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Horse sense



Bob Viviano and his horse Crackers help out with the Salvation Army kettle drive at Kmart in Glenmont over the weekend. Crackers is a clicker trained horse who knows how to ring a bell, among other things.

Debbie Eberle

New Scotland prepares for big inaugural bash Jan. 1

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Officials in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland have announced plans for inaugural ceremonies for newly-elected town leaders — and have taken very different approaches to the occasion.

In Bethlehem, a simple swearing-in ceremony is planned for Monday, Jan. 3, at 4 p.m. in the courtroom at Bethlehem town hall.

There will be little time for celebration; the ceremonies will be followed by the town board's organizational meeting for the coming year, at which such matters as designation of town counsel and auditors, appointment of various boards and committees, and other official business is conducted.

The newest member of the Bethlehem town board, Daniel Plummer, has asked town justice and

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BC bond issue would keep technology up to date

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Next Tuesday, Dec. 14, residents of the Bethlehem Central School District will go to the polls to vote on a \$3.7 million bond issue.

Of that amount, \$945,650 is earmarked for technology improvements in district schools, continuing work started by Target Technology I, an \$850,000 bond issue approved in 1995. That debt will be retired next August.

The new bond issue is part of the

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Boomers reflect upon life's choices

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Five people born in the 1950s gathered recently to take part in the millennium series, and share their perspectives. They are Gail Alter Sacco of Glenmont, born in 1953; Mary Gorman of Elmsere, born in 1954; Joe Phillips of Colonie, born in 1957; David Liebschutz of Delmar, born in 1958; and Martha Simmons Pellettier of Elmsere, born in 1959.

This post-World War II generation was perhaps the first to have any number of choices; Sacco, director of the Voorheesville Public Library, felt that more of these choices became available particularly to women.

"I didn't have the choices to make that women today do," Sacco said. "The jobs weren't there. You had to be trained for what you could do. Nursing was OK, being a librarian was OK, but there were no women doctors."

Still, from a young age, Sacco knew that she wanted to be a librarian, and that she would choose to work after her children were born.

"I think I would drive my kids (Daniel, 14, and Claire, 10) nuts if I was home," she said. "My mother started working and had her own business from when I was 8 on, and it completely changed my parents' relationship — for the better."

Sacco said she is lucky to be in a field that gives her some flexibility. "I feel badly for people who are shift workers," she said, "and have to lose money if they have to go to a parent-teacher conference, for instance."



Forty somethings, from left, Joe Phillips, Gail Sacco, Mary Gorman, Martha Pellettier and David Liebschutz reminisce about their lives.

Katherine McCarthy

Pellettier said she always knew what she wanted to do, and that it involved being home.

"I went to college to get a degree I could use at home," she said, "and I stayed home, and worked from home, even before my kids were born. I didn't have that goal to go out and be a professional; I always wanted to be a mom and a wife. I wanted to be home for my kids."

Firmly in the middle is Gorman, who said she hadn't always planned on being the stay-at-home mother she is now.

"I feel I had two lives," she said. "The one before I was married at 29 (to Dr. John Brosnan), when I worked as an OR

nurse, got a master's in nursing, taught; and then the life when I got married and had children — and now I'm home. If you'd told me when I was in high school that I was going to be a stay-at-home mother, I would have disagreed. I thought I would always work and have a career."

Gorman said she keeps the professional part of her life alive by going on an occasional job interview.

"I feel that once my kids (Timothy Brosnan, 13, and Kimberly Brosnan, 10) are older, I can go back," she said. "They can never take my education and work experience away from me."

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Judges on call in violence cases

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Third in a series.
Nov. 1, about 3 a.m. A domestic disturbance call from Feura Bush is now about four hours old. A defendant has been processed and read his rights by Bethlehem police. Town Justice Kenneth Munnely is called.

Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, Bethlehem Town Justices

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Bethlehem reviews landfill collection procedure

By Joseph A. Phillips

In the wake of the dismissal of a town employee charged with embezzling nearly \$8,000 in petty cash from the South Bethlehem landfill, Bethlehem officials are continuing to investigate the full extent of the theft — and are putting heightened security measures in place to ensure it won't happen again.

Donald J. Van Alstyne, 42, of 258 Alcove Road, Coeymans Hollow, is due in Town Court Dec. 20 to answer a charge of grand larceny for embezzling cash he handled over the period of a year as operator of the scale house at the Rupert Road transfer station. As a result of the charges, Van Alstyne was dismissed last month from the \$26,000-a-year post, which he had held for more than two years.

Van Alstyne was responsible for collecting fees for trash disposal at the landfill from both town residents and commercial users. The waste-disposal operation takes in an estimated \$130,000 a year in cash, according to Bethlehem Comptroller Judith

Kehoe. Many of these fees, determined on a scale based either on weight or number of bags of trash disposed, are cash transactions in amounts less than \$100.

Van Alstyne has admitted to pocketing many of these fees without issuing receipts to town residents. But, "To our knowledge, there was no overcharging of resi-

ing a two-month investigation, and uncovered no evidence that any of Van Alstyne's co-workers were involved.

The estimate of the amount embezzled, said police spokesman Lt. Fred Holligan, was derived "through investigation and interviews" with Van Alstyne, who he said has been cooperating with the inquiry.

"We're fairly satisfied with that number," said Holligan, and the police investigation "basically closed with his arrest."

But Sagendorph indicated that his department will continue to investigate whether the full extent of the theft has been uncovered.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller confirmed that the town board discussed at executive session on Nov. 23 the possibility of securing the services of the Albany firm of Casey & Lubbe, which regularly conducts independent audits for the town, to pursue a forensic accounting investigation. Fuller said she expected a vote on the matter at the board's meeting tonight, Dec. 8.

Sagendorph said security consultants have reviewed departmental operations.

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Gregg Sagendorph

dents or of the commercial contractors that were using the facility," said Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, who oversees the landfill operation.

Sagendorph confirmed that video surveillance installed by Bethlehem police was used dur-

landfill, basically there just to keep honest people honest," he said. "I have no reason to believe this would happen again. It's just an assurance that it won't."

But he said he expected no major changes in accounting practices at the facility. Kehoe has conducted periodic audits, he said, and "Her review of procedures found them to be adequate. If someone's gonna steal, they're gonna find a way."

Kehoe agreed, adding that the cash receipts records already kept at the landfill helped provide evidence leading to Van Alstyne's arrest. She said that the state Comptroller's Office also periodically reviews such municipal cash transactions, but only every three or four years or so, or if they perceive a significant fraud risk.

"We haven't seen them in three or four years," she said.

Kehoe said, "The controls that are there are good controls — but only if they're followed. If someone is intent on defrauding their employer, you can certainly circumvent controls. Controls are designed to detect errors and correct them. But you need to be vigilant to see that they are observed. Obviously we had a defalcation here. It's something we'll be working on in the future."

Cherry Hill to host historic toy exhibit

Historic Cherry Hill at 523 South Pearl St. in Albany will present "Toys From the Attic: Two Centuries of Amusements at Cherry Hill," on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The event is free, and includes dolls dating from the 1830s to 1900s, 19th century board and card games, kaleidoscopes, dominoes and other forgotten pastimes.

For information, call 434-4791.

Thacher Park offers snowmobile class

Young snowmobilers between the ages of 10 and 18 can learn safe operating skills at a free training program offered by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Successful participants in the course will receive a snowmobile safety certificate, a legal requirement for operators under the age of 18 to ride alone.

A session is scheduled for Jan. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at John Boyd Thacher State Park.

For information, call Mike Vincent at 827-6111.

Tri-Village Squares to host dance

Tri-Village Squares will hold a square and round dance on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Bethlehem town hall in Delmar.

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Four Corners merchants plan holiday open house

By Joseph A. Phillips

A Christmas tree — a 15-foot blue spruce donated by a Glenmont man — has gone up at the intersection of Delaware and Kenwood avenues, storefronts are being decorated and merchants at Delmar's Four Corners are jointly planning a holiday open house this Sunday, Dec. 12, to celebrate the yuletide and attract Christmas shoppers back to the town's historic center.

"We want to have people re-

We want to have people remember the Four Corners the way it was 30, 40, 50 years ago.

Marty DeLaney

house that will be the grand prize. Participating merchants will also collect nonperishable food items to be donated to the food pantry.

"Everything is free except raffle tickets and pictures with Santa," DeLaney said.

Proceeds of those will go toward a newly-established account set up by the merchant group to help beautify the district, including the eventual purchase of seasonal decorative banners for the streets.

The holiday street festival was the brainchild of

Carol Bolduc of Keystone Builders, who leads the Four Corners Merchants Group; Chris McCarroll of McCarroll's Market; Tom Marino of Le Shoppe; and Ann Stewart, proprietor of Sea Waves.

"They dreamed this up months ago as a way to bring the merchants together to decorate, celebrate, and do things we don't usually do together," said DeLaney. "We've made a lot of effort to clean up and put in plantings in the area. We were thinking, now that we've got this area cleaned up, how can we get people to come and take a look?"

Promotional advertising for the event, running in local newspapers this week, will "remind our residents — and we're advertising as well in the city of Albany and Ravena and the Hilltowns — of what's there in the Four Corners," DeLaney said.

If the event proves successful, other such promotions during other seasons of the year "have definitely been considered," she said.

The promotional event is part of an ongoing effort by the merchants' group that includes a proposal to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) centered on the Delaware Avenue corridor.

"We've been successful getting this group to work together on this, and now we can expand on it," DeLaney said.

The BID proposal, presented in October before the Bethlehem town board, is "obviously still in limbo," DeLaney said. "It's neither dead nor moving rapidly forward. I think it'll be resurrected once we get this Four Corners promotional effort up and running."

"I think there's a lot of merchants in the 2-mile Delaware corridor who can't see yet how a BID can help them with things like fund-raising to obtain matching grants and the like," she said.

"All of this needs to be explained. That's why the merchants working together like this is so important. You get one on the bandwagon, and then another comes on, and more will follow. Until you see this happening, it's hard to imagine that this can happen," DeLaney added.



DeLaney

Natural decor



Scouts Becky Gamarra, left, and Alexandria Driscoll of Brownie Troop 157 enjoy hanging treats for the birds at Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center.

Roberta Baum

BC bond vote scheduled Tuesday

By Heather Brockbank

Bethlehem Central School District residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, Dec. 14, to vote on a \$3,743,800 bond proposal.

If voters approve the 10-year bond, the district will add six new classrooms to the high school, enhance technology, upgrade athletic facilities and improve handicapped accessibility at the high school.

"We need the six new classrooms at the high school for a couple of reasons, one is to deal with the increasing enrollment; the other is to provide for the demands which the Regents for All requirements raise," said school Superintendent Les Loomis.

Enrollment at the high school has increased by one-third over the past five years. At the same time, the state is requiring students to pass additional exams in order to graduate.

"That means that we need to add new courses, new programs of support, and in order to do that, it takes additional classroom space," Loomis said.

To further integrate technology into the classroom, the bond will fund an ongoing computer replacement plan so that no computer in the district is more than eight years old, Loomis said. The bond will also provide mobile learning labs with 32 laptop computers each for the elementary schools, a television studio at the middle school and a "virtual" learning center at the high school.

Athletic facilities will also be improved at the high school. The proposal includes a fitness center, new track, 10 tennis courts and converting the football field to an all-sports field. And, adding an elevator to the lower gym.

"We are installing an elevator at the high school so that the lower gymnasium, our largest public gathering place, will be handicapped accessible," Loomis said.

About \$1.6 million of the total bond will be funded by taxpayers over a 10-year period, Loomis said. The other estimated \$2.1 million will be financed by the state.

Bethlehem taxpayers can expect a maximum tax impact of about 12 cents per \$1,000 of their assessed property value. For the average homeowner in Bethlehem, with a house valued at

\$130,000, the annual tax impact would be about \$15.60.

To offset the tax impact on residents, the district is considering a "pouring rights" contract to generate funds for the bond issue. With such a contract, the district would agree to sell the products of a certain beverage company in exchange for funds. This could cut the tax rate to 9 cents per \$1,000.

"If we entered into a contract with a company like Coke or Pepsi to provide all those beverages, there would be no increase in commercial activity or advertising, but we would get substantial revenue," Loomis said.

The timing of the bond issue is advantageous for both the district and taxpayers, Loomis said, because the state will contribute an additional 10 percent on all projects approved before July 1. Also, a previous \$850,000 technology bond issue will be retired in August, so residents will see a minimal increase in their tax bills.

Loomis acknowledged the efforts of parents and community members who have worked to advance the bond issue. He recognized the help of two community members in attendance — John Dalton, vice president of the district's athletic association, and Bill Youngs, a leading track proponent.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central

Middle School. All district residents 18 years and older may vote.

In other business, district science supervisor Bruce Tulloch informed the board of the high school's success in pilot testing new biology curriculum for the state. Students now take a course entitled "Living Environment" that emphasizes scientific reasoning and problem solving.

Last year, the high school was one of about 100 schools in the state to test the new core curriculum and administer the new Living Environments Regents Exam. On the 1999 exams, 99 percent of the high school students passed, and 66 percent of the students achieved 85 percent or above.

"Spectacular. Splendid," said Tulloch of the student's success. "I attribute the hard work of the biology faculty who really made it happen."

Next year, the state will require all schools to use the new curriculum and exam, Tulloch said.

Also at the meeting, board member Richard Svenson commended the district's music program for its showing at the New York State Music Association All-State Conference at Eastman School of Music in Rochester. Twelve district students were selected to participate and two of them performed solos: Laura Puzio with the mixed chorus and Ted Laird with the symphonic band.

Bethlehem gets high marks for seat belt compliance

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem police participated in the recent Buckle Up New York statewide seat belt enforcement effort with four stationary check points set up during the 10-day period of the campaign that ended Thanksgiving weekend.

The results? "Actually, they weren't very fruitful, because we have such a high compliance rate here," said Lt. Timothy Beebe.

Independent surveys conducted in the past by Albany County, he said, have shown that motorists travelling through Bethlehem have an 85 percent compliance rate with the state seatbelt law — a statistic backed

up by the number of tickets written during the target period.

Of 125 traffic citations issued by Bethlehem police during the sweep, only 40 were for failure to use a seat belt, despite the intensified effort. Though not producing a bumper crop of tickets, the campaign, Beebe said, succeeded where it counted — in educating motorists about the need for compliance.

"That was the primary focus of this effort," Beebe said. "We targeted this time of year because Thanksgiving is the highest-traffic time of year, and corresponds to the highest rates of accidents and injury on the roadways."

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Choosing just the right card kicks off Christmas season

By Katherine McCarthy

It's that most wonderful time of the year again.

Our friends celebrating Hanukkah are close to having survived the double whammy of Thanksgiving and a religious, child-oriented holiday so close together. But woe to the rest of us, furiously hanging icicle lights in the recent spate of balmy weather and wondering if local supermarkets will offer free Christmas turkeys like they did at Thanksgiving.

More immediate, though, is that first big step toward Christmas: cards. The first ones have arrived already, from Lands End, the newspaper carrier and the most organized of friends.

Cards are the second frenzy at

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our house, right after persuading the children that the talking Christmas tree would really be better in their room than the living room. Cards offer the opportunity for so much decision making. Photo cards or Hallmark cards? Hallmark cards or Kmart cards? If we choose boxed cards, do we want deer grazing in the snow, a warmly lit house, Magi at the Christ Child's manger, or cute little mice jumping on their par-

ents' bed to wake them on Christmas morning?

Since our boys are still gorgeous in our eyes, we go with photo cards. So we're back to hunting through the photo box — and wait, there's still one bunch of pictures in the car for some reason — to find a good one for this year's card. Which will it be? The best photo of the year, even if bathing suits don't look especially Christmasy, or something from last Christmas?

In years with late autumn snowstorms, an accompanying flurry of parental picture-taking might capture the spirit of the season — provided, of course, that a whole roll of film yields just one shot where both children have their eyes open and nobody's making a funny face or putting a sibling into a headlock.

When you do find the photo just dying to be turned into a card, you then have to pick a greeting. Do you choose a blatant "Merry Christmas," or the ecumenical "Happy Holidays?"

"Ah, shoot, just take Feliz Navidad," is always Chris's suggestion, but every year we go with the fervent wish of "Peace On Earth" instead.

Finally, it's time to write them. It always starts out great, kids in bed, carols on the stereo, a bayberry candle burning, nutmeg-spiced eggnog to drink and a brand new fine-point felt-tipped pen for maximum efficiency on

the glossy card. The notes start out chatty and warm as I think fondly of friends now scattered to the four corners of the world.

This is great till about the "M"s, when a sleeping child cries out, the sound of "ER" from the TV room distracts me from "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," I start to doze slightly, or I just can't think of yet another clever way to say that the children are doing well and I hope the blessings of the season stay with us throughout the New Year.

Last year I started with the "Z"s in my address book, so the people who usually get the "All's great here, hope you're well too" notes would get a more insightful message.

But I love writing Christmas cards, almost as much as I love getting them. Some people complain that they only hear from their friends and relatives at Christmas. It's a miracle to me that in our busy lives, we find the time to write cards at all.

That annual card keeps me connected to people who used to be part of my life, most of them on a daily basis. A note from a college friend reminds me of days when our "stress" was easily balanced by a bowl of popcorn and three good friends.

Hearing from the mothers I first knew when my children were small reminds me of all the hope and promise our children hold, and how we struggled to redefine

ourselves as mothers. And, cards from friends and neighbors keep the richness of our current life foremost in my mind.

I love seeing pictures of everyone's children, and the way they grow and change each year. I love getting those Xeroxed letters; how great that someone took the time to sit down and write about everything that happened in their lives in the past year. I don't find them impersonal; in an era of instant messaging, by phone, cell phone or e-mail, I'm glad for a long newsy letter I can hold in my hand and linger over.

Sometimes the news in the Christmas cards makes me pick up the phone and call the sender: a new baby on the way, how great; the sorrow I feel at the death of a loved one; how did your children grow so big?

Those cards keep us all connected, one to the other, and to our common past. We may not talk on the phone that often, and it may have been years since we've seen each other, but on this long road with its many turns, I'm sure that someday, somewhere, we'll see each other again. The cards and photos will help us recognize each other.

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Police report 2 accidents on Delaware Avenue

By Joseph A. Phillips

A traffic accident on the morning of Friday, Dec. 3, near Delaware Plaza in Elsmere resulted in injuries to a 2-year-old girl — and a second accident less than a half hour later.

The first accident occurred at approximately 10:40 a.m., when a vehicle westbound on Delaware Avenue, driven by Paul W. Papp, 85, of 53 Euclid Ave., collided with a second driven by Cheryl M. Reilly, 37, of 103 Meadowland St. Delmar, as Reilly's vehicle attempted to make a left turn from Snowden Ave.

According to police, Reilly said she did not see the approaching vehicle when she entered traffic.

Two of Reilly's children were in the car with her. Two-year-old Olivia Reilly was transported to Albany Medical Center for treatment of minor facial injuries and subsequently released.

Neither 3-month-old Noelle Reilly nor either driver was injured, and no tickets were issued.

The accident caused traffic to

back up for more than half an hour.

According to police, at about 11:09 a.m., while stopped in traffic on Delaware Avenue just east of the scene, a Central Bakery delivery truck driven by Aricady Verba, 47, of 28 Marriner Ave., Colonie, was struck from the rear by a vehicle driven by Janet C. Schermerhorn, 77, of 41 Orchard St., Delmar.

Schermerhorn was later ticketed leaving the scene of an accident. Verba was not charged.

Quilters to meet at Delmar church

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet Friday, Dec. 10, at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, for a holiday meeting.

Doors open at 9:15 a.m. for social time and a business meeting prior to the program.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For information, call 456-0552.

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Joseph Phillips

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Matters of Opinion

Bethlehem buckles up

Although Bethlehem residents continue to express concerns regarding traffic — usually about people driving too fast on residential streets — there is heartening news in the report of the recent statewide seat belt enforcement effort.

According to police, Bethlehem has an 85 percent seat belt compliance rate — and not just during special enforcement efforts. An 85 percent compliance record is one of the highest in the region.

Editorials

Bethlehem police traffic officers are the real heroes for helping drivers to achieve regular seat belt use. Through a concerted, consistent effort, the traffic police have managed to get the word out — not wearing a seat belt is just cause to be pulled over — and to be ticketed.

Although no one enjoys being stopped for not buckling up, it can be a wake-up call and save a life.

One local woman illustrated this in a letter she wrote to Bethlehem police, after having been stopped for not wearing a belt. Several months later, she was involved in an accident that could have been very serious, except for the fact that she and her children were wearing seat belts — because of the lesson she learned after receiving a traffic ticket.

Holiday safety tips

During the hectic holiday season, when our nerves are too often frazzled by dozens of last minute details, it's important to keep a few home safety tips in mind.

With excited children, guests and kitchen appliances operating nonstop, it's essential to safety-proof your home during the festivities.

During Hanukkah this week and the upcoming Christmas holidays, the Red Cross recommends using common sense to avoid fire and accidents in the home.

Be especially careful with candles — they should be kept away from other decorations and combustible materials. Kids and pets should not be left unattended in a room where there are lighted candles.

It's also important to decorate with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. If guests smoke, make sure ashtrays are large and deep. After the party, check the trash bin for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

If you use lights to decorate the inside and outside of your home, be sure to buy only those labeled by a testing laboratory. Don't overload outlets, and unplug lights before going to bed.

Another important factor is to be sure there are plenty of nonalcoholic beverages for designated drivers attending your party.

Safety concerns should be a No. 1 priority so that holiday celebrations don't turn into disasters.

A daughter finds the perfect gift

By Elizabeth Byrns

The writer is special sections editor for Spotlight Newspapers.

Christmas has always been special around my house. I am one of nine children and my siblings are easy to shop for and so is Mom, and the competition there is not as heated as it is finding presents for Dad.

Each year we try to outdo ourselves buying Dad a gift he might like — just the right book or a tie. Years ago, it was easier. We

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sculpted bizarre cats or dogs for him and scribbled a loving message on a handmade card.

One favorite card, which is now part of family folklore, was mine from second grade that read "Dad you are the beast!" I am sure my teacher Mrs. Santoli is still laughing about that one.

For the last few years, however, I have been trying to give my father a gift more valuable than anything store-bought or even homemade — the gift of time.

It began when the last of those nine children was busy with her senior year in high school and I thought Dad might need some company. I also had an ulterior motive. At the time I was engaged and wanted my future husband to know whom he was expected to emulate.

My father is one of the last true gentlemen. I spent 30 years believing the man I would marry, would, like my father, have reflex actions that included opening doors for ladies and helping them with their coats. I knew I couldn't marry anyone who didn't appreciate a lengthy discussion about politics, religion and the local news.

Luckily, the two men got along swimmingly and even talked about subjects my Dad knew wouldn't interest me.

It wasn't long before I realized



The writer's father Richard Dowd.

that the conversations I didn't want to hear imparted wisdom gained in 35 years of being married to a woman so like me. And I knew I was getting the better end of the bargain when, for the first time in his life, my soon-to-be husband opened the car door for me with a smile one evening.

The afternoon meetings with Dad continued after I was married. My husband and I began going over to my parents' house on Sundays after church. The three of us would eat a big brunch and go to the bookstore.

Sometimes, while my husband was off looking for the latest book on the Battle at Hurtgen Forest or some Martin Gilbert history of World War II, my Dad and I would sit and have coffee and talk about Mom and how, sometimes, marriage is not what you expect, but most times, much more than you could ever have imagined.

I would ask him how he dealt with the disappointments, and if he thought, as I sometimes did, that sharing everything was both a blessing and a fierce daily battle.

He would laugh and say the first two years are rough, but after that, the waters begin to smooth out.

These days when we go to the bookstore or brunch, we have a 15-month-old interloper: my daughter Madeleine. Sometimes she demands all the attention, and often interrupts us in the middle of a conversation.

When we do get a chance to sit,

we talk almost exclusively about how he managed work, a marriage and nine children. I ask him how he could spread his love so generously and thickly and make it appear easy, and he replies that my mother did most of the work.

But I remember a man in a trench coat and hat meeting me in the hallway at school many times with a lunch I had left on the counter. I remember a man who never took a vacation.

And, I remember a man asleep on the couch every Friday and Saturday night to make sure his rebellious daughter was home safe.

So here it is again, Christmas, and I won't be giving my dad a tie, or a book, or a sculpture. Instead, I think I'll see if he wants to go to the bookstore. Although, by now I know it is more a present for myself than for him. But I won't tell him that. Then I would actually have to get him something.

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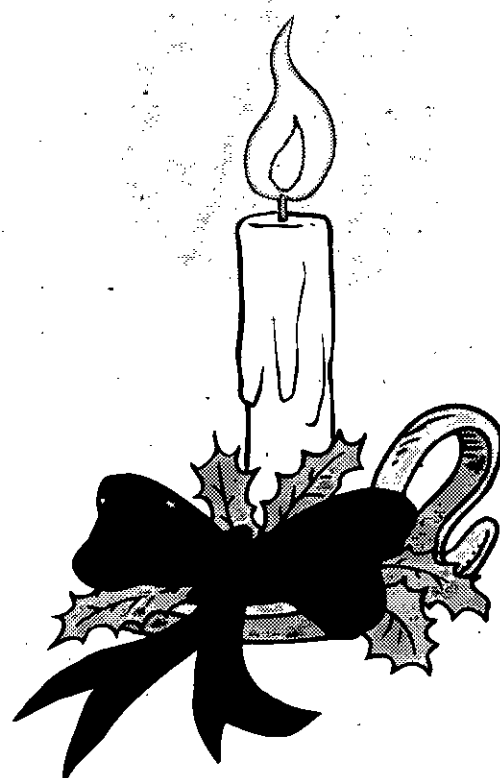
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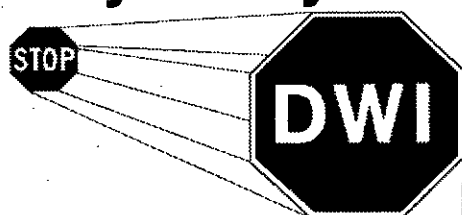
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Matters of Opinion

BC bond issue should be reviewed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Central School District has provided residents and voters with a special bond issue mailing describing their perspective on the upcoming \$3,743,800 bond vote. Two components of this bond issue are disturbing and merit special attention based on the amount of money requested and the contents of this mailing.

The first item concerns the inclusion of money requested for new tennis courts. Among all the items included in the bond issue, the new tennis court element is conspicuous by the absence of any explanation for the need to spend money for new tennis courts.

Why are we taxpayers being asked to "buy" 10 new tennis courts? The lack of clear and specific discussion of tennis court need, compared to the detail provided for the other components of the bond issue, is puzzling to say the least.

The second item concerns the district's "answer" to the question

on page 3, "If the bond proposal is approved by voters, will all of the cost be borne by district taxpayers?" The response provided by the district is "No" since state aid is available. Now it is true that district taxpayers will not pay all of the cost, but the remainder of the needed money is being funded by state taxpayers.

The last time I looked, Bethlehem was still part of New York State which means that Bethlehem taxpayers are still paying part of the state component too. It is not free money as might be implied from the form of this question and answer.

The approach of the district in reference to these two items might suggest that district voters and taxpayers are viewed as an endless pot of money to be tapped at will. Certainly, a prudent review of the bond issue is in order prior to casting a vote.

Last, I applaud and support Superintendent Loomis' recommendation to discuss "the financial reality we face, and the need

to limit residential development and welcome appropriate commercial development to the district."

Floyd M. Henderson
Delmar

Bond issue not balanced

Editor, The Spotlight:

Voters in Bethlehem will be asked to approve a \$3,743,800 bond on Dec. 14. I believe that it should not be approved because of major imbalances in spending.

Two-thirds of the total is slated for direct improvements to education, but almost one-third is simply for athletic facilities. This one third includes one million dollars for a track and tennis courts and improvements to the football fields and \$80,000 for a fitness center.

I would have no problem with a bond issue devoted to academic facilities, but I do not believe it is in the best interests of town taxpayers who will pay an additional \$180 each year (on a house valued at 150,000), one third of which is for athletic facilities.

It would be best if a revised budget were submitted by the school board. That budget should be divided into educational and athletic categories. Separate votes should be given in each category to allow voters to decide how they want to spend tax dollars.

Ronald Berger
Delmar

Pouring rights should be fizzled out of bond vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

While I support the upcoming Bethlehem Central bond vote on Dec. 14, the thought of revenue from a "pouring rights" contract offsetting our tax burden concerns me. The school district administration indicates the exclusive contract is worth \$600,000 over 10 years, or \$60,000 per year.

This money is not philanthropic in nature nor educational in scope, nor a gift. The soft drink company offering this money, in my opinion, is interested in nothing more than selling its product in and around our schools, maximizing profit and advertising to a captive audience — our children.

The school district projects that average taxpaying households will see an annual tax increase of \$15.60 for the life of the bond debt. By allowing the beverage company exclusive rights to sell its drinks on school property for the next decade, the number and perhaps the actual size of its vending machines will most likely increase.

The consumption of unhealthy beverages (Fruitopia contains only about 5 percent juice) would most likely increase. Children's exposure to the beverage company's advertising on strategically placed vending machines in and out of school would definitely increase. By allowing this intrusion, the average taxpaying household saves \$3.90 per year.

Yes, our youth already see advertisements practically every moment of their waking day. Is it

worth increasing their exposure to advertising in our schools (which ought to be free from commercial influences)?

Yes, our youth most likely have already identified with a particular brand of soda and consume it regularly. Why allow such product promotion in the hallways and athletic areas of our schools to further tighten one corporation's grip on the youth market?

Both the high school and the middle school have decided wisely not to make soft drinks available to their students. Yes, the money is tempting and needed in the district. Why sell our students who are a captive audience?

Yes, \$600,000 is a large sum of money. Why sign the contract if it will only increase the consumption of their product, increase their sales, increase their profits and turn \$60,000 a year into a shift of tax burden from a household to the pockets of students who, through their purchases, will be responsible for higher sales figures and the company's return on its investment.

Many schools across the country and in the Capital District have already agreed to lucrative deals with soft drink companies — but not all schools. Recently, Scotia-Glenville schools refused to sign such a contract. Mechanicville and Amsterdam schools also said no to similar deals.

I urge voters to approve the bond proposal. We need to support our schools and update our facilities. We've done it before, as recently as 1995. We'll probably do it again. I suggest we support our own schools with our own money, not with the constraints, influence and attached strings of corporate dollars.

Jeff Brown
Delmar

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Voters should say no to school bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to encourage residents of the Bethlehem Central School District to vote no on the bond issue on Dec. 14. In view of the potential impact of the sale of NiMo's Albany Steam Station on the school district's and town's tax base, I believe that it would be imprudent to authorize any increase in taxes and spending at this time. The bond issue should instead be brought to a vote after we know the sale's financial implications for our tax base.

According to an Oct. 21 article in the *Times Union*, the Bethlehem School District could lose \$4.1 million in taxes and the town of Bethlehem could lose \$1.1 million in taxes as the result of the sale of the Glenmont plant to PSEG Power of New Jersey.

These amounts represent almost 10 percent of the school district budget and almost 5 percent of the town's budget (and even greater shares of their revenues from local property taxes). If this important source of revenue for the district and town were to disappear, some combination of tax

increases and budget cuts would be inevitable.

Already, our homes and businesses in Bethlehem are taxed at a rate much higher than both the national and Capital District average due to our relatively small commercial base and relatively large budgetary expenditures. Given our high tax status and potentially higher taxes ahead due to the plant sale, it doesn't make sense to put our investments in our homes and businesses at risk even more. We should not authorize an increase in spending that can be postponed until a later date.

I understand that the sale of the plant has not yet been approved and that, due to the possibility of the plant being upgraded, the impact on our tax base may not be so negative even if it is approved.

However, as nothing is definite at this point and as the very real possibility of our tax base decreasing significantly still exists, I believe that residents should vote this particular bond issue down in the interest of fiscal responsibility. If the school board has a compelling reason why this bond issue must be approved now, and not at a future date when more will be known about the impact of the plant's sale, I would be very interested in hearing it.

Jay Buhr
Glenmont

Family says thank you for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

A heartfelt thank you to the town of Bethlehem. I want to say thank you to everyone in the town for all the caring and support from everyone when I tragically lost my 18-month-old daughter Tabitha Marie Deming.

I would especially like to thank Delmar Ambulance Squad members and paramedics for their immediate response to our call.

In addition, I want to thank Applebee's Funeral Home for its generosity during this time, and Bethlehem Cemetery.

Thank you to everyone who came by or sent their prayers. I realize that there are many more people who deserve thanks, but it would take the entire *Spotlight* to do so.

Thanks to everyone.

Patricia M. Erno & family
Glenmont

Five Rivers Limited says thanks

Editor, the Spotlight:

Five Rivers Limited is a non-profit citizens group which supports and compliments state Department of Environmental Conservation programs at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

Five River Limited is supported by a strong membership, donations and fund-raising activities such as the annual birdseed sale.

But this letter of appreciation is not about Five Rivers or FRL; it is about the more than 60 people who helped lift and load 55,000 pounds (that's one and a half trailer loads) of birdseed and who fed the volunteers on Oct. 16 and 23.

Among the volunteers were dedicated FRL board members, general members, Girl Scouts, students from BCHS Participation in Government class, Saint Rose students from an environmental ethics class and students from St. Thomas School, all working toward the goal of a successful fundraiser. This dedicated mix of volunteers provides the living, working definition of community service and teamwork. We all had fun and accomplished our goal.

FRL is proud and thankful that the volunteers felt our cause was important enough to give up a beautiful fall day to lift and load bags of birdseed into your cars and trucks.

While each volunteer will receive our personal thanks, they also deserve public recognition for their contribution. Also, if you are a friend, parent, teacher or a

leader of any of these volunteers, you are also entitled to a bit of special pride in that person or group.

Thanks to those of you who bought birdseed, and thanks to the volunteers who made this year's sale a success. We hope to see you all next year at the sale, and throughout the year at Five

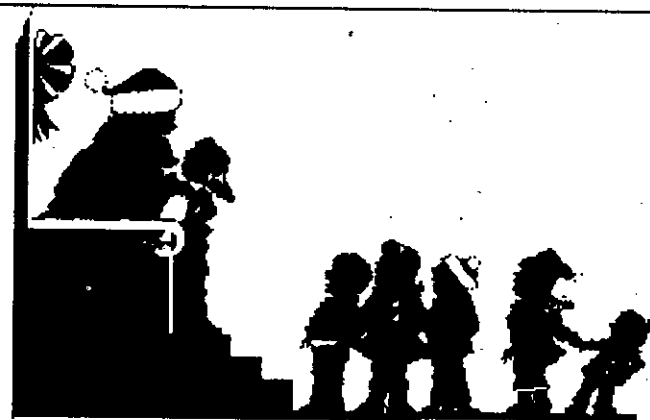
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John Smolinsky

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How will town balance 2000 budget?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank both reader Susan Redmond and the town supervisor for their Oct. 20 comments clarifying that the bottom line for the "average" \$130,000 property owner's year 2000 tax bill in Bethlehem will in fact be a raise in total property taxes.

After reading the portion of the "Letters policy" of *The Spotlight* which deals with accuracy, and then remembering that my parents (both enrolled Albany County Republicans) always told me to apologize to the same forum if I made a mistake; it was a mistake, not scare tactics.

Having had a copy of the current town budget for months and coupled with watching the town's board meetings on Channel 31, I have a fair level of familiarity about how the town's money is being spent.

But, there are three scary things about the total taxes homeowners and businesses in the town will be paying.

Money (\$950,000) was "borrowed" from a reserve fund to balance this year's town's highway fund. Additional money (\$1,100,000) is proposed to be

"borrowed" from reserves to balance the town's year 2000 general fund.

But, more important, the 2000 budget does not take into consideration the possible loss in the town's revenue of about \$1,144,250 if the new owners of the Niagara Mohawk Steam Generating Plant get their assessment reduced downward some 82 percent.

Bethlehem school district taxpayers should be prepared for a possible 15 percent loss in revenue for the school district.

Let's see — how will the town balance our next budget if the three above items get summed together for an approximate \$3.2 million hole?

I think that accounts for an approximate 15 percent shortfall for our next budget year.

My guess is it will mean another tax increase, up to three figures (double digit percentages) for the next year of the new decade.

Those of us in the town of Bethlehem are lucky that we are in fact a part of Albany County Democratic leadership of County Executive Michael Breslin. This

year's (1999) county tax decrease has helped offset the increase of our town's — so thanks to Mr. Breslin and the county Legislature's Democrat majority.

In the year 2000 the town of Bethlehem will increase its number of Democratic Party legislators to four of its six allocated (Commisso, Dawson, McCoy and Reilly); as the voters said enough was enough.

I want to thank the Bethlehem voters for uniting this past Election Day, especially those in the 28th District (southern Glenmont and eastern Selkirk all the way to the Coeyman's line — east of the Thruway).

It was time for a change: thank you to those who elected Dan Plummer and supported George Harder and Tony Cornell on Election Day.

I had the opportunity to visit all of the district's residences/businesses and enjoyed knocking on nearly 300 doors.

Thanks for the warm reception, but most important, for your resounding voter turnout and support.

Howard A. Shafer

Committeeman 28th District

Expectant couple are right on nutrition facts

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations to Jennifer and Jason Miller on the pending birth of their first baby. Jason's story, "Thoughts from a first-time father-to-be," was charming. It was gratifying that Jason mentioned how seriously the couple regard good nutrition, and that they know about the importance of folic acid for the development of their unborn child.

The Center for Disease Control and the March of Dimes recommend that all women of child bearing age take 400 micrograms of B vitamin/folic acid every day through a daily multivitamin. In addition to the vitamin pill, the March of Dimes advocates a diet rich in folic acid (fortified breakfast cereals such as Total, orange juice and leafy green vegetables).

As Jason and Jennifer know, timing — getting enough B vitamin/folic acid before conception — is a crucially important aspect of the folic acid story.

For the health and well-being of the baby, it is very important to think of B vitamin/folic acid and a healthy diet habit as important pre-prenatal activities, part of the daily routine to be established months or even years before becoming pregnant.

Best wishes to Jennifer and Jason on the birth of their first baby. And many thanks for letting more people know the important role folic acid plays in having healthy babies.

Patricia Leece

Northeastern New York Chapter
March of Dimes

RCS library bolsters ed program

Editor, The Spotlight:

The trustees and staff of RCS Community Library agree that expansion of the school libraries is essential to improving the district's educational program.

School libraries specialize in materials directly related to the curriculum. School librarians (school media specialists) teach students how to use libraries effectively.

We hope that students, parents and teachers also are aware of the growing resources at this local public library: four public computers, Internet access, on-line databases, the reference book collection and the public library catalog.

The RCS Community Library staff works with students every day. We are always ready to work with teachers.

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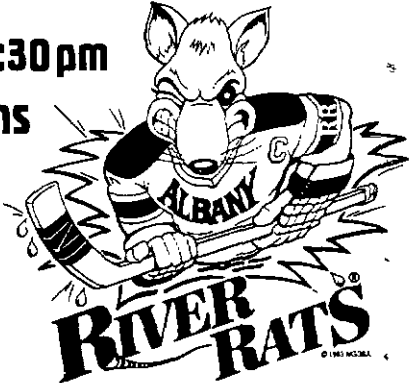
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Matters of Opinion

Artist thinks library should shape up exhibit policy

Editor, The Spotlight:

In 1997, I applied to exhibit my art at Bethlehem Public Library. A small space was readily available, but for a larger display, a three-year wait was necessary. However, either by design or accident my current exhibit was restricted to the smaller space even though the person co-exhibiting had applied much later than my request.

Both the current curator Teresa Broderick and her supervisor Sherry Haluska would not allow me to know when the co-exhibitor had applied, nor would they provide his or her name. As many artists seek to reduce costs by sharing publicity, this was a secret not to be known until released by the library's public relations department.

Indeed, Ms. Broderick welcomed the possible forfeiture of an exhibit, as there were many awaiting an opportunity to exhibit from her local area.

This seemingly parochial view bothered me, and discussion with other artists in the area confirmed my suspicions.

Moreover, in discussion with Ms. Haluska, it was learned that difficulties were experienced with exhibits and Ms. Broderick was newly hired to essentially avoid past mishaps. All public relations work was to be accomplished through her. To date, Ms. Broderick has provided no copy nor plan of any public relations effort.

Finally, on Dec. 1 while hanging my exhibit of 12 paintings in the hall beyond the inner entrance to Bethlehem Public Library, I was asked to present a list of painting titles with prices.

My exhibit, entitled "Memory Traces" consists of experimental images which help construct and blur memories through color and shape combinations.

Along with titles and prices, I included a short statement for each painting to provide an educational reference to how these paintings evolved. After running off 50 copies, I was told by Ms. Broderick that this was not allowed.

Besides being a restriction of my speech, explaining what one

is trying to say in his art, it seems to me that this was also a misguided and sterile approach of a public library's role.

Having known a number of Delmar residents in my three decades of residence in the area, this did not appear in line with their thinking.

Ironically, the library has a Christmas tree with bright white lights on display which almost mesmerizes patrons until they proceed to the inner entrance.

Fortunately, they are then confronted with my colorful paintings. I truly believe this tree has eliminated any advantage the current co-exhibitor has with the 30-plus images she has on exhibit.

Unfortunately, the library's current policy will not enable its patrons to know that the colorful wrapping of a painting with the words "Life Slayers" is titled "Diabetes," the painting with a likeness of President Lincoln is titled "Clinton's Nemesis," or that a painting with a likeness of Jacquelyn Kennedy is titled "Rose or Jackie," suggesting that Presi-

dent John Kennedy's memory trace extended to the selection of a mate who looked like his mother. Nor will they be able to wonder why an artist would depict a Christmas tree in orange and a bevy of warm summer colors, or why a colorful dynamic painting is titled "Freudian Egos on a Lewin Field."

Fortunately, Delmar residents may be able to secure some insights into creativity of visual imagery through the news media.

After 64 years of experience, I believe I have some valuable knowledge to share in exposing the relationships of images to titles, but the parochialism of current library leadership is pervasive, and regretted by many of the staff as well.

Having exhibited paintings in Colonie, Guilderland, Albany and Voorheesville public libraries without incident, this Bethlehem experience has already been most educational.

Chris Apostle
Newtonville

Thanks due to workshop facilitators

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Networks Project recently sponsored a series of EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) Workshops for parents of young children.

I would like to thank Maureen Crucetti and Barbara Hoffman for facilitating these workshops.

Maureen and Barbara are dedicated volunteers who were trained to provide support to parents by empowering them through group activities and discussions of parenting concerns and techniques.

We appreciate and value the many hours they worked to help other parents.

Thank you to First United Methodist Church for allowing us to hold the workshops in their building.

Any parents who want to take advantage of other workshops can call 439-7740 for information.

Mona Prenoveau
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Students in grades one to three at A.W. Becker School will present a holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the senior high auditorium.

Fourth-graders at Becker will present a choral concert on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.

School bond vote today

The vote on the school bond is today, Dec. 8.

RCS voters will be going to the polls to vote on infrastructure repairs on all four school buildings, new science facilities, an improved library, a swimming pool for both student and community use, athletic facilities and overall improvements to school facilities.

Due to a special opportunity, 78 percent of the construction cost will be paid for by state aid.

Bell choir to perform for women's club

A bell choir will entertain members of the Coeymans-Ravena Women's Club at its holiday meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Congregational Christian Church in Ravena.

Library to host origami workshop

RCS Community Library is offering an origami workshop on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Participants will learn to fold paper into stars for holiday decorations. The workshop is open to both adults and children, and materials will be provided.

To register, call the library at 756-2053.

Becker PTA schedules meeting

Becker School's PTA will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the school. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Time to register for travel soccer

Registration for travel youth soccer is on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at RCS Middle School.

Historical association plans Victorian open house

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

In conjunction with this event, Ravena-Coeymans Historical Association is planning a Victorian open house.

The historical society is look-

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756-3520



ing for volunteers to help decorate the museum as well as for members to lend antique toys for the event.

The society's next meeting is on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Riverfront park to host caroling

Come on down to Cornell Park in the riverfront hamlet of New Baltimore on Friday, Dec. 10, starting at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of old-fashioned caroling.

There will be singing, hot chocolate and a bonfire.

For information, call Eileen Vosburgh at 756-8113.

Majestic Farm offers cut-your-own trees

Majestic Tree Farm at 185 Pictuay Road in Selkirk has wagon rides and cut-your-own Christmas trees (with saws provided by the farm). Cookies and cider are served on weekends.

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Riding center memorializes horse

Albany Therapeutic Riding Center located at 182 Martin Road in Voorheesville will dedicate a plaque in memory of therapy horse Tammy Lee on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m.

The horse died in October.

Past and present riders, volunteers and supporters are invited to attend.

Donations to the riding center in Tammy Lee's name are welcome, and will be accepted at the dedication. For information, call 731-8625.

Library to host toddler program

Bethlehem Public Library's next gathering of Library Babies is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m.

The hour-long session will provide an early social gathering opportunity for the library's smallest patrons — babies between the ages of 15 and 21 months — as well as their parents or caregivers.

Storytelling is followed by play, and toys, books and puzzles are provided. To register, call 439-9314.

Five Rivers offers Friday night walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will offer a guided night walk on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The program is free. Participants should dress warmly. For information, call 475-0291.

Elementary musicians to perform at high school

The fifth- and sixth-grade band and chorus will present a concert tonight, Dec. 8, at 7:30 at Clayton A. Bouton Sr./Jr. High School.

The event is free and open to the public.

Kiwanis slate

blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Practice sessions slated for Christmas festival

The 10th annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Singers from area churches and the community are invited to join the community choir.

Practice sessions are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 at the Methodist church.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

PTA schedules meeting

The PTA's next regular meet-

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ing will be on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 in the elementary school library.

Town board to meet tonight

The New Scotland town board will meet tonight, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Fifth-grade chorus to perform at Crossgates

The fifth-grade chorus will perform at Crossgates Mall on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.

The program will include excerpts from holiday favorites.

Park friends set annual meeting date

Friends of Thacher Park and Thompson's Lake Park will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Guilderland Public Library on Western Avenue.

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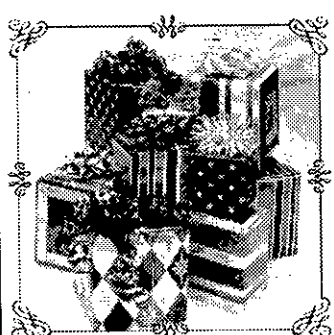
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Tracking Bethlehem town treasures on program agenda for next year

The year 2000 seems a perfect time to begin new ways of doing things. The librarians who plan our programs have taken that idea to heart.

Beginning in January, many of our offerings will be loosely structured around a theme. The first focus for the new year is "Bethlehem Treasures," a series of programs closely connected with the town's civic and cultural life and history.

Check next year's issues of the library newsletter for announcements of concerts, exhibits, antiques, historical sites and, of course, how to read all about it at the library.



The library's youngest patrons — babies 15 to 21 months — are invited with a caregiver to "Library Babies" on Friday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. for an hour of storytelling, songs and play. Toys, board books and puzzles will be available.

Older siblings (age 3 to 6 with adult) can explore a theme through books, media and hands-on projects in "Saturday Storybreak" on Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.

Next Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., youth services' International Holiday Festival features a variety of holiday customs, crafts and foods. Last year's festival brought together many volunteers and families for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Call 439-9314 to register for these programs.

Parents of children enrolled in winter storytimes should remember that story times are canceled when Bethlehem schools are closed or have a delayed opening. Story times can be made up at any

of the family sessions.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 23 to 25, for the Christmas holiday, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, for New Year's.

Louise Grieco

Men's Garden Club plans slide program

Albert Miller will present a slide program on Flower Photography at the Albany Men's Garden Club monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Day's Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The program will focus on the selection process by which more than 300 photographic entries sent in by gardeners/photographers across the United States are narrowed down into 12 photographs for the club's annual calendar.

Guests are welcome. To make a dinner reservation, call Carl Letson at 869-6817 or Joseph Herman at 237-8572.

Athletic Attic holding closing sale

Athletic Attic stores, including the one in Delaware Plaza, are holding liquidation sales.

All footwear and athletic apparel is deeply discounted.

The sale will last until all merchandise has been sold.

Season of celebration marked by story times

"Tis the season to ... Celebrate! is the theme for a special holiday story time on Dec. 14.

Bring light to these dark days with stories and songs, a video, craft and cookies. No sign up is necessary for this program which is being presented at 10 a.m. and

in our galleries must be made directly with the artist.

On Dec. 9, TLC for kids meets at 3:30 p.m. to work on their puppet project. The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet at 7 p.m.

Barbara Vink



Book group to discuss Civil War novel

The Books in the Morning discussion group, sponsored by the Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, continues its program of Friday book discussions with Stephen Crane's Civil War novel *The Red Badge of Courage* on Jan. 7 at Bethlehem town hall.

The group meets from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and is led by Helen Adler.

For information, call 439-9661.

Patient group offers program for children

To Life, a local patient advocacy group, is presenting a free awareness, connection and education program for children ages 4 to 18 who have a parent with cancer.

The program will be led by Nola Royce and Gwen Guillette.

Groups are forming now. For information, call To Life at 439-5975.



Upcoming programs

Library staff will show holiday hosts how to locate just the right party idea today, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. in "Look It Up — Entertaining." The program is an introductory demonstration of the online catalog, Internet and EBSCO magazine database. The program will be repeated at 7 p.m.

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Voorheesville names 1st quarter honor roll students

Voorheesville Central School District recently announced students on the high honor and honor rolls for the first marking period at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

High honor roll is comprised of those students who have earned an average of 90 or better this marking period.

Junior high high honor roll Grade seven

Anat Belasen, Sarah Berte, Lydia Bingham, Jessica Bollentin, Shayne Brundage Minick, Thea Carlson, Shannon Case, Laura Crisafulli, Allison Currier, Jonathan Deane, Todd Dembo, Sara Dimmitt, Amanda Dionne, Jennifer Emerich, Corey Glath, Elizabeth Gyoerkoe, Joseph Handen, Christopher Hensel, Jarrett Hover, Kiana Jannesari, Rachel Kavanaugh, Benjamin Keller, Matthew Kremer, Michael Kremer, Brett LaFave, Adam Lamica, Saskia Layden, Alexander LeClair, Brittany Livingston, Matthew Lombardi, Christine Luerman, Kaitlyn Lyons, Jennifer Lysenko, Megan Maikoff, Lauren Matthews, Jonathan Morse, Robyn Murray, Erin Ozmat, Laura Pasquali, Michelle Pelersi, Rachel Peterson, Jessica Ransbury, Cyrilla Suker, Katherine Winchell, and Ryan Wineinger.

Grade eight

Jenette Axelrod, Brittany Baron, David Berger, Joshua Bevan, Scott Brunt, Brianna Burtman, Jason Bye, Michaela Byrnes, Nicole Colehamer, Chaemee Colfer, Daniel Denn, Sarina Fiero, Matthew Fuglein, Jacinda Hover, Brooke Howard, Victoria Kusel, Eric Kiernan, Anne Liu, Sean Michael, Tyler Nichols, Taylor Osterhout, Andrea Passarelli, Amanda Polsonilli, Stephanie Scaccia, Zephafif Schumacher, Patrick Selby, Kate Thorman, Keri Vanderwarker and Matthew Zimmerman.

Senior high high honor roll Grade nine

Jenica Abram, Kathryn Alpert, Mandi Bareis, Cassandra Cacace, Chase Campbell, Brian Carey, Thomas Cocca, Deborah Dawson, Heather DeCotes, Jamie DiBona, Stephanie Fried, Amanda Frone, Jaimie Giglio, Sarah Goetz, Lynn Hallenbeck, Shelley Hofelich, Kathryn Inglis, Christine Jordan, Brandon Konis, Megan Marczewski, Jamie Masterson, Lindsay McKenna, Sarah Mohan, Rachel Moore, Justine Moreau, Matthew Neri, Catherine Nicholson, Stefan Oehrlein, Jane Pearson, Allison Pofit, Brendon Schlappi, Emily Schultz, Lesley

Stefan, John Sullivan, Matthew Underwood, Stacy Veeder and Matthew Watson.

Grade 10

Nicholas Angileri, David Brown, Conor Bryant, Kara Byron, Anthony Califano, A.J. Cavanagh, Gregory Conklin, Emily Corcione, Christina DeCocinis, Michelle DeLacruz, William Denn, Jessica Faustel, Erica Finkle, Samara Fluster, Nathan Gibson, Jamie Glover, Eileen Griner, Loren Guerriero, Lindsay Halpin, Timothy Hauser, Stephen Hensel, Kimberly Jones, Kimberly Kavanaugh, Travis LaDuke, Heidi Lapham, Nicole Lapham, Michael Lombardi, Jessica Matthews, Lydia Norman, Emily Osterhout, Binky Sayer, William Schlappi, Jennifer Seay, Michael Sullivan, Tennyson Tippy, Rebecca White, Heidi Wiesmaier, Shanna Wiley and Alicia Young.

Grade 11

Collin Adalian, Amy Belasen, Jonathan Berquist, Brittany Burnham, Jesse Bye, Patrick Carey, Maureen Cavanaugh, Stephanie Conklin, Jillian DeGregorio, Leah Demo, Nicholas Freeman, Jessica Fuld, Maria Giglio, Jessica Hover, Matthew Hubert, Amy Lenseth, William Luerman, Adam Lustick, Melissa Maikoff, Danielle Masterson, Nicole McMahon, Marc Meserve, David Okoniewski, Danielle Ruby, Daniel Scher, Cassandra Schultz, Daniel Segal, Brendan Shields, Arone Silverman, Jesse Sommer, Christopher Spina, Amanda Tommell, Stephany Warner and William Zimmerman.

Grade 12

Caitlin Abram, Meredith Bentley, Mollybeth Bradley, Stephen Brunner, James Case, Jamie Cohn, Tobi Erner, Justin Finkle, Paul Gallo, Deborah Greene, Mindy Greene, Joseph Guastella, Matthew Horn, Jeffrey Hover, Christian Jackstadt, Mel-

issa Klapp, Kelly Kurposka, Melissa Long, Aniela Lupien, Jeremy Malloch, Glenn Manss, Margaret McGinty, Joshua McMahon, Joseph Nelson, Alissa Parsons, Susanne Patashnick, Jennifer Reddy, Laura Remmert, Catherine Robichaud, Daniel Samson, Edward Sayer, Rebecca Smolen, Cheyne Suker, Andrew Tanner, Christine Tanner and Kelly Ulion.

Honor roll is comprised of those students who have earned an average of between 85 and 89 this marking period.

Junior high honor roll Grade seven

Jeffrey Abrey, Allison Arico, Michael Ashline, Nicolle Blaisdell, Amanda Bowie, Ashley Bryant, Mark Carson, Crystal Cave, Gregory Delaney, Samantha Dudek, Caitriona Fiero, Melissa Finnessey, Zachary Fluster, Katie George, Elizabeth Gorka, Eric Jones, John Mycek, Christopher Nelson, Brian Neri, Sarah O'Brien, Mary Scardillo, Trea Schumacher, Nicholas Silvano, Evan Sorel, Jessica Thompson and Jessica Turner.

Grade eight

Michael Allen, Kaitlyn Arico, David Bode, Emily Burns, Katherine Clark, Amanda Connors, Kaitlin Conway, Cassie Cramer, Stephanie Disser, Erin Farley, Amber Gravelin, Kristopher Hauser, Gregry Herzog, Michael Lagattuta, Edward Mahar, Jennifer Miller, Brittney Morehouse, Michelle Nadratowski, Matthew Nagy, Meghan Okoniewski, Tyler Oliver, Katherine Partington, Christine Reddy, Ashley Schultz, Robin Sommer, Ilya Starzhevskiy and Justin VanZutphen.

Senior high honor roll Grade nine

Aaron Albright, Laura Bangert, Brad Bentley, Anne Bloomfield, Melissa Brewer, Michael Carter, Francis Catellier, Kathryn Cole,

Meghan Finn, Amy Getz, Adam Hatch, Dana Herchenroder, James Igoe, Rebecca King, Julie Lenseth, Sarah Lifshin, Nicole Mabee, Kathleen McGinty, Tricia Russel, Patrick Ryan, Brandon Segal, Amanda Taylor and Cynthia Traverse.

Grade 10

Benjamin Carr, Jessica Crabill, Joan DeSantis, Amy Dunbar, Katherine Duncan, Brianne Dwyer, Melissa Faustel, Brendan Fidell, James Fish, Jared George, Joseph Gidley, Joamy Herzog, Terrence Kremer, Kevin Massaroni, Suzanne Maynard, Lindsay Menia, Patrick Miller, Rose Mitchell, Kristen Musella, Christin Nadratowski, Casey Pensack, Robert Pillans, Mark Rudd, Rachel Saddlemire, Jayden Shutter, Melissa Throneburg,

Mark Tidd and Alexandra Warren.

Grade 11

Elizabeth Bangert, Elizabeth Bloomfield, Jessica Bogert, Jamie Boyle, Lea Cavalieri, Sean Conway, Matthew Delaney, Caitlin Devine, Christopher DiBlasi, Kristin DuBritz, Jeffrey Frederick, Nicole Halabuda, Blair Klopfer, Katie Lemieux, Christopher McCune, Sarah Ruane and Jill Scherer.

Grade 12

John Cocca, Casey Daigle, Benjamin Dawson, Elizabeth DiDomenico, Amy Fiato, Amanda Gotham, Colin Hargis, Jacquelyn Konis, William Peters, Joshua Pistana, Kristen Portanova, Elizabeth Riede, Jeffrey Rivenburg, Elissa Waltz, Adam Wozniak and Amanda Wuttkie.

BCHS graduate receives Fred L. Emerson scholarship

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Michael Bonenfant, a member of Ithaca College's class of '99, was chosen to receive a Fred L. Emerson Foundation scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Selection was based on a combination of level of need, superior academic performance and significant contributions to the extracurricular life of the college.

The Fred L. Emerson Foundation, which sponsors the scholar-

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Sports

BCHS boys hit floor running in season debut

By Len Tarricone

Employing an up-tempo style from the opening tip to the final horn, the Bethlehem Central High School boys basketball team shook off some early jitters before rocketing past Bishop Gibbons High School for an impressive 79-43 season-opening victory Dec. 3

in the annual Tip-Off Tournament in Delmar.

With his team lacking in interior size, sixth-year coach **Chuck Abba**'s philosophy this season will be to push the ball whenever possible to utilize the Eagles' athleticism and shooting ability. "We want to open it up a little bit,

to get out and beat teams down the floor, and I really think we can do that," he said. "If we're able to get out wide and get good shots, I think we can give people a lot of trouble."

He watched his team give a textbook example of this in the third quarter when they put the pedal to the metal for a 34-point explosion to seize control of the game. After a sloppy first half from which it was fortunate to come away with a 27-19 advantage, Bethlehem caught fire in its transition game, hitting shots from all angles and converting turnovers and rebounds into easy points, with all five starters getting into the act within the first three minutes of the half.

Senior tri-captain **Chuck Abba** got things rolling with a baseline jumper to open the quarter, and forward **Brian Rowan** followed on the next trip with a runner in the lane. After junior forward **Josh Burnett** buried a three-pointer and Abba converted a conventional three-point play off a follow of his own miss, senior guard **Mitch Lane** scored on an easy layup after a steal by Rowan, which prompted Gibbons coach **Herb Crossman** to call a timeout to talk things over. His team had responded to this barrage with only three points of its own, and was now down by 17. It would get worse.

On the ensuing possession, Bethlehem senior center and tri-captain **Brendan Dalton** stole the ball, then ran the floor to convert a miss by Rowan. On subsequent Eagle possessions, Abba drained a bomb from the right side, Burnett hit again from the top of the key, and, on a three-on-one break, Lane, the team's other tri-captain, pulled up to drain a three-point basket from the right side. By this time, the busiest person in the gym was the scoreboard operator. In just over four minutes, Bethlehem had put up 22 points to increase its lead to 49-28 and, for all intents and purposes, put the game out of reach.

"The kids did a good job," said coach Abba. "I thought we were a little tight in the first half, but once we got the nervousness out of our

system, we played the way we are capable of playing. I was really happy."

Early on the Golden Knights stayed close with some nice interior passing that produced five first quarter layups, with forwards **Omani Powell** and **David Heilman** being the main beneficiaries. "On man (to man defense) we weren't moving our feet," said coach Abba, "and we were careless stopping dribble penetration even in our zone."

Bethlehem rallied with a late 9-3 run at the end of the half, spearheaded by three Rowan baskets, to gain the eight point edge at the break. But the opening half was marked by sloppy play on both sides. The Eagles committed five first quarter turnovers, then opened the second quarter by forcing bad shots on their first three possessions. The visitors, meanwhile, were erratic as well, at one point turning it over five times on eight trips down the floor.

Just as the frenetic pace contributed to the amount of miscues, so too did it force coach Abba to go to his bench to keep fresh legs on the floor. Everyone on the Bethlehem roster saw significant minutes in the game. Eleven players in all scored, with eight of them contributing points in the first half when the game was still in doubt.

The younger Abba led the way with a game-high 18 points, 14 coming in the decisive third quarter,

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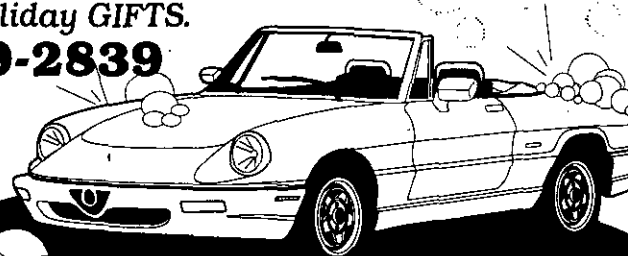
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while Rowan also hit double figures with 12.

"We were all disappointed at half-time, but we came out looking to push the tempo and took it to them in the second half," said the coach's son. "If we improve as the year goes along, I think we have the ability to win a lot of games. If we hit our shots, we can hang with any team."

The program lost two key performers, forward **Ryan Venter** and point guard **Pat Hughes**, from last year's 10-12 group, which was eliminated in the Section II quarterfinals after knocking off then-defending Class A champion Schenectady High School in the opening round.

But with Burnett, the sixth man a year ago, moving into the starting lineup along with Rowan, who also logged valuable time last season, the Eagles look for a smooth transition. Senior **Mike Mooney** is another returning varsity player, and third guard **Foluke Griffin** returns to Bethlehem after spending a year at Bishop Maginn High School, for whom he played varsity ball a year ago.

Juniors **Tyler Ursprung**, **Matt Perazelli**, **Ben Barrowman**, **Nate Turner**, and **Clark Doody** are all up from the Eagles' junior varsity and will be counted upon by coach Abba and his assistant, **Ken Lyons**, to provide solid minutes.

"Although we're going to try to run as much as we can, we realize that against some teams this would not be a good way to play," said Coach Abba. "Hopefully we'll be flexible enough to run when we want to and slow it down and play half-court when we have to play half-court."

As for his expectations for this team? "We don't set goals in terms of wins and losses; I don't do that as a coach," he said. "Our goals

are to play hard every game and try to improve; if we do those things the wins will take care of themselves."

The Eagles met Amsterdam High School in the tourney title game the following night, falling just short in a cliffhanger to the Rams, 47-46. Abba led the way again with 17 points, while Burnett chipped in with 10. The Eagles (1-1) were set to begin league play Dec. 7 at home against seven-foot center **Craig Forth** and the Columbia Blue Devils.

Exceptional Lady Eagles earn honors

Bethlehem Central High School senior varsity field hockey players **Ellen Lowrey** and **Becky Hoghe** were voted by all coaches as Suburban Council and Section II First Team all-stars.

Two other seniors **Kelly Cheeseman** and **Alissa Kind** were named as Second Team all-stars and joined Lowrey and Hoghe in the Exceptional Seniors Game held at Skidmore College.

Travel soccer teams have openings

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Eagles runners have excellent season

By Noah Feit

Running strong all year, the boys varsity cross-country team from Bethlehem Central High School just wrapped up what was one of its best seasons ever. The Eagles fleet-footed team finished the season on a high note, placing ninth out of the top 27 schools in the state, running in the recent Federation Championship meet. This strong finish catapulted the Eagles to the lofty perch of fifth place in final New York, Class A poll of the year.

"We had a really good season, perhaps the best in school history," BCHS head coach **David Banas** said.

The Eagles qualified for the elite Federation Meet with a superb performance throughout the season. An 8-1 dual meet record in Suburban Council races was good enough to clinch Bethlehem's second Gold Division championship in the past three years.

Averaging a 19.7-40 margin of victory, the Eagles got out to a quick start in their head-to-head match-ups against Suburban Council foes with a 24-32 win over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. That victory started an impressive seven dual meet winning streak with triumphs over Shaker High School (19-40), Shenendehowa High School (21-35), Colonie Central High School (16-47), Guilderland Central High School (23-33), Niskayuna High



BCHS cross-country runner Dave Harvey comes down the home stretch at the Albany County Invitational. *Gail Harvey*

School (16-47), and Columbia High School (15-49). The Eagles lone defeat came by the narrowest of margins, as BCHS fell to Saratoga High School (28-27). The Eagles rebounded from the loss nicely as they went on to crush Mohonassen High School (15-50), in the last Suburban Council dual meet of the season.

In other non-league invitationals, BCHS excelled. Posting a 97-17 record in nine of the area and state's most prestigious invitationals garnered the Eagles a great amount of respect amongst their peers. In retrospect, the impressive ninth place finish in the state-

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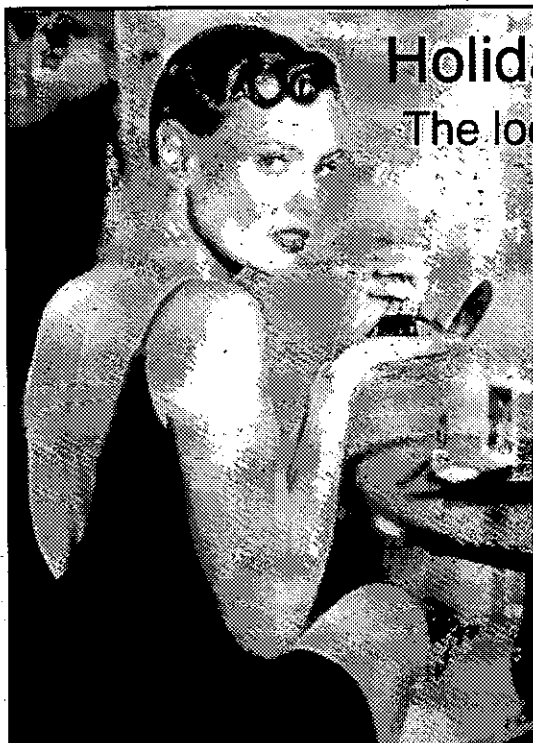
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Runners

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wide Federation championships was BCHS' worst showing in a invitational. As a team, the Eagles finished in second in their first four invitationals that included second out of nine at the Johnstown Invitational, second out of 20 in the Proctor Invitational, second out of 13 at the Grout Invitational and second out of 13 at the Burnt Hill Invitational.

These silver medal showings were, outdone when the BCHS runners captured first place out of five teams in the Cobleskill Invitational. One of the highlight performances of the season came when the Eagles captured their second championship in three years as they took first place out of nine schools in the Albany County Invitational. Finishing fourth out of 10 schools in the Suburban Council Invitational was a bit of a let down, although BCHS quickly regained its stride as it placed third in the 16 school Sectional Invitational. This impressive resumé opened the door for an invitation to the Federation

Meet.

Leading the way for the deep and talented Bethlehem squad, were first team All-County, Suburban Council and Section II all-stars, **Clarke Foley** and **Dan Kohler**. Foley ran in 14 races, with a total distance run of 41.28 miles. With a 5:17.3 pace-per-mile, Foley hit an average speed of 11.35 miles-per-hour. Kohler could have been clocked at 11.02 mph over the 38.18 miles he traveled in 13 races.

Other runners who had great seasons and were key parts of the Eagles success were second team all-county runners **Dave Harvey** and **Alex Voetsch**. **Geoff Decker**, who was a second team all-star in both the Suburban Council and Section II in addition to first team all-county was still another vital cog in the BCHS cross-country machine.

Thrilled with the final outcome of a year of hard work, dedication and burning lungs, Banas has even greater expectations for next season.

"With our top three runners (Foley, Kohler and Decker) returning next year we should be even better."

Soccer team has strong season

The Bethlehem Middle School modified boys soccer team recently ended the season with a 10-1-1 record, one of the best ever in school history.

Coach **Greg Maher** commented on the exceptional season saying, "This year's team struck a nice balance between achievement and team work as they set records for scoring, defense and winning. You never knew who was going to step up and get the job done. What made it exciting was that in each game it seemed to be a different player."

Members of this year's team were:

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Sure shot



Katelyn Berger (23) a junior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville sticks a jumper during a recent Colonial Council match-up against Watervliet High School. Berger scored 29 points for the Blackbirds (1-0) who won the overtime affair 53-39. *Jim Franco*

Physically Speaking



by Nick Valenze, P.T.



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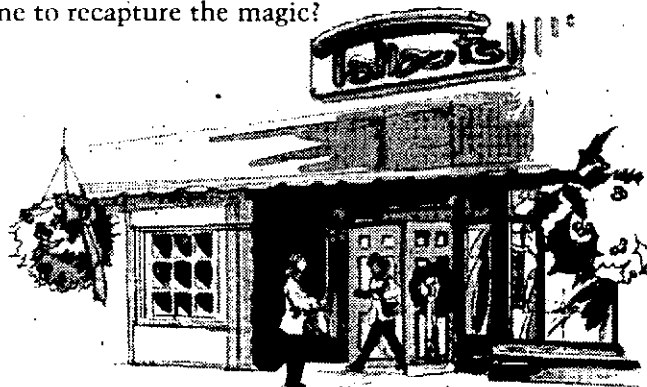


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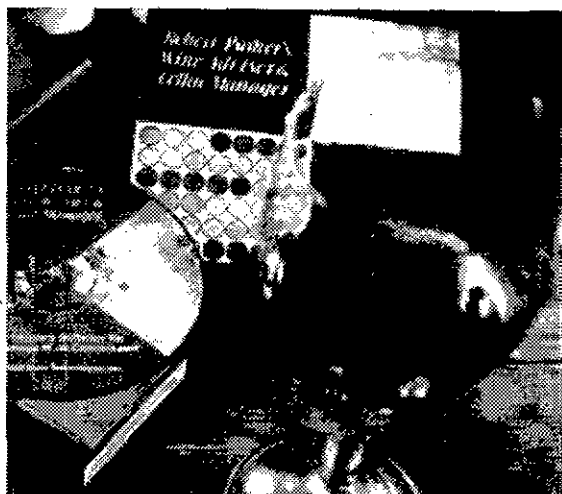
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Perfect holiday gifts for the outdoor enthusiast in your life

By Dick Butler

As technical as winter sports can be, so is the knowledge necessary to buy much of the equipment.

Some purchases are best left up to the individual, unless you know both the person and the sport well.

Your best decision might be to buy gift certificates, lift tickets, or lessons.

Many won't take lessons but with ticket in hand, just need the excuse to get out and use them.

Fortunately there are other gifts and accessories where technical expertise is less important.

A bonus is that many items are good for use in more than just one sport, including snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing or just plain being outside.

The cold keeps many from enjoying winter, though there is little reason not to be warm with the high tech clothing and equipment now available. Look



Snowshoeing is a sport the whole family can enjoy and snowshoe equipment makes for a different holiday gift.

for breathable fabrics and read labels.

Goretex is not the only choice these days. If someone's feet are always cold, a boot

heater kit (about \$120), might be the solution. They can be fitted to most any pair of boots. An extra pair of socks will always be appreciated, especially when last year's unwashed pair has spent all summer in a gear bag.

Hand and foot warmers make great stocking stuffers (less than \$2 each). These thin packets, when placed in gloves or boots, can save the day when it's really cold.

Cotton should be avoided for any winter clothing. It's just not

warm. Silk underwear and silk turtlenecks provide a low friction surface between your skin and the next layer.

The feel, freedom of movement, and warmth of silk is great and it wicks moisture away from the skin. Fleece and polypropylene are great layers also.

Shopping for a skier or snowboarder with problem feet? There's nothing worse than owning boots that hurt. A pair of custom footbeds (insoles), can provide improved distribution of

weight to the soles and sides of boots and can correct for foot irregularities.

A gift certificate for a boot fitting could be just the ticket. Better on snow performance caalso be expected.

A portable weather radio, altimeter watch, digital camera or a set of pocket two way radios, should satisfy most any technical buff.

A Swiss Army knife or one of the many multi-tools on the market, all make fine stocking stuffers. So do ski or snowboard waxes, edge sharpening files, or ski or snowboard locks.

For good health sunscreens and lipbalms are great, as are quality sunglasses or goggles to ptect the eyes and face from harmful UV rays and glare.

High protein bars are handy while riding lifts when the lodge is too busy or the snow just too good to go inside for lunch.

Helmets have become very popular and they are not just for kids anymore.

In addition to providing increased protection, they will also keep your head warmer than a hat.

How about something old that's new? Snowshoeing according to some sources is the fastest growing winter sport. It takes little skill and most outdoor clothing is acceptable for use with them.

Although you can still purchase traditional ones made of hardwood and rawhide, their current popularity is mostly due to new smaller sizes that are light weight, and made of high-tech maintenance free materials. Expect to pay between \$125 and \$300.

For the driver there are compact flashlights, automatic car starters, battery jumper cables, and first aid and road safety kits.

Skiers are always out early and on the go when the weather is the worst. These items can make a difficult situation a bit better and perhaps save a life.

Where can you find all this stuff? Sports specialty stores are your best choice, and they are the most likely to have a competent staff.

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Local health clubs and shops offer holiday alternatives

By Leigh G. Kirtley

How many hours have you spent wandering the malls and pouring over catalogs looking for just the right present? Why not consider a gift for the heart?

Although the decorating, parties and reuniting with friends and family are fun, they are also stressful. Give a gift that shows you care and can help reduce holiday pressure.

"Anybody with stress in their lives, good or bad, is a great candidate for a massage. And that's about 98 percent of us," said Gail Wells, licensed massage therapist and owner of the Delmar Center for Therapeutic Massage.

After 17 years in the business, she has witnessed the benefits of a relaxing massage.

Wells recommends a deep, Swedish massage that focuses on trigger points to help relieve stress.

A full massage covers every part of the body from the scalp and shoulders down to calves and feet.

Many clients are so relaxed after a session that they fall asleep.

A massage is also a great gift for the sports lover on your list. "Massages help endurance, flexibility and can improve performance," Wells said.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, a massage can help someone suffering from chronic pain, including carpal tunnel syndrome, and is a wonderful form of passive exercise for the not-so-active person on your list.

"We have clients fill out a complete health history form when they come in and we won't do anything that might make them uncomfortable," Wells said.

Gift certificates begin at \$55 for a full-body, one-hour Swedish massage. Wells also offers packages and suggests you call first at 475-9456.

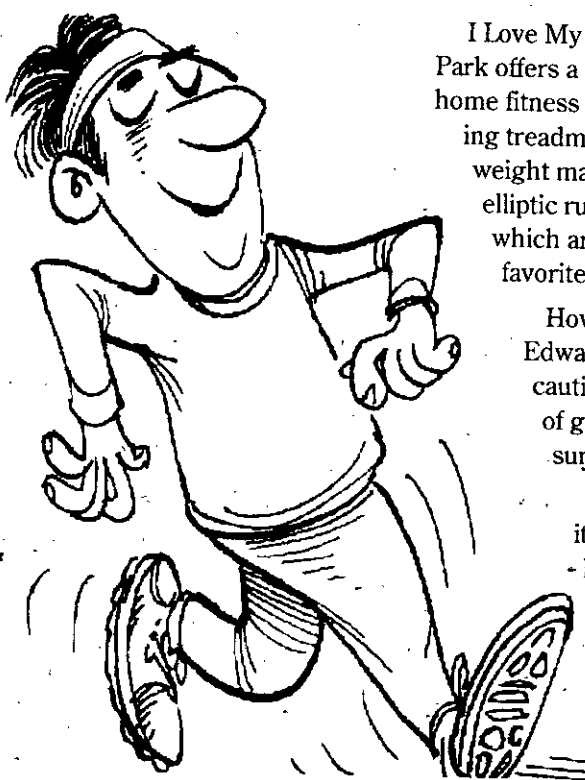
If a massage seems too personal, why not a gift membership to your local fitness center or YMCA?

You can also make it a gift for the whole family by selecting a family membership instead of a single membership.

Capital Region Tennis & Fitness gives you the choice of either a one-year health club or a tennis membership.

Gift certificates for court times which range from \$17 to \$29 per hour are also available.

"You can also buy certificates in any dollar amount that the person can use for court time, in our pro-shop or for lessons,"



said Amy Tarkleson, tennis director.

If you are willing to make big dreams come true, you can treat the fitness-lover on your list to their own, in-home fitness equipment.

I Love My Heart in Clifton Park offers a complete line of home fitness equipment including treadmills, exercise bikes, weight machines and the elliptic running machines which are a current favorite.

However, owner Edward M. Bernstein cautions that this type of gift shouldn't be a surprise.

"You need to try it before you buy, - like test driving a new car," Bernstein said. He is also a

licensed physical therapist and helps clients

find the right machine for their needs.

He suggests you and the recipient arrive at his showroom on Route 9 in comfortable clothes and sneakers to give the machine a real workout. He said

you need to test the machine the way you intend to use it.

His trained staff are knowledgeable about the various types of machines, their capabilities and quiz clients on their needs and abilities.

According to Bernstein, treadmills are by far the most popular in-home fitness machine. To get a quality machine, you need to spend at least \$1,000.

"With treadmills, you really get what you pay for," he said. I Love My Heart will deliver and set up any machine you purchase.

For the holidays, they offer a one-week, post holiday window to make returns. To avoid possible returns, they also have gift certificates available.

"One last thing," Bernstein said. "Make sure you have some kind of distraction with your machine like music or a window to look out. I need to be watching television when I work out."



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Holiday jewelry designed to brighten and enlighten

By Elizabeth Byrns

If you walk by a display of pins in a specialty shops around the Capital District this holiday season slow down and look closely.

These bright creations represent more than just dreidels or Christmas trees. They represent life.

The unique pins are called Addie's Trinkets. All the money raised by the sale of these items goes to breast cancer research.

The company, Adelyne's, is the brainchild of Deborah Dascher Knight. She was working for the American Cancer Society addressing envelopes and handing out brochures in October, a month they devote to the campaign against breast cancer.

While doing the work Knight became aware of statistics she says frightened her.

Frustrated and upset Knight says she had to do something more. So she created Adelyne's and named the non profit company after her grandmother whom she adored.

Knight says her grandmother was her inspiration.

"She became a single mom in the 30s when her husband walked out on the family.

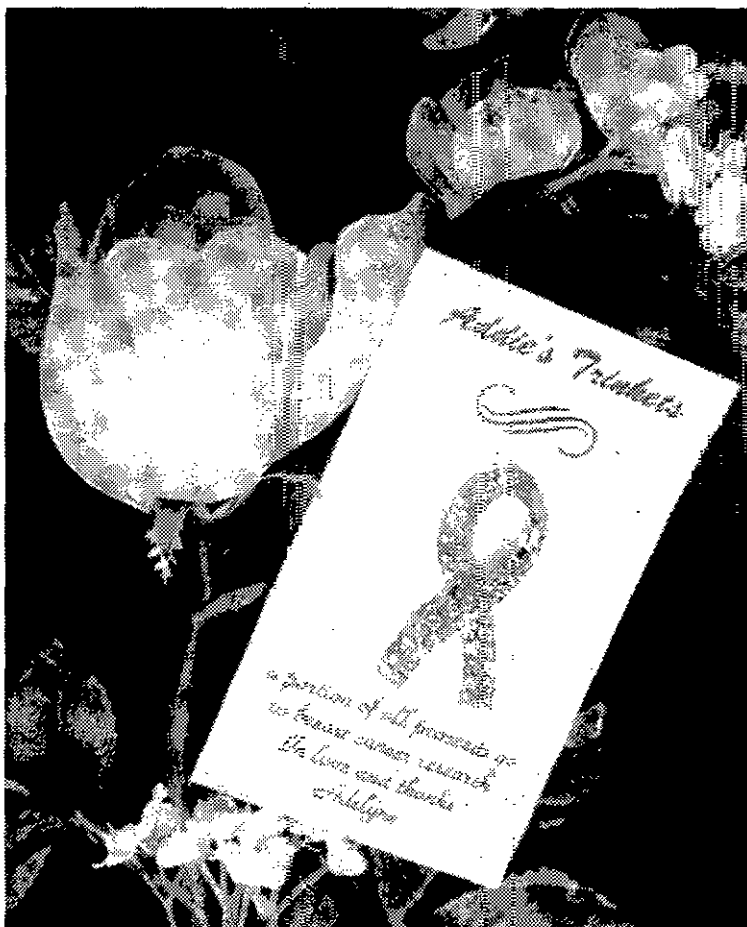
She worked and took care of her baby girl and her own parents and maintained a home for her brothers and sisters to reside in as their lives changed," says Knight.

Knight says Adelyne is the kind of fierce soul needed to lead the charge against Breast Cancer.

Knight works with various jewelry manufacturers and distributors to create a collection of jewelry pins.

The styles are eclectic and the prices are reasonable. Knight hopes to raise close to \$5,000 this year to donate to a disease she says affects all women.

"Virtually everyone knows someone who has been touched by breast cancer a mother a grandmother, a wife a friend, a co-workers a daughter ... yourself," says Knight.



A specialty pin designed for Addie's Trinkets that benefits breast cancer research

TEA PARTIES

In addition to the pins Knight sponsors what she calls "Adelyne's Tea Parties." According to Knight these parties are opportunities to reach large groups of women in

an informal setting.

At these parties women sample teas and treats and a health professional closes the event with a Breast Care topic to raise awareness and educate women on the latest information available.

Knight is always looking for other shops to help her with what she calls a true mission and hopes to enlist more during this holiday season.

Adelyne's is listed with the Attorney Generals' office as a registered charity for the purpose of raising funds to be donated to breast cancer organizations.

The funds raised by Adelyne's have been donated to The National Women's Cancer Research Alliance, The National Breast Cancer Coalition the American Cancer Society and a local group called To Life.

Addie's Trinkets are available at the following shops

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Even little hands can help decorate cookies, stir gingerbread dough and arrange the oranges in the basket in the following collection of easy-to-make citrus-flavored recipes:

Orange Gingerbread Men

1 package (about 14 ounces) gingerbread mix

Grated peel of 1 orange

1/4 cup fresh squeezed orange juice

Decorating icing, redhots and/or raisins

In large bowl, combine gingerbread mix, orange peel and juice; mix well. Knead dough lightly to thoroughly blend in gingerbread mix. Cover and chill 1 hour.

On lightly floured board, roll dough, one half at a time, to 1/8-inch thickness; cut with floured "gingerbread man" cookie cutter. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets.

Bake at 375° F. for 8 to 10 minutes.

Carefully remove and cool on wire racks.

Decorate as desired. Makes 8 to 10 large (6-inch) gingerbread men.

Holiday Orange Cookies

2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

2/3 cup margarine, softened

3/4 cup sugar

1 egg grated peel of 2 oranges

3 tablespoons fresh squeezed orange juice

Chopped unsalted almonds or pistachios, shredded or flaked coconut, colored sugar crystals, cinnamon sugar and decorating icing.

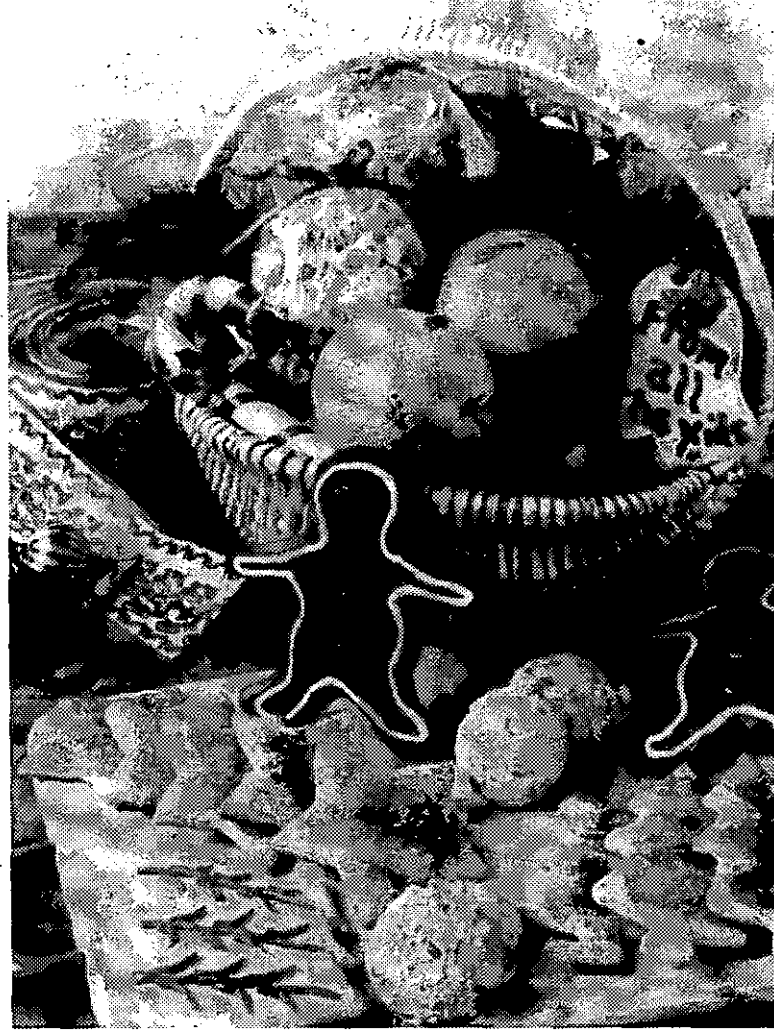
Sift together flour, baking powder and salt.

In large bowl, cream together margarine and sugar.

Add egg, orange peel and juice; beat well.

Gradually blend in dry ingredients.

Cover and chill 2 hours. Shape dough into 1-inch balls, logs (3 x 1/2-inch) or roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness and cut with lightly floured holiday-shaped cookie cutters.



This holiday season, create special memories making favorite citrus recipes with your children.

Roll or sprinkle cookies with chopped nuts and coconut. Place on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake at 350° F for 12 to 15

minutes.

Remove and cool on wire racks.

Decorate with icing. Makes about 3 dozen.

Here's an idea if you want to do more than just eat these goodies. They can also be used when you are wrapping gifts.

To make rolled cookies for use as gift tags or hanging Christmas tree ornaments: Cut out cookies and place on baking sheets.

To make holes, cut paper straws into 1-inch lengths.

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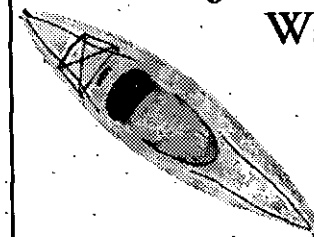
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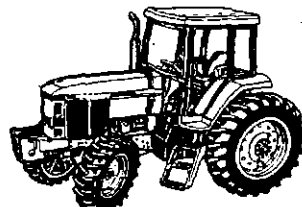
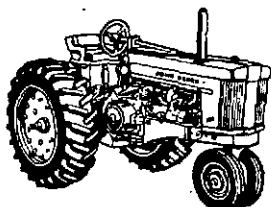
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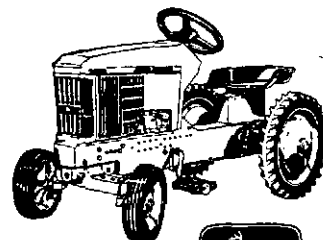
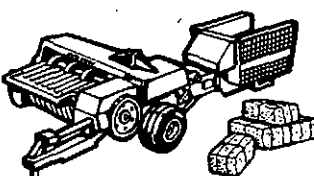
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Tips on how to give of yourself this holiday season

By Donna J. Bell

Ah, the holidays! Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa or another winter fest, you are still bombarded by the same "buy, buy, buy" messages that grace every store, TV, newspaper and magazine. And, if we think this advertising is persuasive to us as adults, the message comes in twice as loud for children.

We all have great expectations of a holiday filled with joy, surprises and happy, happy faces.

The reality for many though is stress, over extended budgets and facing the disappointed looks from people who sometimes have to force themselves to be excited about that "extra special" something you shopped so hard for.

Why do we spend so much time and effort and trips to the store (and bank) to make our

celebrations so special? Because we love our friends and family and hope to show it with just the right gifts. Each year it seems to get harder and harder to shop because we are besieged with so many choices.

This time of year can be even worse for those who don't celebrate Christmas, because the media has made that one holiday so unavoidable.

My Jewish friend Mike often jokes about it, but admits that the relentless "Christmas is Everything" mentality wears on him and his family.

Many Christians worry about the "Santa-Clausing" of what they feel should be a religious observance.

However you feel about the period of time between Halloween and New Year's Day, most people agree—the hype is out of control.

But what do you do? Be a



grinch and eschew gifts altogether?

Perhaps you could join a growing contingent of people who hope to put simplicity back into a time of year when you can purchase a talking Santa toilet seat cover without laughing-and give of yourself.

My sister-in-law is a fantastic cook and many Christmases we receive home-made whoopie pies and breads.

My mother-in-law crochets fantastic hanging dish towels that I love and I'm overjoyed to get one or two every Christmas.

I would be lost without my best friend's monthly phone calls—another gift we agreed upon after years of exchanging

CDs and books that we could have easily bought for ourselves. In the past few years I have taken up canning fruits, pickles and jams and now give those goodies for presents.

My husband's family is in love with watermelon rind pickles (sweet clove and cinnamon concoctions) that can't be bought in a store because they are so labor intensive to make.

Aren't I the popular "giver of treats" when I show up with a few jars of that treat and hand-picked raspberry jam and peach butter?

And, if you've ever tasted a home-made sweet pickle—there is nothing that can compare.

So, why do we bother to shop, wrap and send or deliver gifts recipients could easily purchase for themselves?

Why not give items that can't be bought? Gifts of our time and love.

Below are some suggestions of gifts that don't come from the store—many that you can give even if you don't cook or sew.

Kids often want of nothing more than your time and there is nothing more exciting to them than the full attention of an

adult.

A day in the park or a bike ride. A "beauty make-over" with hair-do's and painted nails.

An afternoon baking cookies (hey, even a tube of premade sugar cookie dough can be rolled and cut with cookie cutters). Make a bird feeder or bird house (if you aren't handy with a jig-saw there is always pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed). Ice skating in an outdoor rink.

Help them create an "all about me" scrapbook with pictures and stickers. Learn how to play Pokemon and spend the day being a Pokemon Master. Spend an afternoon of coloring books and Play-Doh. Make a home-made bubble solution and using a rope and a pole create giant bubbles.

Go fishing on the creek (double-check license requirements). A cooking, sewing, craft, sport, woodworking or hobby lesson.

The older you get it seems the more you realize the value of time—and that is what you'd love to have more of. Give gifts to your friends that give them time—either to have fun, get away, or reminisce.

A once or twice a month date for lunch or shopping. A coupon book good for free babysitting time. Hand-stamped cards or stationery.

One dinner cooked and delivered to the home. A few batches of frozen home-made cookie dough to bake at the holidays.

A promise of a phone call every month (for those special long-distance friends).

A holiday wreath or ornament for the tree. A donation of your time to volunteer at someone's favorite charity or church.

For parents, grandparents or older adult friends. It's wonderful to do for people what they can't do for themselves. Many older people are reluctant to ask for a favor. What is more valuable to them? Another handkerchief set or knickknack to dust or a donation of your time and elbow grease?

Five free "fix-it" chores. One day a month to run errands.

A picture album of grandkids or great-grandkids. A weeks worth of frozen meals.

A complete house cleaning, window washing, or paint job. A weekend at your home.

A summer of lawn care. Tulip bulbs you've purchased or dug up, forced for winter enjoyment.

Wash and groom their dog. A monthly trip to the library. A promise to create and plant a springtime flower or vegetable garden.

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Finding toys that light up your kids eyes and minds

By Jennifer Arsenault

On a recent trip to one of the larger chain toy stores, I was amazed by all the electronic, plastic and movie/TV show toys that were displayed.

There were aisles of dolls who each had their own bodily function, the Star Wars movie clearance items, a whole separate section for Nintendo and Sega video games, the super-popular Pokemon trading cards and scary things that talked at you as you moved by them.

I had come looking for something simple for my toddler, like a set of wooden blocks or a push toy, but none were to be found.

Overwhelmed by the store's size, bad lighting, and Muzak I found myself on line with something from the beeping and flashing category, which promised to be educational as well as fun.

I lucked out. The toy has a volume switch and actually helps to teach counting, shapes and colors. My son loves it. Of course, he's just as happy playing with the box it came in.

But I know we're just a few short years away from 'Mom, I want that mega-death-ray-action gun! Johnny has one!'

So how do you find toys that your kids won't sneer at, that you're comfortable with philosophically, and that might actually be educational as well?

The toys are out there, and two area businesses have them.

With Discovery Toys, the toys come to you. Nancy Hellman sells toys from the 20 year old company which relies on direct marketing and word of mouth for advertising.

Hellman hosts home parties where families can try the toys out before purchasing them. "I think the fact that the toys empower the children, that they can get to use their minds and see cause and effect. I think kids like to be challenged that way," says Hellman. "Most of the kids I see really seem to enjoy them."

Discovery Toys carries toys for newborns to 10 year olds that you might find at a day care center or school.

"They're educational but at the same time they're fun," Hellman said. Popular sellers are hand puppets, musical instruments, the fascination Station Activity Center for toddlers, Travel Tracks, and Supermarble Works, a maze that marbles run through. Discovery Toys are also affordable. Many are available for under \$10.

The most expensive toy sells for \$34.99. Hellman, the mother of three, had Discovery Toys in



Beanie babies like these at the Newtonville United Methodist Church Craft fair can be used by parents to teach the value of collecting.

James M. Wegielewski

her home before she started selling them.

"My kids have a good time playing with them" she said. The Toymaker, with locations in Albany and Latham, has supplied the Capital District with quality toys for 14 years.

"We try to seek out toys that will have long lasting value and be fun. We find that the toys

that are going to be played with year after year are the toys that aren't trendy" said owner Dennis Frank.

Frank keeps his stores well stocked with a large variety of educational toys for babies through pre-teens.

Brands like Brio, Lego, Rokenbok, Playmobil, Fisher-Price, Radio Flyer, and Tiny

Love line the shelves, along with stuffed animals, building and chemistry sets, flash cards and puzzles.

A large crafts corner carries origami, a kit to create your own scrapbook, jewelry making kits, make your own fragrance and lip balm sets, which will impress even the most jaded 12 year old.

The Toymaker also sells classic characters such as Winnie the Pooh and Madeline and Sanrio merchandise.

Frank noted that the toys he sells are

interactive for parents and children. "Our train sets are powered with love, they're not plug-in electric transformers," he said.

Children and their parents are encouraged to try out the toys on display. The staff loves toys, and can help gift-buyers and parents make the right match.

The toys themselves are competitively priced, and The Toymaker will match advertised prices that are lower.

"There's a false sense that specialty stores will be more expensive. If our customer isn't happy, it doesn't do us any good," said Frank.

Hellman and Discovery toys can be reached at 283-3931.

They also have a web site at www.discoverytoysinc.com. The Toymaker is located in Stuyvesant Plaza in Albany and Newton Plaza in Latham.

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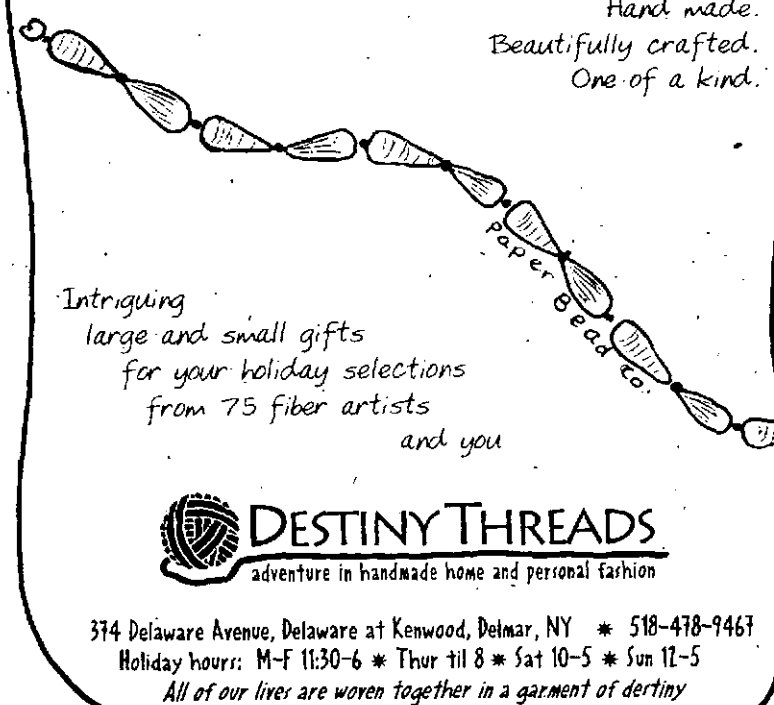
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The classic children's books, *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*, (HarperCollins Children's Books, \$24.95

each) are now available in Collector's Editions.

Who doesn't remember nights curled up in bed waiting for Mom or Dad to continue reading to find out what was happening to Charlotte.

Would she be OK?

Many adults now also remember reading *Stuart Little* which is now a full length movie, wondering if a mouse really could be a friend.



With a touch of her paint brush, Rosemary Wells brings an added dimension to

Garth Williams' original black and white drawings.

"These two books could have lived in black and white forever, of course, but times change and our culture with them.

I am sure Garth would have instantly chosen full color if he had been given the opportunity," said Wells, who has illustrated almost 80 books.

The pleasing palette helps ensure that these editions are treasured for years to come.

Money saving tips keep holidays happy

Research by an online site designed to help consumers plan and organize their holidays wisely, reveals that the average person buys or makes 40 gifts for the December holidays and spends roughly \$50 per gift.

The breadth of Christmas spending spans more areas than just gift buying. It's a combination of holiday activities that can add up to create post-holiday financial blues.

From mailing cards and decorating the house, to entertaining family, friends and co-workers and attending special holiday events—the multitude of activities during the Christmas season can add many dollars to holiday budgets.

The key to solving the budget crisis is planning.

Plan your holiday budget and do your best to map out all the expenses associated with Christmas.

Once you have your plan, you can look at your activities and estimated expenses for each to find ways to save money and make the most of holiday dollars.

One of the best and newest



resources available to holiday planners is the Internet. Sites like Santa.com have a shopping list feature that lets you enter price estimates for gifts.

Once your shopping is complete, you have an exact total for your holiday spending so there will be no surprises after the holidays.

The Internet can open up a world full of ideas for keeping costs in check.

For example, Santa.com provides instructions to help you make Christmas wrapping paper and print gift tags—you can even create holiday decorations with household items already on-hand.

Make the joy of Christmas last beyond December—plan your holiday activities and budget wisely by taking advantage of online Christmas resources specifically designed to help enjoy the holidays.

Protect yourself against fraud

You may use your ATM, debit and credit cards more during this holiday season than at any other time of year.

Follow these tips to avoid becoming a victim of credit fraud:

Look in your wallet before you leave home. Take out, and put in a safe place, the credit cards you will not need for this shopping trip.

You will know where all your cards are, and will know right away if any are missing.

When making a purchase, keep your card in sight at all times. Put it back in place in your wallet, rather than loose in your pocket or purse.

If the merchant uses a charge slip with a carbon sheet, ask for the carbon sheet and your copy. Destroy the carbon sheet.

When using an ATM machine or other card scanning device, stand in front of the machine with your body blocking the keypad from view. Put any cash into your wallet before you step away.

If you use an ATM or debit card, keep your PIN in a separate, secure place.

Keep your hand on your wallet or purse to deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers.

Unless you have initiated the call to a reputable company or organization, do not give your credit card number over the phone.

Keep your cards, receipts and billing statements out of sight of visitors to your home.

Don't lend your credit card or allow anyone to use your ATM or debit card.

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The only feeling better than getting gifts during the holiday season is giving them-especially when your gifts go to those in need, worried you will not be able to find time for charity in the next few weeks? It's easy! Giving is going online.

Studies show that Americans give generously. According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the top 10 charities in the United States raised more than \$5 billion in private support in 1998.

Since online shoppers will spend more than \$10 billion this holiday season (according to Forrester Research), charitable organizations are hoping that these new age consumers will also be giving online.

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation is an example of a well-established organization that has found a way to drive donations via the Internet.

This year, they have teamed up with eToys and Visa to offer an online donation arm to the national holiday toy drive.

From Nov. 1 through Dec. 20, shoppers using their Visa card will receive a 50 percent discount on select toys purchased through the eToys Web site.

The Marine Corps will deliver all donations directly to underprivileged children around



Donate a toy: Give children who may not otherwise get gifts something to smile about this holiday season.

the country.

Simply by following three easy steps, consumers can make a difference this holiday season:

- Log on to the Internet and visit www.eToys.com/toysfortots
- Select a toy from the Toys for Tots selections, including a Double Cross Speedway, Merlin's Magic Set, and Mattel's Bubble Fairy Barbie and Talking Princess Dot
- Pay with your Visa card and receive a 50 percent discount off the regular eToys donation price

In its second year, the online

campaign by eToys and Visa is expected to significantly increase the number of toy donations to Toys for Tots.

"The spirit of giving is alive online," said Major Bill Grein, vice president of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

"We know people are stressed at the holidays and often run out of time to make a donation.

The Internet is an easy way for people to help us make the holidays a little brighter for underprivileged children."

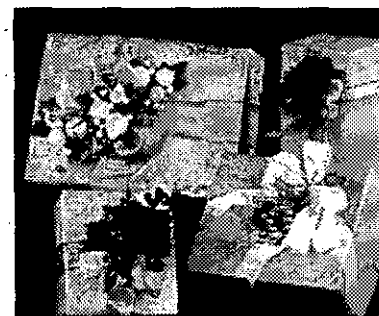
Here's how to wrap holiday gifts like a pro

Trying to make holiday gifts look as special as the present enclosed and the person receiving it?

Consumers are increasingly concerned about making packages stand out.

Follow these easy tips to make wrapping paper, bags and accessories as much a part of the present as the gift itself.

- Attach cinnamon sticks, candy canes, pine sprigs and pine cones to presents wrapped in plain brown paper or green tissue paper.
- Bring high fashion to wrapped gifts with an iridescent mini bow for a small gift or a cluster for larger gifts. Add sparkle to gifts with prismatic, angel hair curly bows or new "fountains" of metallic tinsel.
- Appeal to pet lovers with coordinating pet-themed wrap, tissue and package decorations from American Greetings.



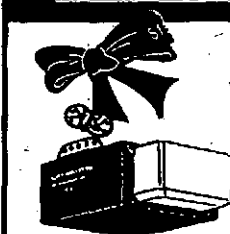
Spice up your gifts this year with cinnamonsticks or candy.

• Personalize a gift by attaching an ornament that matches the recipient's interest or favorite pastime.

• Wrap presents for children with bags and gift wrap featuring kids' favorite storybook and cartoon characters like the Rugrats, Teletubbies, Curious George Sesame Street, and Pokémon.

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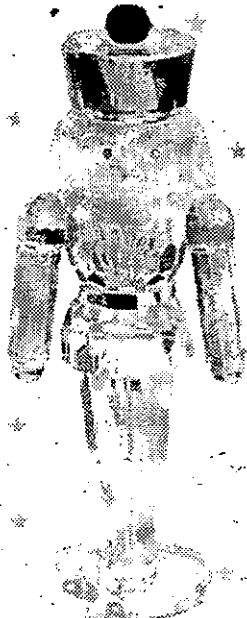
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Nathan Bamberger of Vermont spends time shopping for treasures at Crossgates Mall with his dad. The six month old here finds a treat for himself.

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Having a healthy home for you and your holiday guests is easy

'Tis the season to be sneezing? Not necessarily. For the millions of Americans with allergies, the holidays may be a whole lot merrier by following a few allergy prevention tips.

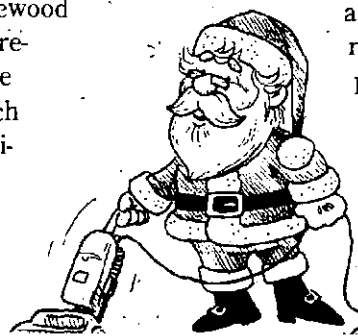
Don't store firewood indoors. Drying firewood can generate mold spores, which can easily contaminate an entire house. Bring new logs in only for immediate use in your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

Have your chimney cleaned before the first holiday fire and be sure the fireplace flue works properly.

Check fireplace vents and

keep fireplace doors closed to eliminate breathing as much smoke as possible.

If you put up a live evergreen tree during the holidays, before bringing the tree inside, use a leaf-blower to remove visible pollen grains, then wipe the trunk thoroughly with a solution of lukewarm water and diluted bleach (one part bleach to 20



parts water) to eliminate any mold.

If using an artificial Christmas tree, make sure it is not coated with sprayed-on "snow," as it can aggravate asthmatic or

allergic symptoms.

When preparing your home for guests, use a damp or treated cloth for dusting to avoid stirring up dust, and use a vacuum with a sealed filtration system that prevents allergens from being redistributed into the air.

Limit (or eliminate) scented candles, potpourri, air fresheners, live plant arrangements and holiday baking with any strong odors that may cause discomfort for people with asthma.

Check dried plant arrangements for signs of mold growth and dust.

Reducing humidity decreases dust mite and mold growth. When the heat is on, check humidity levels in rooms where you spend most of your time. Keep the air circulating by using a dehumidifier. Also remember to empty and clean the dehumidifier on a regular basis.

When storing decorations and ornaments, thoroughly clean and dry all decorations, seal them in plastic bags and store the bagged items in airtight containers or clean boxes to prevent them from becoming coated with dust and mold.

Remove wet dirt and leaves from around the foundation and gutters of your house to prevent outdoor mold from accumulating near the windows and doors.

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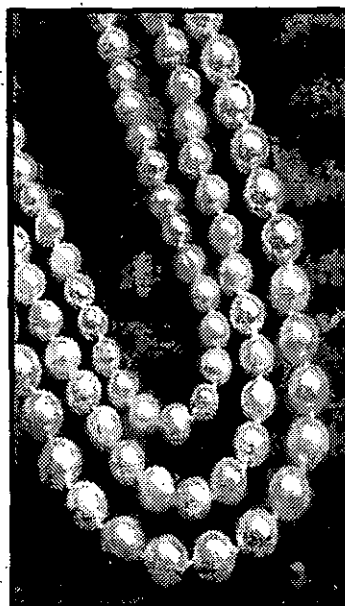
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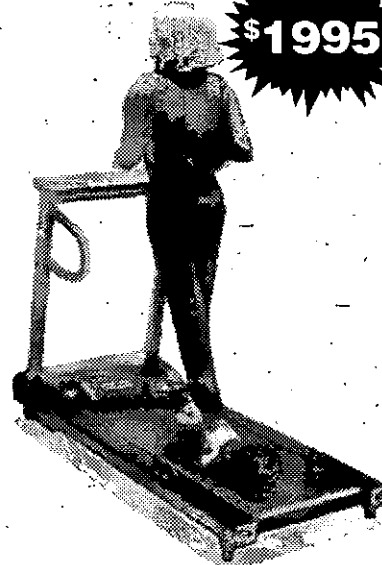
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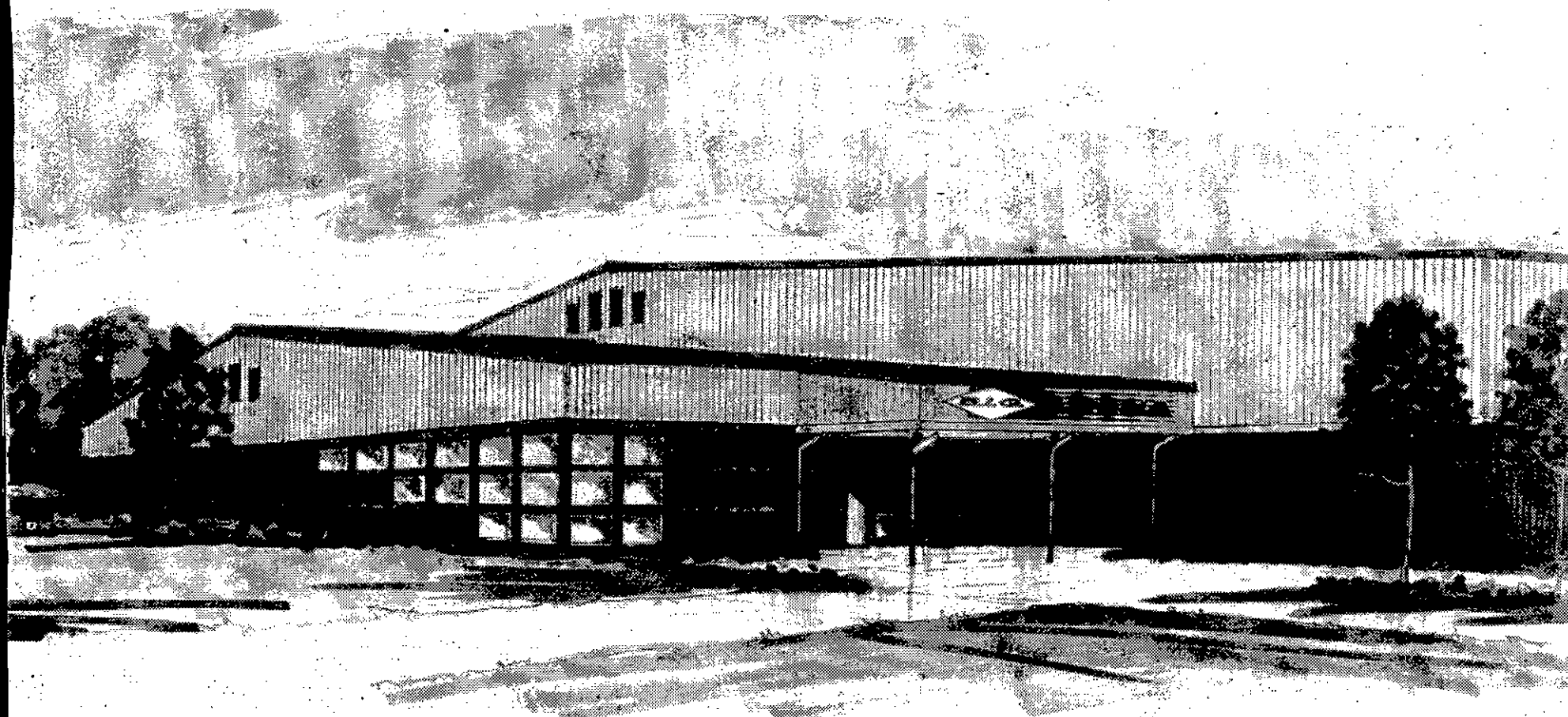
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BIG thinking pays off as unique two-rink arena opens

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

"My name isn't on the building, but it's on the back of my hat," said Mike Mullen with a laugh.

Mullen, president of Bethlehem Ice Group, whips off his baseball cap with the BIG Arena logo over the visor. Embroidered into the fabric across the back of the hat is not so much a name as a motto, but one that has become readily identified with Mullen around the town of Bethlehem — Think BIG.

A sign with the same salutation stands alongside the road at 900 Delaware Ave., at the edge of a freshly-paved driveway that leads visitors to visible proof that the slogan is no boast.

Rising from the 27-acre site just a half mile west of Bethlehem Central High School is a brand-spanking-new, 76,000-square-foot building, surrounded by a freshly paved parking lot with 185 parking spaces — four of them for school buses.

Inside the new BIG Arena when it's finally completed will be eight locker rooms, a snack bar, a pro shop, exercise rooms, a fully equipped arcade, meeting facilities. And a few things that come in pairs: a pair of 90-ton refrigeration compressors, a pair of shiny new Zambonis Mullen likes to call "The Big Twins," and the really big twins, a pair of honest-to-goodness, NHL-regula-

tion, 200-by-85 foot ice rinks for those zambonis to keep nice and smooth.

Like the man said, Think BIG.

"I've always been a big talker," Mullen said. "But I've always followed up on whatever I say."

The BIG Arena will hold grand opening ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 18, but as of this week it's already open for business. And why not? Ever since he announced the project on Aug. 14 of last year, Mullen has always considered BIG a done deal.

"We said, it'd be ready in October," Mullen said. "We were only off by a month or so. To all the people who didn't think we'd make it, I can just say, 'Welcome to the BIG Arena!'"

The building is just the tip of the man-made iceberg that is BIG. It's the most visible piece of a proposition far more ambitious than merely providing ice time for youth hockey and public skating.

"The obvious thing is, we could have just built an ice rink for skating. We didn't do that," Mullen said. "In a lot of ways, this will take the place of

the community center this community has always needed — only it will be a community center for the whole Capital District."

BIG addresses a regional need made more urgent by the explosive growth of skating programs — and not just for youth — in the area in recent years. Existing public and private facilities

in the region have been unable to keep pace with the rising demand for ice time.

"There's a severe shortage of quality ice time in the Capital District," Mullen said. "There's also a severe shortage of safe activities and organized fun for

youth in our area."

As if to underscore the pent-up demand, BIG has already signed deals for ice time with Colonie-based Capital District Youth Hockey, Troy-Albany Youth Hockey, the Uncle Sam Skating Club, Capital District Masters Hockey, the Capital District Hockey Association for 35 and over Skaters, several figure-skating clubs and numerous other groups.

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And that's not even counting the hometown Bethlehem Youth Hockey program.

Already the group has tripled its enrollment from last year in anticipation of a hometown arena to accommodate them. And numerous church groups, PTAs and Scouting groups have been making Mullen's phone jump off its cradle lately.

And there's plenty for spectators at the new arena, too. Bethlehem Central High School's varsity will play home games there, and so will the University at Albany club team, soon to step up to Division III.

Later this month, in concert with the RPI Fieldhouse and Albany Academy, BIG will host about 30 games of an 85-game international junior-level hockey tournament in late December.

An A- and AA-level youth event for peewees, bantams and midgets, ages 11 to 17, the tournament will be sponsored by the New York International Hockey Club. Scheduled for Dec. 27 to 31, it already boasts enrolled teams from Russia, Latvia,

Italy, Austria, Canada and the United States.

"There are many people in the area who will want to see this level of play," Mullen said.

The prime action will take place on the larger of the two rinks, named the Guntner Rink after one of the project's principal backers.

It'll have a positive impact from real estate to retail. Department stores, convenience stores, gas stations will all benefit. People don't realize how many people will be coming to Bethlehem, many for the first time.

Mike Mullen

It will have bleachers able to seat 500, and have overhead heaters to warm spectators. There is also a lounge on the central second level of the building, with glass walls to allow visitors to look down on the action — what Mullen calls "The

Big View." A "sky box" available by reservation offers sliding glass doors looking down on the rink.

The Bast Rink will be able to seat 50 or so spectators initially, but will have the capacity to expand in the future should demand warrant.

In short, as Mullen is fond of saying, "It's gonna be twice the size of the Pepsi Arena, only 14,500 seats less," a combination of capacity and intimacy that will make it ideal for community skating programs.

For the town of Bethlehem, "It'll have a positive impact from real

estate to retail," Mullen said. "Department stores, convenience stores, gas stations will all benefit. People don't realize how many people will be coming to Bethlehem, many for the first time."

Most of all, he sees the rinks as a catalyst for a whole host of safe, wholesome activities — dances and DJ parties, business meetings and birthday gatherings, company skates and clinics.

It all started, Mullen recalled, with a \$5 wager.

Mullen is an avid hockey parent, with a young son in youth programs

from an early age. He came to know personally the pre-dawn ice times that have become a virtual rite of passage for suburban parents.

One early morning about four winters ago, he stood rinkside at Troy's Frear Park with a fellow Bethlehem parent.

"I said, wouldn't it be great to have more ice time available to kids, especially a little closer to home — in Bethlehem, maybe," Mullen said. "He said it'd never happen."

Never say never to Mike Mullen.

"I bet him \$5, said I'd build it

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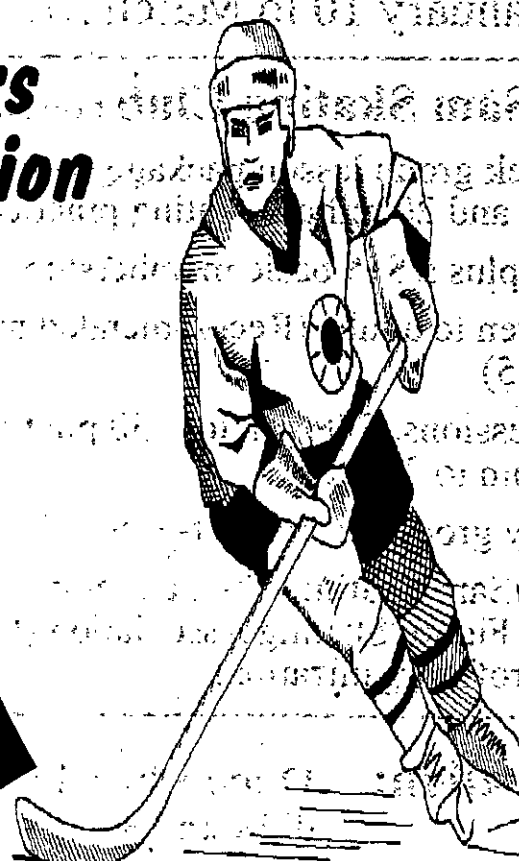
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myself," he recalled. "I said by the time our kids started high school, we'd have a rink here. My son Shaun started high school this September. I'm really looking forward to collecting that \$5."

To increase the possibility of winning his little wager, Mullen assembled an initial group of five fellow hockey enthusiasts — attorney Tim Thornton of one of the area's largest law firms, MacNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams; Tom Drake of D.A. Bennett, the local heating-air conditioning contractor; Bill Matuszek of Keystone Architectural Services of Delmar; and Bud Mosmen, founder of Bethlehem

Hockey Boosters.

Along with an eventual seven other partners, they incorporated Bethlehem Ice Group in January 1998, and began looking for a site for a 1 1/2-sheet ice facility.

They considered sites along Route 9W in Glenmont and in Slingerlands near the new Price Chopper Plaza on Route 85 — both locations easily accessible via major transportation arteries to the rest of the Capital District. But Mullen and his colleagues sought a more central location.

Driving to and from his home every day, Mullen frequently passed

by a for-sale sign on Delaware Avenue.

"I was attracted to the low traffic level on this part of Delaware Avenue and the site's proximity to the center of town," Mullen recalled.

And given the site's easy access to Cherry Avenue and thus to Route 85, "It turned out to be close to Guilderland, Voorheesville, Colonie," Mullen said. "And there are large skating populations in those communities."

Learning that the site was zoned for commercial use, he began negotiations with its owner and inked a deal by May of 1998. By then, the plan had expanded to two NHL-sized rinks, and the vision to a more general-use community facility. The group then filed a building permit application in August.

The proposal proceeded through Bethlehem's site-review process, involving extensive engineering review, including wetlands designation consultations with the Army Corps of Engineers and review by the town planning and building departments. The town planning board gave its OK in May, and

the town board followed suit in mid-summer.

"The planning board was extremely cooperative in helping us get through the process on such a fast track," Mullen said.

On the financial side, to complete the \$4.7 million project, the dozen investors put up \$2 million, and then BIG sought a loan for the rest from Cohoes Savings Bank.

"They were not the only bank that approved our loan, but they worked closely with us in developing the parameters of the project," Mullen explained. "And they had a hometown bank friendliness that helped get us through the process. They really know your name. They're not just a big bank, and that was very helpful to us."

The project also received a boost from the town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency, which voted an inducement resolution for the project last May.

"There are certain advantages of working with the IDA on this project, including sales tax exemption during the construction phase — which on a \$4.7 million facility is quite significant," Mullen said. By this August, with IDA approval of revenue bonds of up to \$4.7 million, the final piece of the financing puzzle fell into place.

To build their project, BIG turned to general contractor Bast Hatfield, "one of the largest and most prestigious firms of its type in the Capital

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A line of cement trucks wait to pour earlier this fall at the BIG Arena.

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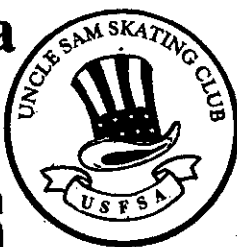


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District, with a lot of experience building this type of facility," Mullen said.

CW Davis/Ice Pro of Syracuse was signed on to design and install the rinks, including the 25 miles of piping under the floor that refrigerates the ice surface.

Bast-Hatfield has constructed smaller arenas in Saratoga and Schenectady and "they had a good feel for our dream of making this the premier facility in the Capital District," Mullen noted. "They weren't the lowest bidder; they were chosen for the quality of their construction. In fact, throughout the whole process, we didn't compromise our

dream. Rather, we broadened it when we saw what this could become."

Ground was broken over the summer, with footings poured before Labor Day and structural steel going up in September. So far the weather has cooperated this fall to help move the project along. With the grand opening festivities just over a week away, construction activity continues. But the Guntner Rink, poured in November, is ready for action.

Each rink, when fully operational, will be supported by four locker rooms.

"With two rinks and eight locker rooms, it gives us the ability to schedule multiple groups at a time," Mullen said.

There is a separate referee's locker area, as well.

The building's main lobby, done in the facility's signature burgundy-and-tan colors, includes a pro shop operated by Hockeytown, the retail chain. There they will have skating equipment and other sporting goods available for sale and 800 pairs of skates — half hockey and half figure models — for rent. A nice touch is the shorter "youth level" counters at the rental windows to accommodate diminutive customers.

The 172-foot wide lobby — with glass portals looking into the rinks to allow those passing through the watch the action — includes an 80-foot by 90-foot open vestibule suitable for a lot of coming-and-going traffic, and bag-reception areas for team gear. The lobby includes arena offices, a ticket window, an arcade, a snack bar (where Pepsi has been granted a five-year contract for exclusive pouring rights), rental lockers and other amenities.

At the top of the grand staircase to the second floor, a conference room will be adjacent to an open area with a 20-foot by 24-foot dance floor suitable for parties, and there are exercise rooms that will be equipped with treadmills, ellipticals, exercise bikes and Universal gyms.

"For parents to get a little exercise while their kids get exercise down on the ice," Mullen said.

Not that the non-skate-savvy won't have a chance to learn. Advanced

Hockey Systems, Winning Edge and Over the Edge have been contracted to provide learn-to-skate programs initially and the Uncle Sam Skating Club and Ice Dreams will provide figure skating lessons.

Mullen and his new arena manager, Scott Card, are planning a "Mommy and Me" family skating program, special senior skates, and a lunchtime skate for business people. Big chunks of the schedule have been reserved for open skates. And winter sports fans shaky on blades will be able to sign up for broom ball.

"We're trying to make this different from other rinks, not just brokering ice time," Mullen said. "We're trying to help improve the quality of life for people in the Capital District. There's nothing more satisfying than seeing a kid up on skates for the first time, seeing the smile on his or her face. It's not just for hockey players and advanced skaters."

And not just for the winter either — in the spring, in-line skating programs are planned.

A lot of finishing touches remain to be put in place, but Mullen and his partners in BIG are throwing the doors wide and inviting the public throughout the Capital District in for a look.

"If they haven't thought big before they come to this facility," Mullen said. "They will when they see BIG."

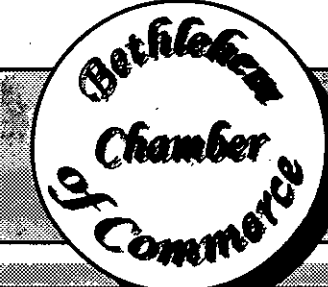
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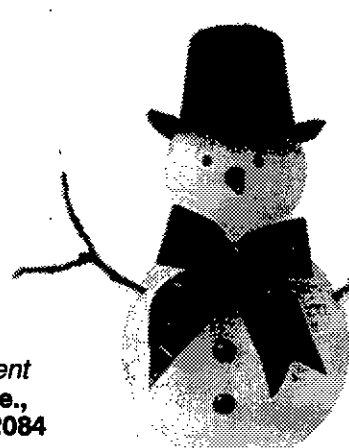
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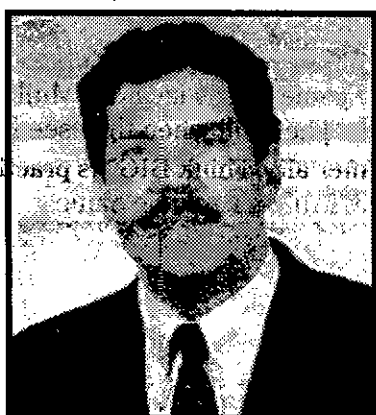
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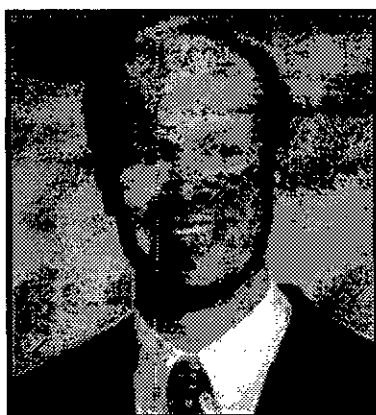
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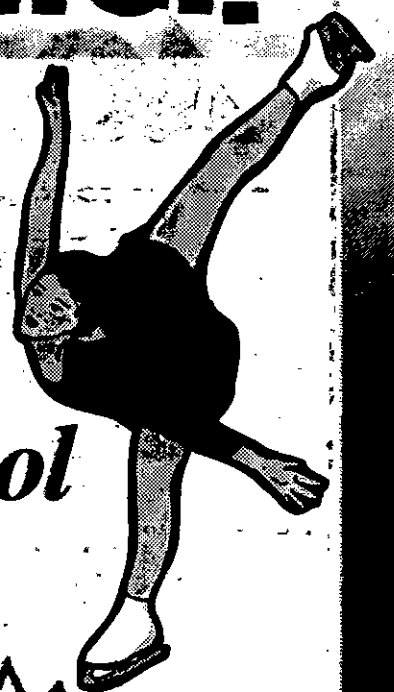
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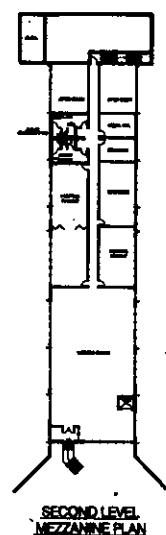
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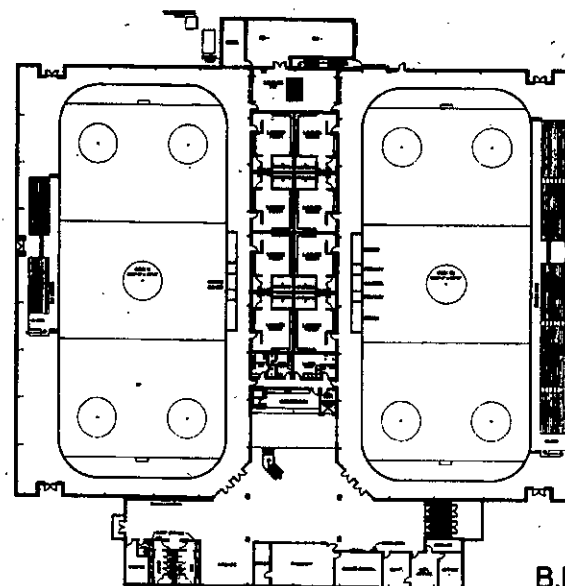
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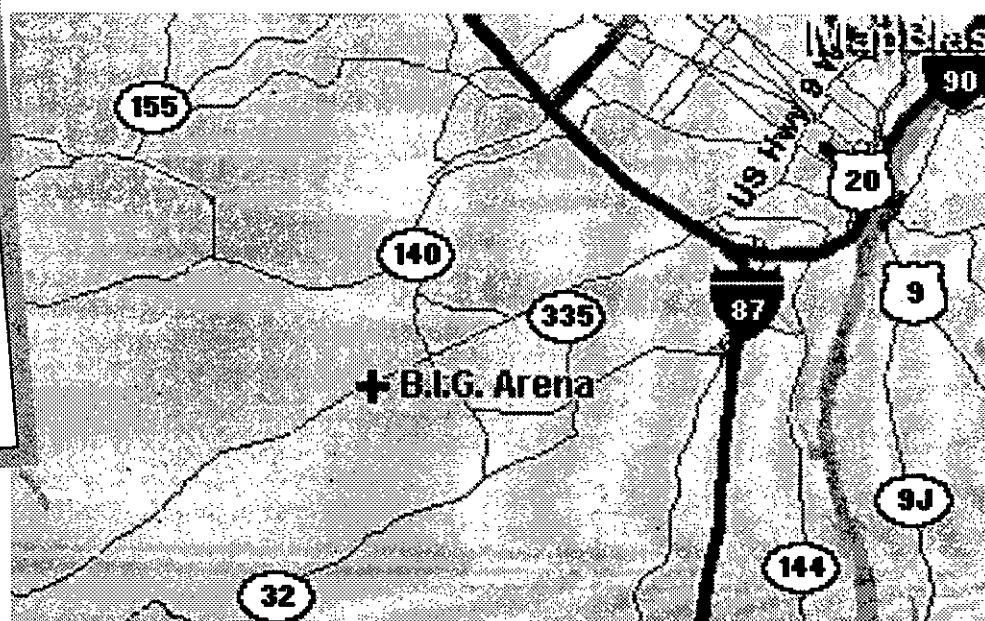
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B.I.G. ARENA

FLOOR PLAN

Above, the floor plan for BIG Arena. At left is the mezzanine area, which includes a meeting/party room and a viewing room. In the center is the Bast Rink, an NHL-size rink with 50 seats. The Gunter Rink is at the far right. It is also an NHL-size rink, but has seating for 500. Locker rooms, concessions



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Managing BIG rink fulfills former goalie's longtime dream

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

When the puck drops later this month for the first time at the Bethlehem Ice Group Arena, Scott Card will be right where he wants to be.

"I went back to college late, at age 28," says Card. "You know how they always ask you where you want to be in five years? Well, I saw myself running my own ice facility."

His foresight was pretty good.

The 38-year-old Card, who also serves as part-time coach of the University at Albany ice hockey club, has been working closely with developer Mike Mullen since signing on last summer as the new facility's first arena manager.

Card has been hanging around arenas since his days in youth hockey in Clinton, Oneida County.

"I've basically been involved with hockey since age 4," he recalled.

Following his varsity hockey career as a goalie at New Hartford High School, Card played at the Junior A level at Binghamton and also with a pair of minor-league pro franchises, the Utica Mohawks of the Atlantic Coast Hockey League and the North American Hockey League's Mohawk Valley Comets.

While he played pro hockey near his hometown, Card began moonlighting off the ice as an assistant manager at the New Hartford Recre-

ational Center, and, as part of the Mohawk Valley club's public outreach program, launched goaltending instructional programs for youngsters.

He came within a slapshot of big-time pro hockey when he spent a season with the Saginaw, Mich., franchise of the old International Hockey League before finally hanging up his pads in 1985 and returned to the New Hartford Recreational Center job.

Eventually he worked his way through Mohawk Valley Community College, completing a two-year degree in media-marketing management.

Degree in hand, Card moved to the Capital District and took up management positions first with American Eagle Outfitters, and later in food sales, all the while looking for his dream job in sports-facility management.

In 1994, he broke the ice in this area with a position managing the Clifton Park Arena.

"It's a small single-sheet ice facility, but it gave me a lot of experience with an ice rink, taking it from a deficit to a surplus," he said.

"With hard work and perseverance, I turned the Clifton Park Arena around," he added.

In 1997, seeking new worlds to

conquer, he left Clifton Park and took up part-time coaching of the UAlbany club squad, as he kept his eyes open for a full-time opening at a bigger arena.

With the explosion in local interest in youth hockey, "I would hear through the grapevine about different arenas that might be opening in the area," he said.

"I did a little legwork, a little research, and found out that BIG was being built on a fast track — and Mike Mullen was the guy," Card said.

This is something I've always wanted to do. I wake up in the morning saying to myself, I'll be managing probably the nicest arena from Long Island to the Canadian border.

Scott Card

Card signed with BIG in June. Now, with the new facility about to embark on its shakedown cruise, Card's initial day-to-day responsibilities will include maintenance of the ice surface and recruiting a staff that will number about 40, mostly part-timers.

He noted that BIG will be an equal-opportunity employer and that he hopes it will provide job opportunities for seniors seeking an active part-time occupation and high school students as well.

"I'll be responsible for employee relations — hiring, firing, training," he said. "Eventually, I'd like to get

involved in some of the ice-time scheduling."

Not that that will be much of an issue at first, with the building's prime-time hours already booked through April.

Eventually, once the bugs have been debugged and the staff stabilized, "I'd like to put my management and marketing background to work so we can offer more than just a skating rink," he said.

He said the arena will put special emphasis on youth activities, but "It's hard to envision right now what they might be."

But having landed the job he dreamed of back in college, he hopes to become active in developing BIG's various learn-to-skate programs.

In particular, he sees himself getting back between the posts to run a goaltending clinic or two, just like in his days with the Mohawk Valley Comets.

He's also planning to keep his hand in at UAlbany as the club team prepares to begin Division III play next year.

"It's gonna be fun," he said of the new BIG facility. "This is something I've always wanted to do. I wake up in the morning saying to myself, I'll be managing probably the nicest arena from Long Island to the Canadian border."

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Those questions, and others, can be answered by logging onto the arena's Web site, www.bigarena.com.

www.bigarena.com

The site also offers information on the arena, directions to the building, a floor plan, construction photos, a listing of teams and groups that use the arena, complete with contact names and phone numbers; and answers to frequently asked questions.

More material will be added as the arena approaches its grand opening, including ice times and scores.

In addition, people wishing to be notified about BIG events can leave their e-mail addresses.

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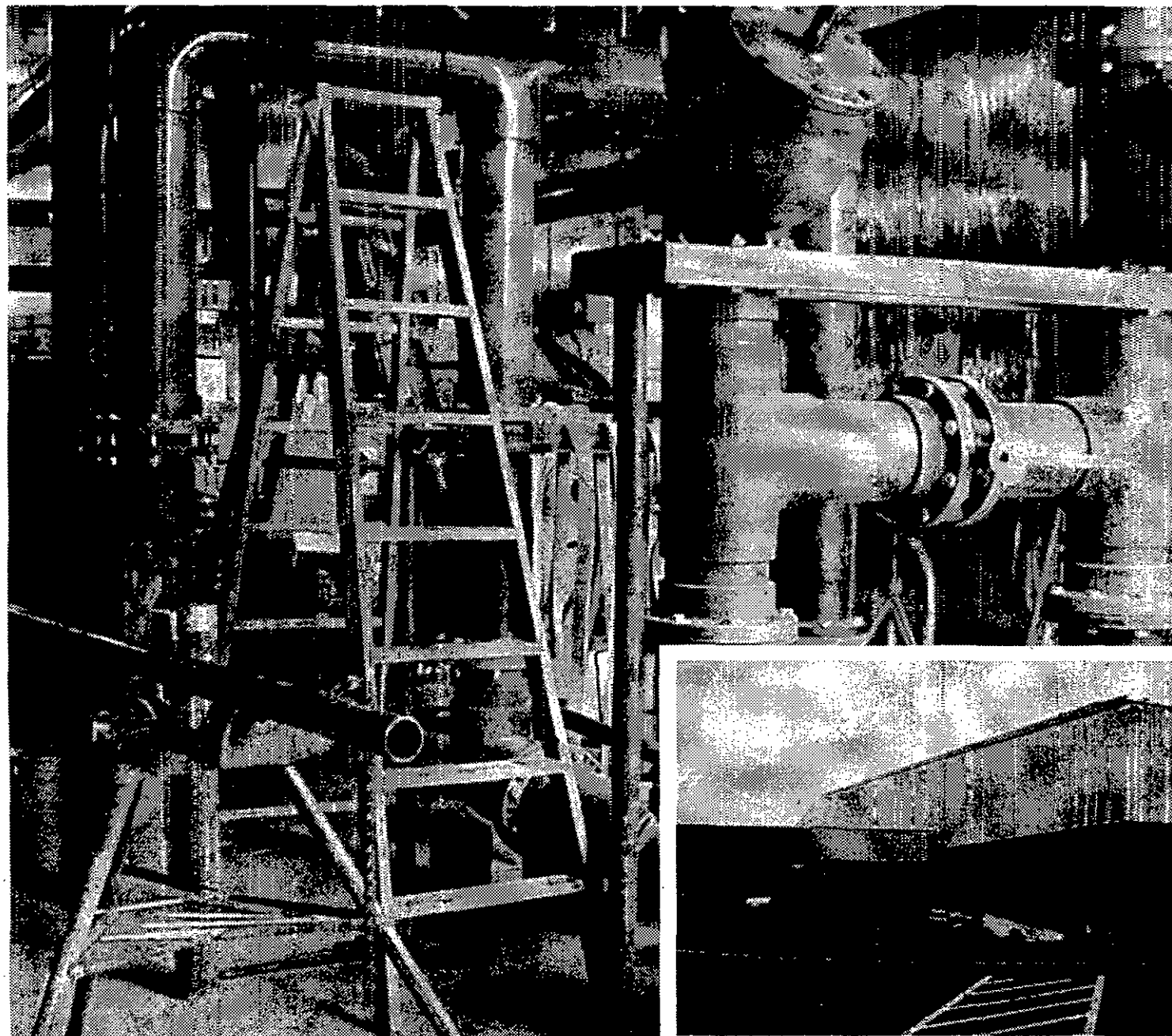
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The nonprofit group has been around for 25 years and has produced many national champions. In fact, club members won 24 national medals during the 1998-99 season alone.

Clifton Park native Howard Ganong is Veteran Short Track National Champion for the second year in a row and club coach Paul Marchese is the Masters Long Track Champion.

But this group is not just for experts. The group is interested in making the sport more visible in the Capital District, and for that reason, it provides free coaching for every level of speed skater.

Those just starting out can get some deals. Skates can be used free of charge for up to three weeks. For newcomers also, the first week of ice time will also be free. That way you can try the sport and see if you like it before you invest a lot of money in it.

In addition to ice skating, the club sponsors inline roller-speed-skating sessions during the summer months.

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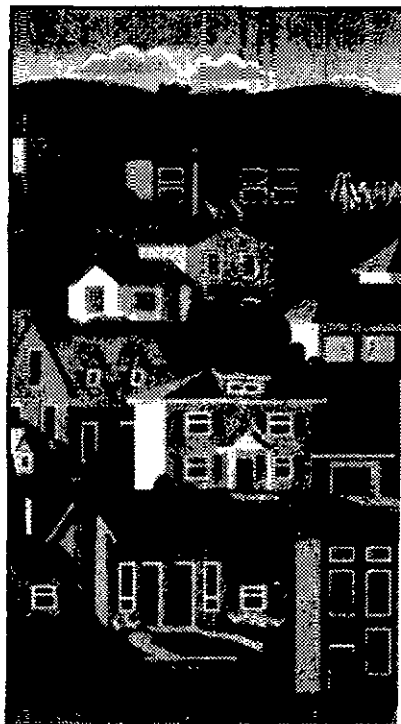
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V WRESTLING
 Niskayuna 42, BCHS 19
 96 - Sean Sperazza (N) by forfeit
 103 - Sean Alpinair (B) dec. Stephen Johnas; 11-3
 112 - Teddy Popolizo (N) dec. Matt Curtin; 16-2
 119 - David Woodworth (B) dec. Nate Rowe; 5-2
 125 - Nick Barbara (N) dec. Tom Hotaling; 15-2
 130 - Vincent Catalfamo (N) dec. Paul Rappoccio; 10-2
 135 - Chris Johnas (N) dec. Chris Reddy; 6-2
 140 - Jon Futrell (N) pinned Dan Douglas; 42
 145 - Juan Rodriguez (N) dec. Alex Courtney; 6-2
 152 - Christopher Johnson (N) dec. Andy Hayes; 4-3
 160 - Andy Hazen (B) dec. Matt Guthinger; 5-2
 171 - Dan Hazen (B) dec. Aaron Kinder; 9-7
 189 - Eric Brooks (N) dec. Mark Willey; 6-4
 215 - Ray Camilli (N) dec. Jim Tateo; 5-1
 275 - Dennis Lenhart (B) pinned Dan Nealon; 3:29

•Thursday, Dec. 2
V GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Voorheesville 53, Watervliet 39 OT

•Friday, Dec. 3
V ICE HOCKEY
 Shen 7, BCHS 2
V BOYS BASKETBALL
 RCS 69, Waterford 58
 BCHS 79, Bishop Gibbons 43

•Saturday, Dec. 4
V BOYS BASKETBALL
 Amsterdam 47, BCHS 46
V WRESTLING
 Canajoharie/Fort Plain 60, Voorheesville 15
 103 - Randy Johnson (CFP) by forfeit
 112 - Josh Parkinson (CFP) pinned Heather LeFerne; 14

119 - Brian Kafka (V) dec. Justin Murcay; 18-11
 125 - Mike Spalding (CFP) by forfeit
 130 - Nick Cramer (CFP) pinned Jesse Somner; 42
 135 - Liam Butcher-Reagan (V) by forfeit
 140 - Frank Lewis (CFP) pinned Justin Moak; 1:50
 145 - Glenn Ashline (V) pinned Ken Franklin; 5:06
 152 - Jerry Noseworthy (CFP) by forfeit
 160 - Scott Peck (CFP) pinned Josh Cootware; 1:03
 171 - Matt Ackert (CFP) pinned Jared George; 5:0
 189 - Jason Houlihan (CFP) pinned Josh Marks; 46
 215 - Rich Smith (CFP) by forfeit
 275 - Steve Kerzner (CFP) pinned Shawn Kiernan; 3:0

•Sunday, Dec. 5
V GIRLS BASKETBALL
 BCHS 51, Albany High 49

GAMES ON-TAP THIS WEEK

•Wednesday, Dec. 8
V WRESTLING
 BCHS @ BH-BL; 6:30 p.m.
V ICE HOCKEY
 Niskayuna @ BCHS; 6:30 p.m.
V GIRLS BASKETBALL
 BCHS @ Columbia; 8 p.m.
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 Mohonasen @ Guilderville; 4:30 p.m.
V BOWLING
 Waterford @ RCS; 4 p.m.
 Mechanicville @ Voorheesville; 4 p.m.

•Thursday, Dec. 9
V WRESTLING
 Schalmont @ Voorheesville; 6 p.m.

V BOWLING
 BCHS @ BH-BL; 4 p.m.

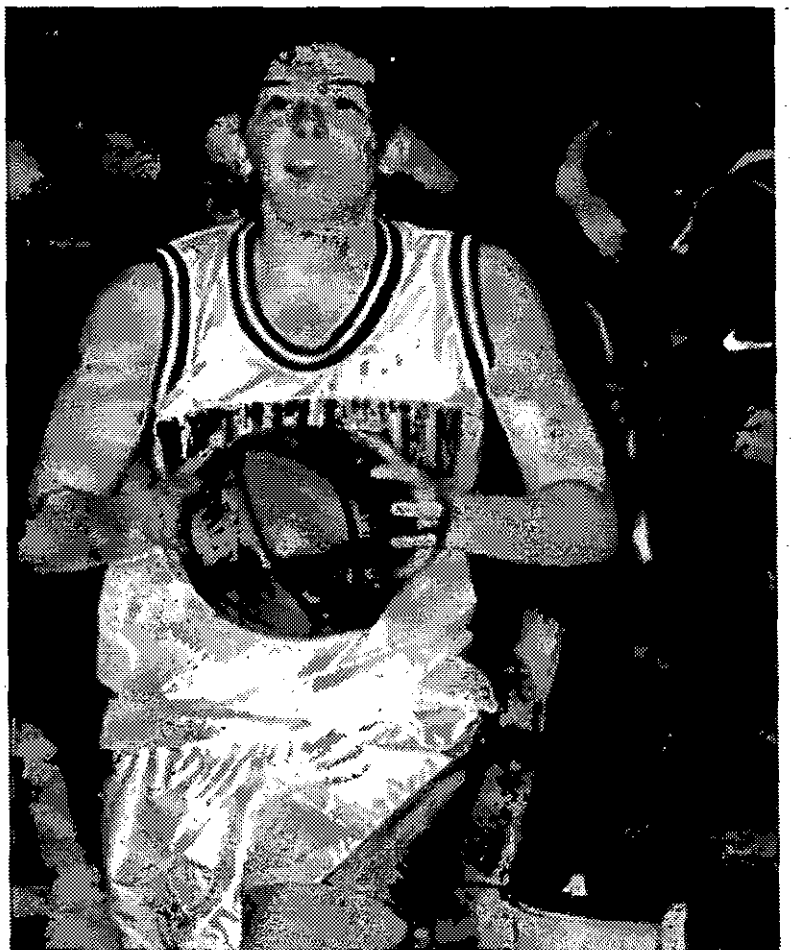
•Friday, Dec. 10
V BOYS BASKETBALL
 Albany Academy @ Voorheesville; 7:30 p.m.
 RCS @ Averill Park; 7:30 p.m.
 Mohonasen @ BCHS; 8 p.m.
V GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Averill Park @ RCS; 7:30 p.m.
 BCHS @ Mohonasen; 8 p.m.
V SWIMMING & DIVING
 Mohonasen @ BCHS; 4:30 p.m.

•Saturday, Dec. 11
V ICE HOCKEY
 BCHS @ South Glens Falls; 7 p.m.

•Monday, Dec. 13
V BOYS VOLLEYBALL
 Voorheesville @ New Lebanon; 6 p.m.
V BOWLING
 RCS @ Cohoes; 4 p.m.
 Voorheesville @ Averill Park; 4 p.m.

•Tuesday, Dec. 14
V BOYS BASKETBALL
 Albany Academy @ RCS; 7:30 p.m.
 Voorheesville @ Schalmont; 7:30 p.m.
 BCHS @ Colonie; 8 p.m.
V GIRLS BASKETBALL
 RCS @ Holy Names; 7:30 p.m.
 Schalmont @ Voorheesville; 7:30 p.m.
V SWIMMING & DIVING
 Amsterdam @ Guilderville; 4:30 p.m.
V BOWLING
 Saratoga @ BCHS; 4 p.m.

Eyes on the prize



Bethlehem Central High School junior forward Sara Conklin is focused on the hoop as she drives the lane against Albany High School in the consolation game of the girls Winterfest Tournament, held at BCHS. The Lady Eagles won the game 51-49.
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Boomers

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Gorman pointed out that being home isn't all Rosie O'Donnell and baking cookies.

"I feel that I rule the roost," she said. "There are a lot of financial things I'm much more on top of than I thought I'd need to be or want to be, and there are also a lot of activities you can be involved in."

"The mistake is thinking that you're at home doing nothing but children or you're at work doing nothing but work," said Sacco. "You parent no matter where you are. I'm really tired of this, 'Oh, I work,' or 'Oh, I'm home' and never the twain shall meet. We all have children and we're trying to do our best raising them."

Liebschutz said that the idea of conventional labor has changed.

"Fitting your job and your children (Jennifer, 11, and Rebecca, 6) in your life is not blocks of time anymore," he said, "it's lots of arrows pointing in lots of places; it's catching an hour here and an hour there. The 40-hour work week is still relatively conventional, but it's changed."

Pellettier is a prime example; she works 40 hours a week from home, hours she fits in around the schedules of her children, William, 11, and Kelly, 5.

"I'm able to do things at school, for the PTA, then Kelly gets off

the bus and I take time off to do things with her," said Pellettier. "I work weekends, and nights; sometimes I spend five minutes on the computer or make a phone call or two."

Technology has clearly made Pellettier's work easier.

"If the business phone rings, and Kelly's having a meltdown, I let the phone machine pick up the business call, and I deal with my daughter," she said. "That's why I have all this modern technology in my home. If I can't get to it, the equipment will deal with it and I can deal with my child."

Liebschutz wondered whether labor-saving devices really win us any time.

"In our home," he said, "the dishwasher saves time; the washer, as compared to beating laundry against a rock, saves time. As for a lot of other things; do they save us time? No. Does it make us more productive? I don't know. Work is work."

"I think technology has blurred the line between work and home," Sacco said. "You see people with cell phones, and you think you never get away from work."

"We also have a 24-hour day," Gorman said. "I remember as a child on Thanksgiving, my sister had an ear infection, and there was no drug store open to get medicine. One night at 3 a.m. my child desperately needed medicine for a fever, and I went to CVS to get it."

"I think the 24-hour day is bad," said Pellettier. "I would like to see stores, shut down, so the world can stop and take a break. I would love to see a five-day work week, with nobody working weekends, so we'd have time to relax and unwind."

Sacco talked about the freedom that went with her childhood. "When I was 8, I rode my bike to school," she said. "In the summer, I would say good-bye to my mother at 9 a.m. and she'd catch up with me at 4. She knew my routine, and what I was about, but it's different now. There aren't as many kids on the streets as there used to be."

This, she felt, has changed the way we live. "We had a neighborhood culture. I've lived in my neighborhood for 13 years and I know a lot of the neighbors, and my kids know a lot of the kids, but they don't have that culture. They're off doing music lessons or homework, or by middle school they want to be with their friends and not hanging out in the neighborhood," she said.

Sacco is trying to carry over her parent's values. "My husband and I try to make sure our kids aren't over-scheduled, because we both grew up with a lot of free time, and we think that's important for kids. And we try to have consequences. I also try to speak out for neighborhood kids. If I'm someplace, and I see something that's not appropriate, I say so. I don't think there's enough of that — we abdicate our responsibility. I believe in raising the village. Kids need to know they're being watched, and that they can't misbehave when their parents aren't around."

Liebschutz said he and his wife Libby try to give their children positive reinforcement, but that being clear about expectations is important too.

"You have to draw lines, and separate right from wrong. There was a time that parents were too hands-off, and people struggled because the kids were too wild," he said.

Education has also changed. Students do a great deal of work in groups and the volume and content of schoolwork has changed.

"I grew up in Delmar, and we never did anything as a group in school," said Pellettier. "My kids are going through the same school district my husband and I did, but their education is totally different. What my kids are getting is so much better."

"My middle schooler has so much homework," said Gorman. "It's not a complaint, it's just that it's more than I had at that age. A lot of the work he's doing is work I might have done in high school."

"I think the role of excellence in education is interesting," said Liebschutz. "I get the sense there's tension about whether to reward those kids who are reaching higher, or just make the bottom move up. I think that's sort of a shame because it's sort of elitist," he said.

At the same time, Liebschutz said, kids are feeling a lot of pressure. "They're applying to 10 or 15 colleges, and they have to hurry up and do all these applications. It's the idea that we've got so many choices, and our kids are pushed, but we're not giving them as much guidance," he added.

Sacco's college years contained some key historical events of her generation. In 1971, she was a freshman at Boston University, amid anti-Vietnam War demonstrations.

"I remember being terrified that MIT had a lot to do with defense. I remember the police cars lined up on Commonwealth Avenue with the lights off and the engines running," she said.

"I remember President Johnson saying, 'I will not seek, nor will I accept the nomination.' I remember Apollo 11 bursting into flame on launch pad; and the first moonwalk," she added.

"I was at summer camp," Liebschutz said. "I watched Apollo

1 on a little black and white TV, with 150 kids sitting around in their pajamas. You could barely see it."

Liebschutz has clear memories of the day that John F. Kennedy was shot, mostly because it meant the cancellation of his fifth birthday party.

Gorman remembered being in third grade when JFK was shot, and waking up as an eighth-grader to the news of Bobby Kennedy's death. Pellettier remembers coming home from school and learning of George Wallace's assassination. Liebschutz said he didn't know who Martin Luther King Jr. was until his assassination.

The main event that changed the way this generation looked at politics was Watergate.

"We didn't know what to think, and our parents didn't know what to think," said Liebschutz.

"I was very pro-Nixon as a kid," said Phillips. "In 1968, I had Nixon-Agnew posters on the back of my bicycle, and I handed out literature and bumper stickers outside the supermarket. As a teen-ager, I used to write letters to the White House about things that mattered to me. Watergate was a big shock to me. It turned my head around in a big way. It left me more cynical about anybody's motives for anything."

"It made a lot of people who were teen-agers cynical," said Liebschutz. "Watergate changed journalism, and changed our view of politics and how positive we are about civil and civic society. I think that's been a real change for the worse; it's hard to be very positive about people in public life. Watergate and the assassinations were very hard to live through."

Getting rid of some of this cynicism and finding a sense of community were two of today's important issues.

"There's a lack of community, and of people feeling connected to each other," said Sacco. "I see us spending a lot of time in the global world, but not knowing or being willing to connect with our neighbors or community."

"I recently moved, but I moved because of the house, not the community," Phillips said. "This has implications all over the place: do people vote enough? Do they understand the impact that a vote can have on local issues that are important to them? Whether their communities are safe enough, or their schools are doing what they want, is related to the fact that we don't see ourselves as citizens of a town for a long time."

"It goes back to the issue of a civil society," said Liebschutz. "If you feel like you have a stake in something, you work to improve it. It's planting a tree, not that you'll see the fruit, but so the next generation will. You don't see that as much in our generation, or our kids' generation."

Hopes for the future varied. Sacco hopes people will respect other's cultures and beliefs, and for an end to economic disparity, which she feels leads to a lot of societal violence.

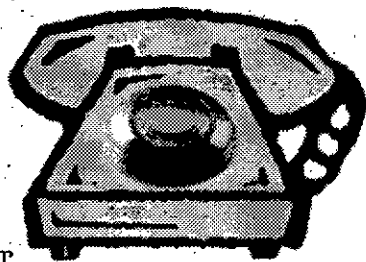
"I hope in the next millennium, we'll make a breakthrough in some of the horrible diseases we face," said Liebschutz.

Sacco has high expectations for the next generation.

"I look at the kids out there and I think they're great," she said. "They're bright and talented and I think they'll do great things."

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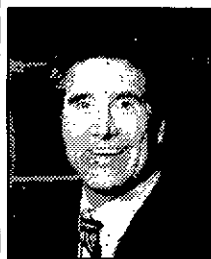


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Bond

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district's plan to keep its technology updated.

"It was always our intent to bring a technology bond issue to the public every five years," Superintendent Les Loomis said. "The current technology funding will enhance upgrades in every building, and make a significant start towards computer replacement. There's no doubt in my mind that any student or individual who wants to be competitive in the workforce needs to be familiar with technology. Technology should be an integral part of the education process."

Each of the district's five elementary schools will get a mobile learning lab with 32 laptops. They can be used together, or individually, depending on teacher's needs. The laptops the district wants to purchase can be hooked up to the Internet without wires.

"Right now, the average number of computers in a classroom is three," said technology supervisor Mac Carlton. "These wireless laptops are the latest innovation, and it's phenomenal to see a normal classroom transformed into a lab."

Carlton said the current bond issue's goal is to integrate computers into the education process.

"We don't want a student to say, 'I'm working on the computer,' but to say, 'I'm researching something,'" Carlton said.

A virtual learning center at the high school will allow art, music and English language arts students to work together in a way that reflects how it's done in the real world, Carlton said. An English language arts student could write something, for instance, then set it to music and also add graphic arts.

"The music education part lets students use computer workstations to compose music, score music they've written, or manipulate the sound sources to understand the musical process," said music supervisor Michael Tebbano. "This is technology that's been around for 10 years, and it gives us the opportunity to get more people involved."

Students would be able to play a synthesizer, and an adapter will talk to the computer, which will automatically score the song. Students still need to know the mechanics of notation, Tebbano pointed out, but computerization cuts four steps in the composing process.

"I know quite a few composers, and this is how they work," he said. "It triples the output of composers."

As part of the bond, the music department will receive six new music workstations, a sound-proof module and upgraded facilities.

Art supervisor Andy Masino is also looking forward to the improvements.

"The graphic design area in the working world is a very strong and lucrative area," he said. "This virtual center brings things to a hub where we could channel photography through virtual setup; do paste-up and mechanics text. We could set it up like a little ad agency."

Students could also use elec-

tronic sketchbooks and keep their sketches on a disk after being scanned. Portfolios and videos for college applications would also be easier to make with the new technology.

"This isn't just for art students," Masino said. "Some students keep these skills as a lifelong hobby, and they're good for a college application."

In the career education department, Carlton foresees faster processors and more memory on computer-assisted drawing (CAD) computers, and being able to move replaced computers to other departments.

The science department will use \$40,000 to purchase probes.

"We have some probes now, but not enough," Carlton said.

Probes attach to the back of computers and measure elements such as light intensity, carbon monoxide levels, or velocity.

Five PCs will go into the faculty work center at the high school, giving teachers a place to prepare lesson plans.

"With the high number of students in the high school, teachers don't only have one classroom, and their rooms are rarely free," Carlton said.

The technology plan calls for a TV studio at the middle school, something that school board vice president Lynne Lenhardt strongly advocated for as the board prepared the bond issue.

She sees the studio as one way to help make a large school seem smaller, thus fitting in well with the new house plan approved for the middle school.

"I did a long-term substitution at Farnsworth Middle School a couple of years ago, and found that the fact that you could see administrators on the TV news in the morning, or see and hear other people, makes the larger school seem smaller," Lenhardt said.

She pointed out that students who want to learn about news-casting get a chance to try it out firsthand, teachers can incorporate news into their curriculum, student candidates can campaign schoolwide via the TV, and several different classes can watch the same program at the same time.

"If, for instance, students are working on the Civil War, and the teachers want to show the movie 'Glory' as an example of contributions of African-Americans, they can broadcast it through the TV station to several classes at one time," Lenhardt said.

The bond also includes \$200,000 to be used to replace equipment, guaranteeing that no computer is more than eight years old.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Steve O'Shea said that still-useful computers will be put to work in other places in the district, or will be cannibalized for their best working parts.

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Donors can donate blood every 56 days, and public participation is encouraged.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

For information or to make an appointment, call Cheri West at 439-3299.

Professor to discuss Chinese paintings

University at Albany Professor Charles Hartman will present a free talk on the general characteristics of Chinese paintings on Monday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. in the community room of Bethlehem Public Library.

This is the first in a two-part lecture series funded by Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning.

Middle school ski club

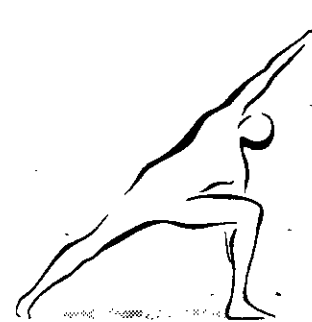
Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a ski club for middle school-age students who live in the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.

The club generally goes on trips on Saturdays. The first trip is on Dec. 11.

For details or a permission slip, call 439-4131.

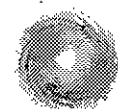
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Judges

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Munnelly and Theresa Egan are on call to arraign felony suspects.

"Terry and I split it," said Munnelly. "I carry a beeper with me at all times. And a significant amount of the time when we get called out late at night, it's a domestic violence matter."

New York state law — particularly under the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Intervention Act of 1994 — has removed a large degree of police discretion from domestic disturbances. If there's probable cause to believe that a felony has been committed, arrest is now mandatory.

Another procedural change outlawed the issuance of a mere appearance ticket in these cases. If felony charges are lodged, a judge must be called in for arraignment.

But, "There is no such thing in criminal law as a domestic violence crime," Munnelly said.

A felony abuser is charged with harassment, assault, rape, or whatever specific offense he or she may have committed — "and I have no control over what charge is brought," he added.

The specific charge is in the hands of police making the initial arrest, and the prosecutor (which in Bethlehem is a county assistant district attorney) to determine.

Once dragged out of bed, judges still have a great deal of leeway in facing accused batterers and abusers who wind up in court.

"I don't think there's been much of a change in how courts handle these cases as a result of the '94 law," Munnelly said. "The only real rule is that there are no rules. Every case is different and treated as such. There is no typical domestic violence case."

Not that judges are utterly without guidance. This past summer, the state's Unified Court System and the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence distributed to local judges a Domestic Violence Bench Manual, prepared by a Dutchess County group. The manual outlines the current state of the law and procedural guidelines for handling cases.

"Local criminal court judges play a key role in the community's response to domestic violence," according to the manual. "They have the power to set the tone of how domestic violence is perceived by victims, batterers, police, attorneys and prosecutors. Where allegations of abuse have been proven, judges, through their actions, words and decisions can protect victims, hold batterers accountable and send a message that domestic violence is a serious offense that will not be tolerated."

But the manual is neither required reading for judges nor a mandatory procedural blueprint, Munnelly said. The local judge still calls the shots. That, in the view of many domestic violence advocates, is a problem.

"In many cases, judges really don't understand about domestic violence," said Sherry Frohman, a Delmar resident who is executive director of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "In fact, in a lot of places, judges have no legal background at all."

Bethlehem is relatively lucky; both Egan and Munnelly are lawyers with prior experience in Family Court. Even so, judges often face a steep learning curve on the nuances of domestic violence law.

"We're still in a process after all

these years of continuing to educate parts of the judicial community," said Doris Meagher, who runs the Colonie-based A Center for Hope and Alternatives, a counseling program for batterers.

With both Bethlehem judges in their second year on the bench, she said, "You'd better believe the re-education process is still going on."

3:45 a.m. Munnelly arrives at town hall and arraigns the suspect on charges of assault and menacing. The judge imposes a Temporary Order of Protection, including a keep-away order.

One provision of the '94 law permits town judges to act as Family Court judges when that court is out of session — particularly between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m., and on weekends, prime times for domestic violence.

Family Court authority gives a judge like Munnelly a key weapon: the temporary order of protection (TOP). The defendant need not be present at the time a TOP is imposed. The judge has the option of a no-illegal-contact order — the accused can remain at home and in proximity to the alleged victims, provided he or she commits no further crimes — or when certain criteria indicate likely violence, a stay-away order, barring the defendant temporarily from his home or the victim's places of work or worship.

Bethlehem judges routinely issue such orders in domestic violence situations; 91 had been issued in Bethlehem through mid-November of this year. It isn't a step taken lightly.

"They are often the most difficult thing we have to do, issuing an order of protection," Munnelly said. "Though it is factually based, given that we have an accusatory instrument before us (the police report or other documentation), it is issued before all the evidence is in, so to speak."

And defendants have a right to a hearing within 14 days to review the order or modify it.

A TOP allows a judge to inquire about weapons in the household, and to immediately suspend the firearms license of the accused — as was done in the Feura Bush case, where the accused was ar-

rested with a rifle in hand. A judge may also revoke a license outright, if shown sufficient cause to believe the accused may resort to violence, like an explicit threat or a past history.

Also, under the '94 law, a judge issuing a TOP must file notice with a statewide Domestic Violence Registry. Administered by the Unified Court System data processing center at Rensselaer Technology Park, the registry provides law enforcement with an instantaneous computerized record when responding to a domestic dispute.

In the event of a repeat offense violating a TOP, the violation is a felony and triggers mandatory arrest. The trouble is, arrest for a violation is often the only enforcement of a TOP by local police departments with limited resources.

That puts the onus on the victim to report violations — which in turn puts them at greater risk that an already volatile domestic situation will escalate.

"One of the problems we have in this court, as in other town courts, is that we only have a criminal court day once a month," Munnelly said. During that time, a domestic violence victim remains at risk.

Recidivism figures are difficult to come by for domestic abuse cases. But Meagher cited a 1998 joint study by the National Institute for Justice and the National Centers for Disease Control that studied 57 domestic violence cases in New York, between 1993 and 1997, that ended in homicide.

Eighty-nine percent of them, she said, showed a prior history of abuse — 22 percent, nonphysical abuse, like stalking, phone harassment, or verbal threats.

Of the 40 cases involving prior physical violence, 22 also involved a prior arrest in a domestic incident; in 21 of those, at least one current order of protection had been imposed.

"We used to say, actually quite frivolously and quickly, to women in these situations, leave, leave, leave, you're in danger, and go to the police," Meagher said. "But we didn't know the danger they were in."

In fact, in four-fifths of these eventual homicide cases where an order of protection was involved, it had already been violated before the homicide is committed. The implications of these statistics is chilling: if a victim goes to the trouble of reporting domestic violence to the police, there is a good chance that the accused batterer will soon be out on an order of violence that goes relatively unenforced.

"If they violate the order, and nothing happens," Meagher said, the batterer may seek murderous vengeance against the accuser.

"Is that a deterrent to women stepping forward? You bet it is," she said. "The truth is, arrest is not the best deterrent by itself, and it's very hard for the public to look at that fact."

Frohman calls for judges to order monitoring of orders of protection by local probation services, and notes that Albany County's probation department has established a domestic-violence liaison for such purposes — but their caseload is heavy.

Frohman also calls for aggressive drive-bys by police of homes under orders of protection. But she is sanguine about the practicality of that.

"There are communities like Bethlehem where there are so many orders of protection that you simply can't do that," she said.

Arraignment completed, Munnelly releases the defendant on his own recognizance, without any bail being imposed. The judge sets a court appearance date for the defendant of Dec. 7. The TOP is put in force through January.

New York state imposes no restrictions on the conditions or duration of a TOP.

"I usually issue temporary orders of protection that are short in duration," said Munnelly, "enough to cover the immediate situation, and brief enough to give the accused a chance to speak to the charge."

That generally means, Munnelly said, two to three months in length, enough to cover the period through the defendant's day in court, "and I'd go one more month, just in case they don't show up."

There is roughly a one-in-10 chance of that. The judge can also order evaluation of the defendant by one or more additional service agencies before their appointed day in court.

If drugs or alcohol are involved, as in the Feura Bush case, Bethlehem judges often refer the defendant to a program called Honor Court, which sizes them up for possible substance-abuse counseling.

In addition, the court could refer them to a batterers' program; Meagher takes occasional referrals from Munnelly's court.

Sometimes, "what'll happen is that the attorney representing the person will come up with a plan and get the accused into a program," Munnelly said.

"The bottom line is, there is a punitive aspect to a domestic violence arrest — but you have to get at the underlying problem also, or you aren't going to get anywhere in the long run," he added.

Next week: A defendant may, or may not, get a day in court — and what happens then.

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Siobhan Sheehan and Brian Dudzik

Sheehan, Dudzik to wed

Siobhan Marie Sheehan, daughter of Jon and Anne Marie Sheehan of Slingerlands, and Brian Michael Dudzik, son of Lawrence and Christine Dudzik of Freehold, N.J., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose.

She is director of admissions at Eden Park Health Care Center in East Greenbush.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is a lieutenant in the Army, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.

The couple plans a June 17 wedding.

Bethlehem Central graduate named Lannan Fellow

St. Mary's College of Maryland, recently named Bethlehem Central High School graduate Kathryn Lange as one of two Lannan Literary Fellows.

Lange will represent her college at a series of 10 poetry symposiums at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

The symposiums are sponsored by the Lannan Foundation, Georgetown University and the Folger Library.

Among the award-winning poets who will read their works and participate in the series are:

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Pulitzer-Prize winners Louise Gluck and Yusef Komunyakaa, Vijay Seshadri of "The New Yorker," MacArthur Fellow Sandra Cisneros, Alan Shapiro, Elizabeth Spires and Arthur Sze.

Lange, 19, is a former co-editor of Bethlehem Central High School's literary magazine, "The Thinking Reed."

She spent the past year as an AmeriCorps volunteer on Whidbey Island in the Pacific Northwest where she worked in environmental reclamation and education.

Student inducted into honor society

Wesley Miaw, a 1998 Bethlehem Central High School graduate and a student at the University of California, Berkley, has been inducted into the Golden Key

National Honor Society.

The national honor is awarded to college juniors and seniors in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence.

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Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Mackenzie Lee Kresge, to Maryann and Walter Kresge of Delmar, Nov. 17.

Boy, Joseph Michael Noland, to Christine and Mark Noland of Delmar, Nov. 19.

Local students tapped for society

Kelley Banagan and David Goodfellow, both of Delmar, were recently tapped for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa at St. Lawrence University.

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national honor society whose members are chosen by a committee from the top 35 percent of the junior and senior classes.

Membership in the society is one of the highest distinctions a student at St. Lawrence can achieve.

Delmar student earns college honor

Robert Putnam of Delmar has been inducted into the Irving Bacheller Society, the English department honorary society at St. Lawrence University.

The Irving Bacheller Society is named for the 1882 graduate who wrote *Eben Holden*.

BCHS graduate serves as Big Brother

Andrew Hartman of Delmar is participating in the Big Brother program at St. Lawrence University, where he is a sophomore.

Hartman is a 1998 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Sailor aboard ship

Navy Seaman Matthew Goldberg, son of Paul and Sara Goldberg of Delmar, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the destroyer USS Kinkaid, whose home port is San Diego.

Goldberg is a 1996 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He joined the Navy in March 1998.

Delmar doctor joins practice

Dr. Steven A. Culbert of Delmar recently joined the obstetric and gynecological staff at St. Peter's Delmar Women's Health Care Associates. He is a graduate of Notre Dame and Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston.



Kelly and Christopher Renaud

Jenkins, Renaud marry

Kelly Blair Jenkins, daughter of Kent and Jeanne Jenkins of Slingerlands and Christopher John Renaud, son of Donat and Terry Renaud of Williston, Vt., were married Sept. 25.

The Revs. Larry Deyss and Edward Kacerguis performed the ceremony at Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Lake George.

A reception followed at Canoe Island Lodge at Diamond Point on Lake George.

The maid of honor was Caroline Jenkins, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kathryn Renaud, sister of the groom, Jenny Evans, Kira Greer and Kelleen McGee.

The best man was Anthony Derosier, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Joshua Anderson, Raymond Bresnahan, Gregory Brown and Christopher Knudsen.

The bride is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and has a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is a risk manager at American Express.

The groom is also a graduate of St. Lawrence University and has a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is assistant director of admissions at Stevens Institute of Technology.

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Enjoy hot cider and cookies, caroling and kid's goodie bags.

Have your picture taken with Santa to benefit improvement projects.

There will also be a raffle drawing with great prizes including gingerbread houses, a leather briefcase and a holiday food platter.

Obituaries

George Schaller

George Schaller, 94, of Delmar died Sunday, Dec. 5, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

Born in Albany, he retired from Graves & Rogers Liquor Co.

After he retired, he worked for State American Auto, Bill Richards Ford and the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home.

He was a communicant of St. James Church.

He was the husband of the late Dorothy J. Rice Schaller.

Survivors include four daughters, Jane Elze of Williamsville, Erie County, Dorothy Richards of Delmar, Arlene Clark of Poughkeepsie and Judy Collins of Queensbury; two brothers, Harry Schaller of Albany and Herman Schaller of Glenmont; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home 490 Delaware Ave., Albany and St. James Church where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Owen McCormick

Owen J. McCormick, 76, of Selkirk died Sunday, Dec. 5, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. McCormick was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in Panama.

He was a Boy Scout leader in the Fort Clinton District.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Marie McCormick; seven children; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Mr. McCormick donated his remains to the Anatomical Gift Program of Albany Medical College.

Arrangements were by the Hans Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany 12208.

Thomas Stanley

Thomas J. Stanley of Cedar Grove Road in Selkirk and formerly of East Greenbush died Friday, Dec. 3, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Natick, Mass., he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

Mr. Stanley worked for Local

40 of Heat & Frost Insulators & Asbestos Workers for 31 years.

He was a former volunteer chief of Sherwood Park Fire Co.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Stanley; two sons, Thomas J. Stanley of Wilder, Vt., Robert Stanley of Castleton; three daughters, Alona Rickert of Averill Park, Kathleen Walker of Colonie and Donna Borsuk of Norfolk, Va.; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were from the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery in Selkirk.

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

Franklin Walton

Franklin R. Walton, 85, of Delmar died Saturday, Dec. 4, at Good Samaritan Health Care Facility.

Mr. Walton was a fireman/engineer for Conrail for 40 years before he retired.

He was a member of Jerusalem Reformed Church.

He was the widow of Eleanor J. Walton.

Survivors include two sons, William H. Walton of Selkirk and Franklin R. Walton of Feura Bush; a sister Lorraine LaQuire; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Jerusalem Reformed Church.

Pearl Grinnell

Pearl Sharp Grinnell, 102, of Delmar died Sunday, Dec. 5.

She was a graduate of Albany Business College.

Mrs. Grinnell was the executive secretary for several lieutenant governors before she retired.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

She was the widow of Harold Grinnell.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Grinnell of Voorheesville and H. William Grinnell of Pasadena, Calif.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A Mass of the Departed will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive.

Interment was in Bloomington Cemetery in Defreetsville.

Arrangements were by the

Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

Margaret Verdegaaal

Margaret Verdegaaal, 93, of Clifton Park and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, Dec. 3, at Schuyler Ridge Health Facility.

A native of Ireland, she came to the United States in 1923.

Mrs. Verdegaaal worked for the State Police Division Headquarters before she retired.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and a member of the Altar Rosary Society. She was a member of Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

She was the widow of Peter P. Verdegaaal.

Survivors include two daughters, Marjorie A. Kugler of Albany and Jean M. Fanniff of Latham; and five grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas Memorial Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054 or the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, Texas 75244.

Robert F. Pulfer

Robert F. Pulfer, 70, of North Port, Fla., and formerly of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 23.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Pulfer; two sons, Douglas Pulfer of Amherst, N.H., and Donald Pulfer of Great Barrington, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the James A. McKee Funeral Home in North Port.

Services were from Lutheran Church of Living Waters, North Port, Fla.

Clarksville church sets tree lighting

Clarksville Community Church will hold a tree lighting and caroling event on Friday, Dec. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Clarksville's 40-foot tree will be lit, and free hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served.

Children will receive a candy cane and an ice cream certificate.

Progress Club travel group to meet

Delmar Progress Club travel group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. in the community room at Bethlehem Public Library.

Helen Smith will present a slide show on "Watercolor Painting in Ireland."

For information, call 439-3916.

Thacher Park offers geology walk

Expert Thom Engel will lead a geology walk on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 9:30 a.m. at John Boyd Thacher State Park in New Scotland.

Meet at Hop Field parking area. For information, call 872-1237.

Top cop



Bethlehem Traffic Safety Officer Jeffrey Vunck, left, receives a Top Cop Award of Excellence from Maureen Fisher Riccardella, state chairwoman of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, at a luncheon in Albany on Nov. 16. Vunck is one of 14 officers statewide to be selected for the award, part of the organization's Safe and Sober campaign.

Bash

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fellow Democrat Theresa Egan to perform his swearing-in.

The re-elected Republican incumbents, including Supervisor Sheila Fuller, town board member Doris Davis, Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk and Receiver of Taxes Nancy Mendick, will be sworn in as in years past by Roger M. Fritts, a former town justice.

Fuller said she was pleased that Plummer had opted to join his new colleagues in a joint ceremony, rather than at a separate observance, and that she had deferred to him in the choice of a date.

"He has a family with several young children whom we'll be delighted to have participate in the ceremony," she said.

In New Scotland, where a new supervisor, town clerk and two new members of the town board take office on Jan. 1, along with an incumbent town justice, highway superintendent and receiver of taxes, a bigger bash has been planned.

In an event coordinated by the town supervisor's office, a formal swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 1 at 3:30 p.m. at New Scotland town hall will be followed by what is being called in an announcement: "a celebration of our town and its government."

"We wanted to have a formal celebration to begin the new millennium, where we could transition from a brief ceremony to something everyone in town can

participate in," said Supervisor-elect Martha Pofit, who is coordinating the event with her predecessor, Herb Reilly.

Newly elected state Supreme Court Justice Joseph Cannizzaro has been asked to preside at the swearing in of Pofit; Town Clerk Diane Deschenes; new board members Richard Reilly and Kathy Connolly; and incumbent Town Justice Kenneth Connolly, Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan, and Receiver of Taxes Marilyn Holmberg.

Pofit said late afternoon was selected to permit Reilly, whose own swearing-in as a newly-elected county legislator will take place that morning, to see his son Richard sworn in as a member of the town board.

After the ceremony, an ecumenical prayer service will take place at 5 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville.

The evening will conclude with a catered reception and dancing to "Jazz Under the Stars" in the showroom of New Salem Saab at 1891 New Scotland Road. Scheduled for 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., the reception will be catered by Super Valu Foods in Voorheesville and Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush, with a dessert bar from Indian Ladder Farms.

Formal inaugurations are not mandatory. Technically, elected officials in both towns take office on midnight Dec. 31, provided they sign a written oath at the town clerk's office on or before that date.

Death Notices

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

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

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

SPOTLIGHT ON *Family* ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Young talent takes to the stage

Kids get into the act with area holiday productions

By JOHN BRENT

"I didn't think I would be scared," said Beau Melita of his stint as a young actor in "A Christmas Carol," but the fourth-grader admits to being a little anxious on opening night. "When I first looked out and saw the audience, I felt the butterflies in my stomach," he confessed.

Of course, butterflies before a performance are nothing new for thespians young or old, so Beau is simply exercising a time-honored theatrical tradition. He quickly overcame his apprehension, however and sailed through the show playing not one but three characters in the traditional holiday favorite.

Beau is one of many area youngsters who have been bitten by the acting bug and are now stepping into the spotlight on area stages as local theater groups raise the curtain on their family holiday shows.

The young actor said that "running around backstage and changing costumes for the different parts" is one of the more exciting aspects of being in "A Christmas Carol." Beau plays Peter Cratchet, one of Bob Cratchet's children, a caroler and the "Turkey Boy." This is the youngster Scrooge talks with after a night of spiritual encounters. Scrooge confirms that Christmas has not gone by and sends the boy to get a turkey for the Cratchet family.

Beau's mom, Sara, is the director of Theater Arts School for the New York State Theatre Institute, a program for youngsters age 3 to 12 and a program where Beau has received some training.

Dad Tim said that Beau has worked hard on the show, and that there have been a lot of late nights with rehearsals and so forth.

Tim said his son's talents are not limited to acting. Beau has modeled professionally including a recent shoot for "Reader's Digest Christmas Stories."

The Melitas reside in Slingerlands and Beau is a student at Slingerlands Elementary School.

Final performances are scheduled this weekend at the James L. Meader Little Theater on the Russell Sage campus in Troy. There will be 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. shows on Friday, an 8 p.m. show on Saturday and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 for a family package of up to six people. Call 244-4502 for information.

"I've been in many shows," said another Slingerlands resident, seventh-grader Leslie Shrager who is reprising her role as Janie Bailey in "A Wonderful Life," the musical stage version of the Frank Capra film classic "It's a Wonderful Life." Presented by the New York State Theatre Institute, this is the second holiday season for the show which premiered last year.

Slingerlands native Beau Melita in costume for one of his roles in "A Christmas Carol."

When asked if any of the returning children had gotten too old for their parts in the past year, Leslie laughed and said, "None of us have changed that much!"

The actress has a number of performing credits. She appeared in NYSTI's production of "A Little Princess" and in MacHadyen theater productions of "The King and I" and "Fiddler on the Roof." Leslie also appeared in Bethlehem Middle School productions of "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Alice in Wonderland."

"I like mostly musicals," said the actress. "They're more fun and upbeat."

"A Wonderful Life" brings back a number of cast members from last year's production, including Timothy Booth in the lead role of George Bailey, the character originated by the late Jimmy Stewart. George wants to shake the small town life of Bedford Falls and go places and do things, but personal commitments keep getting in his way.

NYSTI regulars John Romeo, Joel Aroeste and John McGuire will also be on hand. Romeo returns in the role of the angel Clarence who, *deus ex machina* style, rescues George from a suicide attempt and proves to the discouraged hero just how terrible things would be had it not been for his wonderful life. Aroeste plays bumbling Uncle Billy and John McGuire portrays the cynical Mr. Potter.

New to the cast will be Michelle Dawson in the role of Mary Hatch in her first NYSTI performance. Mary is the Bedford Falls gal who marries George. Dawson has several Broadway credits including the role of Evelyn Nesbit in "Ragtime".

What's it like for a younger talent working with all these seasoned veterans? "It's a lot of fun," Leslie said. "I really learn a lot. They're very down to earth — not full of themselves. They're always willing to help."

Leslie also praised the show's director, Patricia Di Benedetto Snyder. "I really love working with her," she said. "The best part is the way she treats the kids as equals. Not like they're just kids and stuff."

When asked if she gets a little nervous before a performance, Leslie replied, "No, not really." After reflecting for a moment, the actress added, "More excited than nervous." But Leslie confided that she does get nervous at auditions, which she described as "very competitive." She talked about her first NYSTI audition. "Some kids have so much more experience but there I was and I just did my best."

The musical adaptation is a collaboration between Broadway luminary Sheldon Harnick, who wrote the book and lyrics, and the late composer Joe Raposo, who did the score. INYSTI's production of "A Wonderful Life" is dedicated to the memory of the composer.

Remaining performances at the Schacht Fine Arts Center on the Russell Sage Campus in Troy of "A Wonderful Life" are scheduled for Dec. 10, 11 and 17 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students with and \$8 ticket for children 12 and under. For information call 274-3256.

Like an old movie cliché, Benjamin Golub of Niskayuna got his big show biz break when the star became ill and a substitute actor was needed. Ben appears in the Opera Excelsior production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors." "I've been studying voice with Sylvia Kutchukian for about a year and a half," Ben said. Actress/singer Dolly Harris, cast as the mother in "Amahl," saw Ben singing in a recital. When 12 year old David Bon-Keen, the first actor cast as Amahl, became ill, Ben was asked to step in. David made a quick recovery, and it was decided that both actors should play the part in different performances.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" was originally written for NBC television by American composer Gian Carlo Menotti and presented on the network for the first time on Christmas Eve, 1953. The hour-long opera tells the story of a lame shepherd boy and his mother who are visited one night by the Three Wise Men while on their journey to find the baby Jesus.

Musical direction for the opera is provided by Victor Klamish.

"Working with the people," is what Ben said he likes most about being involved with the production. The talented fifth-grader spoke with a breathless enthusiasm as he said he plans to continue his performing pursuits. The actor said his immediate plans include playing a part in "Elijah" but quickly added that he has not been cast yet and that he has only auditioned.

"I like them both," said Ben when asked if he prefers singing to acting.

The most difficult part of "Amahl" for Ben? The scene in which he has to defend his mother who is being attacked by a Page. "Everything has to be done at once," he said, "singing, acting and movements that have to be very exact. You can't mess up any part of it."

Like many of his peers, Ben enjoys downhill skiing, baseball and football. "I just got a new pair of roller blades," said Ben, who is eager to become skilled in the sport.

Ben completed his performances in the opera last weekend. This weekend "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be presented with Bon-Keen in the role at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on 107 State St. in Albany. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and \$20. Call 448-5422 for information.

Beau, Leslie and Ben have all enjoyed their stage experience, and while all have hopes of doing more theater, future career choices as yet remain undecided. When asked what was the most valuable thing she learned from acting, Leslie Shrager replied, "definitely self confidence. Not to be afraid and to be unique." The young actress echoed the sentiments of the two actors when she said, "I really, really love it."



Leslie Shrager, left, reprises her role of Janie Bailey in NYSTI's "A Wonderful Life". The actress is seen here with fellow cast members, Alyson Lange, Timothy Antonacci, Michelle Dawson and Georgie Jordan.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI

musical adaptation of O. Henry story, Capital Rep, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Jan. 1, \$25 to \$35. Information, 445-7469.

A WONDERFUL LIFE

musical adaptation of "It's a Wonderful Life," New York State Theater Institute, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 17, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., Dec. 9 to 11 at 8 p.m., Dec. 12 at 2 p.m., \$16, \$8 for children under 14. Information, 393-5732.

MUSIC

BORROMEO STRING QUARTET

all-Beethoven program, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 372-3651.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mozart at the Holidays concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$14 to \$33. Information, 273-0038.

MENDELSSOHN CLUB HOLIDAY CONCERT

Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$14. Information, 395-8863.

NOWELL SING WE CLEAR

Old Songs holiday concert with John Roberts, Tony Barand, Fred Breunig and Andy Davis,

Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, Dec. 11, 3 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

Albany Pro Musica holiday concert, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at St. Clement's Church, 231 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 828 Eastern Ave., Schenectady, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. at St. James' Church, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany, \$15, \$13 for seniors, \$7.50 for students. Information, 273-6510.

JUDY COLLINS

with Albany Pro Musica, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$28. Information, 273-0038.

THE BALTIMORE CONSORT

holiday concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., \$18. Information, 273-0038.

MOUNTAIN SNOW AND MISTLETOE

holiday concert with Christopher Shaw and Bridget Ball and special guests, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m., Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., \$15. Information, 273-0038.

THE MESSIAH

Handel's holiday favorite, performed by Octavo Singers, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Dec. 19, 3 p.m., \$15, \$12 for seniors and students. Information, 344-SING.

THE NUTCRACKER

Berkshire Ballet production, Palace Theatre, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m., Dec. 19 at 1 and 5 p.m., \$28.50, \$24.50 and \$15. Information, 426-0671.

THE NUTCRACKER

Youth Ballet Co. and Dance Eclectic production, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Dec. 18 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., \$22, \$18 for seniors and students. Information, 473-1845.

FAMILY FUN

MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS

Empire State Youth Orchestra holiday show, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 9 to 11 at 7 p.m., Dec. 12 at 3 p.m., \$12 to \$17. Information, 346-6204.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 11 and 18 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Dec. 12 and 19 at 3 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. Information, 438-5503.

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

Theatre IV musical about famous newspaper editorial, Empire Center at the Egg, Dec. 12, 1 and 4 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. Information, 473-1845.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

musical by Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m., \$22.50 to \$25.50. Information, 346-6204.

DANCE

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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is TELEMAIL SERVICES GROUP, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 25, 1999. Third: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent

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upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 75 Champlain Street Albany, NY 12204

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "Law"). SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (December 8, 1999)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of One(1) Submersible Non-Clog Centrifugal Sewage Pump the Department of Public Works, town of Bethlehem. Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on December 22, 1999, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK TOWN CLERK DATED: November 23, 1999 (December 8, 1999)

The Super CROSSWORD

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Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8

BETHLEHEM

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

"LOOK IT UP: ENTERTAINING"
Series on using electronic
reference resources; Bethlehem
Public Library, 451 Delaware
Ave., 2 and 7 p.m. Information,
439-9314.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9

BETHLEHEM

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

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

PROGRESS CLUB
Travel group meeting, slide
show on "Watercolor Painting in
Ireland" by Helen Smith.
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., 2 to 4 p.m.
Information, 439-3916.

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

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

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPT. AUX.
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30
p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUX.
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30
p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10

BETHLEHEM

Q.U.I.L.T.
Quilters United In Learning
Together holiday meeting;
social time, business meeting,
new members and visitors
welcome. First United Method-
ist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.,
Delmar, 9:15 a.m. Information,
456-0552.

LIBRARY BABIES
For children 15-21 months and
their parents; storytelling, play,
games. Bethlehem Public
Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 10
a.m. Information, 439-9314.

FIVE RIVERS CENTER
Guided evening walk, listening
for owls and night sounds,
learning to use night vision.
Participants should dress
warmly. Five Rivers Environmen-
tal Education Center, Game

Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m.
Information, 475-0291.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11

BETHLEHEM

SATURDAY STORYBREAK
For children ages 3-6, parents;
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., 2 p.m.
Information, 439-0503.

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 13

BETHLEHEM

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

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also
Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

FREE ART LECTURE
U. of Albany professor Charles
Harrman on "General Charac-
teristics of Chinese Painting,"
sponsored by HILL. Bethlehem
Public Library, 451 Delaware
Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-9661.

EXPLORER POST 157
For boys and girls 14-21,
focusing on environmental
conservation. Weekly, 310
Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9
p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church,
428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6
p.m.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT
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Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-
4734.

TAKE POUNDS OFF SENSIBLY
Glenmont Community Church,
Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in,
6:30 p.m. meeting. Information,
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firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15
p.m. Information, 439-9144.

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

A.W. BECKER PTA
Becker Elementary School,
Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Informa-
tion, 767-2511.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 10 a.m. Informa-
tion, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 1 to 3 p.m.
Information, 765-2791.

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BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
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BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 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.

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

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V'VILLE PLANNING COMM.
village hall, 29 Voorheesville
Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
765-2692.

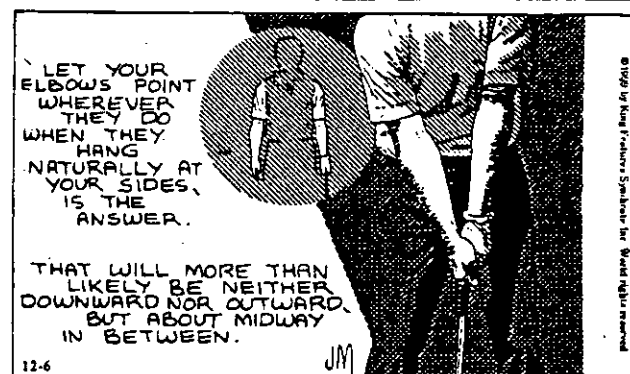
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Center, New Salem, call for
time. Information, 765-2109.

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

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First United Methodist Church of
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of Bethlehem Central School District will be held on December 14, 1999, beginning at 7:00 A.M. At such meeting, taxes to be levied in installments will be proposed. The following resolution to be submitted at said meeting stating the taxes to be proposed, the object or purpose for which such taxes will be authorized and the estimated amount to be expended for such object or purposes:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Bethlehem High School and to construct an addition thereto; to reconstruct for Technology for Bethlehem Middle School and the Clarksville, Elmsmere, Glenmont, Hamagrael and Slingerlands Elementary Schools; and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such buildings, all at an estimated cost of \$3,743,800.

2. The total estimated maximum cost of the purposes set forth hereinabove is \$3,743,800 and a tax in that amount authorized to be expended for such purposes shall be levied upon all the taxable property in the School District in order to raise money required for such purposes, and such tax shall be levied in annual installments which shall be such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education. The sums set forth for each project or site are estimated and may be increased or decreased but the total estimated maximum cost of all such purposes shall not exceed the sum of \$3,743,800.

3. Bonds or other obligations of the School District of the aggregate principal amount of \$3,743,800 are hereby authorized to be issued in anticipation of the collection of said tax and a tax shall be levied to pay the interest on said bonds or other obligations as the same become due and payable.

the Board of Education has determined that the vote upon such proposition shall be taken by the use of voting machines and that the polls shall be kept open for voters desiring to vote upon such proposition from 7:00 o'clock A.M., Eastern Standard Time, until 9:00 o'clock, P.M. Eastern Standard Time. By order of the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, New York.

DATED: October 20, 1999

By order of:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
(December 8, 1999)

ALUMNI FUNDING, LLC

Notice of formation of Alumni Funding, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State on September 21, 1999. The jurisdiction of the LLC is Virginia. The date of its organization is 9/10/99. The County within this state in which the office of the LLC is located in Albany. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 9/21/99. 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 LLC, c/o Richard E. Rowlands, Esq., 26 Computer Drive West - Albany, New York 12205, the Registered Agent of the LLC. The name of the authorized office is Dain, Oxley, Markley & Nicoli, P.L.L.C., 1810 Michael Faraday Drive, Suite 100, Reston, Virginia. The name and address of the authorized officer in Virginia where the articles of organization were filed is State Corporation Commission, Office of Clerk, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1197. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in the business of a Mortgage Broker.

(December 8, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE

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:

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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 8, 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 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 8, 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

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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 8, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BROADWAY - LIBERTY COMPANY, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL") certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the company is Broadway - Liberty Company, LLC.

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

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is c/o James Carr 388 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 22 day of October, 1999.

Vincent L. Valenza

Organizer

(December 8, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CONNOLLY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL") certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the company is Connolly Government Relations, LLC.

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

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 5th day of October, 1999.

Thomas P. Connolly

Organizer

(December 8, 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, 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 IV, L.P.

DRL, LLC, General Partner

By: s/ Donald R. Led Duke,

Member

(December 8, 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 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 8, 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 8, 1999)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF LAFAVE & HIGGINS, LLP

Under Section 121 - 1500 (a) of the partnership Law

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Lafave & Higgins, LLP

SECOND: The address of the

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principal office of the partnership without limited partnership is: 822 Delaware Avenue

Delmar, New York 12054

THIRD: The profession(s) to be practiced by such partner ship without limited partners is: Law and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121-1500 (a) of the Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is:

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FIFTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate has been subscribed on October 1, 1999 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury.

(December 8, 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 Villet Boulevard, Cohoes, New York 12047.

(December 8, 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 8, 1999)

MORGAN HAYES, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Articles of Organization of the LLC filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 5, 1999. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Michael M. Hayes, 338 Loudonville Road, Loudonville, New York 12211. No reported agent. Latest date to dissolve is 12/31/2049. Purpose: All legal purposes.

(December 8, 1999)

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Albany County, on the 30th day of November, 1999, bearing Index Number 6865-99, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the Albany County Clerk, located at the Albany County Courthouse, Eagle Street, Albany, NY, grants me the right to assume the name of Irie Elizabeth Dunne. My present address is 27 Herrick Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054; the date of my birth is February 28, 1983; the place of my birth is Albany, NY; my present name is Irene Elizabeth Dunne.

(December 8, 1999)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 1070 LOUDON ROAD, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

1. The name of the Company is 1070 Loudon Road, LLC.

2. The articles of organization

were filed on November 23, 1999. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is: 1070 Loudon Road, Cohoes, New York 12047

5. There is no specific date of dissolution.

6. The purposes for which the Company is formed are as follows:

To purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, sell, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated; and

To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability company may be organized under the LLCL of the State of New York. The Company is not formed to engage in any act requiring the consent of any state agency without such consent first being obtained.

7. The organizer of the limited liability company was Elizabeth Barra as sole organizer, 1070 Loudon Road, Cohoes, New York 12047.

(December 8, 1999)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EBG ASSOCIATES, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

1. The name of the Company is EBG Associates, LLC.

2. The articles of organization were filed on August 11, 1999.

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is: 797 Whitney Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12306

5. The latest date on which the Company may dissolve is December 31, 2040.

6. The purposes for which the Company is formed are as follows:

To purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, sell, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated; and

To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability company may be organized under the LLCL of the State of New York. The Company is not formed to engage in any act requiring the consent of any state agency without such consent first being obtained.

7. The organizer of the limited liability company was Brian H. Bronsther, as sole organizer, 6 Chelsea Place - P.O. Box 674, Clifton Park, New York 12065.

(December 8, 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.

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

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Name: Medical Fiscal Management, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on October 28, 1999. Location of Principal Office: Albany County. The Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of MEDICAL FISCAL MANAGEMENT upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State of New York shall mail a copy of process to Medical Fiscal Management, LLC, c/o Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O'Shea, 102 Hackett Boulevard, Albany, NY 12209.

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4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served, and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against them is 3 Mercycare Lane, Guilderland, NY 12084.
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Articles of Organization of Heritage Financial Group, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 5, 1999, effective upon the date of filing. 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 the LLC c/o 10 Colvin Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCCL. (December 8, 1999)

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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 8, 1999)

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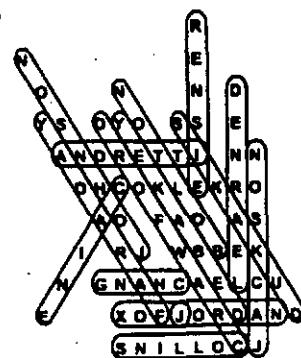
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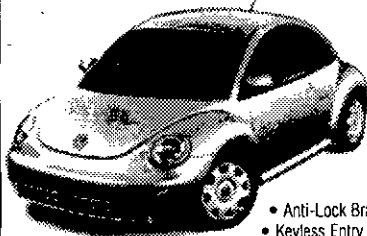
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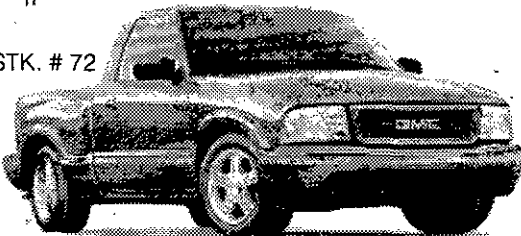
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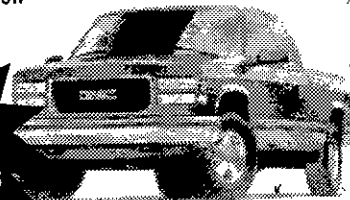
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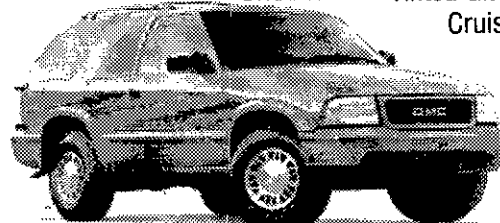
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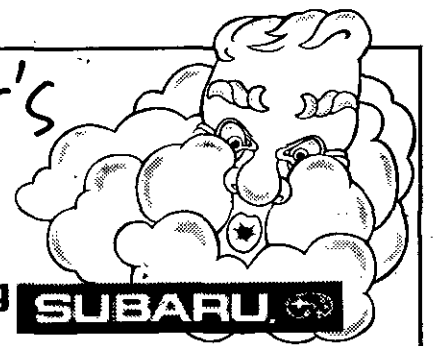
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