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The Spotlight

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1999: Towns surge ahead toward millennium

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A look at the news of the year 1999 in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

January

Bethlehem's planning board considers a request from developer First Columbia to re-zone a site on Maher Road, where it hopes to build a medical facility to house satellite operations for St. Peter's Hospital. The planning board also continues its review of CMI Senior Healthcare's building site plan for Delaware Avenue in Delmar, currently facing a lawsuit from neighbors challenging last summer's rezoning of that site.

Also on the business front, Van Allen Senior Housing in Glenmont secures a Housing Trust fund loan to build its project in Glenmont.

The New Scotland town board investigates extending the Clarksville Water District to include as many as 25 residences on Upper Flat Rock Road.

Voorheesville's school district considers an eminent domain seizure of as many as 20 acres from landowner John O'Connell in order to build an addition to the high school and athletic fields — a proposal that will stir considerable controversy.

A lengthy contract squabble finally draws to a close between the Bethlehem school district and the BCUEA, the union representing support personnel — but not without some residual bad blood.

On the sports front, plenty of holiday cheer accompanies tournament wins at home by RCS boys and girls basketball teams, each winning Gold Cup

Tournaments; and in Bethlehem, as the boys take the Helderberg Tournament.

February

Bethlehem Town Justice Kenneth Munnely, whose seat is certified by Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk for the coming election in the fall, challenges that certification. On advice of the town attorney, Newkirk declines to rescind it. A month later, the matter will end up in court.

Voorheesville high school alum Matthew Odell is killed in a hit-and-run accident in Washington, D.C., and BCHS grad Jesse Rodgers in a dormitory fire at SUNY-Geneseo.

A fugitive Rev. Brendan O'Keefe is arrested in Chicago and extradited to Albany to face charges he embezzled thousands of dollars from St. Michael's Shrine in Glenmont.

A compromised midterm exam leads to the resignation of BCHS social studies teacher John Han and the voiding of exam results.

The Bethlehem planning board gives thumbs up to a draft project for Shanahan Fun Park on Route 9W; recommends project approval for CMI; and takes up Bethlehem Ice Group's arena proposal on an accelerated basis.

First Columbia, sensing defeat of its Maher Road site, goes back to the drawing board.

Two Selkirk teens are arrested in connection with a burglary at Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club. Bethlehem police and Sheriff's Department investigators believe they may be implicated in a string of local thefts.

Big gains for local land conservation, as a former Delmar resident donates 6 acres to Five Rivers Center, and Albany

Land Conservancy adds Bennett Hill and Onesquethaw Cave in Clarksville to its holdings.

BCHS swimmers win the Class A sectionals, kicked home by a hairbreadth win in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. Meanwhile the Voorheesville girls basketball team, defending Class C

champs, secure top seed in sectionals.

Voorheesville's Mike Cavanaugh wins the Class D 275-pound wrestling title; BCHS senior Khalid Umar repeats as Suburban Council champion in long jump and triple jump and goes on to take a silver and a bronze at the state meet; Max Anderson also qualifies for the states in triple jump; Lee Ansaldo wins the sectional 55 meters and finishes second at the state meet.

March

BCHS parents complain of the 1 mile "walking rule" in light of increased traffic through Delmar. The school board votes to put a proposition to reduce it to a half mile on the May ballot, along with the proposed \$44 million budget.

State hearings on revamping NiMo's Bethlehem Energy Center in anticipation of a possible sale sparks little controversy; a buyer is still being sought. First Columbia is back before the Bethlehem planning board, this time with a proposed site on New Scotland Road.

Corinne Cossac announces her resignation, effective in June, as New Scotland town clerk after an extended period of ill health; Deputy Clerk Kathryn Martin continues to act in her absence. Bethlehem town board member Bob Johnson announces his intention to step down.

In Voorheesville, retired longtime Superintendent of Public Works William Hotaling win a seat on village board, replacing outgoing Trustee Kevin Garritty; Harvey Huth wins re-election.

Changes at the top in both major parties' leadership involve local

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Depression leaves imprint on generation

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Russ Denegar, Dick Ahlstrom and Al Restifo, all of Delmar, and Rowena Hewitt of Slingerlands were all born in the 1920s. They met recently at The Spotlight to talk about their lives. This is the eighth of a 10-part series.

Rowena Hewitt, Russ Denegar, Dick Ahlstrom and Al Restifo were born in the 1920s, and they speak in a measured cadence evocative of their age. Their earliest memories are of the Great Depression and World War II.

Denegar, born in 1921, named those two events as major forces in his life. "My first memory was about 1927, when Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic, and my father foolishly bought a farm," he said. "In 1929, things went to pot and we struggled with that thing for 12 years. We got plenty to eat, but we didn't have much money. I can see Mom canning. I can remember her making underpants for me out of the bags the chicken mash came in. They said Purina across them. We lived about a mile from town, and after a carnival, we'd get up at 4 o'clock the next morning, and walk back to see if we could find any money. If we found 50 cents, that was a real find. In 1933, Dad got the post master's job in Germantown and eventually just gave up the farm."

Denegar remembered his father's response to one particular panhandler. "There was a man begging for 50 cents,



Russ Denegar, left, Rowena Hewitt and Al Restifo recently reminisced about their lives, with former *Spotlight* publisher Dick Ahlstrom, not pictured. Katherine McCarthy

and Dad said, if you want 50 cents badly enough, you come out to the farm, and I'll put you to work and feed you," Denegar said. "While we were having dinner, a knock came at the door, and here was the man. He said, here I am, I'm ready to go to work. We took him in, and he was with us for about two to three years, and lived in a little shack north of the house. I don't know what he worked for — not much — because

we had one other hired man and Dad paid him \$10 a week during the winter to take care of the cows."

As a result of those days, Denegar often experiences sticker shock nowadays. "I go into the market and see the price of apples; well, we got \$1 a bushel for our apples, and that was a lot," he said. "Tomatoes were 40 cents a lug. You can't even hold 40 cents worth of

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Murphy to step down as town GOP chairman

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Bethlehem Republican Committee, buffeted in recent years by an ever-narrowing enrollment edge and hit with its roughest showing in years in last November's local elections, will shortly face another challenge: the departure of chairman Brian Murphy from his post, effective Jan. 5.

"Whoever replaces him will have big shoes to fill," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller of her party chairman's impending departure. "Brian has been an excellent chairman. He's given 200 percent to the party."

Murphy, who took the helm in the spring of 1994 after having been a committeeman for 22 years, informed vice chair Mary Bardwell and committee members of his decision by letter last week. Murphy said he is leaving to take a position as chief counsel to the Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct of the state Department of Health.

Though not required to do so by law, he said, "Ethics require I not hold any party offices" in his new post. "It's just a wonderful opportunity for me personally and professionally," he said, "so it's with regret that I have to give up the chairman's job."

A replacement has not yet been

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Bethlehem police make DWI arrests Court cases adjudicated

By Joseph A. Phillips

Arrests for driving while intoxicated registered by Bethlehem police in recent weeks, coinciding with the arrival of the holiday party season, brought to an end a town-wide DWI drought of a full month and a half — the longest in recent memory, according to a police department spokesman.

Prior to a felony DWI arrest on Thursday, Dec. 16, Bethlehem had been free of drunk-driving citations for 45 days, dating from Oct. 31 — including a period of intensive countywide road patrols at Thanksgiving.

"Has it been that long?" said Lt. Fred Holligan of the stretch. "Let's hope that means the message is getting through — especially as we enter the holiday season."

The Dec. 16 arrest involved a Selkirk resident, Ann Marie Gibson, 40, of 148 Old Ravena Road. At about 8:30 p.m., Officer Charles Rudolph responded to a call reporting a vehicle in a ditch on Route 9W in Glenmont. He found Gibson seated in her vehicle, almost 40 feet off the pavement, near the Big M Truck Stop parking area.

After administering field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening test, Rudolph arrested Gibson and charged her with DWI, upgraded to a felony when a license check revealed Gibson to be operating on a conditional license. She was due in Bethlehem Town Court yesterday to answer to the charge.

Two arrests were made in the early morning hours of Saturday, Dec. 18, within about three hours, both in the same general vicinity of Slingerlands.

Shortly before midnight, Officer Jeffrey Vunck pursued a vehicle eastbound on Route 85 after it failed to yield right of way emerging from La Grange Road in front of his vehicle.

According to the police report, after observing the vehicle crossing the center-line markings several times, forcing two oncoming vehicles to swerve to avoid an accident, Vunck stopped the suspect vehicle near the Albany city line.

Following sobriety and screening tests, Vunck arrested Pamela La Falce Linnan, 53, of 41 Euclid Ave., Albany, and charged her with

DWI and failure to keep right. She was ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 18.

At about 2:10 a.m. later that same night, Officer Robert Markel observed a westbound vehicle on New Scotland Road near La Grange operating without a headlight and stopped the vehicle. Following field sobriety and preliminary screening tests, he arrested Barbara Marie Kipp, 47, of 101 Woodview Court, Voorheesville, and charged her with DWI. She was ordered to appear in Town Court Jan. 4.

Collectors wanted for library displays

Three glass cases are available for displays at Bethlehem Public Library.

Cases are booked up to one year in advance; items are displayed for one month.

If you have a collection to share, call Therese Broderick in reference and adult services or Janis Dominelli in youth services at 439-9314.

By Joseph A. Phillips

A Voorheesville man entered a guilty plea earlier this month in Village Court to a charge of driving while intoxicated (DWI) — while two individuals similarly charged in the town of Bethlehem recently entered guilty pleas to lesser charges.

Robert T. McGeehey, of 29 Maple Road, Voorheesville, pleaded guilty Dec. 6 to DWI in connection with charges filed by Albany County Sheriff's deputies on Sept. 17.

He is scheduled to be sentenced in Voorheesville Court on Feb. 7 to three years' probation on the charge, pending completion of a pre-sentence report by the county Probation Department.

Residents must file by March 1 for Enhanced STAR program

Bethlehem Town Assessor David Leafer reminds residents enrolled in the Enhanced STAR tax relief program that in order to remain eligible, proof of income for either 1998 or 1999 must be filed with the town assessor's of-

ice by March 1. In Bethlehem Town Court, Nigel P. Davis, 45, of 23 Jase St., Albany, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) in answer to charges stemming from his arrest on Oct. 20. He was ordered to pay a \$300 fine and a \$30 state-mandated surcharge, and his license was suspended for a period of 90 days.

Also pleading guilty to DWAI was Spencer Lee Phillips, 29, of 15 Dresden Court, Elmsmere, arrested on Sept. 16. He was also fined \$300 and the \$30 surcharge and had his license suspended for 90 days.

All three men were ordered by the respective courts to attend a victim-impact panel and a drinking-driver remediation program.

The exemption is limited to homeowners 65 years and older who earn no more than \$60,000 a year as a family. It requires annual renewal.

Enrollees in the Basic STAR program, which is open to homeowners of all ages and incomes, are automatically eligible for a school tax exemption and are not subject to an annual renewal.

People who are not in the STAR program or who have purchased homes within the past year and have not signed up for STAR benefits should enroll as soon as possible by contacting the assessor's office at 439-4955, ext. 103.



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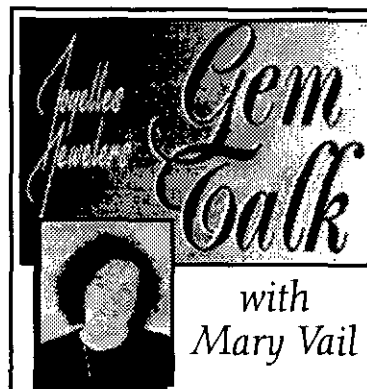
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FROM HEAD TO TOE

If you want to find the latest trend in rings, look no further than your feet. Rings have migrated down from fingers to toes. This foot fashion is all part of the haute hippie look that has gone from the edge of the pop culture to mainstream. Women and girls are now sporting gold, platinum, and even diamond rings on their toes. Of course there is nothing new in this trend. Toe rings originated in India, where they are called "Bichiyas." They were traditionally worn as a symbol of marriage. In our culture toe rings are worn to draw attention to pedicured feet and a carefree barefoot attitude. It all adds up to a distinctly feminine look.

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P.S. As far as traditional rings go, the latest trend calls for them to be worn on thumbs.

Police continue probe of weekend accident

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem police are continuing to investigate the circumstances of a frightening holiday weekend rollover accident in the South Albany section of Selkirk involving a carload of local teens — in which police believe alcohol, and possibly speed, may have been factors.

Felony charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) have been lodged against 19-year-old Amy Jo Farr of 405 Starr Road, Coeymans, in connection with the accident, which occurred shortly before 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26, on South Albany Road.

Responding to numerous 911 calls reporting the rollover, Bethlehem police found a car flipped over on the lawn of 245 South Albany Road. Six individuals who had been in the vehicle were found on the scene, whom police believe may have crawled or been thrown from the vehicle.

Accident reports were as yet incomplete as of Monday, said Sgt. Joseph Sleurs. But the vehicle, apparently driven by Farr, is believed to have been southbound on South Albany Road at the time of the accident, to have crossed over into the northbound lane and then flipped upon striking a culvert and a utility pole on the shoulder of the road.

The possibility that excessive speed may have been a factor in the accident has not yet been discounted, said Sleurs, and investigation of the incident is continuing.

Various reports indicate numerous empty beer containers and at least one intact six-pack

found on the scene. According to the preliminary police report filed by Officer Christopher Pauley, one of those responding at the scene, State Police confirmed that one of the individuals in the vehicle allegedly made a purchase of beer at a Cumberland Farms store in Ravena earlier that evening. The report did not identify the individual in question.

Farr and another passenger, 24-year-old Richard Fraker of Ravena, were taken to Albany Medical Center for treatment of injuries and subsequently released. Four others were transported to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, including 18-year-old Christopher Malphrus of Selkirk and three others from the Ravena and Selkirk areas, whose names were withheld by Bethlehem police as juveniles. All were treated for minor injuries and released, according to a St. Peter's spokeswoman.

According to the police report, Farr refused sobriety tests and alcohol screening at the scene and declined to undergo a blood test at the hospital. In addition to the felony DWI count already sworn out, she may also be charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, stemming from a license check that turned up a suspension owing to a previous DWI conviction.

Possible charges of endangering the welfare of a child may also be pending against one or more individuals, owing to the presence of juveniles in the car.

Sleurs said an accident investigation by Officer Gina Cocchiara is proceeding, with the assistance of Bethlehem detectives.

Family wants to confirm dog's vaccination record

By Joseph A. Phillips

A Delmar resident whose daughter was bitten by a dog in a Christmas morning incident is seeking its owner — and assurances that the dog is up-to-date on its rabies shots.

"It would be so much easier if we knew for certain," said Roberta Matuszek of McGuffey Lane, Delmar. She said her 25-year-old daughter Jennifer, in town for the holidays and out on an early-morning jog south on Delaware Avenue between 8:30 and 9 a.m., encountered what she believed was either a golden retriever or a Labrador, accompanied by its owner, jogging in the opposite

direction, in the vicinity of Verstandig's Florist.

Matuszek said her daughter believed the other woman to have been about 40 but was uncertain and could not give an accurate description — concentrating as she was on the dog.

"It might have been a younger dog," she said, "because it seemed to be kind of antsy, jumping all over. Its owner must have thought so too. She made the dog sit." But as Matuszek ran past the sitting dog, it jumped up and bit her.

Matuszek said Jennifer briefly talked with the woman, who assured her that the dog was current in its rabies vaccination. But Jennifer only became aware of the seriousness of the wound upon returning home. She went to the family doctor, who urged her to try to verify the dog's inoculation.

Matuszek said her family posted signs in the area asking anyone with information on the dog or its owner to call her, which brought inquiries from the Bethlehem police and the Albany County Health Department, which oversees rabies vaccinations.

Matuszek asks anyone with information to call her home at 439-4128.

Retirement is not on woman's agenda

By Joseph A. Phillips

Friends and co-workers of Marie Alfhild Merritt — "Al" to her intimates — threw a surprise party recently at Days Inn in Glenmont.

The party, in anticipation of her birthday, which fell on Christmas Eve, was accompanied by an official proclamation from town Supervisor Sheila Fuller saluting the occasion.

Just what the big deal is, Al Merritt's not quite sure.

"Nobody's ever made much of a fuss before," she said while sitting at her desk at the Bethlehem town tax office. "I hate being reminded of my birthday. I don't think about age. I think about doing things."

Merritt, Bethlehem's most senior municipal employee, still spends five days a week opening mail, sorting tax payments — doing things — even as she celebrated her 90th birthday last week.

"I've always worked. I've always wanted to be busy. Couldn't stand not doing something," Merritt said. "I just couldn't sit. My whole family was like that. We were always busy."

Active longevity, it seems, runs in the family.

"My one sister just two years ago died at 99, another died at 97, and my mother died at 93," she said. "And all of them were healthy and busy right up to then. We didn't even have a medicine cabinet in our house."

There must have been something in the water in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, where Merritt was born. She was a schoolmate and lifelong correspondent of the late Lucille Ball. Merritt's builder father moved the family to Cleveland when she was 15, and after high school, she enrolled in design school, envisioning a career in fashion.

But when the Depression put tuition out of reach, she settled for employment as an Ohio Bell operator. After five years behind the switchboard, her hometown came calling, and she returned to Jamestown to manage an Ormond Hosiery Shop.

When an executive from New York offered her the opportunity to take over the chain's Albany outlet, she initially balked at leaving.

"But my friends all said, why don't you go? We'll always be in touch," she recalled. So in January, 1938, she made what she thought would be a temporary move. By May she'd begun seeing a local men's wear buyer, Harold Merritt; by August they married.

When Harold headed off to military service — and the hosiery business took a wartime hit — Merritt sought other employment, first at Honigsbaum's and then as a receptionist in the law offices of Kenneth MacAffer. Three years later, her employer was elevated to the state Supreme Court bench, and he secured an appointment for Merritt as a switchboard operator for the state Senate.



"Al" Merritt enjoys her work at Bethlehem town offices. Joseph Phillips

In 1952 she and Harold bought their Elsmere Avenue home and joined First United Methodist Church. Their son William is now an air traffic controller in Chicago with a wife and married daughter, who is about to give birth to Merritt's first great-grandchild.

"When we moved to Elsmere, we found this is a wonderful community, which I love," she said.

She also loved being busy. After her retirement in 1969, she soon returned "to work for different judges. I've worked for three different Supreme Court justices" — including Harold Hughes and the late Edward Conway.

"I liked it. I really liked meeting people," she said.

By the time she retired again, "My husband had also retired, and he came over here to town hall to volunteer," Merritt said.

She stopped into the office of former receiver of taxes Ken Hahn one day, and on an impulse, "I said to Kenny I was finished with my job for Judge Hughes, and did he have any work for me? That was in October of 1980 — and I've been here ever since."

For 18 of those 20 years, she was a volunteer. "I was opening mail, sorting it, and during tax time of course, anything else, why I'd do it. A jack of all trades."

Two years ago, Hahn's successor Nancy Mendick finally put her on the part-time payroll.

"I've worked with her for over 12 years, and she's an essential part of our staff. Her coming here has been a benefit to us and a savings for the taxpayers," Mendick said. "She's a feisty, hard worker who says what she thinks, is fun to have around and is just a joy to work with."

The feeling, said Merritt, is mutual. "This is the nicest place in the world to work," she said. "There's not an ugly word spoken around here. Everyone is always kind and pleasant and we comple-

ment one another well. In fact the whole building's like that. We have a lot of fun here — and the work always gets done."

There is but one quirk to Merritt's work habits, conceded Mendick: "She doesn't want to touch the computer."

In an age when the tax office has largely gone digital, that rules out some chores — like reviewing tax escrow lists of local banks, which used to be one of her thankless tasks. Still, there's plenty left to keep her busy.

After hours, Merritt, a widow for 16 years, is an ardent crossword puzzler, participates in a weekly prayer group, and avidly follows CNN.

"I think she might know more about world affairs than anyone in the building," Mendick said.

"I was initiated into politics by Judge MacAffer," Merritt said. "I'm a little aghast at times to see all the money spent on things now. Nobody in national politics talks about thousands anymore — it's millions and billions."

As for her hometown, "People aren't as thoughtful anymore of their neighbor," she said. "Nowadays you could live next door to somebody 10 years and not know them."

Still, folks are pleasant enough, believe it or not, visiting the tax office. "Most everybody is, anyway," she said. "Very few are ever nasty."

Does she think about retiring one more time? "No, no, no," she said. "I have no intention of going anyplace. This job is near my home. It takes me five minutes to get here. And I couldn't find nicer people to be with. The worst thing in the world would be sitting still. That's when evil takes over."

"Her coming here has been a benefit to us, but it's also kept her going," Mendick said. Merritt agrees. "Believe me, when I'm not working, I'll be gone."

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Dreams hold up a mirror to the pre-millennial future

By Katherine McCarthy

The 10-year-old girl lay in her bed and watched the green-flowered curtain wave in the summer breeze. The street light outside shone sideways through the space between the curtain and the window frame to make vertical lines on the wall near her little sister's bed.

Somewhere in that light and shadows, her sister saw a creature she had named "Sharky" and chatted happily with it between waking and sleep.

The year 2000, the 10-year-old thought, was 30 years away, and she would be 40 when it came. Each number seemed equally unimaginable, but they would surely come someday. What would they bring?

When she dreamed, she first had nightmares. Energy shortages; superpower tensions threatening an end-of-the-world nuclear

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holocaust; embassy hostages suffering in Iran; new viruses and bacteria challenging modern medicine; drought and famine in desert countries; a group of astronauts reaching the heavens in tragedy, not triumph; recessions, a stock market crash and mass murder in schools.

She learned that wars could be fought in new high-tech ways, and that the combination of a ballistic missile and a good-looking reporter would create a Scud Stud.

She saw her beloved grandfather die, a treasured aunt, her own father and a man not yet a

relative depart this earth, leaving an aching emptiness in her heart.

She dreamed of struggling through teen-age years, not quite fitting in anywhere, but feeling confident for having gotten through them.

She saw college, where everyone knew so much, and the many choices that lay before her afterwards.

She dreamed of her 20s, of loads of friends, good jobs, and more fun than a 10-year-old could really comprehend. She saw fascinating places and heard foreign tongues in her dreams, and discovered, in amazement, that she understood them.

She heard bells ring when the Vietnam War ended, and cried when a girl about her age threw herself into her father's arms when he came home after his release from a POW camp.

She dreamed of the dire implications of a presidential resignation, and jubilation when the nation celebrated its Bicentennial.

Reaganomics started some on a course toward unparalleled prosperity, yet she saw too many others living in the street or on the edge.

Presidential lying went relatively unpunished, and it seemed in her dreams that all the women in the movies or glossy magazines looked like walking sticks.

Maps looked different. Europe had changed, Africa had brand new countries, and nobody prayed for Communists in church anymore. A coalition government took real steps toward peace in the

north of Ireland and leaders in the Middle East were talking to one another.

She dreamed of technology, although she didn't know the word. Typewriters had somehow turned into computers, and that was how everyone worked, shopped and played.

Women looked different from her mother and her friends; they dressed better, they exercised, and more of them worked outside the home.

Families looked smaller, yet seemed to cost more. She dreamed of her own family, wondering if a bearded man would really be her destiny.

Two little boys who looked like her father and one of her own brothers called to her in her dreams, smart as whips and full of hugs for her. She read them books about a wizard boy and felt a contentment she didn't know yet as they sat next to her, listening.

Was that really her? Maybe those lines around the eyes and her mouth told more stories she'd love to know, and that extra weight

— well, there must be diets in the new millennium.

Am I happy? she wondered, and her older self smiled.

"We've seen a lot, you and I," she heard herself say. "We've laughed, cried, worried and rejoiced. We still wonder about the future. What will our children become? Will our husband always love us? Will we stay healthy?"

In the dream, her two selves walk by a river. She has just learned about symbolism in school, and wonders, is this the river of life? My hopes and dreams? My future? Is it the course of life's events?

In her dream, it is night and a full moon lights the water. She looks at the vastness of the sky, filled with stars and constellations, and is reassured to see the same ones she knows now.

When she wakes, she doesn't remember her dreams, but knows that life is hers for the taking, be it this millennium or the next. She vows to remember all the places she's been, and follow that river happily into the future.

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Animal incidents reported

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem animal control officers are investigating recent daylight incidents involving the mauling of poultry and livestock by an unknown animal, reported by a Glenmont man.

Dominick Cubello of 29 Oakwood Road reported the first incident to Bethlehem police on Nov. 28.

Cubello said that at about 3:20 p.m. he chased from his fenced-in livestock pens two animals, which he described as resembling a black Labrador with a white chest and a gray-colored shepherd or husky.

Upon investigation, he discovered a pig, a giant black rabbit, a turkey and 30 chickens and ducks had been killed.

Cubello said later that the animals had entered his property by jumping a fence.

"They've been running through Bender Lane," he said. "They get loose, they go wild." But a police check of the immediate area at the time of the incident turned up no dogs fitting Cubello's description.

Cubello reported a second apparent attack late in the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 9.

He found three pigs, a ram and a goat, along with almost two dozen hens, roosters and geese, killed by an unknown animal. A fourth pig, seriously injured, was subsequently destroyed by Animal Control Officer George Grandy.

Cubello's farm, adjacent to a larger dairy facility owned by the Kleinke family, is not a commercial operation.

He did not estimate the value of his recent losses.

Anyone with information on the recent incidents is urged to contact Bethlehem police.



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Foundation will work to aid V'ville schools

By Katherine McCarthy

A year's worth of work paid off last Thursday, when the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation made its public debut at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

The foundation is an independent, nonprofit member of the Community Foundation of the Capital Region. Its mission is to enhance educational, cultural and athletic opportunities for residents of the Voorheesville community and school district.

"When I was first on the school board," said founding member Thomas McKenna, "a number of things came up, and we were talking about money. My daughter had been in private school, where parents are very involved in raising money, and I asked why we couldn't do that here."

Fellow school board member Joseph Pofit was the first to join McKenna in creating a foundation, and soon it had 14 members.

"I thought this was a new concept, but in doing some research, I found that in California in the 1970s, there were 22 public school foundations. By 1994, there were 700. My guesstimate is there have to be thousands in the U.S.," McKenna said.

The foundation has a 14-member board, and a number of different committees to work on grants, special events, corporate giving and individual solicitations.

"Each group is in the formative

stages," McKenna said. "It took us this much time to incorporate and establish by-laws."

The foundation has, however, identified some projects it would like to pursue, among them a visiting scholars program for students and the general public, a summer theater series and community concert series, community youth and adult sports, entrepreneurial internships and community service projects.

"The foundation is for everyone in this community," said board member Roselyn Robinson. "Our goal is to provide resources to augment existing or initiate new programs that enrich the quality of life for our children, adults and senior citizens."

The foundation's goal for the first year is to raise \$100,000, which McKenna called aggressive.

"Until we see money coming in and how much we have," he said, "it's hard to pinpoint where to go and what to go after. We welcome community feedback on what to do."

The main criterion has already been established, though: all the money must benefit the Voorheesville community.

The Voorheesville Community and School Foundation's board members are McKenna, Robinson, Pofit, John Belgiovine, David Gibson, Kevin Kroencke, Dr. Douglas Larsen, Michael Mahar, Elizabeth Kormos-Ozmat, Charles Reader, John Schachne, Dr. Warren Silverman, Terry Underwood and Richard Zimmerman.

Contributions can be mailed to Voorheesville Community and School Foundation, 186 Georgetown Court, Voorheesville 12186. For information, contact McKenna at 433-0313.



McKenna

Music program in line for award

By Katherine McCarthy

At its most recent school board meeting, Superintendent Alan McCartney announced that Voorheesville is a finalist in the Grammy Signature Schools Award.

"This means that we are 1 of 100 outstanding music programs in the country," McCartney said. "The award is organized by the same people who do the music Grammys. While we're not packing our bags for California yet, it's an honor to be recognized."

In another matter, Justin Corcoran, nephew of John J. O'Connell, who owns the 20 acres of farmland that the school district is seeking to acquire through eminent domain proceedings, asked how the board is addressing the state Department of Agriculture & Markets' suggestion that the district take only 2 acres of O'Connell's land.

"There's no debate or interaction among the public and the board," Corcoran said. "Is it being discussed in executive session, or between the superintendent and lawyers?"

Board president John Cole said it was both. "We believe we're still in very sensitive areas," he added.

McCartney said later that the district is now considering taking only 13 acres, and that he continues to look for more suitable land for playing fields throughout the district.

A district parent, Leila Otis, addressed the board. She objected to the short lunch period at the elementary school. Principal Ed Diegel explained that of the 35-minute lunch period, 17 are spent eating and 18 at recess.

"I've watched my son inhale his lunch," Otis said, asking if one of the school gyms could be used so that the children could have a longer lunch period.

"You've highlighted one of the top 10 reasons we're looking at an expansion," Cole said. He asked Otis to take her suggestions and recommendations to the elementary school's site-based management team.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Anthony Marturano told the board that damage caused to the covered bridge at the elemen-

tary school during Tropical Storm Floyd cannot be remedied. Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funds are available to cover the cost of a new bridge, identical to the old one. The board agreed the district should try to obtain the funds.

The board also approved a leave of absence for Associate Principal Linda Wolkenbreit.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 10.

Slingerlands woman earns scholarship

Genia Shapley of Slingerlands has received the James K. and Jeannette R. Morse Memorial Scholarship.

To receive the award, a student must be an incoming, full-time, matriculated, freshman nursing student demonstrating high academic performance.

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Shapley attends Hudson Valley Community College.

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2000 resolutions

For all the joy of the winter holidays — Christmas and Hanukkah — it's something of a relief when they're over. The seemingly endless holiday meals, the getting and spending for gifts, and the lack of time to make the holidays come off the way you think they should takes its toll on our psyches.

But we still have to face one holiday and one that only happens every 1,000 years when New Year's 2000 ushers in not only a new year but a new millennium.

Editorials

Any resolutions on tap?

How about the usual lose 20 pounds by May and then when May arrives resolve never to make any New Year's resolutions regarding food or exercise.

Then there are those who vow to break the nicotine habit once and for all. Easier said than done.

Or save some extra money by making lunch rather than ordering out.

Resolutions that don't revolve around breaking a habit might be a little easier to realize. Keeping in touch with old friends and family, for example, now so much easier with e-mail at many people's fingertips.

Taking more time to read those books that have been on your list for ages is another worthwhile endeavor.

Perhaps the millennium hype will inspire us to come up with more lofty resolutions this year — resolutions that are realistic and attainable with less than Herculean effort.

One timeless suggestion would be to follow the Golden Rule, which is really an exercise in kindness and empathy.

Happy new millennium and good luck with your resolutions for the new year.

Grim wake-up call

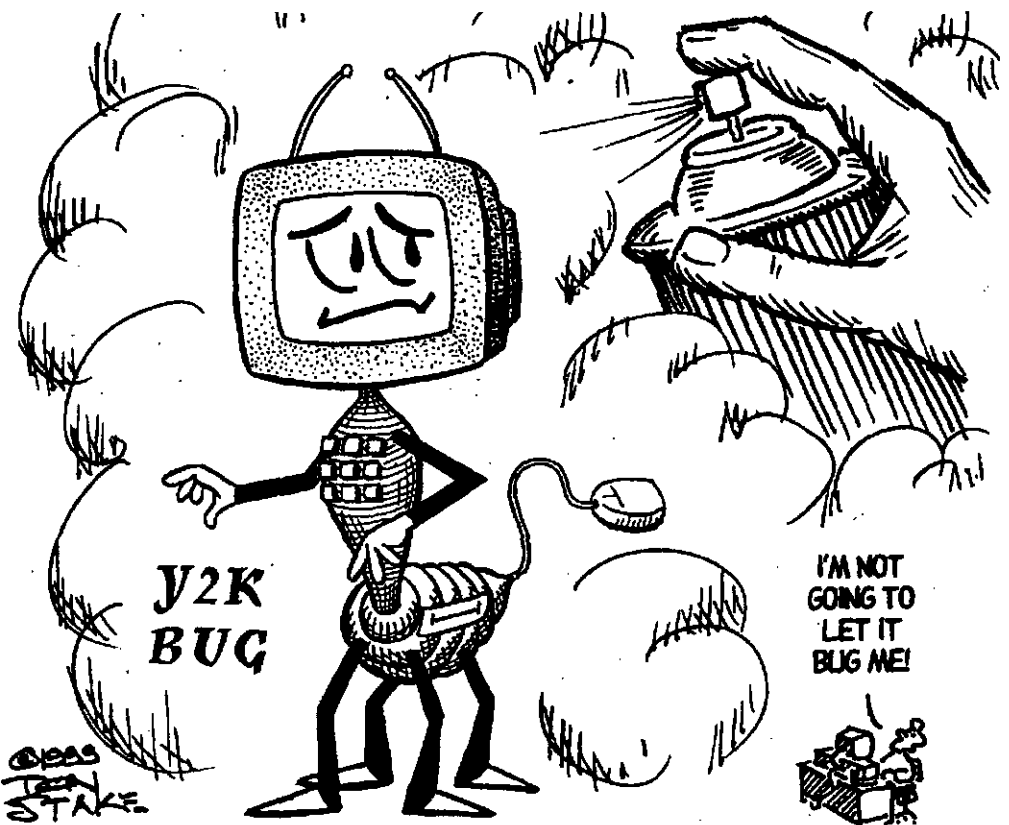
The accident on South Albany Road over the weekend is just another wake-up call for all of us: some teens are drinking and driving. The young people in this accident are indeed lucky to be alive.

We've covered stories in the past where children weren't so fortunate, and those incidents, in part, were the catalyst for the formation of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Bethlehem Partnership.

Although membership in both groups has grown, it's clear from last weekend's near tragedy, that some kids just don't get it: when you drink and get behind the wheel you put your own life and the lives of passengers at risk.

We obviously need to do more as a community to send this message home loud and clear. If you haven't already signed on with the Partnership or BOU, perhaps it's time you did.

More kids need to know that our community is united against drinking and driving.



Phooey to all that Y2K hype

By Joseph A. Phillips

The writer is a reporter for Spotlight Newspapers.

There's a smart-aleck saying I'm acquainted with that goes like this: if builders built buildings the way computer programmers program, the first woodpecker to come along would destroy civilization as we know it.

The wise guy who penned that gem must have anticipated December 31, 1999. How else to account for the woodpecker, or rather termite, gnawing at our public consciousness right now — the dreaded pestilence known as the Y2K Bug?

Frankly — and speaking as one who spent my collegiate career in the technology-intensive confines of RPI — I don't quite get the Y2K problem.

Is it possible that the prospective mayhem we're hearing about — food shortages, power outages, telephone-system shutdowns, mass transportation snafus, Martians standing by to land at 10 minutes past 12 — could all be the result of a two-digit rounding error? How is it that an entire industry could be so shortsighted as to not realize that we have for decades been gradually creeping up on a year that would end in a pair of zeroes? Where was Bill Gates when all of this encoding was going on?

I've spent a fair amount of re-

porting time in the past year asking public officials about their Y2K preparedness, and I begin after a while to feel like Chicken Little. It's the topic that simply won't go away, despite my own best efforts to ignore it. Frankly, I thought we had this thing beat months ago when everybody from Niagara Mohawk to your neighborhood baby-sitter was obliged to certify their Y2K compliance, and did so without hesitation.

But lately, have you noticed they've all begun to hedge a little bit? One public official recently bragged to me that everything in his town was ready for the big night — but of course, if the power goes out, all bets are off. Others are reluctant to return my phone calls at all — doubtless figuring history won't be kind to the guy who was quoted in his hometown weekly saying "It'll never happen" just days before Armageddon was loosed upon the land.

And there have been ominous warnings signs. Months ago a good friend reserved a room at RPI for a New Year's Eve midnight soiree — only to have school officials call him back last month and cancel the reservation. Seems the entire campus is shutting down for the New Year's weekend. What do the techies know that the rest of us don't?

Maybe they, too, have fallen prey to jitters at the black-box incomprehensibility of modern-day life. A pundit once said that any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. And in our technologically-advanced society, most of us consider ourselves computer-literate, drive automobiles and use microwave ovens every day without the slightest idea of how the darned things actually work.

So we feel powerless, and vulnerable. Tell the truth: Do you really know how your telephone actually works, or how food gets from the farm to your table? And if NASA's computers can't convert feet to meters, how smart can we be?

We forget that just a century ago there was no such thing as mass electrification, the automobile, or a refrigerator in every home, to say nothing of hundreds of cable channels, the Internet or riding mowers. Yet somehow lights were lighted, food got eaten, and the grass got cut. Or else it

grew with abandon, and no one really gave a hoot.

So what's the worst that could happen if a few computer chips go wacky at Triple-Zero hour?

And how many of us have had trial runs of Y2K before, and come out of it just fine on the other side? During World War II, we somehow figured out how to live for more than four years without little things like gasoline, nylons or the Olympic Games. And do you remember the great April blizzard of a few years ago — or even Floyd a few months back?

Pikers! Heck, I remember the Great East Coast Blackout of '64, which, at least from the point of view of a 7 year old, was actually kind of exciting. The worst thing that happened to me was, I ran my bike into a telephone pole because it somehow didn't occur to me that all the street lights had gone out.

My bike didn't make it. I'm still here.

If I — a natural candidate to prove Darwin was right — survived this long, you'll forgive me if I don't join in the general panic at the prospect of being bit by the Y2K Bug.

Though I do allow myself to entertain one horrific nightmare vision of this Friday night at the big zero hour. Nearly every New Year's Eve I get the bright idea that it would be fun to yak on the phone at exactly two minutes after the ball in Times Square has dropped. So I pick up the phone and, nine times out of 10, get a recorded message that tells me all circuits are busy — because a bazillion other geniuses do precisely the same thing at precisely the same moment.

Now, add to all of us conversation-happy goofballs with a lousy sense of timing the people who will pick up the phone this New Year's plus two just to make sure the Y2K Bug hasn't chewed a hole in their telephone service. What then happens when all of us hear the inevitable "ALL CIRCUITS ARE BUSY" message coming across? A bazillion colons tighten, a bazillion stomachs churn, and there's a mass stampede, in a bazillion homes across the land, for the nearest commode.

Then all those toilets flush in unison, and our public water systems die of overwork. And Armageddon is on.

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Corporate sponsors don't belong in schools

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem school board is about to debate a timely topic that has repercussions all over the United States: corporate sponsorship of education.

It comes in a proposed "pouring rights" contract with a major bottling company to introduce vending machines in the schools in exchange for a sum of money — \$60,000 per year over a period of 10 years (\$4 per taxpayer per year) if we sign on the dotted line.

Corporate sponsorship of education is a timely issue as school after school in the U.S. is offered financial remuneration for advertising through "educational" corporations like Channel One.

Parents will be subjected to more and more pressure to sign on the dotted line for tax relief and greater corporate presence in the educational system.



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Physically Speaking



by Nick Valenze, P.T.

Flush with Possibilities

Those who receive massages are often encouraged to drink water after their sessions. This recommendation is made on the basis that the body produces wastes, or so-called "toxins", as a result of the simple process of converting food into energy. If muscles are tense from stress or underuse, it becomes more difficult for the waste to flow into the blood stream and out of the body. As a result of this buildup, muscles may be prone to aching. In theory, the deep pressure exerted by massage helps push fluid through areas in the musculature where waste has become trapped. Drinking water helps the process along, due to the fact that hydration increases blood volume and improves circulation.

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Parents laud school for excellent care

Editor, The Spotlight:

At age 4, our daughter was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. As any parents of a child with chronic illness, we have worried about her and have done our best to keep her in good health.

When our daughter first went to kindergarten at Elsmere School, we met with the principal (Dorothy Whitney), the school nurse (Shirley McAllister) and the kindergarten teacher at a pre-school meeting to discuss our daughter's needs and our expectations. At that meeting, the key decision we made was to make this trio part of our daughter's diabetes care team (along with her doctor, diabetes educator and dietitian) and to maintain non-judgmental communications with this trio.

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years has been a success at keeping our daughter healthy, happy and learning like the other children in her class. Our daughter's success has a lot to do with the atmosphere of respect and pride engendered by Mrs. Whitney, the school nurse, our daughter's teachers and the staff at the school.

We would like to extend special thanks to Shirley McAllister. We have always felt welcome to discuss our daughter's needs and our expectations with her.

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day but also to make our daughter feel like any other healthy child and to enhance her self-esteem. She has cared for our daughter with utmost skill and compassion.

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Changes at the top in both major parties' leadership involve local residents. New Scotland Democratic chairman Michael Burnstake takes the reins of the county party and hands the town committee over to Michael Mackey.

In June, county Republicans will shake up their leadership, appointing Peter Kermani of Delmar to replace former Colonie Supervisor Fred Field atop the party committee.

Over the objections of neighbors, the Bethlehem town board votes to approve CMI's site plan, and the Voorheesville school district to seize O'Connell's farm property.

The state Department of Transportation announces major roadwork for Route 32 west of Feura Bush that will spare historic houses along that stretch — but puts a public meeting to discuss the proposed Selkirk bypass on the back burner while those plans undergo revisions.

A long chain of burglaries in New Salem, dating back more than two years, is cracked by Sheriff's

deputies with the arrest of a Glenmont man and an accomplice, accused of stealing more than \$50,000 in property from such locations as Lawson Lake campground, Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club and several New Scotland businesses.

The Voorheesville girls basketball team wins its fifth straight sectional title but falls in intersectional play, ending hopes of a repeat state championship.

Spotlight Newspapers purchases a Clifton Park monthly and converts it to the weekly *Clifton Park Spotlight*.

Village Stage returns to action after a two-year hiatus with a successful production of "Carnival" at Academy of the Holy Names.

April

A.U.S. District Court dismisses most of the lawsuit filed more than a year earlier by Carole Riley, a former Slingerlands resident who charged the town and various officials with racially discriminatory enforcement of its zoning regulations. But the case drags on, as the court leaves standing a charge that the town had a pattern of discriminatory practices — and

that Building Inspector John Flanigan had committed selective enforcement.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller announces her candidacy for re-election, followed by a parade of other Republican incumbents — while Fuller's New Scotland counterpart, Herb Reilly, sets his sights on wresting a county Legislature seat away from the GOP.

The Voorheesville school board approves \$13.7 million budget for 1999-2000. Two board incumbents, Thomas Thorpe and C. James Coffin, announce they will seek re-election in May — but newcomer Holly Debes also throws her hat in the ring. In Bethlehem, the school board announces a \$44.9 million proposed budget. President Happy Scherer will seek re-election to the board, as will incumbent Jim Schwab, but Pamela Williams decides to step down; Robin Storey, Warren Stoker and Robert Wing also join the race.

New business developments in Bethlehem. A Four Corners Merchants' Group emerges and floats a proposal to create a Business Improvement District for the historic center of Delmar. Amerada Hess proposes conversion of their outlet on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands to the Hess Express format.

Continuing controversies: the lawsuit challenging the town's approval of CMI grows, as a second complaint challenging allegedly improper SEQR procedures

is filed. Wrangling continues when a Democrats-only ground-breaking ceremony for improvements to Lawson Lake Park shut out Republican Legislator Peter Clouse and many of the watchdog groups monitoring county progress in improving access to the park. The next month, they force the county to seek grant money to fund improvements.

May

RCS Superintendent William Schwartz announces his intention to retire in August. David Ksanznak is named principal of Clarksville Elementary.

New Scotland resident Louis Tomson is named to chair the state Thruway Authority.

Bethlehem town parties announce their candidate slates for the fall. The GOP endorses its incumbents and Parker Mathusa to fill Johnson's board vacancy; Democrats, struggling to find a supervisor candidate, endorse George Harder and Daniel Plummer for the town board, Anthony Cornell for receiver of taxes — and leave the rest of the GOP slate unchallenged. Meanwhile, an election for the seat of Town Justice Munnely is declared unnecessary as state Supreme Court Justice Michael Kavanaugh sides with Munnely, contending he doesn't need to run for two more years.

New Scotland's Democrats announce a slate full of newcomers for the fall campaign, including supervisor candidate Martha Pofit, clerk Diane Deschenes and town board members Cathy Conners and Richard Reilly (son of the outgoing supervisor).

County legislative races begin to shape up also: Democrat Charles Dawson will face incumbent Republican Jim Ross in the 35th; Republican Tom Marcelle will square off against Democrat Herb Reilly in the 33rd; and Democrat Gary Olsen will take on incumbent Republican David Young in the 34th. Two other incumbents, Republican Robin Reed and Democrat Charles Houghtaling,

will run unopposed.

Former sex offender James Sheridan is released from a Massachusetts hospital for the criminally insane and returns to live with his family in Delmar — across the street from Bethlehem Central High School. A public outcry drives his family out of their home and sends Sheridan to a brother in Clarksville before he leaves the area entirely.

Concern about the Columbine tragedy prompts an interfaith prayer service in Bethlehem, a mass sick-out from the high school in the wake of rumored violence, and a visit to Bethlehem Central Middle School by Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue to talk about school safety.

School budgets are approved in Bethlehem, Voorheesville and RCS — but incumbents C. James Coffin in Voorheesville and James Schwab in Bethlehem are turned out by voters. In Bethlehem, Happy Scherer returns to the board, joined by newcomers Robin Storey and Warren Stoker. Holly Debes replaces Coffin in Voorheesville, while Thomas Thorpe wins his third term on the board. RCS voters fill three board vacancies, electing Cathy Long, Renee Rider and Linda Marshall.

Bethlehem Town Court hears its first jury trial in 11 years — leading to the conviction of a Coeymans Hollow man on DWI charges.

A student from a Wynantskill school accidentally falls from a cliff while on a class field trip in Clarksville; she is dramatically rescued by Onesquethaw Fire Department volunteers and Albany County Sheriff's deputies.

June

DOT finally holds its public meeting at RCS Senior High School on the latest version of the Selkirk Bypass proposal. It adds a so-called "Middle Option" to the mix. A sizable turnout is polled on preferences in a series of group discussions. Meanwhile, DOT also holds a public hearing on proposed Kenwood Avenue im-

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provements scheduled for 2001.

The state's Environmental Facilities Corp. approves a grant to extend the Clarksville Water District to include homes along North Road and Upper Flat Rock Road that have been the source of controversy over contaminated groundwater. Neighbors continue to seek cleanup of a former industrial site suspected of causing the original problem.

An East Greenbush couple make a major donation to create a new nature center connected with John Boyd Thacher State Park. And, Selkirk Park in Bethlehem is dedicated with opening ceremonies.

The New Scotland Republican slate, headed by supervisor candidate Kurt Anderson and also including two town council incumbents and acting town clerk Martin, gets a late start organizing. As a result, the candidates miss a chance to seek endorsement of the Independence Party — which throws its support to the entire Democratic town slate. In Bethlehem, the Independence committee endorses the unopposed Republicans on the ticket but provides tax receiver challenger Anthony Cornell and Democratic board candidate Daniel Plummer with crucial support.

A surprise candidate emerges to challenge County Executive Michael Breslin: Robert Maurer, a political neophyte. Both men are Delmar residents.

Two appeals courts side with Munnelly; he will not have to seek re-election this fall.

Changes in the salary schedule for the town's Management

Information Services Department provokes a minor flap on the Bethlehem town board. Meanwhile, Supervisor Sheila Fuller joins her Colonie counterpart, Mary Brizzell, to lead opposition to elimination of the county sales tax on clothing.

In governmental action, the Bethlehem planning board unanimously urges that the town zoning code be revised to reflect the not-yet-adopted recommendations of LUMAC. A zoning board of appeals decision to discuss several applications in executive session runs afoul of the state Open Meetings Law; the board later backs down.

On the recommendation of consulting engineers O'Brien & Gere, the Bethlehem town board votes to turn a test well into a production well at the controversial Clapper Road plant. Meanwhile, an unusually dry spring and early summer causes the board to impose restrictions on residential water use.

The New Scotland town board considers vaccinating all town employees against Lyme Disease.

Ground is broken on the BIG Arena, aiming for a November opening. And two medical facilities in Bethlehem make news. Kaiser Permanente announces plans to pull out of the region, casting the future of its offices, including one in Delmar, into doubt. First Columbia wins town board approval of a re-zoning request that will clear the way for construction of its medical office building on New Scotland Road.

July

Friends and neighbors in Delmar mourn the passing of long-

time jurist and Republican party leader Edward Conway.

Spotlight Newspapers acquires the *Capital District Parents Pages*.

Albany County's Conservative Committee backs most of the Democratic slate in New Scotland, and an all-Republican line in Bethlehem — except for tax receiver challenger Cornell, who will face incumbent Nancy Mendick in a primary.

O'Brien & Gere issues its long-awaited report on dredging the river near Schermerhorn Island; it won't help improve long-term yield of the water system. The finding might fuel the town's lawsuit against the facility's builders, which drips on through 1999.

Albany Housing Foundation breaks ground for Van Allen Senior Housing in Glenmont. The planning board sets a public hearing on First Columbia's site plan.

New Scotland's town board is divided over whether acting town clerk Kathryn Martin should be appointed to fill the position now, or wait for the voters to fill it in November. On a partisan 3-2 vote, she is appointed.

A county grand jury indicts Cathy Taylor Reppenhagen on charges of embezzling more than \$1.2 million from Samaritan Shelters, a group home in Delmar. She still awaits trial.

A water-district assessment squabble between the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland is ended as both town boards agree to a settlement of two-year-old litigation. Meanwhile, the New Scotland board votes to extend the Clarksville Water District for North Road residents.

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High School band wins first in the National Music Festival competition in Washington, D.C.

August

The drought of 1999 drags on and begins to have an impact on local farming. Bethlehem town board imposes lawn-watering restrictions and other conservation measures, and New Scotland's water districts follow suit.

Development activity — and controversy — continues in Bethlehem. A developer proposes a Planned Commercial District for a light retail and office complex on New Scotland Road near the junction with Route 85, but withdraws the proposal when town board members indicate their likely opposition. The board grants CMI more time to begin construction of their proposed facility on Delaware Avenue as litigation over the matter continues.

Bethlehem's board also signs off on the First Columbia medical office facility in Slingerlands, which will break ground in September. The planning board takes up a proposal for an office facility on Delaware Avenue by a different Columbia subsidiary.

Meanwhile, Amerada Hess,

having won zoning board approval in June to build a new Hess Express outlet at its New Scotland Road station, seeks another for its Delaware Avenue site, which will in turn be approved in September. A new Monro Muffler outlet opens in Glenmont. And ground is broken there for Van Allen Senior Apartments.

Dr. Ray Elliott donates his home and property in Slingerlands — valued at more than \$2 million — to Drew University.

Delmar's Katie Parafinczuk continues to dominate her age group in cross country winning the 14-and-under 15k Utica Boilermaker race. Voorheesville high football coach Joe Sapienza, who guided his squad to the 1998 Colonial Council and sectional titles, is named Class C Coach of the Year by the National Football Foundation.

Local athletes also excel at the Empire State Games, including a gold-medal performance by the Adirondack region scholastic mens baseball squad, coached by Bethlehem's Jesse Braverman and featuring pitcher Avi

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Swearing-in ceremony open to all

Residents of the town of New Scotland are invited to the swearing-in ceremony and celebration for all newly appointed public officials on Saturday, Jan. 1.

The ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m. with State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Cannizzaro presiding. The ceremony will be at town hall.

An ecumenical prayer service for public officials will be held at 5 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

A reception and dancing will be held from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the New Salem Saab dealership on New Scotland Road.

All events are open to the public.

Village has dog waste law

The village has adopted a dog waste law which will go into effect on Jan. 1.

The law states that it will be unlawful for any dog owner to allow the dog to void on public property, or on private property without the owners permission.

The law also states that it is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up and dispose of any waste material in a safe a sanitary manner.

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Town to hold year-end meeting

The town of New Scotland will hold its 1999 year-end meeting today, Dec. 29, at 4 p.m. at New Scotland town hall on Route 85.

Students return from recess

Students in the school district will return to school from winter recess on Monday, Jan. 3. Students will follow their regular schedules.

Reilly steps down as supervisor

New Scotland residents are invited to say good-bye and best wishes to outgoing Supervisor Herb Reilly today, Dec. 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. at town hall.

Reilly has been the town supervisor for 12 years prior to which he served on town council. Reilly was elected to serve in the county Legislature in November.

Village extends brick sales

The village will take orders for

centennial bricks through December at the village office. The cost for each brick is \$40 and is tax-deductible. The personalized bricks can be engraved with up to 14 characters and hold up to three lines.

Swim program registration

Helderberg Aquatics will hold registration for swim lessons on Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 8 to 9 a.m. in the high school foyer.

The registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and payment is required.

The American Red Cross-approved swim lessons will be held from Jan. 15 to March 18. The classes meet once a week on Saturdays for 50 minutes.

The cost is \$76 per student for eight lessons. There is a discount for siblings.

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Karen Frisch, co-owner of Something Olde, Something New in New Scotland draws the winning ticket in Stonewell Plaza's holiday gift basket giveaway. The winner is Jean Pelham of Delmar. Corinne Blackman

Girl Scouts selling Funbooks for kids

Hudson Valley Council Girl Scouts are selling *The Kids Funbook*, a new family activity guide and coupon book worth hundreds of dollars in savings.

The rainbow-colored book, which sells for \$12, offers free or reduced admissions for kids 12 and under to area theme and animal parks, roller-skating rinks, indoor playgrounds, museums, theaters, local sporting events and much more.

The book is the invention of Allison Pita, a local mother who believed a discount book with a family focus would both save money and promote family togetherness.

The Girl Scouts will receive \$5 from every *Kids Funbook* sold.

For information, call Susan Streb at 439-4936.

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 is free, and will be led by Nola Royce and Gwen Guillelte.

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

Got news?
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by Steve

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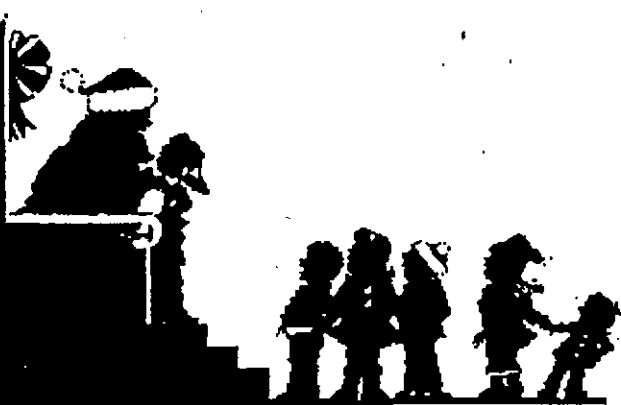
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Rasowsky. Individual honors include another gold medal for high jumper Dan Olson of Voorheesville.

The Bethlehem police annual report for 1998 shows most serious categories of crime down — but domestic violence is up. Al Woerhle, 86, Delmar's Mr. Grand Old Flag, dies of heart failure.

September

The last remnants of Tropical Storm Floyd blow through the region, causing extensive flooding damage, especially in portions of Voorheesville, South Bethlehem and New Salem.

Another hurricane alights as Jesse Braverman decides to fight a Suburban Council rule, and the school district's efforts to enforce it, barring him from coaching both a Mickey Mantle squad and the BCHS varsity team. Rebuffed by the school board, he files a federal civil rights lawsuit against both council and district. Angry discussion of the matter at a school board meeting later in the month nearly comes to blows among several spectators.

On other legal fronts, Bethlehem seeks summary judgment from the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court dismissing the CMI suit — and Brendan O'Keefe, who pleaded guilty to grand larceny in June but still protests his innocence, is sentenced to five years probation and ordered to pay restitution to St. Michael's Shrine.

The state Department of Agriculture & Markets steps in to block the Voorheesville school district's attempt to seize land from farmer John O'Connell, forcing postponement of a planned November referendum on a new school wing.

Bethlehem's steady-as-she-goes town budget gets its first review by the town board; the proposal calls for a 5 percent increase in property taxes and a \$24.1 million bottom line. The Bethlehem board also takes on the first of a series of increasingly controversial traffic safety committee recommendations for new stop signs on Delmar streets. In New Scotland, the proposed town budget will go up 3 percent to \$2.93 million — but tax rates will drop 4 percent, thanks to increased sales tax revenues.

Primary Day, Sept. 14, draws a strong turnout of Conservative and Independence voters — who hand Nancy Mendick the Conservative and Independence lines for receiver of taxes, but deny county Legislator David Young either line.

DOT announces it will narrow its proposed Selkirk Bypass routes to just two: the proposed "South-

ern Option" south of the hamlet of Selkirk, and a dramatic new "Northern Alignment." Cost projections favor the southern route, but the DOT report calls the northern version "the only true bypass." A choice between the two is expected this spring.

Albany County finally files a grant application for improvements at Lawson Lake. And Thacher Park has a new manager: Christopher Fallon.

The zoning board approves the Hess Express in Elsmere.

October

The arrest of BCHS teacher Keith Gunner on DWI charges prompts calls from Albany County RID coordinator Betty Martin for a "zero tolerance" policy by the Bethlehem school board.

Gunner pleads guilty, is fined \$1,000 and has his license suspended. He later steps down from his coaching positions at the high school.

Bethlehem school board sets a December referendum on a \$3.7 million bond issue to fund a technology initiative and athletic-facility improvement.

NiMo announces that New Jersey's PSEG has agreed to buy the Bethlehem Energy Center plant for \$47.5 million — less than a fifth of its assessed valuation. A self-storage facility operator announces a plan to build a facility on Route 9W in Glenmont. And, the Four Corners overlay plan is aired before the board.

November

Off-year elections produce big

victories for Democrats in Bethlehem and New Scotland. The Democratic slate, headed by Martha Pofit, scores a clean sweep in New Scotland, with Cathy Connors and Richard Reilly elected to town council, pushing aside Republican incumbents Mike Fields and Mark Dempf; and Diane Deschenes turning out short-term incumbent Kathryn Martin as town clerk.

In Bethlehem, Democrats pick up a second seat on the town board for the first time ever with Daniel Plummer's victory; he pledges cooperation with his new Republican colleagues. The GOP suffers losses in the county Legislature as Herb Reilly picks up Dominick DeCecco's vacated seat in the 33rd District, and incumbent Jim Ross is defeated by Charles Dawson in the 35th. David Young squeaks through in the 34th.

Traffic safety issues continue to dog the Bethlehem town board agenda as Delmar residents in various high-traffic neighborhoods complain that their concerns are not being heeded by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The town board votes to review the committee's goals and performance.

After more than a year and a half of negotiations, the board approves a letter of agreement on a new police contract.

Ag & Markets recommends that the Voorheesville school district take only 2 acres from John O'Connell for its new high school wing — and a school district attorney recommends the land con-

demnation issue be separated from the bond proposition on the referendum the district yet hopes to schedule for this spring.

Voorheesville Shopping Plaza announces a 10,000 square foot expansion, principally to permit SuperValu to expand.

A Bethlehem town employee is fired after charges that he embezzled more than \$7,900 in cash at the town landfill.

New Scotland launches a comprehensive study of the town's future water needs and sources. The Voorheesville village board passes a "pooper scooper" law. And a wave of construction site burglaries strike in Bethlehem.

RCS's three-year reign as sectional Class B football champs comes to an end with a shutout loss to Glens Falls; the BCHS gridders suffer through a tough fall, but there's hope for the future in a successful JV season. BCHS girls capture the Suburban Council swimming championship.

December

Voters overwhelmingly ap-

prove Bethlehem's \$3.7 million bond issue and an ambitious \$29.2 million proposal in RCS.

Legal good news for the town of Bethlehem: Carole Riley's federal lawsuit is finally dismissed, and a state Supreme Court justice turns down the CMI lawsuit. The neighbors' group that filed it considers an appeal.

Columbia Development wins approval for its proposed office building on Delaware Avenue, and Policy Research Associates commits to moving in.

In business news, the town board votes to refer a request for a change in zoning to permit construction of a proposed self-storage location in Glenmont to the planning board for its consideration, as the first hints of opposition from neighbors appear. Capital Area Permanente announces a merger with Community Care; the Delmar office is part of the merger. And with a last-minute scramble to complete construction, the BIG Arena skates through its grand opening.

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Stone Ends rejoins region's restaurant scene

By Joseph A. Phillips

Stone Ends, a culinary landmark in the town of Bethlehem for nearly a half century, reopened for business last month after a two-year hiatus — but with little fanfare or publicity.

"We're not going to do much until after the holidays," said restaurateur Henry Junco. "We're already doing enough business without too much advertising."

Long regarded as one of the Capital District's top fine-dining establishments, Stone Ends reopened its doors on Route 9W in Glenmont on Nov. 10. The distinctive timber-and-fieldstone restaurant was shuttered in 1997 when then-owner and head chef Dale Miller departed to take over the kitchen at Jack's Oyster House in Albany.

Miller declared bankruptcy last year, and Junco, the owner of the property, reacquired the restaurant business through foreclosure.

With partner James Scalzo, with whom he co-owns the Albany eatery Quintessence, Junco began renovations last spring. They restored the building to its original look from the days when Junco, along with several brothers, launched Stone Ends in 1950.



Stone Ends is once again open for business on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Joseph Phillips

Bringing it back required removing an acoustical ceiling, installed by Miller, to expose the original timbers, and scraping and restuccoing the walls. A coat of polyurethane was stripped off the stone floors and Masonite removed from the now-polished oak bar.

"It had been closed a year and a half, and a lot of work had to be done," Junco said — \$150,000 worth all told, including new baking ovens, refrigeration and light-

ing fixtures. The hand-laid flagstone walls, however, are original.

Not that there haven't been a few changes, dictated mainly by changes in public tastes. "I think most people nowadays are not interested in expensive, high-class," Junco said. "They want good service, but more relaxed dining."

And to be competitive with proliferating chain restaurants, he added, customers want more modest prices.

Service by the dinner-jacketed staff of about 20 remains snappy, but where once the restaurant was, as Junco said, "one of the most expensive places around," a new Northern Italian menu with entrees in the \$10 to \$20 range has been installed.

There is also a new head chef, 34-year-old Paul Persico, a Culinary Institute of America grad and veteran of two similar restaurants.

"For years, this was a legend-

ary place — the special occasion place," said Marie Tracy, a manager at Quintessence who is helping her bosses get the new Stone Ends up and running. "For your grandmother's birthday, your parents' anniversary, this was the place to go."

"But it's not a high-end restaurant anymore. The menu items are reasonable enough that you can come here a couple times a week, or stop in for an appetizer and a cocktail after work. You don't have to wait for grandma's birthday anymore," Tracy said.

Junco, 74, of Glenmont's Corn-ing Heights, is a long-time veteran of the restaurant business. Before the Junco brothers opened Stone Ends, they broke into the business with a State Street eatery, the Catalina House. Over the years, Junco has also been part-owner of the Golden Fox, the College Inn and other well-known local dining establishments.

But a restaurateur's career was not the path Junco originally sought. An area native, after graduating from Albany Business College he had taken "a good job, with good pay — but it was boring," he said. "So I went to Florida and got a job as a busboy. I've been in the restaurant business

ever since." Junco's partner, Scalzo, shares his humble beginnings; he started off at Stone Ends as a teen-ager washing pots more than 30 years ago.

By way of Miami and New York City, Junco worked his way back north and hooked up with his brothers to launch Catalina House. But their next venture, Stone Ends, was a bit of a gamble.

"In those days we didn't have any money," he said, "but the lumber company just trusted us and kept holding on." As for the famous flagstones, Junco and his brothers collected them by hand.

Likewise, before selling the restaurant to Miller in the early '80s, the brothers assembled a reputation that has paved the way for the new restaurant's resurgence. Many of the customers who have stopped by in recent weeks are returnees from the old Stone Ends.

Their new clientele, they hope, will be "everybody," said Tracy. "I think it's that nice of a place. You can come after work, you can come with the family, you can come with friends on a Saturday night."

There will be special occasion packages — like a planned New Year's set-menu deal. The restaurant's dining room will regularly be open for dinner only, six days a week, from 4 to 10 p.m. and closed on Sunday. Though the bar will remain open most nights past the kitchen's shutdown, Junco and Scalzo don't plan to resume an active after-hours bar trade.

"This location was always good to me, very good," Junco said. "I think it's a good place to be. Lately a lot of independent restaurant operations have taken off. There're more and more people going out for dinner — and they keep building more and more homes out here in Bethlehem."

Junco plans to welcome his new old neighbors with a grand opening sometime after the New Year, but "we're too busy now to even think about it," he said.

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Local kids invited to vacation parties

Today, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m. kids in grades six through eight are invited to bring their own stories, poems or artwork to a party in the community room.

There will be lots of food, drink



and activity, so be prepared to be creative and come on over.

Another school vacation program in celebration of the new millennium is planned for Friday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. Elementary school-age kids (age 5 and up)

will be partying with songs and stories and a craft with Joyce Laiosa. Sign-up is required.

Library snowbirds who are leaving for the sunny south after the holidays are reminded to pick up a packet of information regarding Winter Adult Reading Club so they can participate long distance.

Copies of *Reading in the Dark* by Seamus Deane are available at the reference desk if you would like to sign up for the January book discussion which meets Jan. 12.

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, and reopen at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2.

Barbara Vink

Thacher 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 in New Scotland.

Students should bring lunch — a break will be provided.

For information, call Mike Vincent at 827-6111.

Employment service to change hours

The Youth Employment Service is a free community service helping young people between the ages of 14 and 21 find employment and community residents and businesses find reliable workers.

The service's office is located at the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation building at Elm Avenue Park.

As of Jan. 10, office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. during the school year and from 9:30 a.m. to noon during the summer.

The Wednesday evening hours are new.

Students can register at the park office or at the high school or middle school guidance offices.

For information, call 439-0503.

Progress Club group meets at Del Lanes

Delmar Progress Club's Health & Fitness group meets every Thursday at Del Lanes in Delmar at 1 p.m. for bowling.

For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

Art exhibits brighten so far snowless winter

Prints by Daniel Mehlman are on display in the northwest gallery in January.

Mehlman is a mold and model maker for the ceramic and glass industry who returned several years ago to an early interest in



printmaking.

The prints on exhibit are relief prints, realized on rag paper, signed and numbered. Some are based on sketches and snapshots; others are pure fantasy. Mehlman observes that "There is a magic the occurs when concept composition and craft — mind — eye and hand — reinforce each other and become one."

Watercolors by Robert Lynk make up January's southwest gallery exhibit. Lynk is a retired veterinarian who took up watercolor painting five years ago under the tutelage of Sherry Holmes. His study has continued with other local artists and classes at Hudson River Valley Art Workshop. He is current co-president of the Bethlehem Art Association.

The exhibit cases (one near the reference desk, and one to the left of the stairwell) will display American composition dolls from the collection of doll expert Ursula Mertz.

This exhibit complements Mertz's slide show, "50 years of American composition dolls," scheduled for Jan. 29 as part of the

library's "Bethlehem Treasures" series.

The youth services display case will feature Kyle Harbinger's Pez collection in January. Barb Stevens of the Albany County Cooperative Extension has designed a bulletin board display for her organization.

Tax forms

The library's yearly offering of tax forms and instructions will again be available in the lobby from January through April. We try to stock what Bethlehem residents use the most. Less frequently requested material can be found in reproducible format at the reference desk.

Please remember that by law, librarians are not permitted to give tax advice. Print, telephone and online help is available — check our display or ask at the reference desk.

Louise Grieco

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.

On Jan. 28, the group will focus on Marcel Proust's classic *Remembrance of Things Past*.

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

For information, call 439-9661.

Dispose of gift bags by proper recycling

By Sharon Fisher

The writer is recycling coordinator for the town of Bethlehem.

Did you bring home enough plastic bags from gift stores over the holidays?

After removing all contents including paper receipts, recycle the excess bags in recycling bins at local supermarkets.

All store plastic bags are acceptable no matter what color.

There is one exception. Plastic lawn and leaf bags are not acceptable for recycling.

Do not put recyclable bottles into plastic bags and then hope the hauler recycles them.

Town law states that recyclable bottles and containers are to be placed comingled in a recycling bin provided by your hauler.

Any nonshiny paper shopping bags — brown, white, red or green — can be recycled by your hauler with the corrugated cardboard. Remove plastic handles to prevent contamination.

Television advertisements have increased promoting microwaving in plastic containers or using plastic wrap as a cover. Instead, substitute glass, ceramic, paper and wax as alternatives.

What if it is true that microwaving foods and drinks in plastic containers or with plastic wrap could be dangerous, since

estrogenic chemicals may leach into your food? It appears that this is especially true when fatty foods are microwaved in plastic.

Two scientific researchers at Tufts Medical School were surprised when they noted that breast cancer cells increased in numbers overnight when stored in simple plastic tubes.

Chemical nonlyphenol, a plastic softener was leaching into the cells, causing them to grow while acting as an enzyme mimicker.

Another chemical used in some plastics, Bisphenol A, is also an estrogen mimicker. Bisphenol A may leach from the plastic container out into the liquids when heated.

Please be safe and substitute alternatives for plastics in the microwave.

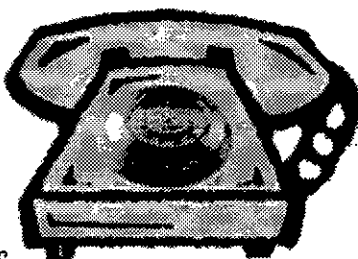
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Entrées	1. Rack of Lamb with apple, rosemary chutney and cider glaze 2. Fillet filled with herbed Chevre and finished with a smoked bacon demi 3. Oven roasted salmon with a tomato pepper relish 4. Grilled pork tenderloin atop Mediterranean cous cous and dijon thyme 5. Half grilled eggplant filled with grilled vegetables atop red pepper coulia
Dessert choice of three	1. Chocolate Paté with Creme Anglaise and seasonal berries 2. Tiramisu 3. Apple and pear cobbler with French vanilla ice cream

Seatings at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Sports

Bethlehem hockey team has BIG expectations

By Christine Potter

After one and a half years of planning, the Bethlehem Central High School varsity hockey team was able to inaugurate its new home ice, the BIG Arena, in a battle against Shaker-Colonie on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Since the inception of the BCHS varsity hockey program, its home ice had actually been in Colonie. For home games, the Eagles would have to make the 15 minute drive to the USA Training rink near Albany International Airport and share accommodations with a number of other area high schools.

Before the game began, Mike Mullen, president of the Bethlehem Ice Group, spoke

about the opening of the new BIG Arena. The arena contains two ice hockey rinks, which are both for Bethlehem hockey and also open to the public for ice skating.

When questioned about the benefits of the new arena, BCHS head coach John Battaglini said, "I feel it will create an interest in the sport and provide accessibility to players in the area. It will also help in keeping players in our program, and our team will be much more competitive in the next three to five years."

While the arena and opening ceremonies went off as a smashing success, the Eagles were not as lucky.

The contest did not result in a victory for the Bethlehem skat-

ers. At the end of the game, the team comprised of players from Shaker and Colonie Central high schools (Shaker-Colonie) came out on top, besting the Eagles, 6-1.

At the onset of the contest, BCHS started out strong with a goal by Dan Coccozza at 13:58 in the first period. Unfortunately for the large crowd of BCHS supporters, in this race, the first horse out of the gate did not win the race.

After the quick strike, the Eagles were unable to make any more successful scoring attempts for the remainder of the game.

Josh Charland paced the

Shaker-Colonie team with two goals and an assist as they skated away with a one-sided victory.

"I'm disappointed and concerned. We're trying to get the kids to realize there is a difference between simply wearing a jersey and actually playing hockey," Battaglini said.

Furthermore, Battaglini added, "We've got to toughen up a lot for three full periods. I realize there was a lot of adrenaline, but we have to make better decisions, and we will."

As for the season, he expects "to see execution from the kids on

a more consistent basis. I definitely think the increases in practice time due to the new rink will improve our consistency. We were practicing on ice one to two times a week and that's just not enough. The wins will come when we start doing the little things right all the time."

After a mid-season break for the holidays, the Eagles will hit the home ice at BIG once again on Friday, Jan. 7 against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School.

Battaglini's team plays again the next night vs. the team from South Glens Falls.

BCHS grad is BMOC at Hartwick

Junior center Tim Staniels, a Delmar native and graduate of Bethlehem Central High School has helped the Hartwick College men's basketball team get off to a very good start this season.

Hartwick's overall 4-2 record, which includes a three-game winning streak, has it heading into the second semester on a roll.

Staniels has been a catalyst behind the team's recent success.

Staniels is second on the team in scoring at 10.3 points a game and he averages 4.2 rebounds.

He also ranks fifth in the Empire Eight conference in free-throw shooting at 86 percent (12-for-14). Staniels also leads the Hawks and is seventh in the Empire Eight in field goal percentage (57 percent).

In his career so far at Hartwick, under second-year coach Tim McGraw, Staniels has 458 points and 267 rebounds.

Staniels and the rest of the Hartwick hoopsters will resume action on Friday, Jan. 7, at home against Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

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•Monday, Dec. 13
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Voorheesville def. New Lebanon; 15-2, 15-4, 15-5
BOWLING
RCS 16 (3,417), Cohoes 16 (3,404)
Averill Park 22, Voorheesville 10

•Tuesday, Dec. 14
BOYS BASKETBALL
RCS 69, Albany Academy 55
Schalmont 54, Voorheesville 53
BCHS 59, Colonie 45
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Holy Names 48, RCS 41
Schalmont 59, Voorheesville 27
SWIMMING & DIVING
Guilderville 51, Amsterdam 43

•Wednesday, Dec. 15
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Voorheesville def. Cairo-Durham; 15-8, 12-15, 15-7, 6-15, 15-13
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Colonie 61, BCHS 48
GYMNASTICS
Guilderland 127.55, BCHS 107.80
BOWLING
RCS 27.5, Watervliet 4.5
Cohoes 26, Voorheesville 6

•Thursday, Dec. 16
SWIMMING & DIVING
Shen 53, Guilderville 41
WRESTLING
Schalmont 51, RCS 27
BCHS 42, Shen 30
BOWLING
Mohonasen 31, BCHS 1

•Friday, Dec. 17
BOYS BASKETBALL
Averill Park 87, Voorheesville 45
Guilderland 60, BCHS 49

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Guilderland 70, BCHS 39
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Voorheesville def. Berkshire; 15-10, 15-3, 9-15, 15-8

•Monday, Dec. 20
BOYS BASKETBALL
RCS 56, Lansingburgh 36
Watervliet 58, Voorheesville 54
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Lansingburgh 50, RCS 32
SWIMMING & DIVING
Guilderville 91 Gloversville-Mayfield 75
BOWLING
Voorheesville 20, Watervliet 12

•Tuesday, Dec. 21
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Duansburgh Tournament
Voorheesville 48, Maple Hill 30
SWIMMING & DIVING
BCHS 121, Shaker 64

•Wednesday, Dec. 22
BOYS BASKETBALL
Lansingburgh 59, Voorheesville 57 (OT)
RCS 60, Schalmont 40
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Duansburgh Tournament
championship game
Voorheesville 44, Duansburgh 34

Schalmont 44, RCS 41
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Voorheesville def. Chatham; 15-5, 15-12, 15-4
BOWLING
Averill Park 19, RCS 13
Schalmont 22, Voorheesville 10

Games On-Tap This Week

•Wednesday, Dec. 29
BOYS BASKETBALL
Guilderland Tournament

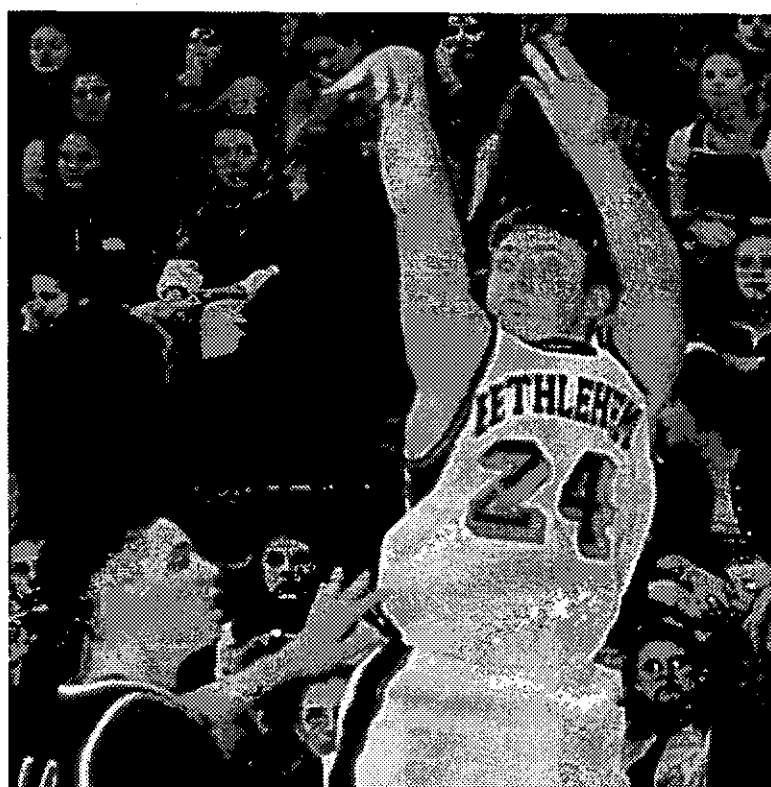
BCHS vs. Union Endicott; 6 p.m.
CBA vs. Guilderland; 8 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Colonie Tournament
consolation/championship game; 6:30/8 p.m.
(BCHS)
RCS Gold Medal Tournament
consolation/championship game; 6/8 p.m.
(RCS)

•Thursday, Dec. 30
BOYS BASKETBALL
Guilderland Tournament
consolation/championship game; 6/8 p.m.
(BCHS)
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Voorheesville @ Averill Park; 7:30 p.m.

•Monday, Jan. 3
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Tamarac @ Voorheesville; 6 p.m.
BOWLING
Lansingburgh @ RCS; 4 p.m.
Cobleskill @ Voorheesville; 4 p.m.

•Tuesday, Jan. 4
BOYS BASKETBALL
BCHS @ BH-BL; 8 p.m.
Voorheesville @ RCS; 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
RCS @ Voorheesville; 7:30 p.m.
V BOWLING
Shaker @ BCHS; 4 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Saratoga @ BCHS; 6:30 p.m.

Trey-mendous



BCBS senior captain Chuck Abba follows through after draining a three in a recent game. Abba and the other Eagles hoopsters are competing in the Guilderland Holiday Tournament this week. The Eagles will play Union Endicott in the first round at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29. *Jim Franco*

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BCMS announces high honor, honor roll students

Bethlehem Central Middle School recently announced its high honor and honor rolls for the first marking period.

Students on the high honor and honor rolls are:

Sixth-grade high honor roll

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And Emily Forrest, Lisa Frangella, Marina Gaft, Megan Gallagher, Alexander Gebhardt, Kateri Gecewicz, Mackenzie Glannon, Jeanette Goldwasser, Hilary Gray, Alyssa Greenberg, Rachael Greenberg, Emily Greenstein, Lindsey Grossman, Mallory Grossman, Christine Hackman, Steven Hannigan, Andrew Harder, Ethan Hathaway,

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And Kyle O'Connor, David Peterson, Max Petraglia, Kevin Pittz, Lauren Pollow, Leeann Pulsifer, Darroch Putnam, Ryan Python, Catherine Quinlan, Lindsay Rood, Alyssa Rosenblum, Jacqueline Rosenthal, Brian Rudolph, Erik Russo, Jeffrey Sagor, Jessica Sanchez, Mark Sarachan, Matthew Schmit, Matthew Shaffer, Margaret Sheehan, Ian Silverman, Natalie Singer, Andrew Smith, Scott Sonne, Claire Stiglmeier, Danielle Swanson,

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Sixth-grade honor roll

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And Ann DeLucco, Andrew DeMatteo, Nicholas Demetriades, Zoe Dunn, Shauna Edwards, Theodore Farver, Brittany Feedore, Andrew Felch, Samantha Felitte, Katherine Fischer, Abigail Fisher, Erin Fitzpatrick and Lauren Flaherty.

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Seventh-grade high honor roll

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Carpinello, Jennifer Caster, Allison Cathers, Karyn Cioppa, Emily Coles, Shane Connors, Phillip Conway, Rylan Conway, Sean Conway, Sybil Copp, Cecelia Corrigan, Logan Crusan, Maura Cullen, Christopher Cunneen, Andrew Cunningham, Sharon Curtis, Julie Deitz, Kendall Drew, Larua Drislane, Lindsey Dugas, Allison Farer, Samantha Feinberg, Shana Feinberg, Mark Fitzsimmons, Zoe Foss, Jaden Franks, Sarah Fudin, Tessa Gadomski, Maureen Gannon, Danielle Garfinkel, Rebekah Gaut, Chantel Gibson, Erik Glaser, Matthew Goldstein, Emma Gordon, Christopher Gray, Sara Greenfield, Jessica Haas, Julia Hall, Danielle Hallenbeck and Brian Hamm.

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Depression

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tomato in your hand."

Hewitt remembers feeling terrified during the Depression. "We didn't have a radio," she said, "but the newspapers were everywhere. Children are apt to be quite literal, and we would read that the bank had collapsed, and I thought that meant it had fallen down. Or you would read that a company was destroyed. I thought all these buildings were falling down, and all these people were getting killed or hurt. I shall never forget the time we drove someplace, and there was our bank. And I said, look, it's a mistake. We still have some money."

Al Restifo, born in 1928, grew up in Delmar, and remembers it as a quiet time. "I grew up on Rural Place," he said. "Neighborhoods were stable. Because of the Depression, people didn't move. We grew up together, playing in the street. All the mothers took care of everybody else's kids. They baby-sat when mother had to walk to the store, or take the bus to Albany, since there weren't so many automobiles then."

Restifo's father made \$17 a week for a family of four. "I remember my mother and father counting out the money in piles, and they set aside \$4.50 for food," Restifo said.

Dick Ahlstrom was born in 1925, and grew up in Brooklyn. "We were constantly playing," Ahlstrom remembered. "We played on the streets, there weren't that many automobiles. The only thing we had was the

radio, which we only listened to after supper, Lowell Thomas and Amos 'n Andy. The three keys to me were the school, the church, and the family. My father's family lived in Brooklyn, and every Sunday afternoon we'd go for coffee and cake. They used to put the coffee in the water, boil it, then strain it through the strainer, and sit in the front room, facing the street with the lamp post outside, and they'd never put the light on. My aunts and uncles would sit around, and they'd talk and they'd laugh, and we had a wonderful time."

Ahlstrom also remembered that parties were different when he was a child. "When my parents had a party," he said, "they'd turn on the radio, and there'd be music, and dancing, and singing. It took me years to learn that sitting around and having a cocktail or talking was a party."

For Hewitt, born in Maine the daughter and granddaughter of Methodist ministers, the church held the central place in her childhood. Growing up in Boston, she remembered a church fellowship hall that hosted plays, a steeple with a basketball court in it, choirs and visitors from foreign countries.

"That was our complete center," Hewitt said, "our friends, our social life, it was right there. There was something going on all the time."

Ahlstrom remembered the boys wore white shirts and blue ties and the girls wore white blouses in the public school he attended. "It was a very disciplined

school," he said. "The school pledge was, I will do what is right because it's the right thing to do."

Ahlstrom also remembered a time of greater innocence. "There was none of this aggressiveness that children exhibit today," he said, "I am, and I want. There was no violence shown on TV or in the movies. It was the greatest of times."

Denegar recalled the first radio he ever saw. "That was a real marvel," he said.

Hewitt's father finally bought a radio when he noticed her little brother sitting under the window to hear the game better from the neighbor's radio.

Ahlstrom recalled the coal stove that heated their house. "You had to bank the stove every night, and in the morning clean out the ashes," he said. "We had a gas heater that we only lit once in a while. When we did the dishes, we had to heat the water on the stove."

The icebox, with its pan to catch the melt, drew a chorus of memories, as did Ahlstrom's recollection of the junk man with his horse and wagon and cow bells on it, paying a nickel or dime for whatever junk people had.

Denegar recalled studying for a college exam when he heard that World War II had begun. He finished his studies on an accelerated basis, then joined the Army, an experience that made him grow up and influenced his future career as a professor at Albany College of Pharmacy.

"I was a farm kid, I came from

a tiny town," he said. "College was a small place, there weren't many in school. But in the Army we associated with many, many people. When I went to college, I thought I would be a research chemist or something, stuck in a laboratory. But the Army changed me, and when I came out, I was asked if I wanted to teach, and I said yeah, I'll try it, and I tried it for 35 years."

Hewitt worked with the Red Cross in hospitals set up in Atlantic City hotels during the War.

"Some of the guys were so wonderful, they had such spirit," she said, recalling wheelchair races to see who could tag a girl's skirt first. "And I said how come these guys, who are hurt so badly, have such wonderful spirit. Another Red Cross worker said, well, they had that wonderful spirit beforehand."

Appendicitis put Ahlstrom in Atlantic City during his service years, which may have saved his life. "Everyone I was with went to the Battle of the Bulge and was killed or wounded," he said. "But the big thing were the college payments, the GI Bill."

"During World War II in the Army, only 25 percent were high school graduates," Ahlstrom said. "But the large number of veterans who went to college on the GI Bill, that was the thing that made the '50s and everything after that."

Hewitt and Ahlstrom cited great advances in the medical field in their lifetime. "What a wonderful world it is," Ahlstrom said. "There's an absence of real fear. Children today don't recognize consequences because they don't see them. When we were young, there were so many things that could hurt you."

Restifo named the invention of the automobile as the biggest change for the average person. "The Ford and the Chevy, plus the fact that during the Depression, people were put to work building the highways. That made it possible for people to live away from where they worked, and started the exodus to the suburbs," he said.

"The advent of the computer is one of the things that's going to change the future so drastically," Ahlstrom said. "Interaction will

probably decrease, since you can sit at the computer, send e-mails, or go to the Web. It gets away from going to Grandpa's and sitting around talking with people."

Denegar included the space program for personal reasons. "The pacemaker was an offshoot of the space program," he said, tapping his chest. "I'd have been gone 17 years ago if I didn't have a pacemaker. When they say, what's a great invention, I've got one right here."

Hewitt takes particular delight in watching men of today interact with their children. "It used to be that the man went to work, and said good morning and good night to his kids, and that was all," she said. "I've been watching football, and the way Doug Flutie picks up his son, holds him and kisses him. I never saw a guy do that when I was his age and married."

Hewitt also recalled that her husband helped with the laundry when they had three babies in four years. The department head at Bates College, where he taught, thought he should teach extra classes, since he had so much free time. "Now you wonder why I'm a feminist," Hewitt said.

The group also sees less prejudice today. Denegar recalled asking his grandmother why his mother hadn't married a former suitor, and her terse reply that "he was a Catholic." He recalled that there were no blacks in his unit during the Army, and that Truman only integrated the service after World War II.

All four admitted they hadn't thought about being around for the millennium. Asked what they'd like to bring back, Ahlstrom mentioned innocence, drawing nods and assents, more time for family and a return to stable neighborhoods. The group shied away from making predictions about the future.

"In the '50s, I couldn't have predicted in my wildest dreams what today would be like, with all the advances in medicine, technology, and communication," Denegar said. "My hope would be that we could take these things and integrate them to make a better society. I don't know what else to hope for. I'd like to see us all come together, as individuals and groups."

Youth Network

BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

Bethlehem safe homes/safe community

All families want to be sure their children have a safe environment in which to grow. This can be a challenge, especially when children are not at home. By following some simple principles, you can work with other families to provide a genuinely safer community for all children.

The ideas below are only a few suggestions. Discuss, share and use these with your family and with others in the community.

Supervision

- I provide age-appropriate supervision for all children at my home.
- I do not allow parties or gatherings at my home when I am not present.
- I offer activities that are age-appropriate for all children at my home.
- I know the destination of older children who leave my home and make sure they contact their family before they leave.
- I monitor television shows, videotapes and computer tapes to ensure that children are watching or using only age-appropriate programs.
- I monitor Internet use.

Eliminate safety hazards

- I securely lock firearms separate from ammunition to prevent children from obtaining them (a safer solution is to remove all firearms from my home).
- I am certain that potentially hazardous household substances are not accessible to children.
- I do not allow children to use alcohol or other drugs while they are at my home.

Communication within my family

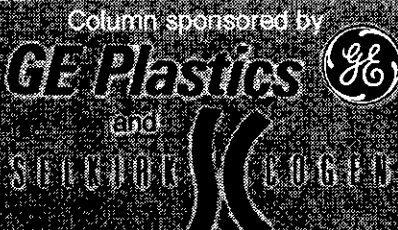
- I know where my children are and let them know where I am.
- I set an example of responsible behavior for my children to follow.
- I discipline my children in a way that is respectful and appropriate for their age and behavior.
- I encourage my family to share concerns on a regular basis.

Communication between families

- I meet the families of my children's friends.
- I share my feelings with the families of children who visit my home to ensure that we agree on activities, discipline and supervision.
- I immediately contact the families of children who are at my home if I have a concern about the child's safety or well-being.
- I offer my support to other families who are working to provide a safe environment for children.

Thanks to the Parent Involvement Coalition of the Bethlehem Community Partnership for creating this plan.

For additional ideas about strengthening our community, contact Bethlehem Networks at 439-7740.



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The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Delaware and has a master's degree from Boston University.

She writes and illustrates

children's books.

The future groom is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and the University of Michigan.

He has a medical degree from SUNY Buffalo, and is an ophthalmologist at Kansas Eye Surgery Associates in Albany, Schenectady and Troy.

The couple plans an Aug. 5 wedding.

Amateur astronomers to present night sky program at Five Rivers

Albany Area Amateur Astronomers (AAAA) will present an introduction to seasonal constellations on Friday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Members of the AAAA will interpret seasonal constellations and deep sky objects with tele-

scope and naked-eye observation.

The free family-oriented program is open to the public. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

If the sky is overcast, the program will be canceled.

For information, call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291.

RCS Community Library plans events

RCS Community Library will show the 45-minute children's film "Runaway Ralph," on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. The film is based on a novel by Beverly Cleary.

A one-hour Internet for Beginners class will be offered most

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. throughout January.

Registration is required. For information or to register, call 756-2053.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

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Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Tadhg Gregory McCarthy Larabee, to Caitlin McCarthy and Michael Larabee, formerly of Voorheesville, of Albany, Dec. 13.

Class of '99

Louisiana State University

Linda Heffernan of Delmar (doctorate).

Fire siren test set for early Jan. 1

Fire sirens throughout the town of Bethlehem will sound in unison at five minutes after midnight on New Year's, but the Bethlehem Police Department issued an announcement that it's just a Y2K precaution, and no cause for actual alarm.

"We want to alert the public because we don't want people tying up the emergency phone lines any more than they have to," said Sgt. Joseph Sleurs. "It's going to be one shot, that's all. The sirens have a cycle they go through, but that's it."

In the event of an actual emergency, all the town's fire companies will have crews on standby at the zero hour. Elsmere Fire Company, for instance, will hold an alcohol-free party at the fire station on New Year's Eve, to have crews on hand just in case, according to Chief Ned Costigan. And the Police Department's 911 emergency switchboard will be operated for the evening from the town's emergency generator-equipped mobile van to ensure service despite any contingency.

Storytime registration

Bethlehem school district residents can register for spring storytimes at Bethlehem Public Library beginning on Monday, Jan. 10.

In-person registration begins at 9 a.m. and phone registration at 1 p.m.

Registration for nonresidents opens on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m. either in person or by phone. Registration will not be accepted by voice mail.

Sessions begin Tuesday, Jan. 18, and run through Thursday, March 30; there will be no sessions during school vacation week (Feb. 21 to 25).

Storytimes are cancelled when Bethlehem schools are closed or have a delayed opening.

For information, call 439-9314. The library is at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Seasonal greetings



Elsmere Elementary School first-graders Brigitte Gallagher, right, and Dominick Simeone enjoy a Festive Seasonal Celebration with resident Doris Gotthell at Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Debbie Eberle

Bethlehem library slates programs

Library Babies will be held on Friday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

The hour-long program for the library's smallest patrons features storytelling, songs and play. Toys, board books and puzzles are provided.

On Monday, Jan. 17, there will be a remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. There will be stories and a craft.

Toddler Mother Goose Time is set for Saturday, Jan. 22, at 10:30 a.m. The program is for children age 22 to 35 months.

The Ultimate Harry Potter Party for children in grades three

to five, will be on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m.

Wizards activities will feature a game of muggle quidditch.

Melodee James and Wayne Trimm of OWL (Outdoor World of Learning) will bring some feathered guests.

And, wizard's brew and rock cakes will be served.

On Friday, Feb. 4, at 10:30 a.m. preschool films *One Zillion Valentines*, *Chicken Little*, *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* and *Smile for Auntie* will be shown.

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Girls academy announces honor roll

Albany Academy for Girls has announced its first trimester honor roll.

Local girls are on the honor roll are: Patricia Lenihan, grade 12, Megan Tucker, grade 10 and Emmalie Dropkin, grade nine, all

of Delmar; Elise Stefanik of Feura Bush, grade 10; Meia Fast of Selkirk, grade 11; Elizabeth Pulice of South Bethlehem, grade 11; and Stephanie Downs of Voorheesville, grade 11.

Community



Library to host Celebrate 2000

Bethlehem Public Library invites children and their families to "Celebrate 2000" Thursday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m.

There will be dancing, crafts and a snack.

The program is recommended for children in kindergarten and up. To register, call 439-9314.

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Obituaries

William Deitz

William Joseph Deitz, 80, of Westphal Drive in Delmar died Friday, Dec. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

He was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Deitz was a carpenter with Local 370 of Albany before he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Lorinda Pittz Deitz; a son, Robert Deitz of East Greenbush; a brother, Robert Deitz of Voorheesville; a sister, Emily Loundillo of Schenectady; and a granddaughter.

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

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

William J. Bloomer

William J. Bloomer, 69, of Rensselaer and formerly of Bethlehem, died Friday, Dec. 24, at Van Rensselaer Manor in North Greenbush.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Bloomer worked for the state Department of Transportation for 37 years.

He was a member of the James Hill Hook & Ladder Fire Co. in Rensselaer. He was a communicant of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rensselaer.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Bloomer of Rensselaer; a son, Kenneth Bloomer of

Rensselaer; two sisters, Dianna Sherer of New York City and Marleen Wilklow of Sidney, Delaware County; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the W.J. Lyons Funeral Home in Rensselaer.

Burial was in Bloomingrove Cemetery in Defreetsville.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Rensselaer County, 295 Valley View Blvd., Rensselaer 12144.

Marjorie Wickham

Marjorie Byer Wickham, 76, of New Scotland Road in Slingerlands died Friday, Dec. 17, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

A longtime resident of South Bethlehem, she recently retired from Glenmont Job Corps as a switchboard operator.

She was the widow of Herbert G. Wickham.

Survivors include a son, Ronald J. Wickham; a daughter, Cathleen M. Hotaling; a brother, Edward T. Byer; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance, PO Box 238, Voorheesville 12186.

Esther Jane Snyder

Esther Jane Snyder, 72, of South Bethlehem died Sunday, Dec. 19, at her home.

Born in Coeymans, she was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church for 61 years. Mrs. Snyder was also a member

of the Bethlehem and Ravena Pomona granges.

Survivors include her husband, Lisle J. Snyder; two daughters, Ida Lawyer and Velma Snyder; a son, Lisle J. Snyder Jr.; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Selkirk or Community Hospice Home Care, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

William Beardslee

William W. Beardslee, 89, of Voorheesville and Jacksonville, Fla., died Saturday, Dec. 18, at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville.

Mr. Beardslee was an engineer who developed the automatic stick shift. He also helped design the Constellation, the world's largest passenger airliner of its time.

Born in Lansing, Mich., he was a graduate of the Naval Academy.

He was a production engineer at the Oldsmobile Motor Works in Lansing and an engineer at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Calif. He also worked for General Electric in Schenectady, where he was appointed general manager of manufacturing engineering service.

He was the husband of the late Dorothy Beardslee.

Survivors include a son, William R. Beardslee of Rocky Mount, N.C.; a daughter, Janice Kirschenbaum of Franklin, Mich.; two sisters, Helen Maynard of Seattle, Wash., and Bethany Winham of Rhinecliff, Dutchess County; a brother, Walter Beardslee of Traverse City, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Estes-Leady Funeral Home in Lansing, Mich.

Burial was in Deepdale Memorial Gardens in Lansing.

Coeymans riverfront to receive face lift

Along with the New Year will come a revitalization of the Coeymans Landing riverfront.

Coeymans has been one of the communities identified by the Capital District's Center for Economic Growth and, as such, has been awarded a \$300,000 grant. The money will be used to develop the landing, in keeping with the charm and history of the hamlet. A walkway and improved docking facilities are expected to be in place by May.

In addition, Yanni's will open a second restaurant on the riverfront. The original restaurant is on Main Street in Ravena.

RCS Community Library slates events

During school vacation, RCS Community Library will show the

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children's film "Runaway Ralph" on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. The 45-minute movie is based on a novel by Beverly Cleary.

For information, call the library at 756-2053.

RCS Sports Association to meet

RCS Sports Association will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school.

Happy New Year!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive New Year!

Murphy

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designated, he said, but "We'll go through a process as we did when I was selected."

The committee will meet on Jan. 13 to discuss any candidates who have indicated interest in the post, he said, and in the meantime, Bardwell will act as chair.

"The only one who has spoken to me about it so far is Keith Wiggand, and I know he has some interest," Murphy said.

Wiggand, who was elevated last spring to the post of treasurer of the Albany County Republican committee, has also been a town committeeman "certainly as long as I've been chairman," he said.

Murphy said the recent disappointing election results played no role in his exit, but with the next local elections not until 2001, his departure now "will give the new chairman the ability to come in and get settled in before the next round of town elections."

They will need it. The changing demographics of a growing suburban town have left what was once a solid Republican stronghold in Bethlehem electorally up for grabs.

"Look at the enrollments," Murphy said. "When I started as a committeeman, it was about four to one Republican. Just look at it now."

The most recent enrollment figures supplied to party leaders by the county Board of Elections last spring show just over 8,000 enrolled Republicans in Bethlehem, against almost 6,200 Democrats, about 1,150 enrolled in minor parties — and 5,500 unenrolled registrants.

"That's been a huge change, which I think is happening in all of the towns of the county," Murphy said.

The result: "During my tenure, we've won a few close elections — and lost a few close elections," he said.

Murphy took the reins on the heels of one such nail-biter, Fuller's first election as supervisor.

"The first time I ran, Bernie Kaplowitz was the chairman, but he had health problems and so had a limited role in the campaign," Fuller said. "So Mary Bardwell and Brian were both very involved in the campaign."

It was a baptism by fire, and though Fuller's own victory margins in three subsequent elections have grown, Republicans overall have lost a town board seat in each of the past two elections, not to mention both town judgeships and, last November, two crucial county legislative districts.

Fuller does not lay those setbacks at Murphy's feet. "The party chairman can do all the organizing and get strategy together for every candidate, but the bottom line is, the candidates have to work harder now," she said.

Murphy himself is not inclined to regrets. "You always think about how you could have done better," he said. "Maybe you should have done this or tried that or what have you. This game is made of second guessing, and I don't think you ever make any progress without it."

But running a party organization in the age of the two-pay-check suburban family, he conceded, is an increasing challenge. "There's no question that these days people have more and more obligations to family, to jobs and whatever. People just don't have the kind of free time to come out and volunteer for politics," he said.

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Family ENTERTAINMENT

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Museum offers winter weather treats

By JOHN BRENT

The holiday season is winding down. Millennium madness about to recede into history.

As we look to the months of January and February and the short cold days ahead, we wonder what diversions and activities might be available in the area — especially for restless kids who might be showing signs of cabin fever.

One available venue is the Junior Museum in Troy, which is offering a kid-appeal schedule of events for the winter weeks ahead. The museum, located on 282 Fifth Avenue in Troy, hosts several standing exhibits that, in the tradition of museums designed with an emphasis on children encourage a hands-on participatory approach.

Focusing on indigenous people, specific to this area of upstate New York, the museum features Exploring Mohican Life, an exhibit that features a wigwam and authentic and replicated artifacts such as a dugout canoe, fishing and hunting implements and various animal pelts.

There is also a settlers' log cabin display, which is highlighted by sections of a settler's home from the mid-1800s. A brick oven, a sleeping area and a cooking area are included.

The animal habitats section of the museum houses the museum's live animal collection and programs

featuring the animals are given on an hourly basis and included as part of the general admission.

Families will have a glimpse of the heavens in the museum's planetarium that also features hourly shows.

the
Junior
MUSEUM



For pre-K crowd, there's the Preschool Discovery Area with musical instruments, games, building blocks and dress up clothing.

Throughout the museum there are numerous hands-on activities for children age 2 to 12.

There are also specifically scheduled one-time events in the coming weeks. On Sunday, Jan. 2, from noon to 1 p.m., Story Time and Family Fun at the Junior Museum: Monster Madness featuring "Five Ugly Monsters" by Tedd Arnold and "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak will be offered. The two popular stories dealing with some not-so-scary monsters will be read, and kids will have a chance to make their own monsters from museum-provided

materials. This event is included in the price of admission.

Elvis the King of Rock 'n Roll is the focus of the Historic Happenings Workshop: Musical Memories on Saturday, Jan. 8, from noon to 1 p.m. In celebration of Elvis's birthday, kids can kick up their heels to the songs of the 50s and 60s. Learn the stroll and the twist and make a Sock Hop souvenir to take home. Cost for this event is \$5 per person that includes general museum admission. Reservations are requested.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, from noon to 1 p.m., the museum hosts Amazing Art Workshop: The Art of Storytelling. Charlie Lowe of Pookie's Place tells some of her favorite

tales while the kids learn how storytelling has been passed down through the ages and how different cultural traditions have evolved. The cost is \$5 per person (general admission included), reservations requested.

To celebrate Martin Luther King Day, visitors to the museum will be able to participate in a workshop in which they will make a multi-cultural chain of people in paper in commemoration of the famous I have a dream speech. The holiday activity will

take place on Monday, Jan. 17 from noon to 5 p.m. This event is \$5 per person and that includes a general museum admission. Reservations are requested.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. On Jan. 22, a Super Science Workshop: Snow Science is scheduled. Kids can learn the science behind snow by observing and participating in a series of experiments. Learn why snowflakes are different shapes.

Throughout the afternoon on Saturday and again on Sunday kids



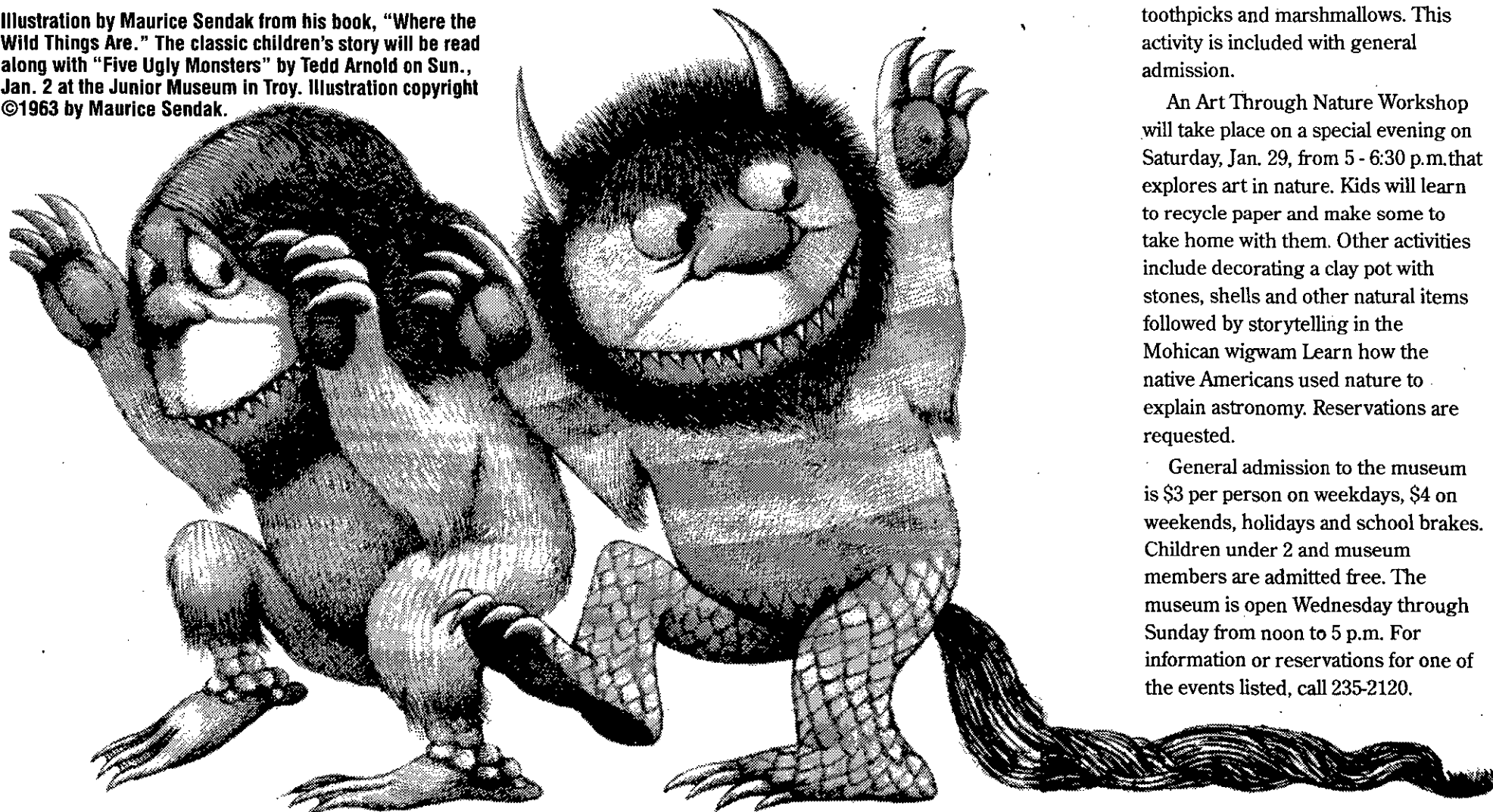
Elvis' birthday will be celebrated at the Junior Museum on Saturday, Jan. 8.

can make snowflake sculptures using toothpicks and marshmallows. This activity is included with general admission.

An Art Through Nature Workshop will take place on a special evening on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. that explores art in nature. Kids will learn to recycle paper and make some to take home with them. Other activities include decorating a clay pot with stones, shells and other natural items followed by storytelling in the Mohican wigwam. Learn how the native Americans used nature to explain astronomy. Reservations are requested.

General admission to the museum is \$3 per person on weekdays, \$4 on weekends, holidays and school breaks. Children under 2 and museum members are admitted free. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information or reservations for one of the events listed, call 235-2120.

Illustration by Maurice Sendak from his book, "Where the Wild Things Are." The classic children's story will be read along with "Five Ugly Monsters" by Tedd Arnold on Sun., Jan. 2 at the Junior Museum in Troy. Illustration copyright ©1963 by Maurice Sendak.



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.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

John Guare drama, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., Friday to Sunday, Jan. 7 to 23, \$12. Information, 462-1297.

MUSIC

ANDREA BOCELLI

opera singer, Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m., \$45 to \$350. Information, 487-2000.

BRANDENBURG CONCERTI

performed by the Berkshire Bach Ensemble, benefit for Camphill Village, Triform and Cadmus, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Jan. 1, 3 p.m., \$25. Information, 273-0038.

WU HAN, PAMELA FRANK AND YEESUN KIM

trio performs works by Haydn and Tchaikovsky, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 5, 8 p.m., \$20, \$10 for students. Information, 372-3651.

SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

family concert, with young musicians playing with the orchestra, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Jan. 8, 2 p.m., \$10. Information, 346-6204.

ALBANY PRO MUSICA

winter sing-along to Fauré's Requiem and Poulenc's Gloria, Remington Hall of Emma Willard School, Pawling Avenue, Troy, Jan. 9, 2 p.m., \$5. Information, 273-6510.

DAVE MCKENNA

jazz pianist, Academy of the Holy Names, 1069 New Scotland Road, Albany, Jan.

15, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 438-7895.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

George Lloyd memorial concert, featuring works by Lloyd, Elgar and Verdi, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., \$14 to \$33. Information, 465-4663.

FAMILY FUN

ALBANY MILLENNIUM 2000 CELEBRATION

fireworks and performing arts in downtown Albany, featuring Roberta Flack and Vonda Shepard at the Pepsi Arena, Dec. 31 from 6:30 to midnight, \$12. Information, 434-2032.

VISUAL ARTS

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Looking Back: The New York State Museum in the Year 2000, through March 12;

Crossroad Images: Postcard Views of Rural New York, through Jan. 2; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

The Art of the Gift, through Jan. 14, 63 State St. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

drawings and paintings by Ted Lind and Time Capsule for a New Millennium, through Dec. 31, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

openings for percussion, tuba and bassoon players, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 356-4331.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

AUDITION

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

SINGERS NEEDED

for upcoming David's Tabernacle 300-voice choir performance of Handel's "Messiah." Information, 459-3152.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

CLASSES/LECTURES

MUSIC CLASSES

in many folk instruments, Old Songs, ROI Center, Route 155, Guilderland. Information, 765-2815.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

DANCE CLASSES

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

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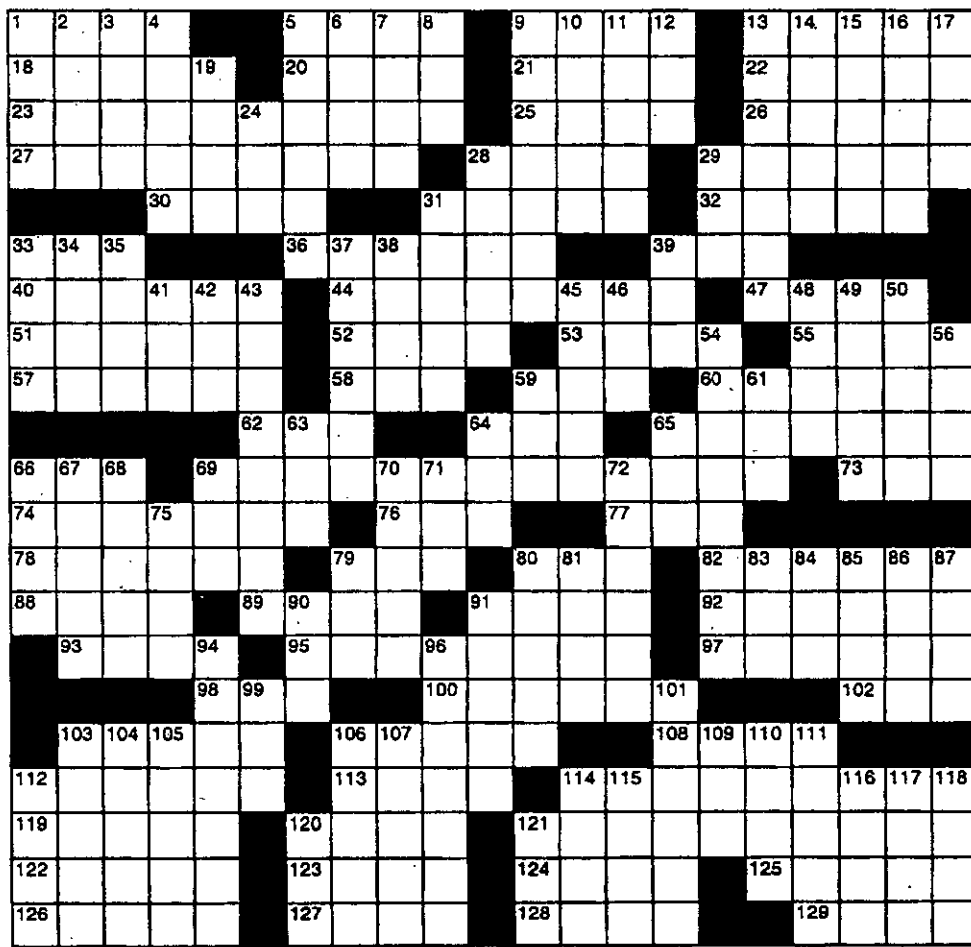
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- 69 Pennsylvania cry of disgust?
- 73 — Moines, IA
- 74 He'll bend over backward for you
- 76 Grazing ground
- 77 Permit
- 78 Witch doctor
- 79 Hoopsters' org.
- 80 Exec's deg.
- 82 Utah cry of revulsion?
- 88 Chihuahua dough
- 89 Chihuahua snack
- 91 Italian port
- 92 Dwell
- 93 "Scat!"
- 95 Illinois cry of surprise?
- 97 Sampras and Rafter
- 98 Weeding tool
- 100 Duration
- 102 Chemical suffix
- 103 Buy off
- 106 Sea
- 129 Across
- 108 Orient
- 112 Uproar
- 113 Mr. Diamond
- 114 Least liberal
- 119 Gravel-voiced
- 120 Thailand, formerly
- 121 Michigan cry of chagrin?
- 122 Senator Kefauver
- 123 Cultural grp.
- 124 Nautical adverb
- 125 Concluded
- 126 Hackneyed
- 127 Big man on campus
- 128 Cunning
- 129 With 106 Across, legendary drummer
- 1 Horne or Olin
- 2 "He's — Picker" ('14 song)
- 3 German valley
- 4 Church areas
- 5 Fit to feast on
- 6 Barbie or Ken
- 7 Unemployed
- 8 Sock part
- 9 "Le Misanthrope" playwright
- 10 Minneapolis suburb
- 11 Helped
- 12 Composer
- 13 Delibes
- 14 Author Jong
- 15 Symbol
- 16 Forebodings
- 17 "Boss"
- 18 Tweed's namesis
- 19 What you used to be
- 24 Actor Kilmer
- 28 Baby basset
- 29 Egyptian viper
- 31 Playwright
- 33 Taj town
- 34 Sleuth
- 35 Kids connect them
- 37 Jockey giant
- 38 Darjeeling dress
- 39 Revolution-ary Guevara
- 41 Drollery
- 42 Psychic Geller
- 43 Inclination
- 45 Tennyson tale
- 46 — rummy
- 48 About
- 49 Bank deposit?
- 50 Burn a bit
- 54 Quiet
- 56 Colors
- 59 Maugham's "Cakes and —"
- 61 Pro-gun grp.
- 63 Saucepan
- 64 Drillers' org.
- 65 TV's "Murder, — Wrote"
- 66 Huff and puff
- 67 Feels sore
- 68 Impertinent
- 69 Cops' org.
- 70 — grease
- 71 Indeed
- 72 Grievance
- 75 "Typee" sequel
- 79 Sgt. or cpl.
- 80 — Carta
- 81 Improve oneself, in a way
- 83 Turn right
- 84 DDE's predecessor
- 85 Tiny coin
- 86 Genesis setting
- 87 Hawaii's state bird
- 90 Veneration
- 91 Freeway sounds
- 94 Idaho cry of excitement?
- 96 Jack of "The Odd Couple"
- 99 Poetic preposition
- 101 "Hiroshima" author
- 103 Good time
- 104 Dreadlocked one
- 105 Set in motion
- 106 Kevin of "In & Out"
- 107 Range rope
- 109 Actress Meyers
- 110 Seafood selection
- 111 Accent feature
- 112 Mus. directive
- 114 — contendere
- 115 Summit
- 116 "The Never-Ending Story" author
- 117 WWII gun
- 118 "The — Is High" ('80 hit)
- 120 Crestfallen
- 121 LummoX



Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

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

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 30

RECOVERY, INC.

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

FIVE RIVERS CENTER

Indoor reading from children's literature, followed by outdoor walk; recommended for preschool to fourth grade. Register by Dec. 26. Participants should dress warmly. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 10 a.m. \$1. Information, 475-0291.

"CELEBRATE 2000"

Program for children kindergarten and up and families; dancing, crafts & snack. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

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 31

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Closed in observance of New Year's holiday.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2000!

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Closed in observance of New Year's holiday.

NEW SCOTLAND

INAUGURAL OBSERVANCES

Swearing-In Ceremony, New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 3:30 p.m. Ecumenical Prayer Service, St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Street, Voorheesville, 5 p.m. Catered reception and "Jazz Under The Stars," New Salem Saab, 1891 New Scotland Road, New Salem, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

JANUARY 2

BETHLEHEM

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

DELMAR REFORMED

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

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, 65 Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

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

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, Vespers 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

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

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

BETHLEHEM COMM. CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

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

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worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family

communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

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

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

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

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early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

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

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

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

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

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

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FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

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

MONDAY JANUARY 3

BETHLEHEM

TOWN INAUGURAL AND BOARD MEETING

Swearing-in ceremonies for elected town officials, followed by organizational meeting of town board; Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian fellowship group for mothers 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, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

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

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

BLANCHARD LEGION POST

Meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

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 JANUARY 4

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

TAKE POUNDS OFF SENSIBLY

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

DELMAR ROTARY

Day's Inn, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

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Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

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NEW SCOTLAND

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Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

PLANNING BOARD

town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5

BETHLEHEM

BETH. BUSINESS WOMEN

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 6:30 - 9 p.m. See also Tues., Thurs. Information, 439-0503.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

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.

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

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

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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 Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

THURSDAY JANUARY 6

BETHLEHEM

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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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

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

HOMEWORK HELP CENTER

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

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

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

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

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 JANUARY 7

BETHLEHEM

LEGAL NOTICE

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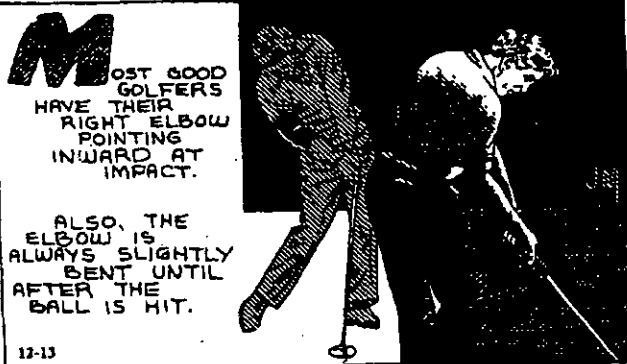
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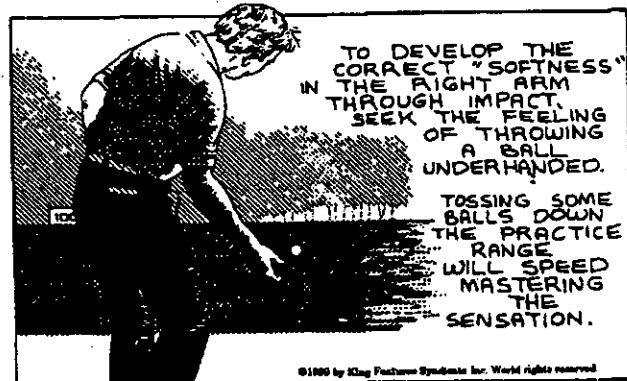
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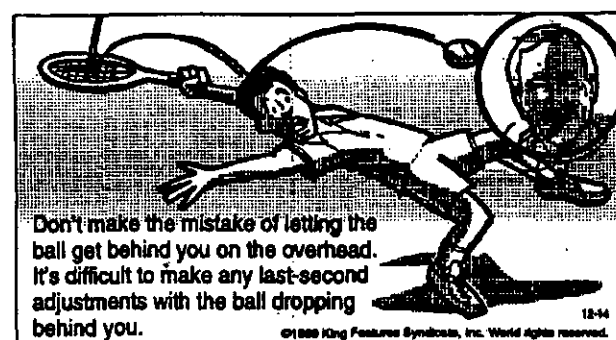
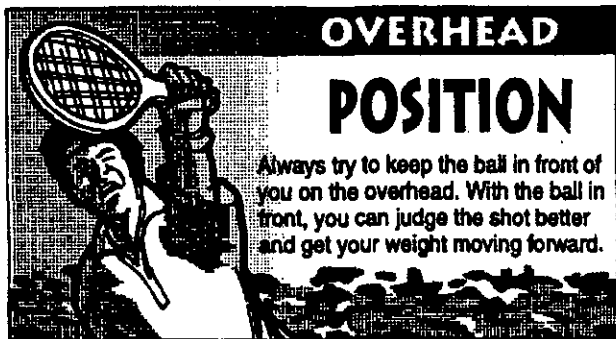


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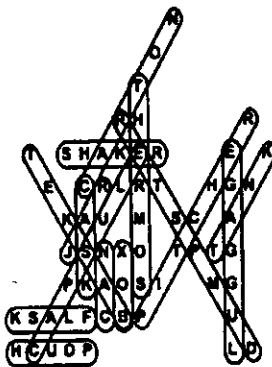
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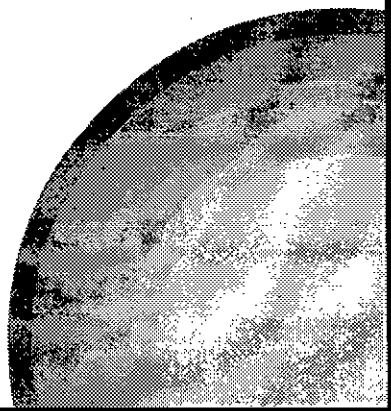
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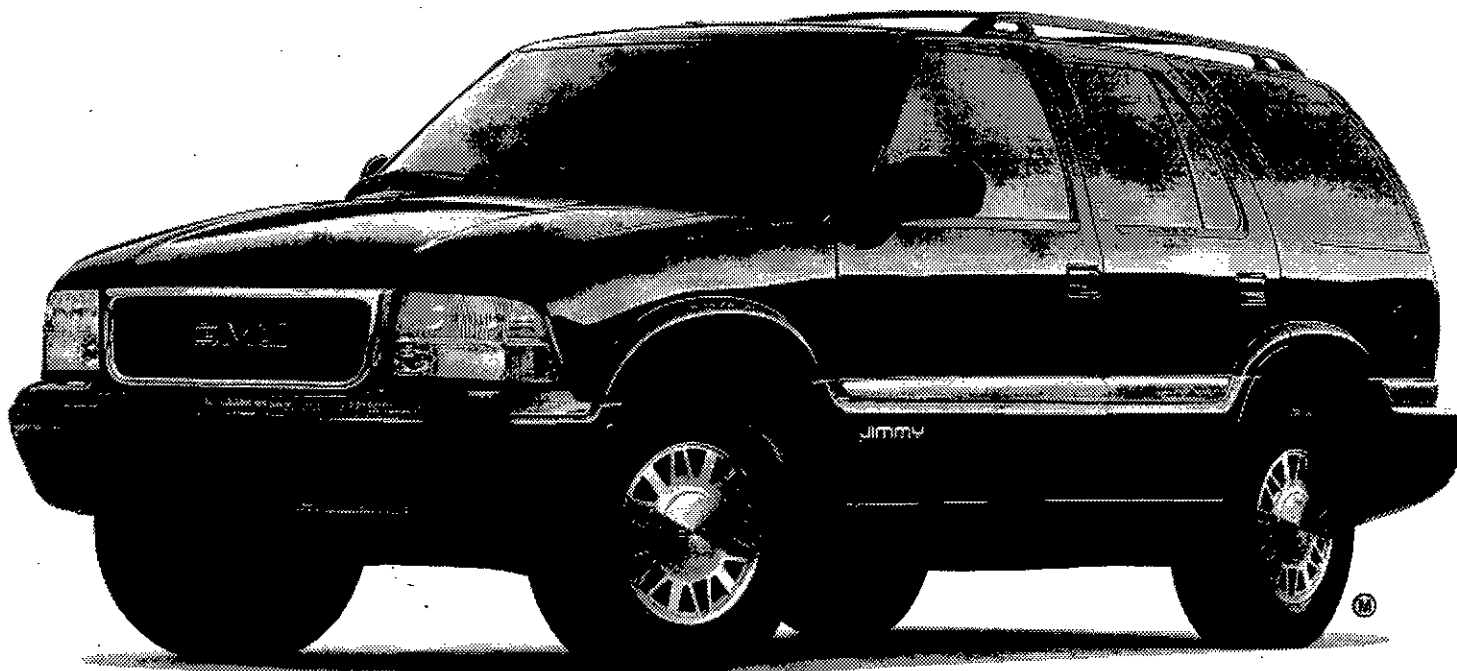
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