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# Spotlight

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## Police nab 7 students for BCHS bomb threat

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A post-Halloween prank at Bethlehem Central High School led to the arrest last week of seven students for a Nov. 1 telephone bomb threat that turned out to be a hoax, but caused a brief midday evacuation of the school.

The Bethlehem bomb threat was the latest of several at area school districts in recent months, prompting Superintendent Les Loomis to send a letter to district parents and staff this week emphasizing the seriousness of the incident. He also called a press conference Tuesday at district offices to publicize the incident.

"The Bethlehem school district feels there is nothing more important than the safety of our students, staff and visitors to our school buildings," he said. "I think it's very important that everyone in our community fully understand the importance of safety at our schools and the seriousness with which we take bomb threats."

On Nov. 21, Bethlehem police arrested seven 16-year-olds, all BCHS students whose names are being withheld because of their age. Six were arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan on misdemeanor charges of conspiracy and falsely reporting an incident. The seventh, who allegedly

made the phone call, faces felony charges under state statutes passed in the wake of the Columbine shootings and other recent incidents, stiffening penalties for threats of violence against schools.

Egan put all seven students under the supervision of the Albany County Probation Department pending a Dec. 18 court appearance. Six of the seven also faced disciplinary hearings before Loomis earlier this week. The alleged caller has been excluded from school for the remainder of the school year. Five

students were suspended for the rest of the semester, through Jan. 30, and a disciplinary hearing for the remaining

***I think the district's response, and the high school's response, was right on the money.***

individual is tentatively set for later this week.

"Based on police interviews and conversations I've had with students, it's clear to me that all seven students were involved, they were all on the scene when the bomb threat was planned and were all on the scene when the bomb threat was made," Loomis said.

The Wednesday, Nov. 1, incident began with a phone call, later traced to an Albany pay phone, received at about 12:08 p.m. at the high school switchboard — "A young male voice making a bomb threat," Loomis said.

"In keeping with established school district protocol, BCHS Principal Dr. Jon Hunter evacuated the building with a fire alarm, and Bethlehem police and fire departments responded at the scene," he added.

Loomis confirmed that Hunter, in consultation with Bethlehem police, quickly determined the incident to be a hoax, and students and staff were permitted to re-enter the building about 20 minutes later.

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## Bird watching



Linda Fu and her mother Ping Gao check out a stuffed turkey at Five Rivers after a lecture on wild turkey and a nature walk to observe wild turkey habitats last Saturday. Jim Franco

## 'Midsummer Night's Dream' to light up Studio 46 stage

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The corner of Bethlehem Central High School known as Studio 46 will come to life the next two weekends as fairies, nymphs, commoners and royalty pursue love in Theatre Without a Net's fourth Shakespeare production, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The play that has Puck sighing, "Lord, what fools these mortals be," has student actors, directors and choreographers full of enthusiasm for their subject, as is teacher and director Jim Yeara.

"Mr. Yeara points us in the right

direction," said Kelley Curran, who plays Puck. "The plays are always beautiful, and easy to understand."

"As compared to just learning it in class, acting it out is more in-depth," said Kate Emminger, the show's choreographer. "You're so close to the play, and working on it so intently."



Hannah Lewis, left, will play Hermia and Robin Betzhold will play Helena in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

Emminger, along with student directors Matt Vnuk and Helena Kopchick, chose four different kinds of music to go along with the play's dances. The different types

of music — country line dance music, new age music, techno and a Mendelssohn ballet piece — represent the play's four different worlds.

Yeara said dance has always been a part of Shakespeare productions, although it used to come at the play's end.

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## Creek cuts jagged path to Hudson

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Third in a series.

As it rambles through the woodlands of New Scotland, the Normanskill shows only scant evidence of encroaching civilization — a few odd tires discarded along its banks, posted private-property signs on a few trees, a rope or two slung from a branch. In fact, from the vantage point of the creek in the last half mile of its meandering progress through Slingerlands, civilization first intrudes upon the ear rather than the eye, as a distant sound of infrequent traffic sifts through the woods.

A large sand bar forces the creek to bend northward about a quarter mile upstream of the source of that traffic noise: Route 85. It crosses the Normanskill at roughly the same point where the creek's easternmost major tributary joins it from the north — the Krumkill,

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## Local markets' fate uncertain

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The fate of two of Bethlehem's three largest supermarkets — the Grand Unions in Elsmere and Glenmont — hangs on the outcome of a pending sale of 185 of the supermarket chain's stores, including 16 in the greater Capital District, to a Vermont wholesaler, a sale expected to be approved by a federal bankruptcy judge Nov. 30.

The troubled New Jersey-based grocery chain, which last month filed for bankruptcy protection for the third time in five years, announced on Oct. 30 a sale agreement, pending the outcome of a Nov. 16 auction of Grand Union's assets, under the provisions of bankruptcy law, with C&S Wholesale Grocers of Brattleboro, Vt., a distributor serving numerous retail grocery chains throughout the Northeast.

Following the auction, C&S was

confirmed as the highest bidder for 185 of the chain's 197 stores, along with its Northeast distribution center in the Mohawk Valley and other assets, for a price of \$301.8 million.

Judge Novalyn Winfield of Federal District Court in New Jersey is scheduled to review the sale agreement this Thursday, Nov. 30, and to confirm the sale, barring a successful challenge by any of several unsuccessful bidders.

At least one of those bidders for part of Grand Union's assets, the corporate parent of the A&P supermarket chain, has filed challenge papers.

Sue Marsh, manager of corporate communications for Grand Union out of the chain's regional office in Clifton Park, confirmed that "A&P right now is a disappointed unsuccessful bidder, but we will know the outcome on the 30th."

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**Bethlehem Tomboys  
to hold registration**

Bethlehem Tomboys Softball League will hold registration for the 2001 season on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall.

The league is open to girls grades one to 12. First-time registrants must have a copy of their birth certificate.

Practices start in April and league games generally run from May through early July.

Parent volunteers are needed to serve on the board of directors, or to serve as boosters, managers/coaches, grounds-keepers or fund-raisers. For information, call 439-0904.

**Hamagrael School  
slates PTA craft fair**

Hamagrael Elementary School PTA will sponsor a craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school.

There will be more than 75 vendors, as well as refreshments, including a bake sale.

Admission is free. For information, call 439-8674.

**Auxiliary selling  
Entertainment Books**

Elsmere Fire Co.'s auxiliary is again selling Entertainment Books as a fund-raiser.

Books cost \$40 each and can be purchased from any auxiliary member or by calling Edie Pregent at 439-3797 or Daile Morrell at 439-5556.

**Police make DWI arrest**

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

An Albany man was arrested in Bethlehem on Nov. 12 and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) — and another faces charges of driving under the influence of drugs in the town of New Scotland after an arrest three days earlier.

In the latter incident, Albany County sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville substation stopped Garret M. Quadrini, 34, of 20 Shady Lane, Albany, on Nov. 9 on Normanskill Road for driving with a broken taillight and failure to keep right.

According to the sheriff's report, the arresting officer detected the odor of marijuana in the vehicle, and after administering field sobriety tests and searching the vehicle, arrested Quadrini for driving while ability impaired (DWAI) and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Quadrini was ordered to appear in New Scotland Town Court on December 21 to answer the charges.

The Bethlehem arrest occurred Sunday, Nov. 12, about 1:30 a.m. when Officer Jeffrey Vunck stopped a car on Kenwood Avenue for speeding.

According to the police report, the driver, 21-year-old Michael I. Chornyak of 128 Sand Creek Road, Albany, failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI and ticketed for speeding.

He is due in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 5.

An earlier driving-under-the-influence case in New Scotland was resolved when Arthur L. Comstock, 17, of 1914 Central Ave., Albany, pleaded guilty to a drug-related DWAI count, stemming from his arrest on Sept. 23.

Town Justice Kenneth Connolly fined Comstock \$300 and a mandatory \$35 surcharge, and revoked his license for at least one year.

Comstock was also ordered to participate in a drinking-driver remediation program and to face a victim impact panel.

Comstock also pleaded guilty to a traffic citation for failure to keep right in the incident, incurring another \$50 fine and \$35 surcharge.

**Holy Names presents  
'A Christmas Carol'**

Academy of the Holy Names' lower and middle school students will be performing the musical play "A Christmas Carol" on Thursday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. in the Campus Arts Center at 1069 New Scotland Road in Albany.

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# Dog gone it



K-9s seem eager to enter the town's new dog park at its official opening this month. *Joseph A. Phillips*

# V'ville, New Scotland hope to merge assessing offices

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

In a sign of increasing cooperation between the town of New Scotland and the village of Voorheesville, the boards of both municipalities are considering an agreement to consolidate their assessing and building departments into a single entity.

"The time seems right for an integration, and there's a growing sense of cooperation and trust that has allowed the village and town boards to work together," said New Scotland Supervisor Martha Pofit of the agreement she worked out this month with village Mayor Ed Clark, who initially proposed the arrangement.

Under the terms of what Pofit characterized as "probably the most comprehensive agreement so far under my watch," the village would cede its building inspection and property tax assessment functions to the town, and a new town department of building and assessing will be created.

Gerald Gordinier, who oversees both of those functions for the village, will be named to head it, for a six-year term as prescribed for assessors under municipal law.

He will replace Patricia McVee, who announced her resignation as town assessor in September, and Paul Jeffers, currently the town's chief building inspector,

who is scheduled to retire in April, will remain in his capacity until then. Town code enforcement officer Jeffrey Pine will remain as Gordinier's deputy.

Deborah Burns has been designated assistant assessor, and will undergo certification training to eventually assume greater responsibility under Gordinier's direction, Pofit said.

According to Clark, Gordinier will continue, independently of his town duties, to offer administrative support to the village's planning and zoning boards.

Pofit said that the combination of village and town functions, and the integration of the two town departments into one, was "a way of implementing good government by maximizing efficiency," and would ultimately net town taxpayers an estimated \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year.

The Voorheesville village board was scheduled to take up the intermunicipal agreement at its regular monthly meeting last night, following a public hearing. If adopted, the agreement would go into effect automatically, unless village residents petition during a 20-day period for a public vote.

Pofit said the town board will take up the intermunicipal agreement at its Dec. 13 meeting. Both Pofit and Clark are consulting with respective counsel on how to proceed with implementing the agreement, Pofit said, and she was uncertain whether the town was required to set a public hearing on the matter.

Clark said he did not anticipate much public opposition to the move.

"I wouldn't say no, but I don't see it," he said. "I'm very, very much in favor of it. I believe it's an idea whose time has come ... I've talked to a lot of people in the past weeks, particularly people involved in village government in the past, former village mayors, and they seem to think it's time to do this."

Separate assessment functions in village and town, he said, grew out of differing standards for assessment in the two governmental entities. Both municipalities have conducted reassessments to bring their rolls into compliance with recent state standards — the village 15 years ago and the town more recently.

"There may have been reasons for (separate assessors) in the past, but those reasons no longer exist," Clark said. "Why spend \$15,000 a year (for an assessor)

to collect \$75,000 or \$80,000? ... 95 percent of real property tax is determined by the town's assessment right now. The county and school district rates are tied to their assessment valuations. So it makes little sense to continue the practice of separate assessors."

"I think the village feels comfortable with the town's program quality and efficiency," said Pofit, and Clark agreed.

"We believe the town is doing a very good job at this point in assessment valuations," Clark said. "Our assessment roles in the village are in need of a revaluation, and it's a very expensive proposition. And when it's done, it would leave our assessment roles in the same state as those of the town."

The prospect of Gordinier taking on the new combined department, Clark said, was also reassuring to the village.

"He's a very, very competent assessor, does a good job and is very familiar with the village," he said. "They are in a sense hiring him to do for them the same job he's always done for us."

As for combining the building and assessment departments on the town level, Gordinier's experience in performing both functions at the village level argues in its favor, but Pofit said the combination made sense to her and to the town board, particularly in light of the effort under way in town hall to integrate computer data.

"Other municipalities call them 'public service departments,' and there is a kind of close kinship between the two functions," she said.

"There's a great deal of integration by the nature of the workload, and work activities that lend themselves to collaboration. Subdivision and building permits issued by the building department will get input directly into the database for determining assessment valuation, for instance," Pofit added.

The proposal was first suggested by Clark at a planning retreat for town officials in September. The agreement is not the first example of growing collaboration between the town and village. The two coordinated their animal control programs last spring, and Pofit also cited the recent LOSAP agreement, providing benefits to volunteer ambulance members in the Voorheesville corps, as an example of collaboration.

# Police probe school vandalism

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police expect to arrest several juvenile suspects this week in connection with vandalism at Glenmont Elementary School on Sunday, Nov. 19, that Bethlehem school Superintendent Les Loomis characterized as "a very big deal for us."

At about 3 p.m., a neighbor contacted Bethlehem police to report a Dumpster on fire at the school. Police responding to the fire also reported finding several classroom windows broken by rocks and pumpkins.

"The fire only damaged the Dumpster itself," said Sgt. Mike McMillen, acting supervisor of the police Youth Bureau. "We got lucky."

Police interviews at the time of the fire with numerous patrons and staff at nearby Altieri's Restaurant, within sight of the

school, produced no eyewitnesses.

Staff arriving at the school the following morning also discovered water leaking through the roof of the gymnasium and puddling on the floor.

The source of the leak was determined to be a water valve connected to the school's heating system, apparently opened on the building roof by vandals at about the time of the earlier incident.

A boiler connected to the heating system was partially drained as a result, but sustained no damage.

As for the gym floor, dampened by some 30 gallons of water, "We're in the process of gathering the cost of the damage," Loomis said. "We haven't completed that. We're waiting to determine if any sections of the floor might buckle."

McMillen said arrests of four juvenile suspects for criminal mischief and other possible charges await consultation with the school district on the extent of the damage.

Evidence was developed during interviews with neighbors who live near the school on Route 9W, McMillen added.

"Through good legwork by patrol officers participating in the neighborhood canvass, we've

traced the incident back to several suspects," he said, identifying them as "not all students at Bethlehem schools."

"My understanding is that it is likely the majority of those students will be Bethlehem students," Loomis said, adding that "the school district policy is to prosecute all crimes occurring on school grounds to the fullest extent."

"Also, we're in the process of determining whether we can apply school disciplinary penalties in the incident for all of the Bethlehem students involved. If we determine that school penalties can apply, we may be talking about the possibility of school suspensions and superintendent hearings for each student involved."

That, he said, could lead to possible long-term suspensions or exclusions from school.

He also said full restitution for damage and the cost of cleanup will be sought from the vandals.

"We view this as a very, very serious incident," Loomis said. "The Bethlehem police and Bethlehem school district are interested in holding these individuals totally accountable for the damage."

"None of the cleanup and repair should occur at taxpayer expense," he added.

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# Man charged with car theft

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Criminal Investigations Unit of the Albany County Sheriff's Department arrested a Schenectady man last week and charged him with a motor vehicle theft in Voorheesville that occurred during a two-county police chase in August.

Christopher M. Shambo, 21, was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with a felony grand larceny court for the theft of a pickup truck in Voorheesville.

The Aug. 9 incident began when Shambo allegedly fled a traffic stop in Schenectady in a

stolen vehicle.

"Schenectady was in short pursuit with this guy when he entered Voorheesville," sheriff's Investigator Bill Riley said.

The vehicle was later recovered, abandoned, near Conrail tracks in Schenectady.

Following his arrest last week, Shambo was arraigned on a third-degree larceny count in Village Court before Justice Kenneth Connolly, and sent to Albany County jail without bail.

In the meantime, he is scheduled for an additional court appearance in Voorheesville on the truck theft on Dec. 18.



# Learning to wait patiently provides many rewards

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The sky hangs low and heavy, full of clouds that one day turn the sky into a solid slate-grey background, and on another, puff up to let the occasional sliver of weak light illuminate the bare branches of the backyard maple tree.

Those of us not yet finished raking, and with boots still to buy for the child whose feet are a funny size, between boys' and mens', hope the clouds will hold off on that first big snowstorm for a while yet.

Children watch that same sky, let the chill air redden their cheeks, and hope that winter storm comes soon, so on the missed day of school, they can build snowmen, play video games and drink hot chocolate while sodden ski pants hang over the tub to dry.

This may be the change of season that Northeasterners dread most, but, like any change, it brings a sense of anticipation. We wait with some hope and

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trepidation for the first big snowstorm.

The world will look so beautiful, especially after the dreariness that crept in after the Halloween candy was collected and before the Thanksgiving turkey was served.

How wonderful it will be to see a deep layer of snow, especially if the sun shines in a bright blue sky and we are temporarily blinded by the whiteness of a new landscape.

Our children will remind us — in the face of worries about whether we need new snow tires, the waterproofing in the basement will hold, or we can bear to shovel out what the snowplow pushed back yet again — of the great joy to be had in the pristine beauty of new snow.

We can wait for that snowstorm though. We've had a lot of practice waiting this fall, as we wait to see if the third count of Floridian ballots finally decides the election. Nothing has gone as expected with this election, whose main purpose seems to be to teach us to wait.

There are likely some people out there already doing The Big Wait, as the fear of not getting that scooter the kids want for Christmas has driven some people to the mall already. We'll wait and wait, and wait some more in long lines in overheated stores. Then we'll wait in dread for the credit card bill, whose speediness in arriving will seem quicker than our wait to purchase all those goods.

Mothers across the country wait for that moment during the Christmas season when they realize that their desire to create a perfect Christmas, with the perfect gifts, the perfect decorations, and the wonderful smell of things baking, can only be accomplished by mainlining caffeine.

You've heard of the nicotine patch? What woman planning for a major holiday doesn't wish for a caffeine patch, one that provides ever-increasing dosages?

I look at my children and wonder what they wait for. They are at an in-between age; chafing for more independence and more self-direction. They want something that too many of us have forgotten about, or no longer know what to do with: free time.

This sounds funny to adults, who only wait for one thing to happen so they can move on to the next, but the true intent of each of my children's days is to have some time that is completely unbooked. My boys tolerate the intrusion of school into their lives, but live for the half-days, snow days and periodic week-long vacations that make it all worthwhile.

To protect their time, they are strict about where homework fits into the day. Cormac, in third grade, is experiencing the rough transition into nights of homework in many different subjects, and spends the bulk of the evening protesting the great unfairness of working again when "I already worked all day."

We, his heartless parents whose evenings still contain dirty dinner dishes, the ever-present load of laundry and bills to be paid, are sympathetic for a while, but after weeks and weeks of protest, must walk away before we tell him to get used to it; it doesn't get any better than this.

So we wait for this phase to pass, for the light to go off that

homework and school aren't going away, and he can win back some of his free time if he just gets the work done.

While we wait for this to happen, we notice that Christopher is already learning to pace himself. In fifth grade, we no longer have to wait for his outbursts over homework.

When his work is done, he makes a stab at watching yet more TV, but when that request is denied, turns cheerfully enough to the tome about mythologies he's currently reading. We wait for the stories he will tell us in the morning; of Icarus and floods in different cultures, and how Hercules should really be Heracles.

While we wait for maturity to strike and snow to fall, we notice the positive changes. We can sit together at dinner, and not have to scoop fallen Cheerios off the floor afterwards. We can talk together, about Christopher's myths or the state capitals Cormac picked out that day on his classroom's wall map. We can go to the movies, and perhaps choose one we all like. We can talk about books we're reading, what we think of the electoral college and laugh together at "A Prairie Home Companion."

We notice that, even under the grayest of skies, good things come to those who wait.

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## Friendship Singers to present holiday concert Dec. 12

The Friendship Singers will present a program of holiday music on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The program is free and open to the public.

A group of 20 women, mostly from the Bethlehem area, the Friendship Singers are also performing for many civic and senior citizen groups during this holiday season.

They will conclude their Christmas 2000 schedule by entertaining at Albany International Airport on Dec. 15.

The choral group, in existence for 18 years, specializes in music

that is upbeat and inspirational. Programs include both religious and secular music, with many familiar melodies and some new arrangements.

Marie Liddle is director of the Friendship Singers, Linda Drew is accompanist, and Muriel Welch is choreographer.

The other current members are Elaine Bird, Stephanie Bollam, Pam Bolton-Engelhardt, Jane Conklin, Pat Dolder, Linda Farrell, Joan Graber, Eleanor Haverly, Janice Manning, Becky Marvin, Kitty Murphy, Kristy Reynolds, Dodie Seagle, Susan Timmerman, Ann Treadway, Mary Ellen White and Iva Zornow.

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# Curves for Women offers varied fitness programs

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The walls are painted, the sprinklers are in and the exercise equipment installed at Curves For Women, the local franchise of a national exercise and weight-loss program that recently opened in Town Squire plaza in Glenmont.

Franchise owner Kalimah Jenkins is enthusiastic about her new business, and when a neighbor stops her to ask about the gym, she's convincing in her explanation of the gym and its fees.

Curves is a national franchise just making its way into the Northeast. There are locations in Ballston Spa and Clifton Park, and Jenkins plans to open a Latham branch late next winter.

With its promise of a 30-minute workout, Curves is designed to appeal to people who are interested in getting fit, but don't want to spend a lot of time at the gym.

"You don't have to be a workout guru to join Curves," Jenkins said. "You could be older, or overweight, and sitting at home thinking about how to lose the weight. Here, your size and fitness level don't matter. If you're looking to stay fit and feel good about yourself, this is the place to be."

Curves is the fourth gym to open in the town of Bethlehem, but Jenkins is confident of its success.

"Ours is a different concept, that should hit an untapped market," Jenkins said. "It's for women only, the workout only lasts 30 minutes; and the atmosphere is great."

Curves for Women offers its own circuit training system, called Quickfit.

"The equipment is in a circle, and you alternate between strength-training and cardiovascular exercise," Jenkins said. "There's no waiting; you just find an open machine and start. For the first half, you start working out at a lower intensity, and build up as you work your way around the circuit. You finish with a cool-down, then stretching, all in 30 minutes."

Jenkins explained that the



Kalimah Jenkins

equipment also works concentrically and eccentrically.

"When you do a bicep curl," you usually work your bicep by moving your arm up," Jenkins said. "When you move it down, you're resting. At Curves, when

you move your arm down, you're working eccentrically, and working your tricep muscle."

Jenkins pointed out that the machines are hydraulic-based, which means there are no weight stacks, and it feels like you're working out in water.

"This is especially good for senior citizens," Jenkins said. "There's no impact to the joints."

Curves also offers some nutritional counseling, since its philosophy also encourages lifestyle change.

Jenkins recently took the Lifestyle and Weight Management Consultant Exam offered by the American Council on Exercise. She also hopes to set up a weight-loss support group.

Jenkins said she knows what it's like to "be there," having once weighed more than 200 pounds.

"It's amazing how much people spend to lose weight," she said. "People are really exploited by the diet industry, but unless you've been there yourself, you don't know how much you'd pay to not be overweight."

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Jenkins said she lost weight by sticking to the tried and true methods of exercising more and eating less.

The New York native first came to Albany in 1994, on a two-year assignment with the Court of Appeals. The Capital District lifestyle appealed to her, and when her clerkship was finished, she became a prosecutor for the state Department of Health, then set up her own law practice.

While looking for ideas about owning her own business, she read in "Entrepreneur" magazine that Curves was the fastest growing franchise in the United States. There are more than 1500 locations in the United States, Canada and Europe.

From that article, Jenkins went to the Curves for Women Web

site, then visited a Curves franchise in the Ballston Spa area. "I loved the atmosphere," Jenkins said.

So now, several weeks after signing a lease with Town Squire Plaza, Jenkins has opened Glenmont's Curves for Women.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Parents beware

Three recent incidents at Bethlehem Central Middle School point to the fact that this suburban community is not immune to the teen-age drug scene.

Though all three incidents were alarming, one involving the sale of a small amount of marijuana, another involving student use of "schrooms," the most threatening involving the use of an over-the-counter cold remedy, used by several students at school in an attempt to get a buzz.

It's fortunate that a cafeteria aide noticed the students' odd behavior and reported it to the principal and the school nurse, who had the students transported to two local hospitals.

Bethlehem has at least two wonderful groups — Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Bethlehem Networks — dedicated to the avoidance of incidents like these. But these groups can't do it all. Some kids, obviously, are willing to experiment, despite the health risks.

Certainly it is naive to think there is a clear-cut solution to drug experimentation. But awareness on the part of parents, school personnel and the overall community can only help to detect and deter this dangerous activity.

We wonder how many parents bother to check their own medicine cabinets to see just what's there that could be abused. Though these substances are legal, they can be potentially lethal, if taken immoderately.

Kids need to know the risks involved with even over-the-counter medications. Kids also need to know that their young bodies are more susceptible to drugs like these.

Kids also need to know there are consequences for experimenting with drugs. The students involved in the incidents at the middle school received prompt punishment — a five-day suspension from school, and that's as it should be.

Parents: Be alert and aware.

## Hats off to coach

Congratulations to former Bethlehem Central swim coach Ken Neff for his many accomplishments over his coaching career.

Friends and supporters honored him at a dinner last week — establishing a scholarship fund for graduating seniors in his honor. A whopping \$105,000 will be his lasting legacy to the sport he loved.

Coach Neff's mark at BCHS can be seen in his swimmers, who have learned invaluable life lessons from him.

He is an outstanding role model and well-deserving of the honor.

## Editorials

## A walk on Black Friday's tame side

By BILL FONDA

The writer is editor of the Guilderland Spotlight.

The day after Thanksgiving, otherwise known as "Black Friday," I was listening to a talk show on WGY, and the topic was, "Why do thousands of people flock to the malls on Black Friday?" Since I got home before I could hear the rest of the show, I never heard an answer, but I have one of my own.

Guilt, or to be more precise, lack of guilt.

Think about it; the rest of the year, holidays flow nicely into one another. You start with New Year's Day, of course, and then you move to Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4 and Labor Day.

But once you look beyond Labor Day, things start to get murky. The calendar says Halloween is at the end of October, and Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday in November, but sometimes it's like they're not even there, because of Christmas looming in the distance. For example, my mother has asked me what I want for Christmas right after my birthday, in case she goes on an out-of-town shopping trip.

My birthday is at the end of May.

However, I don't want to single out dear old Mom; there are a lot of people who start their Christmas shopping during shorts-and-T-shirt weather. But I get the feeling that they feel just a bit guilty about it. That's where Black Friday comes in. Thanksgiving is gone, and shoppers and retailers alike can engage in no-holds-barred, man-the-torpedoes, don't-worry-if-the-horse-is-blind-just-load-the-wagon Christmas business.

It was with that in mind that I headed to Crossgates Mall to work on my annual Black Friday story. I must confess, telling people my plans elicited a variety of responses, ranging from, "Be careful in the parking lot," to "Why?" There may have also been a "What are you smoking?" thrown in.

## Point of View

I was feeling a little trepidation myself. This was my third Black Friday story, but my first at Crossgates. When I was writing for the *Colonie Spotlight*, I went to Colonic Center, which was just starting its recovery, led by Boscov's and the Christmas Tree Shops. Busy, yes. Crazy, not really.

Last year, when I was editor of the *Clifton Park Spotlight*, my big stop was Clifton Country Mall, which looked like Northway Mall waiting to happen. It was busier than normal, but nothing exceptional.

Crossgates is the big dog, and it was ready to rock in the early morning hours on Black Friday. By the time I got there a little after 9 a.m., I was ready for anything — driving around endlessly looking for a parking spot, wall-to-wall people, screaming shoppers and having to bounce people out of my way to create space in the crowd.

It didn't exactly work out that way. For one thing, parking wasn't that difficult. I parked at the lower level of Filene's, and was just a few rows from the store. Maybe I got in between the 7 a.m. wave of shoppers and the group that was to come in later in the morning or afternoon. The hardest part was squeezing my car in next to someone who was trying desperately to double-park, but couldn't quite pull it off.

The mall was definitely busier than it is on an average Friday morning, especially since it doesn't normally open until 10, but moving around was fairly easy.

Sure, there were crowds. At Lerner, it looked like there was a crowd in one section of the store, but when I went inside to take a look, I realized that the line for the checkout was two-thirds of the way out the door. If I was at a register and saw that, I'd think, "Shoot me, please."

No such problems existed at Kay-Bee Toys, however; there were at least five registers in operation. I'm not in the store often enough to know if this is permanent, but I found the little arrows outside the store's perimeter to be very helpful, although when I did turn around, I was afraid that Kay-Bee cops would ticket me for walking against the arrows.

I eventually found a nice vice president of human resources who agreed to a very fast interview — on Black Friday, very fast interviews with store employees are the only kind possible — but before I found him, I made some observations about some of Kay-Bee's offerings.

First of all, am I the only one who remembers the days when there were Barbie and Ken dolls, and that was it? I must have seen hundreds of specialty Barbie dolls, including a Barbie doll dressed in a Denver Nuggets uniform. Not the New York Knicks; not the Boston Celtics, the Denver Nuggets. Don't get

me wrong; I've been to Denver; I have relatives who live near it, and it's a great city, but who in Guilderland is buying Denver Nuggets Barbie dolls?

Not too far from the Barbie dolls were the Christina Aguilera dolls, but the Britney Spears dolls were at the front of the store. Was someone so convinced that there is a teen-pop-princess feud that the dolls had to be kept apart? And what does it say about me that I noticed such a thing?

On a lower shelf (I had a lot of fun on this wall) was a "Frank Sinatra — The Recording Years" doll, complete with music stand and sheet music. It actually was kind of nice, and the box said it was the first of a series. Will the other Rat Pack members be available in other installments; how about Jilly Rizzo?

I learned that Kay-Bee, like other stores, is handling the rush by hiring temporary personnel for the holidays. Can anything be worse than being a new hire, not knowing what to do, during the holiday shopping season?

I had a similar experience four years ago, when I took a part-time job in Dick's Clothing and Sporting Goods, smack-dab in the middle of school-shopping season. It was not fun, and by the time Christmas rolled around, I still didn't really know what I was doing; I just faked it better.

By the way, I made a quick stop at Dick's, and when I looked up at the shoe department, four words went through my head — "I love my job."

But the strange observations were not limited to Kay-Bee. Take Frederick's of Hollywood, for example. Like other stores, it was offering sales, and before you ask, no, I did not look inside. However, it did make me wonder how exactly you give a gift from Frederick's. Does a man buy it for a woman? Does a woman buy it for a man, and what does it mean if she does?

Since this is a family publication, I'll stop there, but it reminded me of the episode of "The Simpsons" where Homer gives Marge the gift of a bowling ball with "Homer" inscribed on it; the gift may be for her, but he's going to enjoy it.

I also realized the perfect store to work at during the holiday season — abed.com. It sells beds, or at least mattresses. If the stress gets to be too much, all an employee need do is rest on one of the beds and say it's a quality-control check.

How focused are Black Friday shoppers? I was interviewing a shopper when a noise that sounded suspiciously like an alarm went off, probably from money burning a hole in someone's pocket. Other than the fact that the interview had to be conducted by screaming, no one seemed overly affected.

All in all, the Filene's clerk who volunteered to come in because she didn't think it would be that bad was right.

The whole experience was less frightening than I thought it would be. However, the frightening time is yet to come for me; I have to do my Christmas shopping. Wish me luck.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Library board member clarifies renovation details

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recent letters to *The Spotlight* demonstrate a misunderstanding of the library renovation project.

One writer asked, why spend \$8.5 million just to build a second floor onto the library? That is not the proposal. While completion of the library's second floor is substantial square footage it is only a portion of the project, and most of the improvements are to what is already there.

Another comment is, this seems too expensive. In fact, it is a bargain. Irrespective of misleading literature distributed by critics, the fact is that the renovation cost is the same as that for comparable projects in our area.

Several writers suggested, why not build out rather than up? For at least two reasons the library can't do that.

First, the existing borders of the property and its containment by houses prevents it. Second, even if the library could do it that way, the neighbors would be up in arms over this.

The greatest misconception at first sounds reasonable. This plan is too extravagant, the argument goes. Why not pursue a more moderate, incremental refurbishment, with annual budgetary tax increases instead of a bonded project?

On paper that sounds good, but the library cannot legally or cost-effectively do an incremental refurbishment. The way the Americans with Disabilities Act works, buildings (like the library) constructed before 1990 need make only minor disability modifications, which the library has done.

But once such a building is refurbished, it must be brought into full compliance with the law's extensive "accessibility guidelines." And, you cannot legally evade the ADA by doing renovations piecemeal over time.

Thus, if the current proposal

was that the library do nothing more than replace its 30-year-old duct-taped carpet (which itself would cost more than \$500,000) because that would trigger full ADA compliance, the cost would multiply into the millions. There is no inexpensive way to renovate.

Where are these misconceptions coming from? A fellow named Tim Herr refers to himself as the "Save the Library Committee," and has been liberally passing out literature opposing the renovation.

In our opinion, the literature reflects misleading facts and a misunderstanding of basic construction principles and the law.

Who is Mr. Herr? At the November library board meeting, Mr. Herr admitted that he doesn't even live in our library district and owns no property here.

Then why is he doing this? He has said in the past that he has free time on his hands and is looking for something to do, which implies, in our opinion, that he is opposing the library's plans as a lark, a social science experiment to study whether one individual can single-handedly deter progress in a community.

Saving the Bethlehem Public Library means renovating it.

The project has been in development for more than three years with input from staff, independent library consultants, and from a community advisory committee with members from Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Art Association, Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, Progress Club (which founded the Bethlehem Public Library), Rotary Club, Key Club, Second Milers, Friends of the Library and local library professionals, business owners, neighbors and patrons.

These people live in our community and have its best interests at heart. They know that you should do a job right if you

are going to do it at all.

They know that 30 years ago, a full library was designed but only half of it was built.

They know that in recent years to alleviate overcrowding, library staff has maximized available space for public use while working elbow to elbow in cramped quarters.

They know that our scholars need quiet reading, meeting and study space, with an ability to plug their information devices into data ports throughout the library, this 30-year-old library needs to be technologically equipped to fulfill such demand when it comes.

They know that contrary to the uninformed sound bites of critics that technology means no future need for library services, the state Board of Regents just reported that in the past two years alone, public library usage in New York has increased 18 percent state-

wide, and has urged libraries to renovate extensively to meet the booming demand for library services which are resulting from technological changes.

Indeed, they know that parents with young children (like us) understand that voting yes on this project is an inexpensive investment in our children's future, because we understand the significant improvements to children's programs which the renovation will bring.

Thirty years ago, the referendum to build the existing facility faced strong criticism and passed by only a small margin. With hindsight we all recognize now that the critics were wrong, their doomsday predictions didn't come to pass, we have had an excellent library which has stood up to years of heavy use.

All knowledgeable projections are that usage will increase in the next several years. We urge you

to rely on your common sense and rely on the dozens of experts who designed this renovation to a bursting and aging, pre-ADA, pre-technology, pre-environmentally friendly building.

Rather than listening to uninformed campaigns from outside our community, educate yourself about the hundreds of improvements this project will bring, resulting primarily from modification of the existing structure.

Yes, please do save the Bethlehem Public Library. Vote yes on Dec. 19. Spend \$60 (the annual household cost) to ensure the library's future for the next 30 years.

*Karen and John Cody*

*Delmar*

*John Cody is a member of the library board of trustees.*

*Editor's note: Tim Herr lives in Feura Bush.*

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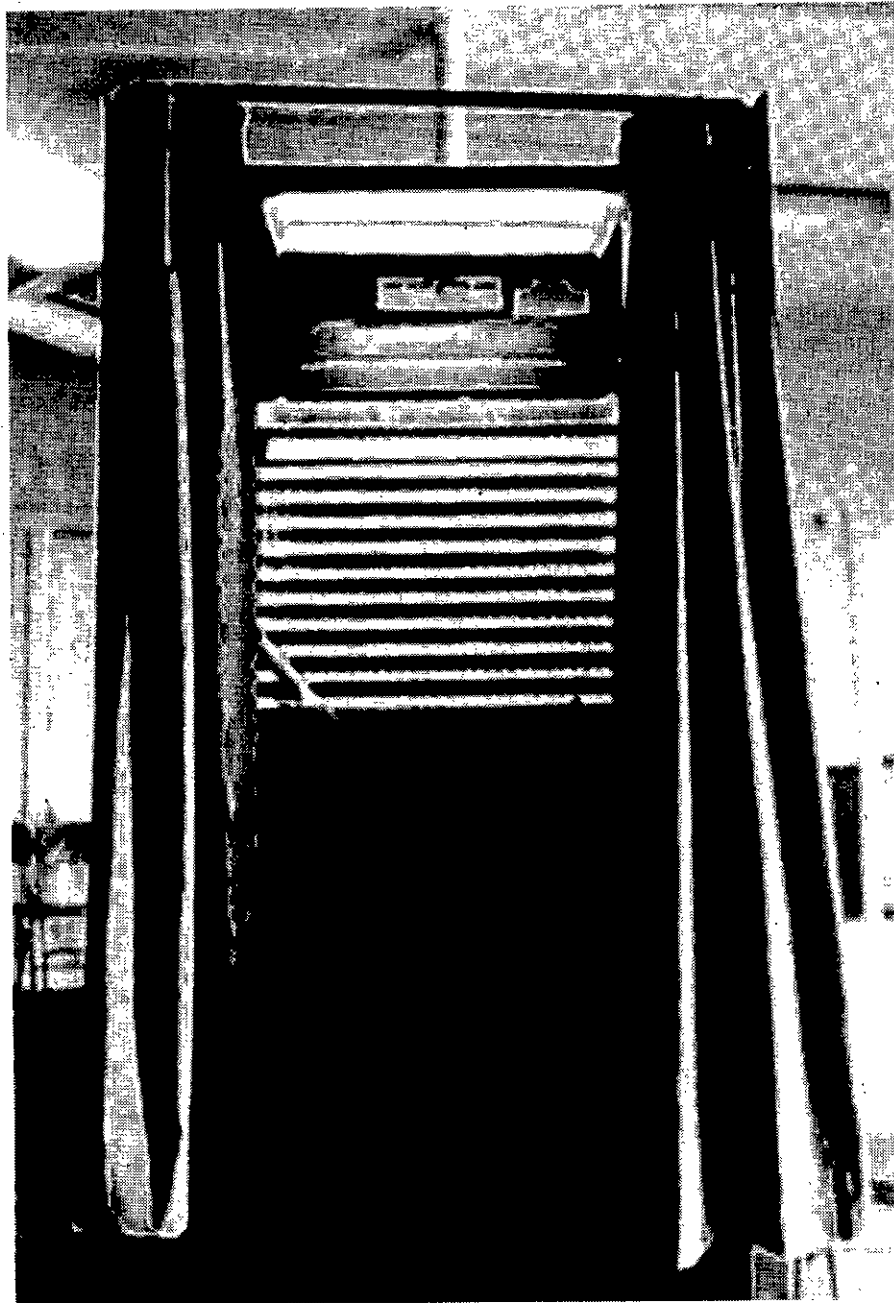
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# Your Opinion Matters

## Scholar is delighted by library proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

Many residents will remember me as the senior editor of *Bethlehem Revisited* (1993) and senior author of *Bethlehem Diary* (1994).

Smaller numbers have read *A Dutch-English Odyssey* (1997) and several peer-reviewed science articles that I wrote during the 1990s dealing with artifacts recovered from local archaeological sites.

Mention of these books and articles is made simply to show that I am a heavy user of Bethlehem Public Library, and I am now working on still another book and several more articles.

Over the last decade, I met dozens of people in the library doing similar work, many of whom shared their feelings about the library's collection and atmosphere for research.

The word was almost always the same: great collection, poor conditions for serious study, few quiet places where we could leave our papers on a desk or table for hours on end, inconvenient access to reference librarians, who were downstairs when many of us did our research upstairs.

After a few months of experimentation, I began to take armloads of books home every month, where I had steady use of a computer and a quiet atmosphere for study.

You can imagine my joy when I saw the plans for expanding the library, especially the proposal for enlarging the second floor: a reference desk near thousands of nonfiction volumes and periodicals, a local history area intended for quiet study, space for at least 8,000 reference volumes, another room earmarked for quiet study, and space for copy machines.

This will be seventh heaven for students, scholars, journalists and other specialized researchers too numerous to mention here.

My hat is off to the library staff, the board of trustees, the architect, and the citizens-at-large who met with board members in 1999 to plan a facility that will fill our needs for several decades.

My wife Coleen and I feel that \$60 a year (less than two meals out for most couples) is a small price to pay for a greatly improved library.

Floyd Brewer  
Delmar

## Parents worried about access

Editor, The Spotlight:

My husband and I just received our special edition of "Footnotes" regarding the proposed library renovation.

While we are supportive in principle, as the parent of a 12-year-old boy who walks to the library almost daily, I am quite concerned about having the local library close for two years.

We are also sympathetic to the fact that construction will be more easily and quickly completed if the building is empty and thus closing the library seems like the most efficient way to proceed.

Has any consideration been given to providing transportation between the existing library and the temporary library so that local residents who rely on walking access to the library will still be able to get to the new one without assistance?

Though we support an improved library, we will not vote for the proposal without an arrangement that includes transportation to the temporary site.

Amy Abolafia  
and Mitch Abolafia  
Delmar

## Library patrons urge support for bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

My husband and I have lived in Delmar and Slingerlands for more than 10 years. When we last moved, we considered other areas, but finally realized that living near Bethlehem Public Library was crucial to our standard of living.

Part of the plan for the library's renovation includes a move to temporary quarters in Glenmont. While I would miss access to the full collection, and might grumble about the longer drive, I feel these temporary inconveniences will be more than offset by the end result.

I am on the faculty at the University at Albany, where I teach an undergraduate information literacy course and assist students with their research needs at the university library's reference desk.

I teach and work with students who come from a wide spectrum of backgrounds. Just one aspect of their backgrounds concerns me here: some come from communities with large, fully-

wired, completely up-to-date libraries. Others do not.

Those students who come from communities with libraries that are either small and/or poorly able to access new electronic reference sources have a harder time using and feeling comfortable in a modern academic research library.

Although it may sound strange, many students shun their college library and all its resources because of what is known as "library anxiety." However, students who have had access to a public library that offers similar technologies feel less anxiety, and are more likely to take advantage of it.

Bethlehem Public Library can not currently upgrade technologically — its computer capacity is at its maximum. I believe we owe the future college students in our community a fully up-to-date library, and that will require that the building referendum pass:

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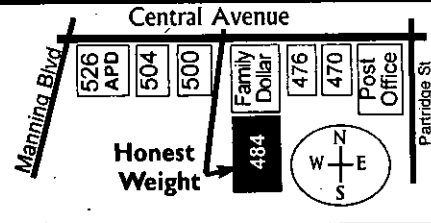
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# Matters of Opinion

## Library should find alternative to renovation proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in regard to the upcoming Dec. 19 vote on the \$8.5-million Bethlehem library expansion bond act.

Speaking as a professional librarian for 16 years, and a resident of Bethlehem and frequent user of the library for 13 years, I urge taxpayers to vote against this extravagance and ask the library board to come up with realistic alternatives.

As a librarian who has visited nearly every public library in the Capital District and more than 100 public libraries across the state as part of my job, I feel I can write with some authority on the subject.

The library board and its supporters have made several representations about our library and its proposed expansion that give the casual observer an inaccurate picture of the situation.

1. The library is busier. There have been consistent statements and graphic illustrations in the library's newsletters about our high per-capita circulation figures. But according to the

library's own statistics, circulation is down and it has been steadily declining since 1994, about 6 percent, from 547,118 items in 1994 to 515,734 items in 1999. The library in which I work also has seen a decline in circulation. This decline is true across the library field, primarily due to technological and cultural changes in how we access information. The library has been busy because of foot traffic, which means we should have replaced the carpet more often.

2. We need all this new space. We are being led to believe that this addition has been in the works for several years as part of a carefully planned vision. However, in checking the record, no such plan can be found. According to a *Spotlight* story of April 2, 1997, Nolan Lushington, the library's paid consultant, recommended "not (to) expand at this time, but to better utilize the space we have by rearranging the collections" since there is "sufficient space provided we better utilize what we have." Library Director Nancy Pieri was quoted in the same story as

saying "We're delighted to know that we don't need to do anything major ... we still have not outgrown it (the library)." Have the collections grown that much since 1997? According to the library's own publications, in 1997 the library contained about 199,000 volumes. By this year, the collection had grown to 203,153 or at most an increase of 1 to 2 percent per year. Of course, these figures include the obvious increase in such media materials as compact discs and videotapes. This means that the book collection, if it is growing at all, is growing at an even slower rate. Yet, the proposed library expansion devotes double the space to new books, or enough space to hold more than 4,000 new volumes.

I doubt the library acquires many more than 4,000 new books in a whole year. At most, maybe 6,000 to 8,000. Do we need space to shelve every new book we get for six months to a year?

A brief review of the professional literature reveals that space usage is a concern, not so much by adding space, but by

being flexible in utilizing what space there is. One library consultant, Joan L. Axelroth, has recently written about the impact of technology and library design: "One trend that is indisputable and that will continue for some time to come is the increase in the percentage of electronic resources in our collections and the concomitant decline in print materials." A great deal of the new second floor space is devoted to book shelving, which is expensive and less flexible.

And speaking of book shelf space, have you looked at your favorite part of the Dewey Decimal classification at our library lately? There seems to be plenty of space these days, except in the fiction/mystery section. I would estimate that the entire nonfiction section now has approximately 40 percent of its shelf space available. The library has admitted to having embarked on an aggressive weeding campaign in anticipation of the bond vote passing and the collection being packed off to Glenmont. Why do we need to add so much more shelving?

3. Need for Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance. The library is currently ADA compliant. It will only become non-compliant if we embark on a major expansion (see library board treasurer John Cody's letter in the Aug. 20 *Spotlight*). A cost figure of \$381,000 has been given us by the library board for upgrading ADA compliance. Even if we were to go ahead and upgrade our ADA compliance (including two new elevators) without the rest of the project, we are only talking about 4.5 percent of the total cost of the project.

4. Bethlehem Public Library is a great library. Louise Greico, in her library column published in

the Nov. 15 *Spotlight*, refers to it as a "flagship" library of New York state. This claim is far from fact.

Bethlehem Public Library is a good library that needs, and has needed for years, a basic upgrade and reorganization. "Flagship" libraries do not still have the outdated card catalogs in prime public space, nor do they have multiple layers of duct tape holding the carpeting together. What has made our library great in the past has little to do with how much money we are willing to spend on it per capita, but it does have to do with the quality of the library staff and collections.

5. This library will be good for the next 20 years. Anyone who thinks they can predict library services for next 20 years should get into the consulting business, because in the literature, no one now is willing to look beyond five years. The current literature stresses flexibility. *Footnotes* does mention that the project will allow for future flexibility, but only after we have gutted the existing facility and installed "minimal 'hard' walls." However, the mostly unneeded book shelving makes for inflexibility. According to *Footnotes*, this whole project began in early 1997, when the "trustees looked into new carpeting" which prompted the library director to propose "reconfiguring the shelves since everything would have to be moved to install the carpet." That is exactly what my library did this summer. We installed 6,000 square feet of carpet and moved 14,000 square feet of shelving in order to lay the carpet. It took us about a month to plan and bid the project, and closed the library two weeks to complete the work. Total cost: \$52,000. What has the Bethlehem library gotten since 1997? A handful of Internet stations, a failed parking lot expansion in 1998, and a whole lot shabbier.

6. Our legacy. We are being led to believe that this project will benefit our children and grandchildren. In all honesty, there would be improvements in the areas of increased study space, processing space and technology upgrades. But the cost! Many improvements in Bethlehem should have been undertaken years ago with minimal tax increases. We could have had new carpeting with the money squandered on consultants and real estate schemes alone.

If we approve this bond act, our legacy to our children will be a debt burden that will restrict any improvements for the next 20 years.

We would have been better off if we had approved the colossal community center some years back; the community groups who will be thrown out on the street for two years with this project could have gone there and the library's community room could have been used for expansion within the library. And we would have had it half paid for by now!

David S. Moore  
Delmar

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Community should support library expansion proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Public Library is one of our town's most valuable assets and must be enlarged if it is to continue to serve the community adequately.

While no one enjoys the prospect of increased taxes, we can't expect to continue to enjoy the same level of library services indefinitely without spending money to improve facilities.

After all, as our families grow, we often remodel and even add on to our homes to accommodate changing needs. Why should we expect that community services such as a library would not need the same attention?

In terms of expense and location, it certainly makes better sense to expand the current facility than to try to build a new one from the ground up. Delaying action will only increase the cost.

The argument that increasing

the library's size will only lead to increasing the size of its staff seems specious. The current library doesn't seem overstaffed to me, and in my opinion, the library board has always been conservative in such matters.

If additional staff is needed in order to provide services that the community needs and desires, that will be presented to voters in annual school budget elections. To even imply that the board is proposing an expanded library as a means of justifying more staff for "empire building" reasons is both ridiculous and insulting to people who have served the community well.

Let's get behind this proposal and vote "yes" on the library bond issue on Dec. 19. We've spent much more than this on less worth proposals.

Beverly A. Rihm  
Delmar

## Library patron urges yes vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

When people outside our community ask about what makes this town a great place to live in, invariably the answer includes Bethlehem Public Library.

It is one of the main factors so many professionals and working people, when needing to move to the Capital District, seek to locate in our community. Like Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and Elm Avenue Park, it has always been one of the

brightest feathers in the town's cap.

Why then, when given the opportunity, at such a small annual cost, would we not want to improve and strengthen one of our best resources? Citizens who wish to "re-pay" what the library has given us all should vote in favor of its continued improvement on Dec. 19.

Ed Rosen  
Delmar

## Writer should check the facts

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with some alarm that my home, which I am happily living in, had been sold by Bob Troutman in his letter to the editor last week. Mr. Troutman offered it, and my neighbor's house, to the library next door as an alternative to the library's proposed expansion.

Presumptuous was one of the words that came to mind about Mr. Troutman's suggestion. Another was unfair. It is grossly unfair to Bethlehem Public Library and its board, which has exhaustively explored and explained its renovation to the voters, for Mr. Troutman to propose some other plan which

he had not researched and had no numbers to support.

Voters need to decide on the library expansion as it stands. Their proposal is ambitious, but would provide a town that prides itself on its resources with a library that can accommodate the cultural needs of a growing community.

No one likes to pay taxes, but in this town they provide me with things I value, and the new library would be no exception.

I also have seen in 13 years of living in Delmar that change is not always welcomed. But after the change is in place, and we are all enjoying the results, the

controversy fades and some of the same individuals are falling over themselves to take credit for the vision of a better Delmar. I will hear every nail of the proposed library expansion, but have no doubts that the finished product will be something I will feel honored to have as a neighbor.

The taxpayers need to vote on the library's expansion based on facts, not fears or Mr. Troutman's "Plan B" fiction.

And Mr. Troutman, I'd appreciate it if you would check, before offering my home for public sale, to see if I'm packing.

Darlene Ward  
Delmar

## Thank you to neighbors

Editor, The Spotlight:

We came home late Thursday afternoon from the sadness of packing up or daughter Vicki's apartment. She died Nov. 8.

We found a small army of understanding neighbors gathering our half acre of leaves at the corner of Betsy Lane and South Westchester under the supervision of Susan Bennett, all of them doing what Fred and I had neither time nor heart for.

Thank you Susan Bennett, Alice Schrade and the Gyorgy, McWhinnie, Kalet and Seagle families. You have lifted our hearts in caring about us at a hard time in our lives.

Fred and Helen Adler  
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# Matters of Opinion

## Thanks for memorial fund support

Editor, The Spotlight:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who were responsible for making the bake sale to raise money for the Russell Eilers Memorial Fund held on Nov. 17 at Bethlehem Central High School such a huge success.

We'd like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Mary Bayham, Deb Entringer and Celine Kredentser, who were instru-

mental in the coordination of the sale.

A special thanks to the BCHS ninth-grade students who gave of themselves and donated their time and talents by making the posters to advertise the bake sale and who so willingly made the beautiful, colorful assortment of cookies, candies, lollipops, cupcakes, popcorn, breads and cupcakes.

Our thanks also to the students

at BCHS for purchasing the baked goods, the Student Council for its dedication and teamwork in making the bake sale such a success, to Principal Jon Hunter, the faculty, the secretarial and the office staff for their enthusiasm, cooperation and assistance, and to Carolyn Hejna for coordinating the efforts between the middle school and the high school.

It is because of each and every one of you that through the memorial fund, Russell's wonderful spirit, his love of life and his memory will continue to live on.

Dawne Eilers and  
Lance Eilers  
Glenmont

## It's time to settle matter

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the Braverman suit has been dismissed, it is time for both parties to do what is best for the youth of this town. If not, our children will be the losers.

Common sense tells me that there must be a way for a high school coach to also volunteer his time as a coach during the summer. However, the sides seem so polarized that neither common sense or agreement will prevail.

I suggest that it is time for both sides to take a step back and reopen discussion. With this in mind, it would seem a prudent decision to not drag this matter out any further in the courts.

Instead, the school board and administration, having won the legal battle, can use this window of opportunity to work with Mr. Braverman and ensure that his successful Mickey Mantle program continues. Should they choose otherwise, it will speak volumes about its commitment to our youth.

Some of the best minds in our town are involved in this mess: the teacher-coach, the athletic director, the attorneys, the superintendent and the school board. Should we not expect a decision which values the child above the rule?

Peter Myer  
Delmar

## Pee Wees are grateful

Editor, The Spotlight:

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# Kiwanis to sell trees at SuperValu Foods

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will begin selling Christmas trees and wreaths on Friday, Dec. 1, at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

The club will sell trees until they are all gone.

The sale funds a variety of programs for youth and the elderly.

## Historical association to host program

The New Scotland Historical Association will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. The museum opens at 7:15 p.m.

Joe Conners, chimer and chime historian, will discuss the bells in bell towers from the District of Columbia to Maine. He will include a variety of bells found throughout the area.

## School board to meet

The school board's next regular meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

## Singers practicing for ecumenical service

Community singers, under the direction of Ken George, will practice Thursdays, Dec. 7 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorhees-

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ville on Maple Avenue.

The ecumenical service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Methodist church. All community singers are welcome.

## Schools slate concerts

Students in the district will present winter concerts Wednesdays during the month of December. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The fifth- and sixth-grade concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 6; the high school concert is on Dec. 13; and the middle level concert on Dec. 20.

## Historical association selling calendars and books

The New Scotland Historical Association is selling 2001 calendars featuring historical photos of the town and New Scotland Township books.

The calendar is \$5, and the book is \$18.99. Calendars are being sold at area stores, town hall and the village office.

Books are available at many of the same locations and at the library.

## Five Rivers slates December activities

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar recently announced its schedule for the month of December.

• Saturday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. — Trees of the Season. An examination of evergreen trees and lessons on how to tell tree needles apart.

• Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. — Not a Creature Stirring. An outdoor study of winter survival strategies for various animals.

• Wednesday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m. — Naturalists as Reading Partners. Reading of a short nature story and an outdoor exploration of signs of the seasons. Parents and children must accompany one another, and should dress for the outdoors. There is a \$1 fee per person, and pre-registration by Dec. 21 is required.

• Friday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. — A repeat of the Dec. 27 program.

Pre-registration is required by Dec. 21.

## Five Rivers sets talk on pine barrens

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will host a presentation on the jack pine barrens of Clinton County on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Five Rivers will host a pre-talk holiday party at 7 p.m.; all are welcome.

## Local teens win DAR awards

Daughters of the American Revolution, Tawasentha Chapter has recently announced the winners of its 2000-01 DAR Good Citizens Award.

The winners include two local students: Allissa Bango of Delmar, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, and Carmen Warner of Ravena, a senior at Academy of the Holy Names in Albany.

Winners were chosen by the teachers and student bodies at their schools for qualities of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism, and receive a DAR pin, certificate, wallet card and cash award of \$100.

They will be honored at the Tawasentha Chapter meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m. at the Cedar Hill School House Museum on Route 144 in Selkirk.

# Book group to ponder novel on betrayal

Life is quiet, predictable and safe in 10-year-old Marsha Eberhardt's suburban Maryland neighborhood. Seemingly so, that is, until a child is murdered in the woods behind the shopping mall. Marsha's father has left his wife

write with Joyce Laiosa on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. This group is an offshoot of the Summer Reading Club which continues to meet on a regular basis and welcomes new participants. No sign-up is necessary.

Kids in grades four through six are reminded that the Library Club will be meeting on Dec. 14 for "Cooking Treats," investigating recipes for fun and nutrition. A signed permission slip is necessary to attend, so stop in and register if you want to attend.

Patrons should note that the library will be closed all day on Thursday, Dec. 7, for a staff development day. The VPL staff will be honing their customer service skills and getting updated on library procedures.

There are only a few days left to get your raffle tickets for a chance to win the beautiful quilt being offered by the Friends of the Library. Buy now! The drawing will be Dec. 2.

Barbara Vink



and children and run away to Canada with his wife's sister Ada, leaving her mother selling magazine subscriptions to pay the bills.

Thus the scene is set for *A Crime in the Neighborhood* by Suzanne Berne.

This penetrating novel about betrayal on many levels is the topic of the Dec. 13 book discussion at VPL. Copies are available at the reference desk when you sign up.

Teen poets are invited to bring a notebook and get inspired to

# Library announces December activities

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Avenue in Delmar has slated the following events for December.

• Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.: The short children's films "The Little Engine That Could," "Charlie Needs a Cloak," "Goodnight Gorilla" and "Brave Irene" will be shown for children age 3 to 6. The program lasts about 30 minutes.

• Dec. 1, 2:30 p.m.: "Homeschoolers' Intro to the Big 6." For homeschoolers in grade four and up with their parents.

• Dec. 3, 2 p.m.: Singers for Enjoyment — a 30-voiced mixed choir, directed by Bob Carruthers.

• Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Local author and College of Saint Rose professor Hollis Seamon will read from her book *Body Work*, a collection of 15 stories.

• Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m.: Mother Goose classics will be retold for children 22 to 35 months.

• Dec. 9, 10:30: Saturday Storybreak — Winter Tales

songs and a craft for children 3 to 6.

• Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Great Books Discussion Group of Delmar will discuss portions of Aristotle's *Politics*. Copies are available at the reference desk for in-library use.

• Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.: The Boy who Went to Visit the North Wind — Bells and Motley (Sondra and John Bromka) will perform this participatory folk tale accompanied by Celtic harp. Families and children in pre-K and up. No babies.

• Dec. 30, 11 a.m.: New Year's at noon — Festive singing, dancing, refreshments and stories for preschoolers.

For information or to register, call 439-9314.



### Bethlehem Auto Service

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by John Quirk

## Clean Machines

Thanks to federal rules mandating tighter emissions standards for cars and trucks over the past decade, today's vehicles are running cleaner than ever. As automakers have responded to the challenge of producing cleaner vehicles, pollution levels have decreased significantly. Today's cars emit about 88% less hydrocarbons, 90% less carbon monoxide, and 87% less nitrogen oxide than cars built in the 1970s. And even though there are 15% more registered cars and trucks on the road since 1988 and the number of miles traveled has risen 26% since then, today's levels of air pollution are well below 1988 levels. Between 1988 and 1997, carbon monoxide levels have dropped 38% nitro-

gen oxide had fallen 14%, and ozone had declined 19%.

In response to federal rules, automakers have created more environmentally friendly vehicles. BETHLEHEM AUTO SERVICE reminds readers that they can help the environment by ensuring that their vehicles are maintained properly. During a routine maintenance check, our A.S.E. Certified Technicians inspect the engine oil, brakes, and battery. Call us at 426-8414, or visit us at 62 Hannay Lane in Glenmont off Rt 9W behind Stone Ends for auto service with a personal touch. We feature a clean, comfortable waiting area. Shuttle service is available. Business hours are Mon. - Fri., 7 - 6.

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## Upcoming programs on deck

The Bethlehem Historical Association will sponsor a variety of programs in upcoming months at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum on River Road in Selkirk.

- Dec. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.— annual holiday silver tea.
- Jan 18 at 2 p.m. — Supervisor Sheila Fuller will present the State of the Town of Bethlehem.
- Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. — Jean

Tomlinson will talk about souvenin spoon collecting.

- March 15 at 2 p.m. — Charles Semowich will present a program on American furniture.
- April 19 at 7:30 p.m. — Lois Dillon will be the quest speaker. Her topic will be "Remembering the China Traders."

For information about any of the events, call 767-9432.

## Antique study club schedules meetings

The Tri-Village Antique Study Club will sponsor a variety of programs in the upcoming months.

Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. there will be a holiday gathering at a member's home.

Barbara Roemer will present a program on "Taghkanic Baskets" on Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Public Library's community room.

On Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m. John Dyer will discuss "Abe Lincoln during the Civil War," at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue.

"What is It?" day will be held on March 28 at 1:30 p.m. Bring your unknown pieces to the program at Delmar Reformed Church.

Diane Clarrk will talk about "Early Lighting" on April 18 at 1:30 p.m. at her home in Greenville. Meet at the CDTA Park 'n' Ride on the Bypass Extension.

On May 23 at 1:30 p.m., Mary McClaine will present a program on buttons at The Beverwyck in North Bethlehem.

And on June 20 at 1:30 p.m., there will be a discussion by Gladys Amos and Pat Lattimer on lace and handkerchiefs at Delmar Reformed Church.

# Christmas parade kicks off holidays

Coeymans will officially kick off the holiday season with a Christmas parade and tree lighting on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m.

The tree lighting will be followed by a parade up Main Street for the lighting of Ravena's Christmas tree, and celebrated with refreshments at the Ravena firehouse.

### Students tuning up for holiday concerts

Students in grades three to four at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School will present a concert on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

A.W. Becker Elementary School students in grades one to three will give a concert on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m.

Both concerts are at the high school. They are free and open to the public.

### Little Red Schoolhouse plans Christmas party

An old-fashioned Christmas party will be held at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Coeymans Hollow on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

The schoolhouse is on Route 143.

### Ceramic artist slates holiday show

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### NEWS NOTES

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Wendy Ide Williams is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at her studio at 49 Central Ave. in Ravena, just off Main Street.

The snow date is Dec. 3. For information, call 756-3845.

### Historical society schedules meeting

Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Waldron House, a building currently owned by Blue Circle Cement.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

### Preschool story kits available at library

RCS Community Library has kits containing books and activities suitable for preschoolers in child-care and educational programs in the RCS school district.

The kits include titles such as: Backyard Creatures, Bird Watching, Pond Science and Weather Watch.

For information, contact the library at 756-2053.

## Village info now on Web site

The village of Ravena has joined the Internet community. It's Web site can be reached at <http://www.villageofravena.com>.

The site has information on the village's rich history as well as important telephone numbers for residents. There is also a brief biography of each village board member and their e-mail addresses.

Descriptions of the various village departments are also provided. Office hours and meeting dates for the village board, planning board and zoning board of appeals are provided.

There are also other listings of community services including: Ravena Hose Co., RCS Community Library, Mosher Park Complex, Senior Projects of Ravena and local churches. Two weather links give current forecasts for the village.

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# TV-18 show to focus on fine arts interviews

TV-18 studio manager Janice Irwin has wanted to air a show about the fine arts for some time, but lacked a producer. So she



decided to produce it herself.

The result is "Framed," a series of interviews on a wide range of fine arts subjects. Introduced this fall, the new show is a natural successor to the art series "Sparks," now in reruns.

TV-18 is public access cable television for Bethlehem, New Scotland and environs, with studios in the library. As station manager, Irwin's goal is to present a broad spectrum of programs that reflect the diverse interests of the community. With "Framed," she particularizes this goal.

"I want to get information to the public about the many different kinds of art and artists," Irwin said.

Her guests have included Marta Jaremkowski of Delmar; Regine Petrosky, who uses the program in her classes at Columbia Greene Community College; Steve Tyson, a professor at Schenectady County Community College who curated the "Black Dimensions in Art" exhibit at Albany Airport in August; Dana Rudolph and Rhonda Jeffer, collaborative "political" artists who also bring therapeutic art to the mentally ill, and DiAnne Tracy, whose goal is to pass along her pure enjoyment of art to her audience.

In the future, Irwin hopes to round out her eclectic mix with guests in the art administration field. "Framed" airs on TV-18 Thursdays at 7 p.m.

An artist herself, Irwin credits her mother and grandmother as her inspiration.

"When I was a child, we made things," she said. "We took slip from the creek and modeled it. We took twigs and made weavings. It was a way of life — a birthright, in a way."

Her grandmother taught her how to make natural dyes. Her mother, who is a professional beekeeper, taught her to sew. Both women taught her to look to natural materials for her artwork.

Irwin studied drawing and painting with Peter Taylor and a variety of media with Trudy Litto. Irwin's work has been displayed

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at the Schenectady Planetarium, Hudson Valley Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College, in public places in New York City and Albany County, and privately.

This year she was invited to contribute original ornaments for New York state's Christmas tree in Washington, D.C. She liked the idea that the ornaments will be distributed to various children's charities, so she designed hers to appeal to children for many seasons to come.

In the coming year, Irwin will bring her art to Schenectady school children through the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts "Arts in Education Apprentice Program." She is also a recent recipient of a New York State Foundation for the Arts grant — her second in eight years.

The first helped bring her short film, "Magical Journey," to video format for public access television. The second helped finance the framing for her November watercolor exhibit at Albany Public Library. Irwin's work will be on display in our own library gallery in December.

To produce a show for TV-18, all you need is an idea. Technical help and equipment are provided. Call Janice Irwin at 439-9314 for information, or e-mail the station at bethtv@uhls.lib.ny.us.

The monthly program guide is available in-house and on our homepage: [www.uhls.org/bethlehem](http://www.uhls.org/bethlehem).

Louise Grieco

## Elks lodge to host holiday craft sale

Bethlehem Elks Lodge will be holding an indoor holiday flea market and craft sale on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the lodge at 1016 River Road in Selkirk.

The sale will feature Christmas items, antiques and crafts, and the kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch.

Individuals can rent 11 feet of table space for \$10. For information, call 767-2836.

## Historical group sets holiday silver tea

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association invites the public to its annual holiday silver tea on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cedar Hill School House Museum on River Road in Selkirk.

This event is one of the highlights of the year for the group. All arrangements will be handled by association members, including original Christmas decorations.

For information, call Susan Redmond at 439-0632.

## Book group to meet at town hall Dec. 1

Helen Adler will lead a free Books in the Morning program on *The Good Soldier* by Ford Madox Ford on Friday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall.

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Participation will include about 15 minutes of filling out detailed evaluation forms, which will help extension staff to improve their programs.

To register, call 765-3500.

The program will be held at William Rice Jr. Extension Center at 24 Martin Road off Route 85A in Voorheesville.

## Progress Club plans holiday tea

The Progress Club will host a holiday tea on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. at Delmar Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m., the Travel Group will meet

at Bethlehem Public Library.

Guest speaker Ann Eberle will present a program on Machu Picchu, Peru, and Easter Island.

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## Church to offer 55-Alive driving course Dec. 2 & 9

Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands will offer an American Association of Retired Persons 55-Alive Driver Safety Program Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church's friendship hall.

Most automobile insurance companies offer drivers 50 and over a discount after successful completion of the program.

The cost is \$10 per person.

There are a limited number of openings available; all drivers who want to attend should contact the church office at 439-1766.

## Library renovation vote slated

Dec. 19 has been set as the public referendum date for Bethlehem Public Library's proposed \$8.5 million renovation proposal.

The project would be funded by a 20 year bond. Plans include reconfiguration and the refurbishment of existing space and completion of the structure's second floor.

The last of four public forums on the project is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Architect's drawings and information about the project are on display in the library lobby.

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The referendum will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the library's community room.

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In answer to this issue, indus-



Nancy Mead Neff, her husband, former BCHS boys varsity swim coach Ken Neff, and boys diving coach Sean Gnat share a laugh at a dinner honoring the former coach.

## Supporters raise \$105K for scholarships

As a tribute to Ken Neff, friends of Bethlehem swimming have contributed \$105,000 to establish a scholarship fund to benefit graduating seniors at Bethlehem Central High School.

and outstanding swimmer himself, Neff became boys' varsity coach in November 1986, and the teams he coached captured 14 straight Section II championships. A teacher at Bethlehem High School, Neff announced his retirement from coaching in March 2000.

Club for an evening of festivities highlighting Neff's impact as a coach.

Jack Whipple, the Guilderland superintendent of schools who had been Neff's coach in high school and whose teams began the unbroken streak of sectional championships captured by Bethlehem boys since 1972, was unable to attend the dinner but sent his videotaped recollections of Neff's outstanding qualities as a swimmer, team captain and team member.

The establishment of the Ken Neff Scholarship Fund was announced last Friday at a dinner to honor Neff for his 14 years as coach of the Bethlehem boys varsity swim team.

Former swimmers coached by Neff, parents of swimmers, friends and family members were among the 135 people who gathered at Normanside Country

A 1979 Bethlehem graduate

And former swimmers on Neff's teams recalled his influence on their lives, as well as the hard work and fun of the teams.

The scholarship fund will be held by the Community Foundation for the Capital Region, which manages a number of scholarship funds that benefit students of the Capital District.

"The many swimmers and friends of Ken Neff wanted to honor him in a manner we knew he would most appreciate — by doing something important for Bethlehem students," read a statement by the dinner organizing committee.

"Ken's success as a coach is best measured by the values he exemplified and the life lessons he gave his swimmers. Hard work pays off. The good of the team is more important than personal gain. Find a balance in your life: family, academics, athletics and whatever else is important you. Excellence is defined as the best you can do."

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## Markets

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Should Winfield confirm the C&S deal, said C&S Senior Vice President Mark Gross, "We anticipate a closing with Grand Union on approximately Jan. 15, and to have a decision by that point on which if any stores we will be selling."

C&S has never operated retail outlets but has been Grand Union's chief supplier in the Northeast.

Gross declined to confirm whether his company was negotiating with other supermarket chains to resell the stores, pending confirmation of the sale before the bankruptcy court.

"Our intention is to sell off some of the stores and to run the remainder ourselves," he said.

He confirmed that the Capital District stores, including both the Glenmont store at Route 9W and Feura Bush Road and the Delaware Plaza market in Elsmere, were among those

included in the sale agreement.

"I'm buying those stores in the Capital District, but I may be selling some," he said.

A determination of which ones are up for sale, he said, "has been made only on a preliminary basis, but I think that will be far clearer by Thursday," when he said an announcement of the chain's specific intentions would be made.

He declined to discuss criteria for determining which stores would stay in the C&S fold, which would be sold and which would close.

"If it's a store that does not have community support, we'd have to take a hard look at why," he said. "And we'd have to determine if that lack of support was something we could remedy."

Attempts to reach Dave Farrell, manager of the Elsmere store, were unsuccessful, and Ken Kehn, store manager in Glenmont, declined to comment.

## Police charge hunter after Thruway incident

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Selkirk resident bagged a deer on his Clapper Road property just two days after the official kickoff of deer hunting season last week — and shortly thereafter, was himself a target, of a manhunt by State and Bethlehem Police investigating a stray bullet that wounded a motorist on the Thruway.

Robert Payne, 44, of 110 Clapper Road, is due in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 5 to face a reckless endangerment charge stemming from an incident on Nov. 21 at about 10:15 a.m. on the Thruway as it passes through Selkirk. A shotgun slug allegedly fired by Payne shattered the driver's side window of a vehicle driven by Russell Fiscella, 53, of Niskayuna, as he was driving southbound.

Fiscella was taken by Bethlehem Ambulance to Albany Medical Center Hospital, treated for shoulder wounds from shell

and glass fragments and released.

The shot appeared to have been fired from the east side of the Thruway, and a search of the nearby woods was initiated by Bethlehem and State Police units, including a helicopter unit. Tire tracks in a nearby field led police to Payne's home where they found a recently killed deer in the back of his pickup truck.

Payne admitted pursuing the deer in the vicinity of the Thruway, but said he was unaware that he had fired across the roadway — a violation of Department of Environmental Conservation deer-hunting regulations. DEC officers also charged Payne with several other violations.

### Postal food drive

Postal carriers will collect nonperishable food donations left by mailboxes through Dec. 2 to help stock local food banks. No glass containers. Food can also be brought to post offices.

## Scare

(From Page 1)

"I complement Dr. Hunter on the way he handled the situation," Loomis said. "The school resource officers and the chief of police were directly involved in the decision, and I believe acted appropriately."

The school district last year established both district and school safety teams involving staff, teachers and parents to respond to potential violence threats.

Loomis said he was satisfied

### Parks & rec sets family swim dates

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will hold Sunday family swims on Dec. 3 and 10, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

For youth 5 to 13, the fee is \$2, for ages 14 to 61, the fee is \$2.50. Those under 5 and over 62 swim for free. Pay as you go each week.

Swimmers must be residents of the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.

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with that plan's effectiveness in confronting the bomb scare.

"I think the district's response, and the high school's response, was right on the money," he said.

The investigation, spearheaded by School Resource Officer Vincent Rinaldi, identified the suspects within days.

"We continue to get excellent information from our students

and staff whenever there is a potential safety threat," Loomis said.

As for the students involved, he said, "They're not bad kids. But I think they made a very, very bad decision. They may have felt this was a way to get classmates out of school, they may have thought this was just a prank. But bomb threats to schools are a very serious matter."

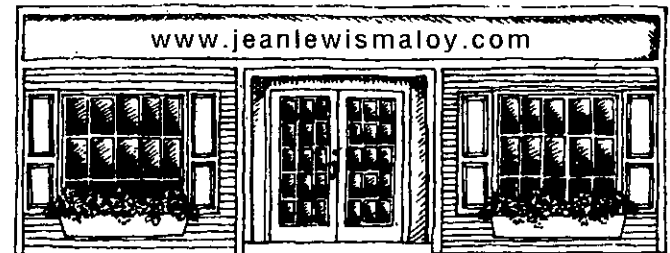
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# Creek

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which forms the border between Guilderland and North Bethlehem to the west and the city of Albany to the east.

Eastward of this point, the Normanskill comes into closer contact with development on both of its banks. An Albany neighborhood historically known as Karlsfeld occupies its north bank in Slingerlands, just off New Scotland Road; to the southwest, the Terramere development now under construction occupies a ridge overlooking the ravine, with the new St. Peter's Medical Arts

complex on the hillside below. The unoccupied former Blue Cross building sits atop a hill overlooking the new Route 85 bridge deck under construction.

McCormack Road, named for the family that once owned a farm tract in the area, once crossed from Karlsfeld to Bethlehem but is now cut in two by the creek. Cherryvale and several single-lot homes line McCormack Road North on the Bethlehem side, gradually pushing development deeper into the woods and closer to the Normanskill. A pond contiguous to Cherryvale feeds a small creek that drains into the Normanskill, and fills rapidly after a storm with runoff from the newly paved streets.

About three miles downstream is Normansville — identified on some older survey maps as Upper Hollow. What was once a thriving hamlet dating to the late 18th century, replete with mills, churches and homes, is now largely residential and confined mostly to the Bethlehem side of the creek.

Referring to an 1866 survey map of Bethlehem, former Bethlehem schoolteacher and amateur historian Al Restifo noted, "If you count the number of parcels, Normansville was nearly as big as Slingerlands is now. Adamsville, what is now Delmar, was only a little bigger. And there was no Elsmere — just a couple of farms."

A stone bridge, now closed to traffic, carried the famed "Yellow Brick Road," the Delaware Turnpike, across the Normanskill.

Replaced for motor traffic in the 1930s with the Delaware Avenue bridge that towers above it, the old stone bridge is still used by pedestrians, and some of its yellow cobblestones poke through the pavement of Mill Road, a name evoking a more industrious past.

For about a mile downstream the creek retreats briefly to woodland, emerging in a dramatic gorge flanked by the D&H rails and passing beneath both the Thruway just south of Exit 23 and Route 9W.

It eventually enters the Albany port district in an area denoted on older survey maps as Kenwood, where it becomes a drainage canal paralleling the Hudson and ultimately joining it near the

Scarano Boat Works, a tiny spit of the port district that falls within Bethlehem's northeastern-most legal limits.

Between Karlsfeld and Normansville, the Normanskill ravine passes by the Elsmere escarpment, abruptly turning for a southerly course to more pronouncedly easterly path. It is this area that has been the focus of so much attention this year — and at this elbow bend of the stream that several serious slides have taken place.

In 1982, part of the western rim of the escarpment — roughly behind the site of Del Lanes in Elsmere and northwest of the site of the 2000 failure — gave way, briefly threatening the Albany City water line that crosses the Normanskill here.

The cause of the 1982 failure, according to state associate geologist Bob Fickes, appears to have been pressure at the top of the slope by fill material excavated from other sites.

"Niagara Mohawk was dumping material for years at the top of the slope behind Del Lanes," he said. "After the slide, when they got in there working with that material, they found a bit more fill in there than they supposed."

"Something I have been preaching to local governments for years," he added, "is, you don't add fill to the top of these unstable slopes; you don't undercut the bottom of these slopes, and you don't change the water environment on these slopes."

A mile further upstream, the creek is flanked by a pair of golf courses — the Albany Municipal

course facing the private Normanside Country Club on the Bethlehem side. Normanside sits on a gently sloping hillside in the horseshoe bend of the creek before it turns southward toward the Elsmere escarpment. Several holes of the two courses in the creekside bottom lands of the ravine afford golfers a scenic view through a discreet screen of trees along the water's edge.

Serene though that view may be for much of the year, Normanside's creek-edge layout in fact sits in a flood plain. The club's management got a reminder of that in 1985, according to Mark Franze of the Natural Resource Conservations Service, a USDA-sponsored adjunct to the Albany County Soil and Water District headquartered at the Cooperative Extension offices in Voorheesville. At the time, high spring flooding nibbled away at the banks in the vicinity of the course, causing some concern about slippage.

Indeed, that sandbar upstream in Slingerlands is evidence of the same phenomenon — a remnant of the Maher Road slide that occurred in 1968.

"I know there was slippage going on before the Maher Road slippage, but that was the most dramatic up to that time," recalled Franze.

The Maher Road slide foreshadowed the 2000 Elsmere slide. The saturated clay at the toe of the hill along the creek gave way, and much of a multi-acre hillside slid into the creek.

"The bottom of the Normanskill was lifted several feet in the air, the creek was dammed up, and it laked up," Franze said — eventually finding a new path slightly north of its historic banks. Today, the sandbar is overgrown with brush and a few trees that slid along with the soil into what was once the old creek bed.

Fickes calls the Maher Road slide "probably in scale the third largest slide we've dealt with" in upstate New York — behind only the 2000 event and the so-called Tully slide of 55 acres in Onondaga County a decade ago. The changes it wrought in the volume and path of the creek, he said, forced the abandonment of several homes and prompted concern for the future of several nearest the creek in Karlsfeld.

The Maher road slippage prompted Frank Leavitt, a staffer at the soil and water district at the time, to undertake more detailed study of the soils of Albany County — and to publish a pamphlet widely distributed in the late '70s whose title offered blunt warning: "Watch Out for Slippage-Prone Areas."

The cover features a photo of part of the Maher Road slide — and another inside the pamphlet depicts the escarpment in Elsmere that less than a quarter century later would wreak so much havoc. It also provided a map roughly denoting slippage-prone areas of Albany County — including much of the Normanskill basin in Bethlehem, northeast New Scotland and Guilderland.

Next: A look at the unique geology of the Normanskill drainage, on the site of an ancient glacial lake, raises important questions for land-use planners — what factors contributed to the Elsmere failure, and could it happen again here and elsewhere?



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# Sports

## Albert scores hat trick for Bethlehem hockey in opener

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem hockey team made new head coach Tom Dugan's debut a successful one.

Jon Albert recorded a hat trick, including the eventual game-winning goal midway through the third period, to lift the Eagles to a 5-3 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Saturday at the BIG Arena.

"We had a great first period. The guys came out flying," Dugan said. "We were a little flat in the second period, but we finished strong."

Bethlehem (1-0) wasted little time in recording its first goal of the season. Chris Abbott scored 1:19 into the first period off assists by Andrew Wendth and Evan Gall to take a 1-0 lead. Albert tallied two minutes later off a pass from Dan Smith to make the score 2-0.

"It sure makes it easier to play when you get a couple of goals under your belt," Dugan said.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake scored less than four minutes into the second period to cut Bethlehem's lead in half, but Wendth gave the Eagles their two-goal lead back at the 13:15 mark off assists by Tom Trimarchi and Abbott. Albert sealed the victory with two third-period goals.

Abbott and Wendth wound up with one goal and two assists apiece for Bethlehem, which won its first-season opener in the program's eight-year history. Trimarchi added two assists.

The victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake is one of many hopeful signs for a Bethlehem team that has struggled since joining the Capital District High School Hockey League in 1992.

"I think it's looking good for us," said Smith, one of three seniors on this year's roster. "As far as the program goes, this is the first year that we're seeing the effects of the Young Skaters program. These kids have been playing hockey for several years now, so they have more experience (entering the varsity level)."

Though he's new to the team, Dugan is hardly a stranger to the players. He coached many of them at the Pee Wee level with Bethlehem Youth Hockey three

### Ski orienteering meet at Lapland Lake

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years ago.

"There's a lot of potential," Dugan said. "Last year, the team relied on a couple of players and given the situation they were in, they performed admirably. This year, the burden will be shouldered by everyone."

The addition of Albert, who played for the Capital District Selects last year, will give the Eagles some added offensive firepower to go along with the return of Smith, Abbott and Trimarchi. Center Yere Kankinen, a foreign exchange student from Finland, also figures to help Bethlehem's offense.

"We're looking for balanced scoring," Dugan said. "I don't think we'll have much of a dropoff from lines 1-3."

The few elder statesmen on the roster will have to help bring a large group of underclassmen along this season. The majority of the defense is made up of sophomores and freshmen, including all four of the team's goaltenders.

"Last year, they were pretty young and inexperienced," Dugan said. "This year, they'll get to play more. It's something that we can bank this program on, with this many young players."

Though the Eagles have their first win, Dugan knows his team has a lot of work to do before its next game Saturday night against



Bethlehem's John Albert finds himself in the net during last Saturday's hockey game against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at the BIG Arena. Albert had no trouble filling the net himself, as he recorded a hat trick in the Eagles' 5-3 win on opening night in the Capital District High School Hockey League.

Rob Jonas

Troy/Columbia at the BIG Arena.

"We made some mistakes in our own end (against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) that a faster team would have capitalized on," Dugan said.

Still, the Eagles are optimistic that they will soon be able to compete against such traditional powers as Shenendehowa and

Saratoga.

"In the past, we haven't beaten Shen or Saratoga because they're just too big for us," Smith said.

"But they've lost some players, so we think we can give Shen and Saratoga some battles. The main thing is to play well and have fun."

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# Isaacs accepts offer to play at Delaware

By ROB JONAS

Randi Isaacs has had a busy fall.

The Bethlehem High School senior just finished playing with the New Jersey Beach Girls, an 18-and-under Gold level team in the American Softball Association that recruits players from all over the East Coast.

In the middle of playing tournaments in Florida and California, Isaacs took time out to sign a national letter of intent to play for the University of Delaware, an NCAA Division I school.

For Isaacs, the decision to accept a full scholarship to Delaware was an easy one.

"I like the softball coach. She was very informative, and she answered all my questions honestly," Isaacs said. "Plus, the campus is beautiful."

Isaacs had to find time in her busy schedule to make a visit to

Delaware. Besides her time with the New Jersey Beach Girls, she played for the Adirondack Ice and for the Adirondack Region team at the Empire State Games this summer.

"It was good," said Isaacs. "I got to play on a number of different teams, and I got to play a lot."

Her play with the Ice at a national tournament earned Isaacs an offer to join the New Jersey Beach Girls, which had players from as far away as North Carolina and Ohio.

"The coach saw me play ... and I guess he liked what he saw," Isaacs said.

Isaacs, who batted .362 for the Bethlehem softball team as a junior, believes she will fit in well at Delaware.

"When I went there for my official visit, the girls (on the softball team) took me in, and we became close friends," Isaacs said.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF NOV. 29-DEC. 5

## WED., NOV. 29

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
TARTAN TOURNAMENT  
AT SCOTIA-GLENNVILLE  
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk vs. TBA, 6/7:30 p.m.

**BOWLING**  
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk vs. Watervliet, 4 p.m.  
Voorheesville vs. Cohoes, 4 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Bethlehem vs. Shaker, 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 30

**BOWLING**  
Bethlehem vs. Burnt Hills, 4 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
TARTAN TOURNAMENT  
AT SCOTIA-GLENNVILLE  
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## FRIDAY, DEC. 1

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
BETHLEHEM TIP OFF TOURNAMENT  
Bethlehem vs. Amsterdam, 6:45 p.m.

Brewster (Section II) vs. Bishop Gibbons, 8:30 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk vs. Schalmont, 7:30 p.m.  
Voorheesville vs. Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Voorheesville at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 2

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
BETHLEHEM TIP OFF TOURNAMENT

Consolation game, 2:15 p.m.  
Championship game, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
BETHLEHEM TIP OFF TOURNAMENT

Guilderland vs. Albany, 5:45 p.m.  
Bethlehem vs. Catholic Central, 7:30 p.m.

**HOCKEY**  
Bethlehem vs. Troy, 7 p.m.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 3

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
BETHLEHEM TIP OFF TOURNAMENT

Guilderland vs. Catholic Central, 1:45 p.m.  
Bethlehem vs. Albany, 3:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 4**

**BOWLING**  
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at

Schalmont, 4 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Waterford, 4 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 5

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk vs. Lansingburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville at Albany Academy, 7:30 p.m.

**BOWLING**  
Bethlehem at Averill Park, 4 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Guilderville at Burnt Hills, 4:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Lansingburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville vs. Holy Names, 7:30 p.m.

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# Berger leads Blackbirds at tourney

# Lady Eagle basketball enters rebuilding phase

By ROB JONAS

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Despite some third-quarter troubles, the Voorheesville girls basketball team made a good account of itself at last weekend's Catholic Central Crusader Invitational in Troy.

The Blackbirds were tough before falling to Catholic Central 69-51 last Friday and Bishop Maginn 49-42 last Saturday. In both games, Voorheesville trailed by less than 10 points at halftime, but then could not get its offense restarted in the third quarter.

"At times, we played real well," Voorheesville coach **Jon McClement** said. "The third quarter hurt us. We just got off to slow starts in the third quarter both games."

The Blackbirds (0-2) had a three-point lead on Catholic Central late in the first quarter, but the homestanding Crusaders went on a 18-3 run to take a 33-21 lead. Voorheesville cut the deficit to five points before a Catholic Central bucket as time ran out in the second quarter gave the Crusaders a seven-point advantage.

Catholic Central then switched to a 2-3 zone defense in the third quarter, which helped the Crusaders outscore Voorheesville 17-8 to put the game away.

"We handled their (full-court) press, and we handled their man-to-man," McClement said. "Then they got into that zone, and they were able to get some fast breaks out of it."

**Katelyn Berger** scored 20 points and **Andrea Burch** added 15 to pace Voorheesville. **Kate DiSorrento** had 21 points to lead Catholic Central.

In Saturday's contest against Bishop Maginn, Voorheesville again found itself down by double digits heading into the fourth quarter. But, the Blackbirds managed to cut the deficit to a basket before Maginn pulled away for the seven-point victory.

"We came back in the fourth quarter ... but we couldn't come all the way back," McClement said.

Berger recorded 17 points and Burch contributed 11 for



Voorheesville senior guard **Katelyn Berger** (with ball) tries to drive through a Catholic Central defender during last Friday's opening round game of the Crusader Invitational basketball tournament in Troy. *Jim Franco*

Voorheesville against Maginn. Berger was named to the All-Tournament team.

"We played two tough teams," McClement said. "Bishop Maginn is young, but they should get better as the season goes on. And, Catholic Central looks like they're going to be a tough team."

Voorheesville moves into Colonial Council competition Friday night when it travels to Watervliet. The Blackbirds then play their home opener next Tuesday against Holy Names. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

McClement sees his Blackbirds, who are the defending Section II Class C champions, as a contender in the ever-changing Colonial Council.

"I think (the league) is wide open," McClement said. "There's new coaches, and a lot of seniors

graduated out of the league.

"They're all going to be tough (teams) until you play them because you don't know what they have," McClement added.

In the world of Suburban Council girls basketball, it's not easy to have a rebuilding year.

But with only four veterans returning, that's just what the Bethlehem Lady Eagles are faced with.

"They're young, but they're enthusiastic," Bethlehem coach **Kim Wise** said. "I think they'll be fun to watch."

Wise has reason to be optimistic. Seven players are up from a junior varsity team that lost only three games last year. A few of them have already asserted themselves as players to watch.

"In our first scrimmage [against Ravena Nov. 20], I thought **Sue Kelly** did a nice job offensively, **Sarah Homer** did a nice job defensively, and **Emily Bango** was a little sparkplug on the floor," Wise said.

The few veterans Wise has — senior forwards **Megan Fish** and **Sara Conklin**, senior guard **Carley St. Lucia**, and sophomore forward **Kaitlin Foley** — offer several years of varsity experience.

"Megan has played four years of varsity, Carley has played three years of varsity, and Sara and Kaitlin have played two years of varsity," Wise said. "So, they know what they have to do out there."

Bethlehem's main strength will be inside. Most of the

forwards are six-feet tall or taller — an invaluable asset in girls basketball.

"Lineside, we're probably bigger than most teams, with the exception of Guilderland," Wise said.

The lack of experienced guards may hinder the Lady Eagles, especially in a league that isn't afraid to apply full-court pressure against any team that has a perceived weakness in the backcourt. But, Wise has faith in her young players.

"I think this is a group that could step up and do very well, depending on how well they handle stepping up to varsity," Wise said.

Wise expects the Suburban Council to be a battle between Colonie Central and Guilderland this season. "They were on top last year, and we hope to compete with them," she said.

The Lady Eagles won't have to worry about Colonie or Guilderland in terms of their pursuit of a Gold Division title. They will be competing against Niskayuna, Columbia and Burnt Hills for that crown, while Guilderland and Colonie duke it out for the Blue Division title.

Bethlehem opens its season this weekend by hosting its annual Tip Off Tournament. The Lady Eagles meet Catholic Central of Troy in Saturday's opening round and then play Albany Sunday afternoon in the festival-style tournament.

## Youth Network

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### Open letter to BC students

Dear BC student:

Are you interested in helping to prevent underage drinking? Would you like to learn some new skills? Do you want to work with others to help your fellow students to make positive choices? Do you want to spend time with other students and have fun?

You may want to be one of approximately 25 students in grades eight through 12 and 10 community members who will participate in a conference on Friday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. until after dinner and Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. until after lunch. You will be staying overnight.

During the conference, participants will learn about factors affecting and related to underage drinking. Topics will include law enforcement, media and environment. We will work on creating action plans to reduce student use of alcohol in our community.

The underage drinking prevention conference is sponsored by BCHS SADD and Bethlehem Networks Project and is being held at Camp Pinnacle in Voorheesville. All meals and refreshments will be provided at no charge.

If you want to be part of this workshop, call Mona Prenoveau, at Bethlehem Networks Project, 439-7740, to receive a permission slip. If more than 25 students apply, participants will be selected in a random drawing.

Sincerely,  
Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force



## Good Samaritan Senior Living

by Lee Boermann  
President/C.E.O.



### Long, Active Lives

It pays to lead a busy life. In essence, that is the conclusion of a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health. Its study of 5,500 older people revealed that those who engaged in such social and productive activities as playing cards, preparing meals, or performing community work were likelier to live longer than those who did not. In fact, the study indicates that social involvement and productive activities were just as important for longevity as were physical-fitness activities. And so, since engaging the mind is equally important as exercising the body when it comes to living a long life, the elderly can indeed help themselves live longer with activities that require little or no physical exertion.

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# Obituaries

## Catherine Kowalski

Catherine L. LaHait Kowalski, 82, of Delmar, died Monday, Nov. 20, at her home.

Born in Albany, she lived on Hamilton Street in Albany for 44 years and then moved to Kenwood Avenue in Delmar for the last eight years.

She was a graduate of Vincenzian Institute and Mildred Elley Business School.

She was employed part time for Commercial Mailing & Printing, and in 1973, started working for the state Department of Taxation & Finance, retiring in 1982.

She was a communicant of St. Vincent de Paul Church and, for the last eight years, the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

She was the widow of Joseph Kowalski.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Beth Bonafide of Delmar and Joyce Rodger of Malta; a son, Charles Kowalski of Delmar; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were from Magin & Keegan Funeral Home and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, both in Albany. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

## Jeanette Vaughn

Jeanette G. Vaughn, 76, of Voorheesville, died Saturday, Nov. 18, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Huntington, Suffolk County, she moved to Voorheesville in 1951.

She was a bookkeeper at Woolworth's for more than 23 years, retiring in 1989. She also worked for the Red Cross from 1989 to 1991, assisting with the blood donor program.

She was the widow of Harrison Vaughn.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Twiss of Cusseta, Ga.; a sister, Florence Dodge of Granville; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville. Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance or Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 12208.

## Gertrude Sweet

Gertrude R. Sweet, 94, of South Bethlehem, died Friday, Nov. 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Elba, Genesee County, she had lived in South Bethlehem for 64 years.

She was a registered nurse, specializing in neonatal care. She had worked at Brady Maternity Hospital in Albany and retired from St. Peter's Hospital in 1973.

She was a member of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Selkirk Fire Department auxiliary.

She was the widow of John R. Sweet.

Survivors include a son, Donald Sweet of Stephentown; a daughter, Jackie Mataragas of Florida; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem 12161.

## Helen Zessin

Helen M. Zessin, 52, of Delmar, died Saturday, Nov. 18, at

Albany Medical Center Hospital.

She was employed as a dietary and housekeeping aide at the Nelson House in Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Orville Deitz; three sons, Jason Deitz of Albany, Charles Zessin of Troy and Michael Zessin of Ravena; three sisters, Joan Petri of Delmar, Mary Myrick of Pittsfield, Mass., and Florence Strauss of Edgewater, Fla.; two brothers, William Bogdanowicz and David Bink of Schenectady; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar, with burial in Bethlehem Rural Cemetery.

## James Amanatides

James "Jimmy the Greek" Amanatides, 50, of Delmar, died Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Born and raised in Albany, he was a longtime bassist in a local band.

He moved to Virginia for a short time before returning to the Capital District.

He enjoyed working on computers, cooking and playing music with his sons and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Amanatides; a daughter, Michelle Amanatides; three sons, Jimmy Amanatides, Peter Amanatides and Greg Amanatides; his former wife, Jean Amanatides; his mother, Harriet Amanatides; five brothers, George Amanatides, Billy Amanatides, Dennis Amanatides, Pauly Amanatides and Larry Amanatides; and a sister, Victoria Amanatides.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home and St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany 12209.

## Dorothy Hosey

Dorothy M. Hosey, 85, of Delmar, died Thursday, Nov. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Kander, she was a school teacher for Bethlehem Central School District for 41 years, retiring in 1975.

She enjoyed writing poetry.

Survivors include her husband, John P. Hosey.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, both in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

## Jason Minick

Jason Minick, 78, of Meadowbrook Drive in Slingerlands, died Thursday, Nov. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital.

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

He was a graduate of Albany High School and attended New York University.

He was founder and president of Fort Orange Realty Co.

He was a member, past president and past board member of Temple Israel in Albany. He was a Scoutmaster for the temple's Boy Scout Troop and was also active with its Building Committee.

He was past president of the Albany County Board of Realtors.

He had also served on the boards of the Palace Theater and Hudson Valley Community College.

He was husband of the late Ruth Solomon Minick.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Sternlicht; a son, Michael Minick of New York City, two stepsons, Eric Sternlicht of Orange, Calif., and Mark Sternlicht of San Francisco; a daughter, Karen Cohen of North Hartford, Conn.; a sister, Leah Matin of Albany; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Temple

Israel, with burial in Temple Israel Cemetery in Guelderland.

Arrangements were by Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

## Alfred Remo

Alfred J. Remo, 71, of Delmar, died Thursday, Nov. 23, at home.

Born in Albany, he was a resident of Delmar for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine VanBergen Remo; six daughters, Deborah Vincent of Ballston Spa, Constance Shrier of Montclair, N.J., Lorraine Remo of Albany, Kerstin Schaming of Burnt Hills, and Gretchen Remo and Gabrielle Remo, both of Delmar; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from Our Lady of Angels Church in Albany, with burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Arrangements were by Zwack & Sons in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Angels Church.

## Louis Tartaglia

Louis S. Tartaglia, 102, of Delmar, died Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Born in Gildone, Italy, he came to the United States in 1912 with his family.

Apprenticed at an early age, he became a stone and tile mason, a trade he practiced with great skill well into his 70s.

He was self-employed and also worked for the D&H Railroad and Bender Laboratories.

He lived at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home the last two years of his life.

He was a member of the former Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and trustee.

He was a member of Wadsworth Masonic Lodge for more than 70 years.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Teresa Vitale Tartaglia; two sons, Dr. Anthony Tartaglia and Dr. Philip Tartaglia; two daughters, Catherine Plummer and Louise Finkell; a sister, Mary Tartaglia; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

## Albany ARC launches Web site

The Albany County Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), a nonprofit organization which provides educational, habilitative, rehabilitative and residential services to individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities, has recently created its own Web site.

The site, [www.albanyarc.com](http://www.albanyarc.com), highlights programs and services of the Albany ARC. There are also online, electronic applications for those who want to work or volunteer for the organization.

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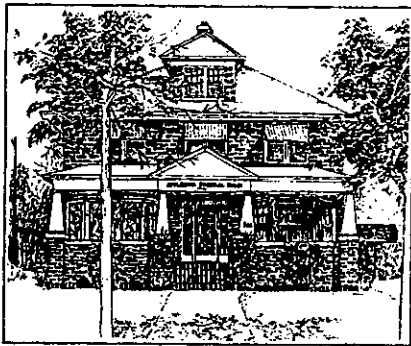
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We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.



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Jason and Kathleen Lemley

## McDermott, Lemley marry

Kathleen Ann McDermott, daughter of William and Patricia McDermott of Glenmont, and Jason Bowyer Lemley, son of John Lemley of Huntington, W.Va., and Avis Lemley of Huntington, W.Va., were married June 10.

The ceremony was performed by Navy Cmdr. the Rev. William Petruska at the chapel of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

A reception followed at Paul's on the South River in Riva, Md.

The maid of honor was Megan McDermott, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Byrnes and Erin Buckley, both sisters of the bride, Bridget Ruiz, Amy Hakola and Julia Harrington.

Molly Casey Byrnes, niece of

the bride, was the flower girl.

The best man was Matthew Lemley, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Glen Conway, Jerry Davis, Zoah Scheneman, Lance O'Neill and Gregg Harrington.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the U.S. Naval Academy.

She is a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy.

The groom is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and is a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy.

After a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

# Births

## Samaritan Hospital

Girl, Grace Estelle Rooks, to Gloria Hale and Joseph Rooks of Delmar, Oct. 29.

## V'ville students earn scholarships

Two Voorheesville students were recently named dean's scholars at Syracuse University.

They are James Case, a student in the School of Management, and Elissa Waltz, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dean's scholarships are awarded to entering first year and transfer students and recognize outstanding academic achievement.

To receive a dean's scholarship, students must have strong academic credentials in high school, be active in extracurricular and community activities, and demonstrate good character and citizenship.

The scholarship may be as high as \$4,000 per year and is renewable.

## Student interns with fire department

Rebecca Cooper of Voorheesville, a junior public relations major at SUNY Oswego, is interning in the Oswego Fire Department in Oswego.

The Experience-Based Education Program at Oswego places students in internships that allow them to earn college credit while gaining real-life experience.

## BCHS graduate completes training

Douglas Sweet of Delmar recently completed a five-week course of intensive military training and graduated from the Army ROTC Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis in Washington.

After he graduates from college, Sweet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve. He is a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a student at SUNY Potsdam.

## Delmar student studying in Italy

Avi Shoss of Delmar, a junior in Syracuse's School of Architecture, is spending the fall in Florence, Italy, through a program sponsored by Syracuse University.



Megan and David Goodfellow

## Corneil, Goodfellow wed

Megan Alanna Corneil, daughter of Thomas and Martha Corneil of Delmar, and David William Goodfellow, son of Thomas and Beverly Goodfellow of Delmar, were married Aug. 26.

The Rev. Sandy Damhof performed the ceremony at Delmar Reformed Church.

A reception followed at Albany Country Club in Guilderland.

The maid of honor was Jillian Corneil, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Shannon Cornelius and Ashlie DeCollo.

The best man was Andrew Goodfellow, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Matthew Harbinger, Benjamin Miner, Colin Mooney and Jeffrey Wellman.

The flower girl was Sophia Goodfellow, and the ring bearer was Robby Goodfellow, both cousins of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Dickinson College.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Lawrence University.

After a wedding trip to Acadia National Park in Maine, the couple lives in Albany.

## 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.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to PO Box 100, Delmar 12054.

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## Community



### Holiday concert set at library

Singers for Enjoyment, a 30-voice mixed choir directed by Bob Carruthers, will perform holiday favorites on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The concert is free and open to the public.



# SPOTLIGHT ON *Family* ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### New 'Miracle' highlights holiday theater

By DEV TOBIN

**7**wo years after adapting a classic holiday movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," for the stage, the New York State Theatre Institute is at it again with its new production of "Miracle on 34th Street."

Patricia Di Benedetto Snyder, producing artistic director of the institute, said the new adaptation about the department store Santa Claus who embodies the spirit of Christmas is "a sweet story that has just the right kind of holiday feeling."

Snyder said the play is "rounder and fuller" because it is more faithful to the book by Valentine Davies than to the Academy Award-winning movie.

"A lot of the book is dialogue, so it wasn't taxing to make the adaptation," which was done by institute staff, Snyder said.

The play's message reverberates today, Snyder said.

"Davies was concerned about the commercialism of Christmas in 1946, and there's a lot of cynicism and commercialism today," Snyder said.

She added that other themes, like learning how to share, believing that with faith good things will happen and developing relationships between the elderly and young people, are also "timeless, that's why the story's a classic."

"Miracle on 34th Street" will be on stage in the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14 at 10 a.m., Dec. 3 and 10 at 2 p.m., and Dec. 2, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17, \$14 for students and seniors, \$8 for children under 13. For information, call 274-3256.

For its holiday play, Capital Repertory Co. in Albany has chosen "King o' the Moon," a sequel to the comedy "Over the Tavern" about a Polish family in Buffalo.

While not specifically about the holidays, the play is centered on the life of a family, which is the subtext for



NYS Theatre Institute celebrates its 25th season with an all new production of the holiday classic "Miracle on 34th Street." The play stars Timothy Booth as "uncle" Fred, Alyson Lange as young Susan, John Romeo as Kris Kringle and Elisabeth S. Rodgers as Susan's mother Doris.

most people's holiday celebrations, according to Joseph A. Phillips, a Spotlight Newspapers reporter by day who also plays Walter in the "King o' the Moon."

"The play emphasizes the strength of family and staying in touch with the core values you grew up with," Phillips said.

He added that there is "a touch of melancholy" in the play in that close-knit ethnic communities were on the wane in 1969, when the play takes place.

While the first play introduced the Pazinski family in 1959, with the kids in parochial school, the sequel has them

dealing with coming of age — draft, career and marital age — during the Vietnam War.

"The kids of the first play have to confront adult dilemmas like the draft, a dead-end marriage, and the fact that their widowed mother has a boyfriend," said Phillips, who plays the boyfriend. "But it's still a comedy, this time about how family helps people positively deal with change and grow up"

"King o' the Moon" will be on stage at Cap Rep's newly refurbished theater at 111 N. Pearl St. Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1, 8 and 15 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at 4 and 8:30 p.m., and Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$35. For information, call 445-7469.

Another facet of the holidays is religion, which is the subject of "Mass Appeal," the third production of Curtain Call Theatre in Latham.

The comedy deals with how a veteran priest deals with a headstrong seminarian, in everything from how to give a sermon to how to play church politics.

John Noble is properly avuncular as the comfortable parish priest and Kris Anderson is also solid as the seminarian with too many questions.

The play is effective in part because it takes place in a former church, renovated by producer Carol Max and her family into a 70-seat theater.

"Mass Appeal" will be on stage at Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., plus some weekend matinees, through Dec. 23. Tickets are \$15. For information, call 877-7529.

And Albany Civic Theater presents "Nuncrackers," a holiday sequel to the community theater favorite "Nonsense," as its December offering.

"Nuncrackers" will be on stage at 235 Second Ave., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m., through Dec. 17. Tickets are \$15. For information, call 462-1297.



Joseph A. Phillips and Amanda Ronconi star in Cap Rep's production of "King o' the Moon." The comedy centers around family values and how it helps people deal with change.



Kris Anderson and John Noble star in Curtain Call Theatre's production of "Mass Appeal." The play is perfectly set in a former Latham church, renovated into a theater.

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

new production of holiday classic, New York State Theater Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 14, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

### KING O' THE MOON

Over the Tavern, Part II, Capital Repertory, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 17, \$21 to \$34. Information, 445-7469.

### NUNCRACKERS

"Nunsense" holiday show, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., weekends Dec. 1 to 17, \$15. Information, 462-1297.

## MASS APPEAL

religious drama, Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Dec. 23, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

### ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST

Dario Fo farce, University at Albany studio theater, Albany, Dec. 1 to 9, \$10. Information, 442-3997.

## Music

### DAVE VAN RONK

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Dec. 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$15. Information, 381-1111.

### STEVE TURRE

with Sextet with Strings, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second

streets, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

### MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD

Palace Theater, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., \$21.50. Information, 465-4663.

### CYRUS CHESTNUT TRIO

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Dec. 2, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 381-1111.

### NEWGRANGE

with the Wayfaring Strangers, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

### BOSTONS POPS HOLIDAY TOUR

Esplanade Orchestra, Pepsi Arena, Albany, Dec. 5, 8 p.m., \$45 to \$150. Information, 476-1000.

## WINTER, FIRE AND SNOW: A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

with singer Marie McVicker and the Farrell School of Irish Dance, benefit for the Irish American Heritage Museum, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., \$60 includes dinner and pre-show reception. Information, 432-6598.

## Dance

### NUTCRACKER

Malta Ballet Co. production with New York City ballet soloists Wendy Whelan and Jock Soto, at The Egg, Albany, Dec. 1 at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 2 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$7 to . Information, 473-1845.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

The Collector as Bookbinder, through Dec. 31, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Through our Eyes, works by black photographers, through Jan. 7, plus permanent collections, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

23 Monroe St., works by Deborah Zlotzky, Mimi Czajka Graminski and Robert Longley, through Dec. 29. Information, 462-4775.

## HYDE COLLECTION

Warren Street, Glens Falls, "Picturing Gentility: Portraits of Women in American Art," through Dec. 3. Information, 792-1761.

## LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, featuring works by Colonie Art League artists. Information, 786-6557.

## Call For Artists

## AUCTION

for parts for 10 men in Albany Civic Theater's March production of "Gross Indecency — The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde," Dec. 4 and 5, 7 p.m., 235 Second Ave. Information, 731-6760.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ROUTE 9 REALTY, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is ROUTE 9 REALTY, LLC.

SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: the latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is:

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is P.O. Box 1317, Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is Joseph w. Zappone of Zappone & Fiore Law Firm, 6 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12110.

SIXTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization are effective as of the date of filing.

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EIGHTH: If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, a statement that all or specified members are so liable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 30th day of October, 2000, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are

## LEGAL NOTICE

true under the penalties of perjury. Bryan J. Goewey, Organizer (November-29, 2000)

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UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

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BBL HOSPITALITY, L.P.  
by: SWF X, L.P., General Partner  
BY: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Partner  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 1st day of November, 2000, and verify and affirm under pen-

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alties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.  
SWF IX, L.P.  
by: DRL, LLC, General Partner  
BY: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member  
(November 29, 2000)

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
Differences: 1. Fish is higher. 2. Glasses are removed. 3. Hair is shorter. 4. Beak is longer. 5. Bird's perch is higher. 6. Buttons are added.

## MAGIC MAZE TWO-WORD PALINDROMES

DNKSIEGDBZXLVSQ  
OMKNTIVGECAIYWU  
SQBAPRPINFLVJHF  
EDOVCAAGLOWEYXV  
UOMYSQRWOOPENMK  
JNBVPHTFWLLVFEC  
BTM(A TOYOTA)DIZEY  
XNONVUTTRLRLVQW  
POBIRDRIBOOTOEM  
LDRABBARDOKISGH  
GPUFFUPGIFFIGE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- A Toyota
- Bird rib
- Bomb mob
- Don't nod
- Drab bard
- Evil olive
- Fool aloof
- Gift fig
- Gold log
- Live evil
- Navy van
- Party trap.
- Puff up
- Straw warts
- We few

# The Super CROSSWORD

## Super Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Two-legged stand
- 6 Palindromic pirogue
- 11 Mortarboard
- 14 Make a mumuuu
- 17 Genesis peak
- 19 Salad veggie
- 20 Be obligated
- 21 Literary collection
- 22 FILE FILE
- 25 Diagnostic instr.
- 26 Bray beginning
- 27 Luau entertainment
- 28 Kind of mushroom
- 30 - Hari
- 31 Ecclesiastic
- 35 Evangelist Roberts
- 36 Mathematician Khayyam
- 39 '62 Tommy Roe hit
- 41 Hard wood
- 44 Injured party
- 47 Zeal
- 48 Drink like a Dandie
- 49 Heredity letters

### DOWN

- 53 STRING
- 58 Antique auto
- 59 Disinfectant target
- 60 Compete
- 61 Quick-footed
- 62 Pyramid, e.g.
- 64 - kwon do
- 65 Gumbo thickener
- 68 Stephen King book
- 69 Brazilian kicker
- 71 Glowing comeback
- 75 The Fresh Prince's place
- 77 Rope fiber
- 78 Possessed
- 80 Goblet part
- 83 Soporific substance
- 84 "I - Rock" ('66 song)
- 86 - cotta
- 88 Exist
- 89 TRAIL
- 94 New Deal agcy.
- 95 City in Kyrgyzstan
- 96 Baby butter
- 97 Solitary

### ACROSS

- 98 Priest-to-be
- 100 Mirella of the Met
- 102 Trustworthy
- 104 Hide
- 105 Geometric calculation
- 107 Red - target
- 109 Throw a party
- 112 Fleeting
- 115 Christmas visitors
- 116 Slangy suffix
- 119 Yesterday's your
- 120 CHAIN CHAIN
- 126 Cratchit kid
- 127 Bartok or Paron
- 128 Irregular specialist?
- 129 I specialist?
- 130 Humorist
- 131 Costa - Sol
- 132 The Brainy Bunch?
- 133 Greases the wheels

### DOWN

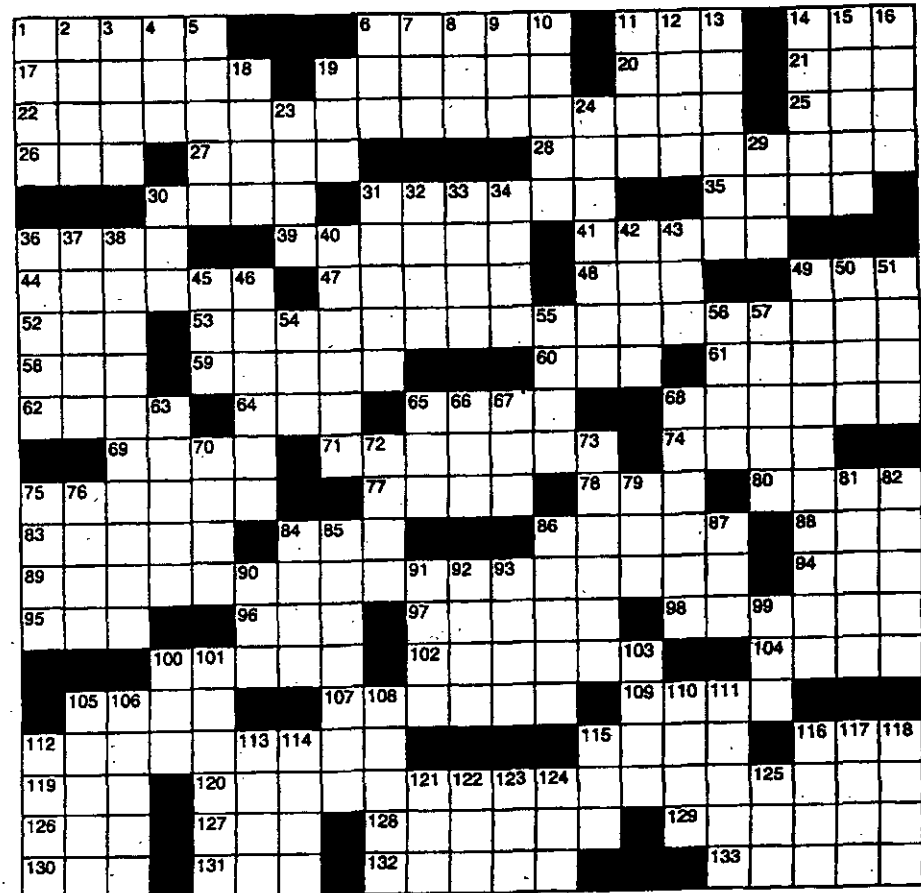
- 1 Fugue composer
- 2 "Dies -"
- 3 Unwind a rind
- 4 Chicago airport abbr.
- 5 Russian villa
- 6 Norton or Olin
- 7 Ginger -
- 8 Still
- 9 Word from a Waimaraner
- 10 Former Japanese capital
- 11 Musical finale
- 12 Blew away
- 13 Non-sexist suffix
- 14 Pacific islands
- 15 Register
- 16 Keen
- 18 Like some nerves
- 19 Security grp.
- 23 Lesage's "Gil -"
- 24 Rhine siren
- 29 Attempt
- 30 Clubber
- 31 - Amboy, NJ
- 32 General's helper
- 33 Job opening
- 34 Biting
- 36 Public
- 37 Sal of "Giant"
- 38 Pull off
- 40 Novelist Lee
- 42 Bunyan's ox

### ACROSS

- 43 - -Locka, FL
- 45 132 Across stats
- 46 Grumble
- 49 Contrition
- 50 Director Mira
- 51 He's Devine
- 54 Battery size
- 55 A Karamazov brother
- 56 Dire
- 57 Diamond features
- 63 Bridges and Brummell
- 65 Lyric poem
- 66 Kipling novel
- 67 Knock
- 68 Domingo's birthplace
- 70 Wing or flipper
- 72 Melville monomaniac
- 73 " - a Kind of Hush" ('67 hit)
- 75 '67 Peter Sellers film, with "The"
- 76 Homer's field
- 79 Prepare for combat
- 81 Comic Leon
- 82 Had in mind
- 84 Related
- 85 Curative

### DOWN

- 85 Article of faith
- 87 Bunyan's whacker
- 90 Tina's ex
- 91 Actor Bert
- 92 Crooked
- 93 Torrid or Frigid
- 99 Prone
- 100 Charge
- 101 Pounded a portcullis
- 103 Daffrost
- 105 Plant pest
- 106 Versify
- 108 It may be platinum
- 110 Inspect too closely?
- 111 Castle campaign
- 112 Singer James
- 113 Roof edge
- 114 100 dinars
- 115 Staff
- 116 Young of "The Last Detail"
- 117 - majesty
- 118 Part of M.A.
- 121 Chemical ending
- 122 Ford of football
- 123 Common appliances
- 124 Swell place?
- 125 - degree





# The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 11/29

**BETHLEHEM**

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS**

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

Thurs. 11/30

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**POETRY WRITING FOR TEENS**

Voorheesville Public Library, Schoolhouse Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SWF IX, L.P.**

Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act 1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF IX, L.P." 2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York. 3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. 4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:

DRL, LLC  
52 Corporate Circle  
Albany, New York 12203

5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is October 31, 2100. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 10th day of October, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the

Fri. 12/1

**BETHLEHEM PROGRAMS AT LIBRARY**

Children's films for ages 3-6: "The Little Engine That Could," other; about 30 minutes. 10:30 a.m. "Homeschoolers' Intro To The Big 6," homework strategies or homeschoolers in grade four and up. 2:30 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Information, 439-9314.

**SKY WATCHING AT FIVE RIVERS**

Evening program of sky watching and star lore, sponsored by Albany Area Amateur Astronomers. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

Sat. 12/2

**BETHLEHEM 55-ALIVE DRIVER PROGRAM**

AARP-sponsored driver safety program.

Friendship Hall, limited openings available. Community UMC Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10. Also Dec. 9. Information, 439-1766.

**PTA CRAFT FAIR**

More than 75 vendors, refreshments, bake sale, bucket auction. Hamagael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. Information, 439-8674.

**B'L'HEM TOMBOYS REGISTRATION**

Softball league registration for 2001 season; girls grade 1-12; first time registrants must present birth certificate. Parental volunteers also needed for April practice. May-July season. Bethlehem Town Hall, 443 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0904.

**PROGRAM AT FIVE RIVERS**

"Trees of the Season," examination of evergreen trees and lessons on identifying needles. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**NEW SCOTLAND MEMORY WRITING**

"Lifestories" memory writing; newcomers welcome. Voorheesville Public Library, Schoolhouse Road, Voorheesville, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Sun. 12/3

**BETHLEHEM CONCERT AT LIBRARY**

Singers for Enjoyment, 30-voice mixed choir directed by Bob Carruthers, performing holiday favorites. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**FAMILY SWIM**

Sunday family swims sponsored by Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. Under 5 and over 62, free; 5-13, \$2; 14-61, \$2.50. Residents of Bethlehem or school district only. Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3:30 p.m.

Mon. 12/4

**BETHLEHEM DELMAR KIWANIS**

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

**R-C-S SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

School district offices, 26 Thacher St., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m. Curriculum and instruction meeting 4:30 p.m. Information, 756-8190.

**READING AT LIBRARY**

Local author Hollis Seamon reading from her book "Body Work," a collection of stories. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**EXPLORER POST 157**

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation. Weekly, 310 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

Tues. 12/5

**BETHLEHEM OPEN FORUM AT LIBRARY**

Focus on proposed library renovation project, to be voted on Dec. 19. Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

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

**PLANNING BOARD**

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

**A.W. BECKER PTA**

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

**SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

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date hereof. SWF IX, L.P. by: DRL, LLC, General Partner BY: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member (November 29, 2000)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Articles of Organization for Stuff Etc., LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 3, 2000. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 42 Montrose Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Group Consult Management LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/10/00. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543.

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The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Il Moro Di Venezia LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/10/00. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Name of LLC: THRU VIEW, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed NY Sec. of State 9/13/00. Princ. off. loc. in ALBANY Cty. Sec. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to: Blakeman & Associates, 108 S. Franklin Ave., P.O. Box 188, Valley Stream, NY 11580. Purpose: Any lawful activity. (November 29, 2000)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of MAIN REALTY, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/09/2000. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 6317 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: All lawful purposes. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of formation of PRIVATE EYE LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/08/2000. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (November 29, 2000)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Application for Authority of VERIZON WIRELESS MESAGING SERVICES, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/13/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 4/12/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in DE: c/o Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801-1196. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Provide telecommunications products & services to the

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public and conduct any business permitted under applicable law. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of BellSouth Wireless, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/00. LLC organized in Georgia (GA) on 9/30/00. NY office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Joaquin R. Carbonell, 1100 Peachtree St., Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30309, the office address of the LLC is the jurisdiction of organization. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with GA Secy. of State: Corps. Div., Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 315, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful business, including, but not limited to: (a) the acquisition, development, ownership and operation of businesses engaged in the Domestic provision of mobile wireless voice and data services utilizing radio frequencies licensed by the FCC for the provision of Cellular Service, PCS Service, Wireless Data Service, Air-Ground Service, Satellite Services and Part 27 Service; and (b) business activities customarily ancillary to the provision of any of the foregoing. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of SRG-I, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/1/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 3/30/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Principal office address of LLC: 150 West Church Ave., Maryville, TN 37801. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: own, operate, manage food service facilities. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of BellSouth Cellular National Marketing, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/13/00. LLC organized in Georgia (GA) on 10/2/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Joaquin R. Carbonell, 1100 Peachtree St., Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30309, the office address of the LLC in the jurisdiction of organization. The registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with GA Secy. of State, Corps. Div., Two Martin Luther

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King, Jr. Drive, Suite 315, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: telecommunications. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of ITI Information Technology Institute (New York), LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/15/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 7/14/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CSC (Corporation Service Co.), 80 State St., 6th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office address of LLC: 1200 17th St., Suite 2800, Denver CO 80202. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of AIMCO Chelsea Member, L.L.C., a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 10/10/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: acquisition and management of real property. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of AIMCO Chelsea Land, L.L.C., a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 10/10/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: acquisition and management of real property. (November 29, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of AIMCO Chelsea Ridge, L.L.C., a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 10/10/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY

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designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: acquisition and management of real property. (November 29, 2000)

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R. PATEL ENTERPRISES, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 11, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1500 Second Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189. (November 29, 2000)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The limited liability company, Capital Region Senior health System, LLC was formed on September 25, 2000 by Michael A. Blase, Jr. The address of the company 200 Truax Lane in the Town of Guilderland and County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company upon whom process can be served. The purpose of the company is to provide management services to assisted living facilities. (November 29, 2000)

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VANGUARD-FINE RETAIL STORE LEASING, LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/26/00. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Guilderland, NY 12084. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**

Fort Orange Aero, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on November 16, 2000. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Fort Orange Aero, LLC, 130 Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (November 29, 2000)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: RAIZE STAFFING SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/16/00. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2099. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Anthony S. Maney, Esq., 77 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: ANS ADVANCED NETWORK SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/16/00. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2099. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Anthony S. Maney, Esq., 77 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is JMA WARWICK, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 14, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C., 5 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Midway Family Dental Associates, PLLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on November 15, 2000. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Midway Family Dental Associates, PLLC, 1945 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 1203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: 167-169 Eagle Street, LLC. Certificate of Registration was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/20/00 with an existence date of 10/20/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Rosenstein & Bouchard, 4 Atrium Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any legal purpose. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is PATRICELLI PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 31, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY 12182. (November 29, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is GAMES OF ROTTERDAM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 31, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 650 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: BANAHAN CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/13/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o William H. Banahan, 551 Old Quarry Road, Selkirk, New York 12158. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Port Jefferson 2000, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/27/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., 6th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the limited liability company is FTHG DEVELOPMENT, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 3, 2000. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 46 Swatling Road, Latham, New York 12110. The purpose of the business of the Company is ownership and operation of a mobile home trailer park, and any other lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA SAMARITAN, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 30, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 26 Century Hill Drive, Suite 101, Latham, New York 12210-2128. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: BARBI ZAKIN EVENTS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/13/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Kenneth Zakin, 370 East 76th Street, Suite B503, New York, New York 10021. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Empire Management Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with

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Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/28/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Empire Management Services, LLC., Business Office, 1529 Central Ave., Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is JMJ REALTY LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 17, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1716 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. (November 29, 2000)

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FRANCIS FILM LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/16/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 30 E. 40th St., New York, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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AMERICAN SYSTEM SOLUTION LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/16/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 30 E. 40th St., NY, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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Mechanical Technologies Consulting LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/15/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 30 E. 40th St., NY, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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WESTMEATH LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/24/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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HARVEY LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/26/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SHANNON TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/20/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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TOPAZ TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/24/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

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REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/18/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 30 East 40th Street, New York, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (November 29, 2000)

NOTICE PURSUANT TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW §206

- (1) The name of the Limited Liability Company is: EMD Holding Co., LLC
(2) The Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State on October 17, 2000.
(3) The limited liability company is located in Albany County.
(4) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the following is the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her: 23 Elk Street Albany, New York 12207
(5) the character and/or purpose of the limited liability company is to own, lease, rent, and maintain real and personal property. (November 29, 2000)

RESOLUTION BOARD OF EDUCATION

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND CONCERNING MATTERS RELATING THERETO WHEREAS, the facilities of the Bethlehem Public Library are in need of repair and improvement; and WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Public library Board of Trustees requested that the Bethlehem Central School District call a Special School District Meeting of qualified voters for purposes of voting on proposed alterations, repairs and improvements to the Bethlehem Public Library; and WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Central School District desires to call a Special School District Meeting of qualified voters for the purposes set forth below; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, that a special school district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District shall be at the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, in said School District on the 19th day of December, 2000, for the purpose of voting by voting machines upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, that the notice of said special school district meeting, including the proposition

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to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form, to wit: NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING Bethlehem Central School District Albany County, New York The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, New York hereby gives notice that a special school district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District shall be held at the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, in said School District on the 19th day of December, 2000, for the purpose of voting by voting machines upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time. "Shall the School District be authorized to make alterations, repairs and improvements to the Bethlehem Public Library including renovation of the existing library facility and completion of its second floor, together with temporary relocation expenses, purchase of furnishings or equipment, and the grading or improvement of the site within existing property boundaries, at a maximum estimated cost of \$8,500,000.00, appropriating said amount therefor and authorizing the issuance of not more than \$8,500,000.00 serial bonds of the School District to finance such cost, and that the cost of financing such improvements shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, which tax may be partially offset by state building aid that might become available therefor?" BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines and on the absentee ballots for qualified voters of said School District; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, that qualified voters of said School District may apply for absentee ballots at the School District clerk's office and that a list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the School District clerk's office during each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sundays, and that this same list will be posted at the polling place. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, that in accordance with Local Finance Law Section 41.10, the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid proposition is \$8,500,000.00 and, assuming approval thereof, said School District will appropriate said amount therefor and authorize the issuance of \$8,500,000.00 serial bonds to finance said cost and that the cost thereof shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, that this Notice of Special School District Meeting shall take effect immediately and be published in full at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Special School District Meeting once each week for four (4) weeks in two (2) newspapers of general circulation within said School District. Adopted: November 1, 2000 District Clerk



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The group educates the general public about the health and needs of companion animals.

Volunteers are needed to work on the telephone committee, at local cat and dog adoption clinics, and to foster abandoned or stray dogs and cats until a proper adoption can take place.

The group is seeking individuals who can commit to a few hours a week, on an ongoing basis, in any of these capacities.

To volunteer or learn more about the opportunities, call 448-5468.

## Church to host German Christmas

On Sunday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., the German Language School of Albany and the German-American Culture Club of Troy, will hold their 11th ecumenical, German-English Christmas (Weihnachten), followed by a visit from Sankt Nikolaus for the kids. The Weihnachten will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar. All are welcome. For information, call 439-8003 or 399-6516.

## Dream

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Incorporating it into the show, he said, maximizes the school district's dance talent.

"Instead of imposing a director's will, we've made use of the students' talent," Yeara said.

The updated music also helps show the timelessness of the search for love, and the play itself.

Yeara's own talent for letting the students do what they're good at has been a hit with the cast, all of whom feel they're learning things.

"Mr. Yeara makes us figure out who we are, what we want, and what we're feeling," Robin Abelson said.

Dan Israel, who plays Peter Quince, director of the collection of rough workingmen characters know as the rude mechanicals, said that like all of Shakespeare's works, the themes of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" apply to the modern day.

"Shakespeare in general can relate to any era," Israel said. "This play has the melding of four different worlds, in a subtle way."

"This play opens your eyes to how people react to each other," Curran said.

For Brian Waite, who plays Nick Bottom, the show has been a chance to enter a different world.

"I get to enter into a world that doesn't exist, and won't again when we've finished the production," Waite said. "I get to move into this world, and turn into my character. Mr. Yeara doesn't tell us how to do this, he lets us find our own way."

"Everyone is pursuing love in their own way in this play," said Kopchick, one of the student directors. "Puck ties the four worlds together so everyone can realize the relations."

Kopchick, a senior, has worked on all four Shakespeare plays Theatre Without a Net has staged.

"It's interesting, after having been in the cast, to move behind the scenes and help other people," she said.

Vnuk, the other student director, is a veteran Yeara performer, having been in "Twelfth Night," and worked with Yeara at Steamer 10 and in the summer Shakespeare program offered through Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department.

Yeara, looking Shakespearean with a ponytail, goatee and a multi-colored vest, said the kids chose "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as this year's production after the Bethlehem Theatre Support Group sponsored a trip to Avon, Conn., where the students saw the play.

"It's been a sweat," Yeara said of getting the show together. "We've had kids sick, including one collapsed lung."

In the finest tradition, though, the show will go on, and Yeara is happy to do "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for the second time in Bethlehem, having first staged it in 1988.

"It's a great comedy," Yeara said. "It's very even, with 12 leads, and it's very accessible."

The 25-member cast auditioned the second week of school and have rehearsed five to six times a week since then. Kopchick is sure the show will be a hit.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream' appeals to all ages," she said. "We don't really believe in 'the fourth wall' between the performers and the audience, and we rely on people coming to the show."

Theatre Without a Net operates with the financial and moral support of the Bethlehem Theatre Support Group. Performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will take place on Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 2 at 1 p.m.; and Dec. 3 and 10 at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and will be sold at the door. They will also be available in the high school cafeteria from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. during the week, and from cast members.

Studio 46 is at the back of the high school — use the Van Dyke Road entrance and parking lots.

## RCS library slates activities

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