incidents) don't even generate an arrest," he said of the 201 domestic incidents reported in Bethlehem through the beginning of November. "They generate 201 Domestic Incident Reports, but unless you have physical evidence or a cooperative witness, they don't generate anything else."

Next week: In court, the emphasis is on addressing the underlying cause of domestic violence.

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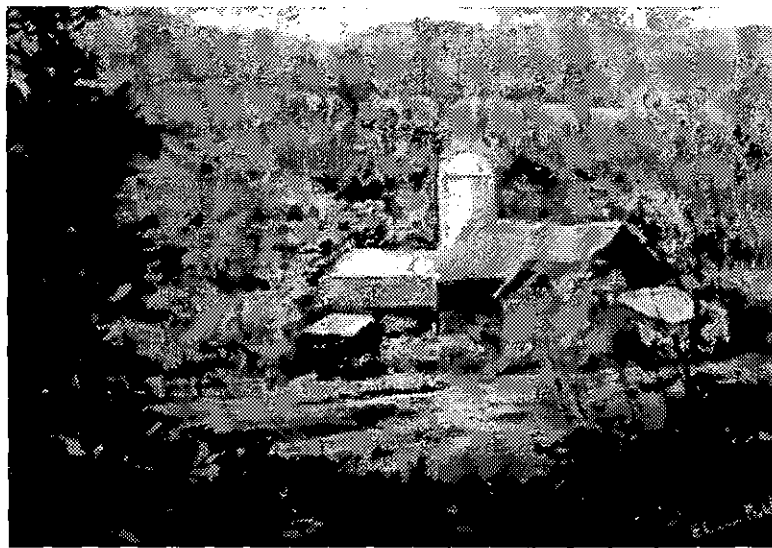
Varied artwork on display in galleries during December

During December, "Landscapes, Seascapes and still Life," oil paintings by Eleanor Bolduc, are on display in the northwest

She has won numerous awards and her work is represented in collections at home and abroad. Her painting "A Sunny Day in Rensselaerville" was reproduced on the front cover of the 1991-92 Bethlehem and New Scotland telephone directory.

She is a member of the Bethlehem Art Society, Albany Artists Group and the Colonie Art League.

"Color Memory Traces," paint-



This oil painting by Eleanor Bolduc is on display in the northwest gallery.

ings by Chris Apostle, are displayed in the southwest gallery.

Apostle's work examines color as a conveyor of meaning — through its combinations, absence, juxtapositions, intensity,

depth, tone and symbolism.

Apostle was a finalist in the 15th annual Faber Birren National Color Art contest and has exhibited extensively.

He has held memberships in many associations, including the Colonie Art league, Albany Art-

ists Association, Greene County Arts and Crafts Guild, Broadway Gallery and Troy Riverfront Artists.

Judy Tocker exhibits some of her handmade teddy bears and teddy bear components in the Birchenough case (under the stairwell to the left).

Tocker is owner of Judy's Tiny Shop, and teaches teddy bear making in the area.

The bears are complemented by Emily Drazen's doll collection in the youth services case.

Gladys Amos's collection of old-fashioned holiday and advertising cards is on view in the reference area.

And, once again this holiday season, the Delmar Progress Club and Rabbi Nachman Simon have contributed festive lobby displays.

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gallery. Bolduc draws her inspiration from local scenes, and travels to the Maine coast to paint.

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Delmar Reformed Church appoints new pastor

Delmar Reformed Church recently announced the appointment of the Rev. David Corlett as senior pastor.

Corlett will begin his pastoral duties on Sunday, Dec. 5, at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

He has a bachelor's degree from Hope College, a master's of divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary.

Corlett served as an associate minister at New Paltz Reformed Church and, for the past 23 years, he has been pastor of The Reformed Church Church in Claverack.

Corlett and his wife Susan have two sons, James and Andrew.

He joins the Rev. Sandy Dámhof, minister of contemporary worship.



The Rev. David Corlett

Corlett is the 12th senior pastor of Delmar Reformed Church, which has been serving the spiritual needs of the community since its founding in 1848.

The next millennium begins a new challenge for Corlett and for the church's congregation, as construction nears completion on the enlarged and remodeled facility.

A brief history of Delmar Reformed Church

By Allison Bennett

The Reformed Church is older than the suburban village of Delmar itself. Many years before Delmar became the lovely village it is today, the Reformed Church was in existence as a place of worship for the farmers of the outlying districts who drove for miles over sand roads on a Sunday morning.

The village was then called Adamsville, and Delmar Reformed Church, although it stood in its present location, was then the east branch of Union Church, which was located in the village of Unionville, a few miles to the west along Delaware Turnpike.

The Delmar church was founded in 1841 but was considered a daughter of the Unionville Church. Before 1841, local residents had to drive by horse and buggy or wagon to worship at Union Dutch Reformed Church.

The Delmarites objected to this and so they petitioned the Classis of Albany to allow them to create a branch of the Unionville church at Delmar. Permission was given and Nathaniel Adams donated a

site across the street from the Adamsville Hotel.

By 1848, the members of the Adamsville Church were discontented with being a branch of the Union Church, and on Feb. 3, 1848, the Delmar church became Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bethlehem.

Among the 87 names on the church roll were the still familiar ones of Becker, Bender, Haswell, Hotaling, Patterson, Van Allen and Winne.

A parsonage was constructed in 1851 to house the minister and his family. By 1859, the church had expanded the sanctuary, which was enlarged again in 1879.

In 1927, major reconstruction and raising the building to accommodate a basement was undertaken, and in 1951, a new educational wing was added on the west side of the church.

Today all of Delmar notices a new addition being added to the building, providing modern office space, educational rooms and a large new fellowship hall. The new construction will be finished by May.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Megan Sarah Shanley, to Amy and Jim Shanley of Selkirk, Oct. 20.

Boy, Drew Michael Thompson, to Mary Moutray and Matthew Thompson of Glenmont, Oct. 23.

Boy, Philip James Ruggirello, to Barbara and Philip Ruggirello of Feura Bush, Oct. 28.

St. Mary's Hospital

Boy, Thomas Laurence Salamida, to Kim and Frank Salamida of Delmar, July 10.

Class of '99

SUNY Geneseo

Bradley Mattox (bachelor's in management) and Jennifer Stornelli (bachelor's in psychology), both of Delmar.

BCHS graduate to serve in London

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Nyilis, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Virginia, recently reported for duty with the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Naval Forces Europe in London.

He joined the Navy in May 1985.

Slingerlands woman inducted into society

Karen Johansen of Slingerlands was one of 22 students recently inducted into Alpha Kappa Alpha, the honor society of Siena College.

To be eligible, a student must have completed 54 credit hours at Siena, have achieved a minimum index of 3.3 for each year in attendance, have senior status, and must show a record of involvement in volunteer service activities during the course of his or her studies.

Delmar student performs in play

Hally Gutman of Delmar, a junior majoring in drama in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University, recently performed in the Syracuse University Drama Department's Black Box production of "Miss Julie."

The College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where faculty help students develop their artistic and creative abilities.



Jeffrey Siewert and Melanie Ulmer

Ulmer, Siewert engaged

Melanie Eve Ulmer, daughter of Lawrence and Marsha Ulmer of Columbia, S.C., and Jeffrey Patrick Siewert, son of James and Charlene Siewert of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She is an actuarial analyst for Blue

Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is a scale technician at C.C. Vaughan & Sons in West Columbia, S.C.

The couple plans a Feb. 12 wedding.

Five Rivers Limited elects officers

Five Rivers Limited, the friends group of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, recently held its annual meeting and elected a new board of directors.

David Newell of Delmar and Agnes Rapoli of Berne were elected to a first three-year term.

Daniel Lewis of Delmar was elected to a second three-year term; and Margaret Farrell, also of Delmar, was elected to a third three-year term on the board.

After the business meeting,

Nancy Payne presented an evening of stories related to the history of the environmental movement.

Payne is a member of the Story Circle of the Capital District and an environmental educator at Five Rivers.

The new board also met and elected officers for a two-year term.

Farrell is the group's new president, Lewis is vice president, and Peter Keitel of Delmar is treasurer.

Mail weddings, engagements

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Community



Hamagrael to host PTA craft fair

Hamagrael Elementary School PTA will sponsor a Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on McGuffey Lane in Delmar.

There will be more than 75 vendors, as well as refreshments, a bake sale and a bucket auction.

Admission is free. For information, call 439-4682.

Obituaries

Abraham Lerner

Abraham Lerner, 83, of Slingerlands died Saturday, Nov. 27, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he spent winters in Delray Beach, Fla., for many years.

He was co-founder of All State Metal in Albany.

Mr. Lerner was radarman in the Navy during World War II.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany. He was a member of the Albany City Lodge No. 540 Knights of Pythias, the Albany Independent Society and Colonie Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred "Mollie" Kartzman Lerner; a son, Barry Lerner of Menands; a daughter, Linda Carr of Loudonville; two sisters, Lillian Silverman of Slingerlands and Sarah Kahn of Albany; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in the Independent Benevolent Cemetery in Albany.

The Period of Mourning continues through tonight, Dec. 1, at the Lerner residence, 1 Momrow Court, Menands.

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

Spencer F. Pohl

Spencer F. Pohl, 58, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Nov. 21, at his home.

A graduate of Albany High School, Mr. Pohl was a gas mechanic for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., retiring in 1999 after 32 years.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Burleigh Pohl; two sisters, Lynne Lafarque of Humble, Texas, and Christine Cutter of North Carolina; a brother, Dr. Douglas Pohl of Maine; and his stepmother, Marie Pohl of Boynton Beach, Fla.

Arrangements were by Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

Doris Draper Bennett

Doris Draper Bennett of Delmar died Monday, Nov. 22, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar.

She was born in East Orange, N.J., and lived in Hartsdale, Westchester County, for 40 years

before moving to the Capital District.

Survivors include a son, John Bennett of Chestertown, Warren County; three daughters, Lynne Crimi of Saratoga Springs, Martha Iannacone of Delmar and Grace Bennett of Albany; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 10 North Main Ave., Albany 12203.

James G. Kohler

James G. Kohler, 43, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 23, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Albany, Mr. Kohler was a graduate of Phillip Schuyler High School and Central Texas College.

For the past several years, Mr. Kohler was employed by the Postal Service in Albany.

He served in the Army from 1970 to 1992, earning the Meritorious Service Award and retiring as a first sergeant.

While serving in Germany, Kohler was a director of Youth For Christ for three years.

Mr. Kohler was an elder at the Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Deena S. Kohler; two sons, Christopher J. Kohler of Richmond, Va., and Nicholas E. Kohler of Delmar; and two sisters, Sharon Kretzel of Rensselaer and Gerry Lyman of Ravena.

Services were from Bethlehem Community Church.

Contributions may be made to the James G. Kohler Scholarship Fund, c/o Delaware Plaza Key Bank, 164 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Edward J. Jones

Edward J. Jones, 78, of Albany died Friday, Nov. 26, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in New Scotland, Mr. Jones was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Jones worked as an inspector for General Electric for more than 25 years.

He was a communicant of St. John's-St. Ann's Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Millicent Lanehart Jones; and two sisters, Mildred Littlepage of

Meridan, Conn., and Virginia Olthhoff of Albany.

Arrangements were by Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Arlene Pafunda

Arlene F. Pafunda, 76, of Voorheesville died Wednesday, Nov. 24, at her home.

She was a teacher at Voorheesville Elementary School for 23 years, retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Pafunda was a member of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and the Christ Child Society.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard M. Pafunda; two sons, Bernard Pafunda of Lexington, Ky., and Peter W. Pafunda of Altamont; a daughter, Peggy Heberling of Rochester; a brother, William Fredenburgh of Phoenix, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren.

Services were from St.

Matthew's Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Church or the Christ Child Society c/o the funeral home.

Horst Hannmann

Horst "Dutch" Hannmann, 74, of New Salem died Sunday, Nov. 28, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Germany, he came to the United States in 1929.

Mr. Hannmann was an Eagle Scout. He was a graduate of Siena College.

He was the proprietor of Albany Interstate Signs in Colonie for 47 years before he retired.

Mr. Hannmann was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member and former chief of the New Salem Fire Co., a member of American Legion Post 1493 and Bethlehem Elks Lodge. He also belonged to the Sampson

World War II veterans and the Foreign Wars U.S. Post 14000 and an active member of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. He belonged to the Destroyer Escort Historical Foundation and was involved in restoring the U.S.S. Slater.

He was the husband of the late Rosanne Thomas Hannmann.

Survivors include his wife, Denise Gilboe; three daughters, Patricia Caruso of Delmar, Kathleen Hannmann of Slingerlands and Nancy Hannmann of New Salem; a son, Thomas J. Hannmann of Middleburg; four stepchildren, Keith Konis of Albany, Kristopher Konis of Voorheesville, Gail Konis of Schenectady and Kim Furman of East Berne; and a grandson.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Dec. 1, at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, 9 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the U.S.S. Slater Restoration Fund.

Committee

(From Page 1)

station to turn on the narrow street. But several Ridge Road residents, concerned about the loss of off-street parking, turned out to question why the committee had recommended that nearly 310 feet of the street be so posted.

"If they're going to have to do that," said resident Gordon Morris, "it would be much more equitable to cut the distance to 100 feet on each end. Any fire truck we have can turn in that distance."

With no representative of the fire company or committee present able to explain the recommended distance, the board suspended the hearing until its Dec. 8 meeting.

Another two dozen residents appeared before the board to voice their objections to the Wellington-Sylvan proposal.

The neighborhood group had petitioned the board in September for stop signs on three of the intersection's four corners, citing increased traffic and excessive speeds on Wellington, potentially posing a danger to pedestrians on the street, which has no sidewalks.

But, the 10-member committee, asserting that federal and state highway guidelines declare that stop signs are not designed to slow traffic but to control right of way at intersections, recommended only the single sign — and unanimously reiterated that recommendation last month af-

ter the board asked it to reconsider.

In addition to Beebe, four other members of the committee were present at the meeting, but only one addressed the hearing. Meanwhile, several of the residents expressed anger at what one of them, Laura Cooper, called "the high-handed way the traffic safety committee has treated us... we're here because we're upset, we're here because we want some changes."

"We've been treated what I would deem unnecessarily poorly by the traffic safety committee," agreed Wellington resident Randy Craft, who questioned the veracity of the traffic safety study conducted in support of the committee's recommendation.

He called for his group's original request to be granted over the committee's objections, saying, "We are here to avert a tragedy."

Tom Melander, the traffic engineering technician who conducted the Wellington study, engaged several of the residents in a lengthy debate about the validity of his findings. But the residents insisted their safety concerns overrode the numbers.

Susan Barron of Delmar, whose daughter Laura was killed in 1996 in a traffic accident on a nearby street, spoke in support of the Wellington group.

"My daughter was killed three years ago because she took a walk in Delmar," she told the board. "I

don't know if a stop sign will help, but I don't see how it can hurt... I don't see how you can say no to these people."

Fuller then made an unusual appeal to her fellow board members to override the committee recommendation and "put a human face on this issue."

The board then voted unanimously to approve the three stop signs.

"I was disappointed that the residents had to wait this long for action on their request," Fuller said. "It created a very frustrating experience for them."

Fuller added that the committee "needed to communicate better with the residents and listen to what they were saying. The residents, when they're talking about their children, really don't want to hear what a manual says. Perhaps they're right technically, but frankly, that's not how I want to represent this community."

The technical wrangling, she said, "became a debate that I'm not sure was appropriate or necessary at a public hearing. The opportunity for technical discussion is at the committee, not at a public hearing where the town board is trying to make a decision."

Speaking for himself and Eck, Beebe declined to comment on the board's vote.

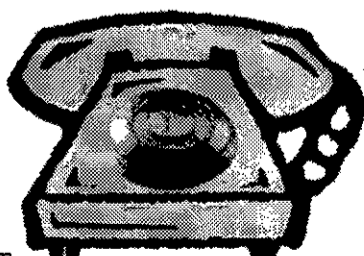
"We're just an advisory committee," he said. "They're free to do whatever they feel is appropriate. They obviously differ with the committee. But we're really not prepared to make any comment. To make a public statement at this point wouldn't serve anybody."

The traffic sign debate will resume at the Dec. 8 meeting, where in addition to the Ridge Road proposal, the board also faces a second review of a controversial stop sign proposal at Jordan Boulevard and Winne Road.

Two more proposed new stop signs, on East Poplar Drive at Greenleaf Drive and on Laurel Drive at Groesbeck Drive, are scheduled for back-to-back public hearings on Jan. 12.

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Holiday stroll in downtown Troy

Collar city hosts festive afternoon

By JOHN BRENT



One of the area's major holiday events, the Troy Victorian Stroll, will be taking place Sunday, Dec. 5, from noon to 5 p.m. More than 15,000 visitors are expected to attend the festivities in historic downtown Troy. Now in its 17th year, the Stroll offers a wide range of entertainment, with acts and activities to appeal to a variety of ages and interests.

In all, over 100 attractions are packed into the afternoon. Dancers, musicians, puppeteers, carolers, clowns, rides and refreshments are featured. The festivities conclude with the lighting of the Troy tree at city hall.

The Victorian Stroll is sponsored by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce and member businesses. Various area venues will play host to an array of entertainment. The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will welcome The College of Saint Rose Masterworks Chorale; Pioneer Savings Bank will present the gospel music of Bethel Baptist Gospel Choir, and HSBC will feature the swinging sounds of Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys.

Van Rensselaer Garden Club will offer the 43rd annual Christmas Greens Show at the Rensselaer County Historical Society in the Hart-Cluett Mansion on Second Street.

Looking for a unique gift item for the difficult-to-buy-for person? A craft show, sponsored by several area non profit organizations, is part of the Stroll and will fill the Troy Atrium with fine arts and crafts from throughout the Northeast. Proceeds benefit the children of Vanderheyden Hall and Hope 7 Community Center.

New this year will be a special tour down Second Street that will highlight Clement C. Moore's first publishing of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in Troy. Also on hand will be a Civil War-era Victorian Santa to visit with the kids and hear their wishes.

Also new this year will be the strolling Victorians parade along Second Street, a period fashion show in which those wearing Victorian-style dress will be able to show off their finery.

A special performance by the Ellen Sinipoli Dance Company will be on the schedule for the first time this year, as will singers Mark Rabin and Tarryn Waz.

Additional attractions for children include Cranberry the Clown, magician Michael Mills, the musical comedians Zucchini Brothers and storyteller Judy Trupin with her Stories in Motion. Pirate Captain Jack, another new addition to this year's lineup, will amuse and entertain throughout the afternoon.

The Castle Bridge Players will perform with their marionettes, and an old-time Punch-and-Judy puppet show will be featured.

Entertainment for the grown-ups will also be abundant, with folk, classical, blues, swing, bluegrass and gospel joining traditional holiday music. Not one but two harpists, Nancy Walko and Martha Gallagher, will perform, as will classical guitarist Maria Zemantauski. Several vocalists — Paul Straussman, Susan Hamlin and Peggy Eyres — will also lend their musical talents to the festivities. Swing and jazz will be provided by Skip Parsons and his Riverboat Jazz Band, the RPI Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Voices with the Peg Delaney Trio. Local group Hair of the Dog will provide pop music. And these are just a few of the musical highlights.

Dancers will also be performing throughout the afternoon. El Jaleo Flamenco Dance, Denise Sheehan Dancers, Charisma Dancers and Zoreoad Dancers will be appearing in various venues. Pokingbrook Morris Dancers will entertain with traditional street dancing, and for those who want to get into the act, there will be a tap-dancing-made-easy demonstration.

Children can enjoy a ride on an antique fire truck or a pony, and everyone can ride on the horse-drawn trolley.

Throughout the neighborhoods, retail shops, boutiques, galleries and restaurants will be open to serve visitors. Victorian Strollers can enter the "Shop in Troy" drawing to win gift certificates from Troy merchants.

A complete schedule and program, listing all the entertainment, locations and times, will be available beginning Thursday, Dec. 2, throughout downtown Troy and also at information tables on the day of the Stroll.

For information, call the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce at 274-7020.



Just two of the many attractions offered on Saturday afternoon at the Troy Victorian Stroll. Hair of the Dog, above, a popular local group, will offer pop music and Cranberry the Clown, left, will be on hand to entertain the kids.



Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1

BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Also Tues., Thurs. Information, 439-0503.

BETH. BUSINESS WOMEN
Vintage Christmas holiday celebration. Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m., dinner 6:30. Information, 439-3791.

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

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.

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.

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

HOMEWORK HELP CENTER
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6 to 8 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

FAMILIES FIRST
support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8839.

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

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3

BETHLEHEM

BOOKS IN THE MORNING
Discussion group to focus on "The American" by Henry James. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Information, 439-9661.

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Dinner, Christmas carols, ornament making, and decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall; Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 5-7:30 p.m.

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.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4

BETHLEHEM

BLOOD DRIVE
Sponsored by Onesquethaw Lodge F & AM, Masonic Hall, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment, 439-0976.

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK
Hot breakfast, photos with Santa; Glenmont Community Reformed Church, 9 - 10 a.m. \$4 adults, \$2 children. Reservations, 439-1609.

PTA CRAFT FAIR
75 vendors, bake sale, bucket auction, refreshments. Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4682.

SATURDAY STORYBREAK
For children ages 3-6, parents; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT DINNER
Bethlehem Grange Hall, Routh 396, Cedar Hill, 4-7 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children. No reservations needed.

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2

BETHLEHEM

COMMON UNITY BIBLE STUDY
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 6:45-8:45 p.m. children's program and nursery provided for morning session. Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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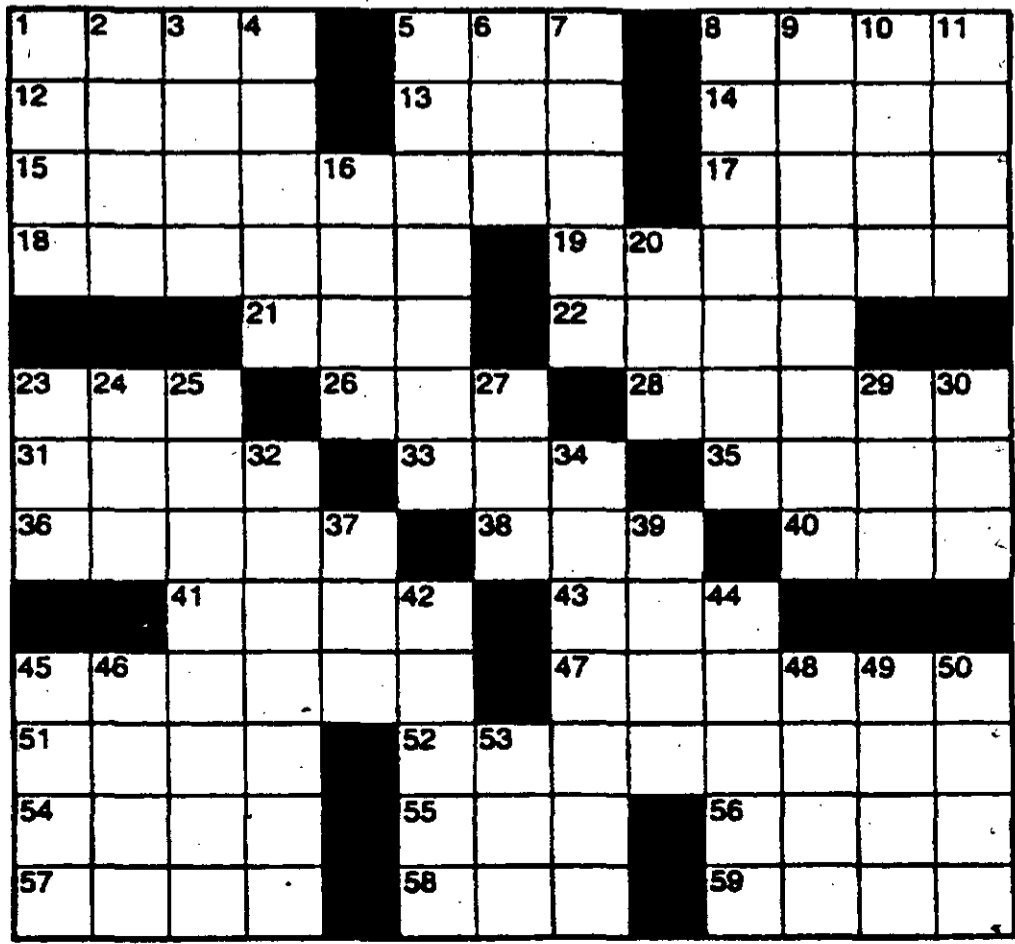
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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FIRST COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL GROUP LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: First Columbia International Group LLC
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
THIRD: There is no specific dissolution date.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company served upon him or her is: 210 Washington Avenue Extension Albany, New York 12203
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 22nd day of November, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
s/ E.J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(December 1, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF TRI-CITY ELECTRIC, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Tri-City Electric, LLC.
SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Rensselaer.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: N/A
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office within or without, this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Zappone & Fiore Law Firm, 619 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
FIFTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability can be served is: N/A
SIXTH: The future effective date of the Articles of Organization are effective as of the date of filing: N/A
SEVENTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by: One or more members.
EIGHTH: If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, a statement that all or specified members are so liable. N/A
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 22 day of October, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/ C. Scott Sivaslian, Organizer
S/ Lisa C. Sivaslian, Organizer
(December 1, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PRIME COMMERCIAL, L.L.C. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Prime Commercial, L.L.C.
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
THIRD: The latest date upon which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process

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against the Company served upon him or her is: 623 New Loudon Road Latham, New York 12110
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 2nd day of November, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
s/ E.J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(December 1, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PRIME FUNDING, L.L.C. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Prime Funding, L.L.C.
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
THIRD: The latest date upon which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company served upon him or her is: 623 New Loudon Road Latham, New York 12110
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 2nd day of November, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
s/ E.J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(December 1, 1999)

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

1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF IV, L.P."
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is: DRL, LLC 52 Corporate Circle Albany, New York 12203
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is October 31, 2099.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 29th day of October, 1999, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
SWF IV, L.P.
DRL, LLC, General Partner
By: s/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
(December 1, 1999)

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

1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF III, L.P."
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which

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the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is: DRL, LLC 52 Corporate Circle Albany, New York 12203
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is October 31, 2099.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 29th day of October, 1999, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
SWF III, L.P.
DRL, LLC, General Partner
By: s/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
(December 1, 1999)

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

1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF II, L.P."
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is: DRL, LLC 52 Corporate Circle Albany, New York 12203
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is October 31, 2099.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 15th day of October, 1999, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
DRL, LLC, General Partner
By: s/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
(December 1, 1999)

CIOFFI BROS., LLC

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 9, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 196 Vliet Boulevard, Cohoes, New York 12047.
(December 1, 1999)

DRL, LLC

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 19, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(December 1, 1999)

HENKEL REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC

Notice of formation of Henkel Realty Associates, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of States of NY (the "SSNY") on 10/01/99. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the

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LLC, c/o Richard E. Rowlands, Esq., 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to acquire, own, hold and improve, manage and operate real property.
(December 1, 1999)

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A&M e. Sales & Marketing LLC Notice of Formation: A&M e. Sales & Marketing LLC was filed with SSNY 11/15/99. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 200 William St., Suite 311 Port Chester, NY 10573 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity.
(December 1, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE L.S.E. LLC

Notice of formation: L.S.E. LLC was filed with SSNY 11/12/99. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 2045 Ralph Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11234 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity.
(December 1, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE KASS & JAFFE FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC

Notice of Formation: KASS & JAFFE FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY 11/22/99. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC, 1025 Westchester Ave., White Plains, NY 10604. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity.
(December 1, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE SANDY VISION LLC

Notice of Formation: SANDY VISION LLC was filed with SSNY 11/23/99. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC, 1025 Westchester Ave., Suite 102, White Plains, NY 10604. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity.
(December 1, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is CAPITOL VIEW ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 16, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203.
(December 1, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is R-N-M, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 10, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 62 Voorheesville, Avenue, Voorheesville, New York 12186.
(December 1, 1999)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CRISCIONE LAW FIRM, LLC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE FORMATION OF CRISCIONE LAW FIRM, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on October 18, 1999. The office of the Limited Liability Company in the State of New York is located in the County of Albany. The latest due date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2098. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for the Company upon whom process against the company may be served and the address within the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail is the LLC, 120 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204. The professional service limited liability company is formed for the practice of the profession of law and the ownership and management shall be through one or managers to engage in all lawful acts and/or activities.
CRISCIONE LAW FIRM
120 Broadway
Albany, NY 12204
(518) 462-6677.
(December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ANTRE REALTY, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the formation of Antre Realty, LLC, a Limited Liability Company. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on September 22, 1999. The office of the Limited Liability Company in the State of New York is located in the County of Albany. The latest due date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 21, 2098. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for the Company upon whom process against the company may be served and the address within the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail is c/o Criscione Law Firm, 120 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204. The Limited Liability Company was organized for the ownership and management through one or more managers of real estate and /or business and to engage in all lawful act and/or activities.
CRISCIONE LAW FIRM
120 Broadway
Albany, NY 12204
(518) 462-6677.
(December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

Name: Edgcomb Realty, LLC. Articles were filed with Sec. of State: 10/28/99. Principal office: In Albany County. Sec. of State is designated agent upon whom process against it may be served. Address to which Sec. of State shall mail a copy of any such process served: c/o Scott P. Longstreet, P.O. Box 142, Old Chatham, NY 12136. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(December 1, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is ISLAND PARK, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 21, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Elmwood Road Extension, Menands, New York 12204.
(December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF COLONIE, CHAPTER 190 THEREOF ENTITLED "ZONING"
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held in

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connection with a proposed local law amending Chapter 190 of the Code of the Town of Colonie entitled "Zoning" to clarify definitions and zoning for convenience stores, mini-marts, and supermarkets. Said public hearing will be held at Memorial Town Hall, Newtonville, NY on the 9th day of December at 8:10 PM, at which time and place an opportunity will be given to those in favor of the enactment thereof, and to those opposed to the enactment thereof to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COLONIE, NEW YORK
ELIZABETH A. DEL TORTO
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 1, 1999
(December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Eurofurs LLC, was filed with SSNY 11/22/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC 30 East 40th St, New York 10016
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 1, 1999)

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ENGCONSULT LLC, was filed with SSNY September 30, 1999 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC 30 East 40th St, New York 10016
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 1, 1999)

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Mirabel LLC was filed with SSNY 11/17/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Fercom Trading LLC was filed with SSNY 11/17/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 1, 1999)

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Metsteel LLC was filed with SSNY 11/17/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 1, 1999)

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WORLDWIDE WEB LLC was filed with SSNY 11/02/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Seagate Consultants LLC was filed with SSNY 11/15/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 1, 1999)

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Inverwise Trading LLC was filed with SSNY 9/9/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

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Fortson Trading was filed with SSNY 11/02/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Ramon Realty LLC was filed with SSNY 10/21/1999 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 306 Mott, New York, NY 10012
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Sciadre Consulting LLC was filed with SSNY 10/18/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

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2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 5, 1999.
3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 4 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205.
5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. (December 1, 1999)

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TOWN OF COLONIE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF COLONIE, CHAPTER 171, ARTICLE IX THEREOF, ENTITLED "TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES"
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held in connection with a proposed local law amending the Code of the Town of Colonie, Chapter 171, Article IX thereof entitled "Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes" for the purpose of increasing eligibility levels. Said public hearing will be held at Memorial Town Hall, Newtonville, NY on the 9th day of December 1999 at 8:00 PM at which time and place an opportunity will be given to those in favor of the enactment thereof, and to those opposed to the enactment thereof to be heard.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COLONIE, NEW YORK
ELIZABETH A. DEL TORTO
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 1, 1999 (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
PORTFOLIO SECURITIES LLC was filed with SSNY 11/04/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
International Motorracing was filed with SSNY 11/1/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Avorian Trading LLC was filed with SSNY 8/19/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Tracotil Machines LLC was filed with SSNY 10/8/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

PUBLICATION NOTICE
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is AHMAD BROTHERS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 15, 1999.
3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 1375 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12206.
5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
DELTA FUND LLC was filed with SSNY 11/04/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
ROSEL REALTY.CO., LLC was filed with SSNY 10/29/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 260 Westside Ave., Haverstraw, NY 10927
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Patern Developments LLC was filed with SSNY 8/26/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Joshua Computer System Services LLC was filed with SSNY 10/8/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
IT GLOBAL FUND LLC was filed with SSNY 11/04/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Media Action LLC was filed with SSNY 10/26/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
T.R.B. Texcom Research & Brokerage LLC was filed with SSNY 10/21/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 30 E. 40th Street Suite 605, New York, NY 10016
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS TOWN OF COLONIE GENERAL SERVICES
TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids shall be received at the Office Purchasing, Memorial Town Hall, Newtonville, New York 12128 no later than 10:00 A.M. Local time on December 14, 1999, at which time they shall be opened and read aloud for Traffic Control Device Preventive Maintenance and Emergency Repair. Specifications and General Information will be available at the Office of Purchasing after the date of this notice.
VINCENT A. MARINI
GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
DATED: December 1, 1999 (December 1, 1999)

REDCLIFF RECORDS, LLC
Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/20/99. 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 any process to Rainere Degener, 320 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Latest date to dissolve: 10/20/2029. Purpose: Music Production. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Clean Sea International was filed with SSNY 11/3/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Penta Consultings LLC was filed with SSNY 7/28/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 1, 1999)

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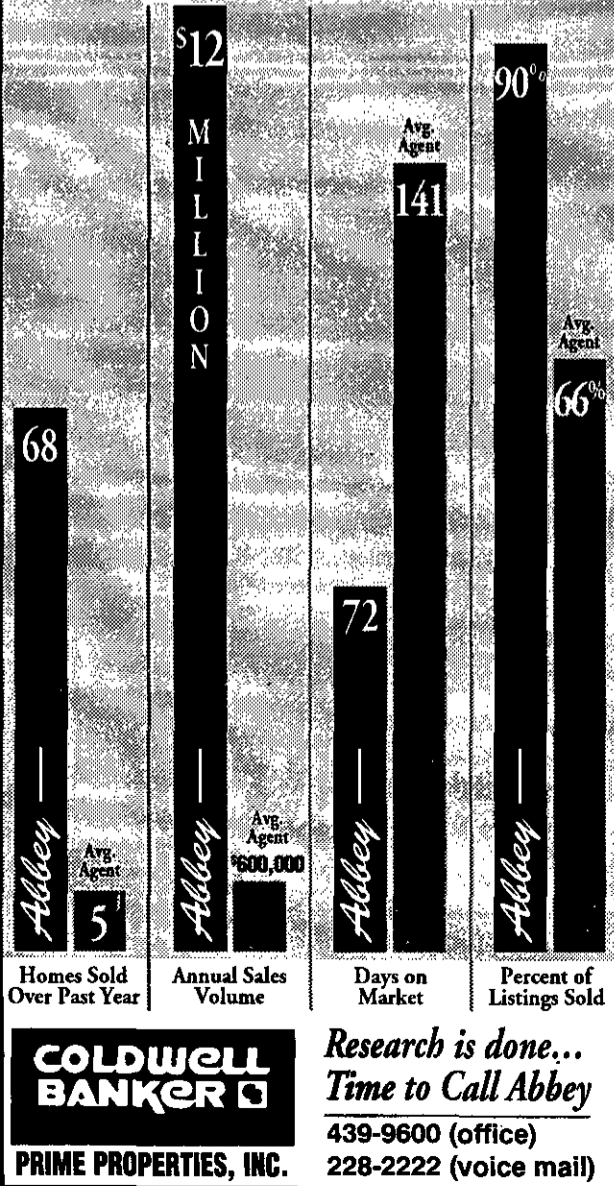
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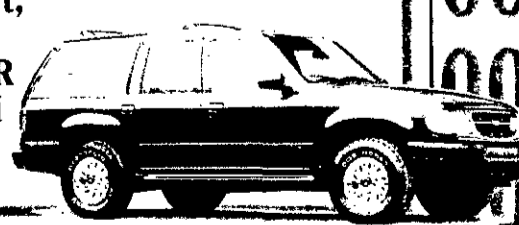
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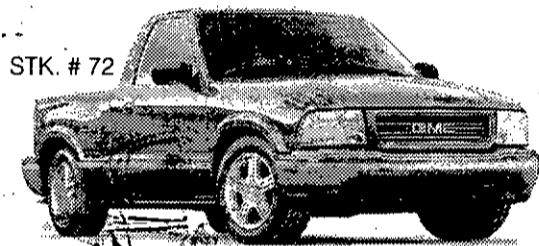
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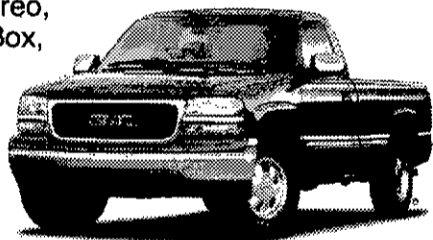
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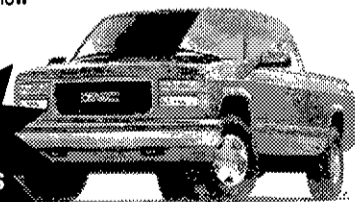
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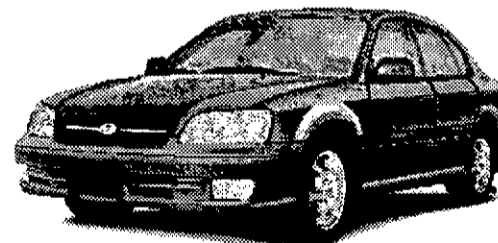
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Bond

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approved on Dec. 8, the tax rate in the town of Coeymans will increase by \$12.75 per assessed \$1,000. For the average home as-

essed at \$4,800, this means an annual cost of \$61.20.

In the town of Bethlehem, the tax rate will increase by 56 cents per \$1,000 or \$56 per year on an average home assessed at \$100,000. In New Baltimore, the increase is \$9.59 per \$1,000 or

\$59.45 per year on the average home assessed at \$6,200; and in New Scotland, the increase is 62 cents per \$1,000, or \$62 on an average home assessed at \$100,000.

Architects Dodge, Weber, Chamberlain & Luzerne have created the plans for the building project. The plans include:

- Three new science labs at the high school to make a total of nine labs, plus modernization of current labs at the middle and high schools.

- Updating the high school library, with new computers to allow for in-depth research.

- Modernization of the three high school technology rooms to provide better instruction in fields like engineering, computer-assisted drawing and electronics.

- Expanded middle school band facilities to accommodate the 100 students currently using the band room.

- Four new classrooms at each of the two elementary schools. This will allow the district to move the fifth-graders back to the elementary schools from the middle school by September 2001.

- New pre-K rooms to accommodate the projected 100 pre-K students in the district in the next

few years.

- An indoor pool at the high school for student and community use.

- A new weight room and wrestling gym at the high school, along with improvements to the other athletic facilities

The bond issue would provide funding for an overhaul of the district's buildings, including new roofs, upgrades to heating, lighting, ventilation, electrical systems, improvement of safety and security, and greater handicapped accessibility.

District offices would also move to the middle school.

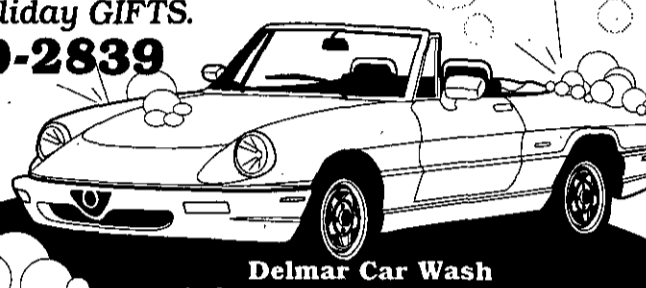
DeLuca hopes the bond will pass. "If we want to make improvements, it would be good to take the opportunity to get the state to pay a large portion of the costs," he added.

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