

Branching out



Members of the Bethlehem Central High School football team help out at the Christmas tree sale at the middle school last weekend. Jim Franco

Festival fund launches annual drive

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

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The Christmas festival itself may be gone, but the good work that started nearly 50 years ago with a community gathering continues.

Greg Jackson of Delmar has been president of the Bethlehem Festival Fund for about eight years, and he remembers attending the festival as a child, when it was put on by a number of local churches and included music and pageants. In the 1970s, the festival faded away, but the tradition of quietly passing the hat to collect money continues today.

At this time each year, the Bethlehem Festival Fund conducts its fund drive, and usually raises about \$11,000, all of which goes back into the community, with school nurses and social workers identifying the students and families who could use assistance. This year, the festival fund's goal is \$15,000.

"We're very active with the kids in the schools," said Jackson, owner of Bennett Contracting. "We've paid for summer school, field trips, and summer camps for kids who need it."

Mignone Phillips, the festival's publicity co-chair, teaches a combined second and third grade class at Slingerlands Elementary School.

"Most references go through the school nurse," Phillips said, "but if I have a student in need, or know of someone who needs to go to summer camp, I know the festival fund is there. I also see the good it does in the school." Many district schools also help the fund. Eileen Perkins, the school nurse at Slingerlands, runs a poinsettia sale to benefit the fund. And Phillips' class anonymously sponsors a family, raising money to help them buy groceries. All of the elementary schools conduct canned food drives for the festival fund in late November and early December.

The fund continues to raise money in the traditional way, but it is also moving along with the times.

"Two years ago, I set out on a quest to officially make donations to the Bethlehem Festival Fund tax-deductible," Jackson said. "It took a year and a half to do it, but I actually found a very helpful

Elsmere GU to become Hannaford

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A federal Bankruptcy Court last week approved a sale agreement that will turn nearly 200 Grand Union stores throughout the Northeast over to new owners.

The Elsmere store in Delaware Plaza is destined to become a Hannaford market soon — but the fates of others, including stores in Glenmont and Ravena, remain uncertain.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, in federal Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey, Judge Novalyn Winfield approved the sale of 185 Grand Union stores in five states to C&S Wholesale Grocers of Brattleboro, Vt., as well as the disposition of another dozen stores to other purchasers.

In approving the deal, the judge turned aside a challenge to the sale by New Jersey-based A&P, a rival bidder for part of the Grand Union assets.

"The court basically approved the sale, pending resolution of lease issues with various landlords," said C&S Vice President Carl Wistreich. "These aren't major issues that should hold up anything." Pending antitrust approval of the deal, C&S will close on the purchase in mid-January, he said.

But C&S, a retailing novice, wasted no time in signaling its intent to break up the troubled market chain. According to a list of "store assignments" filed with the court, detailing the intended disposition of the various stores, the new owner is already negotiating agreements with other supermarket chains to take many of the new acquisitions off its hands.

Hannaford Bros., the Maine-based owner of 26 other supermarkets including many in the Capital District, confirmed that it seeks to acquire five of

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Shorter days bring onset of more accidents

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Route 85 in Slingerlands was the site of three injury-producing automobile accidents last week, including two on a high-traffic, construction-slowed stretch near Blessing Road.

"This time of year, the clocks have changed, darkness is coming earlier, and traffic is picking up in volume as a result of holiday shopping and more people



being at work and not on vacation," said Lt. Timothy Beebe, who oversees the Bethlehem Police Department's patrol division. "And winter driving is going to be a big factor soon."

Driver inattention was cited by police as the cause of both a rush hour multicar accident on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the intersection with Blessing, and of a two-car collision at the entrance to the Hess station on New Scotland Road barely 24 hours later. Four individuals were injured in the two accidents.

Two more injuries were recorded in a Monday, Nov. 27, accident at 5:15 p.m. about a half mile north of the Blessing Road intersection. According to the police report, a 17-year-old Delmar resident behind the wheel of a northbound vehicle swerved to avoid a head-on collision with an unidentified vehicle that crossed into her lane while passing another car. The Delmar driver's vehicle then spun into the path of a southbound car driven by a 51-year-old Bolton Landing woman, and was struck on the driver's side.

Both drivers were treated at the scene by Albany County sheriff's EMS personnel and transported to Albany Medical Center and St. Peter's Hospital. Each was later released. A passenger in the northbound vehicle was not injured

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By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS Last in a series.

It is considerably deeper and wider than at its headwaters at the Water vliet Reservoir some 20 miles upstream in Guilderland, but in Slingerlands, the creek nevertheless still seems tame, placid.

"I grew up on the Normanskill," said Mark Franze, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Voorheesville. "Basically, the banks don't look any different to me that they did when they were more raw." Towering over the Normans- \Box SLIDES/page36

Good Samp info Police make available at town hall

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Delmar man was arrested Thanksgiving Day by Bethlehem police and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) - and an Albany man previously convicted of DWI in Bethlehem was back in Town Court last week Edward Dennis Walsh, 48, of 37 for failure to pay his fine.

The DWI arrest came at about 12:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, after Officer Jeffrey Vunck observed an eastbound vehicle straddling both lanes on Delaware Avenue.

He stopped the vehicle after it pulled into the Hess station and administered field sobriety tests

and a pre-screening on the driver, Warrington Leon Cox, 33, of 106 Elsmere Ave. Cox was arrested for DWI and ticketed for failing to wear a seatbelt. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Dec.

On Nov 28, police arrested South Ferry St., Albany.

Walsh pleaded guilty last April 4 to a DWI charge stemming from his Jan. 7 arrest.

A warrant was issued after Walsh failed to pay the mandated \$500 fine.

Arraigned after his arrest last week, Walsh was ordered to appear in Town Court on Dec. 5.

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Court cases adjudicated

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Eight individuals facing charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) in the town of Bethlehem offered pleas in Bethlehem Town Court on Nov. 21.

Amy Jo Alberts, 37, of Roberts Hill Road, West Coxsackie, charged with felony DWI by Bethlehem police stemming from a May 5 incident and aggravated by multiple prior DWI or driving while ability impaired (DWAI) convictions, pleaded guilty to a single DWI count. She was fined \$1,000 and a \$125 state-mandated surcharge, sentenced to three years' probation, and had her license revoked for the same period.

Also pleading guilty to DWI counts lodged by Bethlehem charged on July 28.

abandoned, and injured stray cats

Volunteers are needed to work

and dogs.

Each was fined \$500 and a \$125 state surcharge, and had his license revoked for six months.

Five individuals, four of them initially charged by Bethlehem police, pleaded guilty to lesser counts of DWAI, including Donald J. Wendal, 29, of Coxsackie, arrested July 27; Ruth Ellen Vandenburg, 35, of 65 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, arrested on Aug. 24; Douglas Marvin Wallace, 44, of Corwensville, Penn., arrested Sept. 25; Frederick Louis Fischer, 50, of 70 Thorndale Road, Slingerlands, charged after an Oct. 29 accident; and Lydia E. Boruta, 20, of 2222 New Scotland Ave., New Scotland, arrested by Albany County sheriff's deputies on Oct. 19.

All five had their licenses suspended for 90 days, were fined \$300 and assessed a mandatory \$35 surcharge.

Each of the DWI and DWAI defendants was also ordered to undergo a drinking-driver remediation program and face a victim impact panel.

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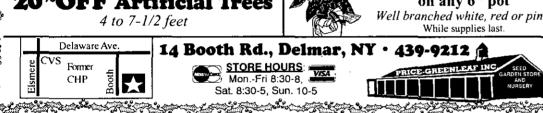
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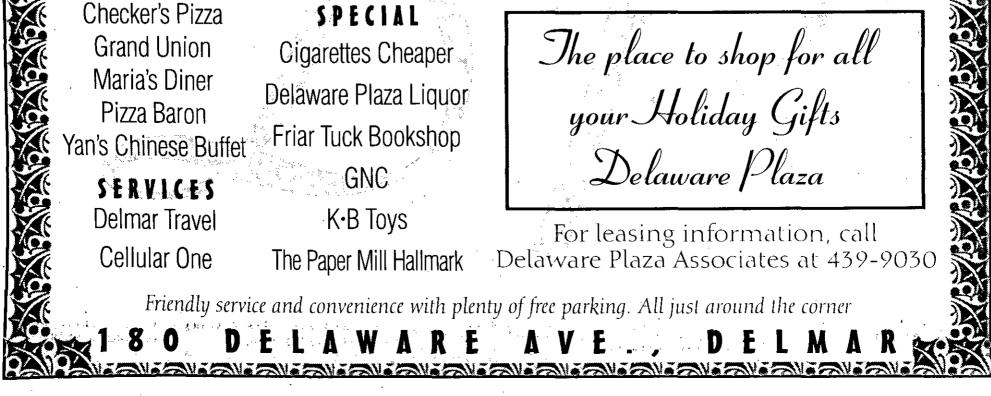
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Tea time



Allison Bennett serves Hilda Luft at the annual Silver Tea last Sunday at the Bethlehem Historical Society Museum. Jim Franco

New Scotland to reorganize rec dept.

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The town of New Scotland will take up a proposed administrative restructuring of the recreation department at the Dec. 13 town board meeting. A pending intermunicipal agreement with the operation of the parks and village of Voorheesville concern-, attendant programs. Admining the restructured building and assessor's department is also scheduled for action at the same meeting.

At next Wednesday's meeting, according to New Scotland Supervisor Martha Pofit, "We're going to finalize and approve the intermunicipal agreement," specifically voting on a resolution by the town to assume the village's code enforcement and assessment functions.

Meanwhile, Pofit said, "The board has authorized me to proceed with a reorganization of the recreation department," in the wake of the pending retirement of Superintendent Harry Duncan.

Following that announcement, the town board, sitting as a search committee, received more than a dozen applications for the superintendent's post.

But, Pofit said, "I sat with the board and we decided our best approach was to promote from within, to recognize an employee for his dedicated and hard work."

Pofit on Monday named 24-

department who oversaw recrea- parks will be reviewed, as well as tional programs at the town's Feura Bush and Swift Road parks this past summer, as a full-time site supervisor for the parks, pending the board's approval.

Hazen will oversee day-to-day istrative oversight will be assigned to town Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan, who will supervise planning and budgetary administration.

"We almost consider our parks department like a public works enterprise," Pofit said, "so we'll fold it under the administrative oversight of Darrell Duncan. That was very attractive to the board.'

Hazen will undergo training for park management, and "we expect that his role will evolve as the parks program grows," Pofit said

The reorganization comes as a newly created recreation committee, headed by Bill Sorel, prepares in early January to begin work on a five-year plan for the parks and recreation department.

"I think the first six months of next year will be time well spent in getting that together," she said. Build-out plans at the existing scheme," she said.

an assessment of needs and possible future land acquisitions for additional park facilities, and consultations with the various school districts that serve the town and with the town of Bethlehem, which contracts to provide summer programs for Clarksville, about collaborative opportunities.

She plans to meet with school district officials to discuss community access to the soon-tobe-constructed pool and gymnasium facilities approved last spring by district voters, "to see that we don't duplicate resources."

She also hoped to look.into town use of facilities such as Albany County-owned Lawson Lake and the Bennett Hill properties owned by the Albany County Land Conservancy.

"A special priority of mine is to make sure the southern part of our town feels the recreational resources are equitably available to them," Pofit said.

As for an oft-touted new town community center, "We will do a thoughtful and deliberate look at where that falls into the overall

Superintendent Alan McCartney said. "With the building project about to start, and the focus on higher educational standards, Jim is a good man to have back. He was around for the beginning of the building project and our middle level work, and doesn't need to be brought up to speed on anything.'

Board president John Cole said every board member had approached him and suggested that Coffin return. Cole agreed that it would make more sense to appoint Coffin rather than go through the election process.

"Jim is experienced, and has been involved in everything we're doing," Cole said. "This gives us a leg up for the wintertime, which is our busy season."

Coffin, who was a board member for 10 years, is pleased to be back.

This was always interesting to me," Coffin said. "I've been involved in education for more than 30 years, and I like being involved in the community.'

Shortly before the 1999 budget and board election, Coffin retired Education, where he had worked process.

in educational finances and services.

V'ville names Coffin

to fill vacant seat

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

At a special meeting last week,

the Voorheesville school board

unanimously appointed former

member C. James Coffin to fill an

in May 1999, beating Coffin by

Coffin rather than hold a special

had to give 45-days notice of an

would have had to present

hold an election properly,"

"There wasn't really time to

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The board chose to appoint

open seat on the board.

nine votes.

petitions.

Since Cole asked him to return to the board, however, he has been busy reacquainting himself with current issues.

"I was on the initial building Holly Desmond Debes left the project committee, looking at the board for personal reasons in existing facilities and their November. She had won her seat shortcomings," Coffin said. "I feel I'm going back to where the seed was set in the ground. That to me is exciting."

Coffin's appointment is good election. The district would have until the next regular budget vote and board election, scheduled for upcoming election and candidates May 15. At that point, Coffin can run again for the rest of Debes' unfinished term, which would be another three years, something he said he intends to do.

> "I'm committed to the balance of the term," Coffin said.

"We're all glad he agreed to come back," Cole said.

Also at the meeting, the board reviewed

plans for the building project, which is cur-rently \$190,000 over the amount voters approved. Cole said the board will spend a lot of time bringing that amount back down

John Cole

"It has to be on budget, and it will be," Cole said. "When you do a building project, you know the square footages and the usages for the building. Then there are details like flooring that come up, and whether you use tile or terrazzo in the hallways. For a lot of that, we depend on the superintendent and business superintendent, who build in contingencies.'

"We're setting a special meeting to prioritize," McCartney said. "Then we will send the project to state Ed for final approval, and hope to go out to bid in February. We want to break ground in April or May."

McCartney said the district is also looking at the project's phasing. "We have to be very careful in protecting the educational environment,' McCartney said. "We have to keep the kids out of harm's way, from the state Department of and not disrupt the educational

Building backlog to delay RCS construction

maller projects throughout the isn't anyone's fault. It stems from district. state program that promised Phase 1 of the project is the thousands in extra funding for addition of four new classrooms construction projects approved and a band and chorus room at before the end of last year.

The district's immediate the unexpected popularity of a problem is where to put rising fifth-graders. There is room for them at the middle school, but Lewis said the district would first look for ways to move them to the elementary schools.

year-old Clarksville resident Darrell Hazen, previously a parttime employee of the parks



By ETHAN SCHOOLMAN

Due to a backlog of construction requests in Albany, additions to Ravena-Selkirk-Coeymans elementary schools will probably not be ready for next fall, Business Administrator Rodger Lewis told the school important, because administraboard at its most recent meeting.

approved several construction school, to the elementary projects to be completed over the schools. next few years.

The plans included new science rooms, a swimming pool, time, and the district will have to media center and wrestling room consider other options. According at the high school, and numerous to Lewis, the construction delay

A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans schools.

The new classrooms are tors had hoped to return fifth-Last year, voters in the district graders, now at the middle

> Lewis said it now looks like the new classrooms won't be ready in

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So many districts rushed to take advantage of the funding that the Department of Education was swamped, Lewis said.

The approval process was supposed to take less than a month, but Lewis said it's been nine weeks since the district submitted its request.

"We're not in a unique situation," said RCS school board president Jerry DeLuca. "This is a common problem around the state."

DeLuca said it's time for RCS administrators to start looking at contingency plans.

The school board discussed the possibility of using modular classrooms, but Lewis said they were "not a good idea."

"Once (modular classrooms) are in place, they tend to stay."

The best case scenario, he said, would be for the state to approve construction in the next few weeks.

The district would be able to make extra room for the fifthgraders at the elementary schools, and the new classrooms would be finished by the time the cold weather set in.

Christmas great expectations trigger memories

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

My children have too much stuff, I think as I survey their bedroom and the TV room, neither of which ever got that back-to-school cleanup, either this year or last.

All those windows of opportunity — winter and spring breaks, summer vacation, September back-to-school slipped by, and as always, the last thing I wanted to do was wade through parts and pieces of toys and games only to have them scattered again.

Now, December has rolled around once more, and I hear myself wishing even more chaos upon the house.

"Maybe this would be a good weekend to write your letters to Santa," I suggest to my children, floating more than one balloon.

Christopher gave up on Santa two years ago, but happy to be in on the secret, plays along for his brother's sake. I am listening closely to the language thirdgrader Cormac uses. So far, no

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indication of doubt beyond the usual puzzlement about just where all those mall Santas come from anyway.

"Haven't you seen their badges?" asks Christopher, who's become quite a storyteller. 'Member of the Elf Federation of America. Santa lets some of the elves come talk to the kids before Christmas.'

Cormac considered, but didn't question this statement. True to his Irish name, he's willing to believe in magic. No pointing out that elves are short, or that they should be in the workshop making toys; no asking to inspect one of the badges.

Every family should have a child like Cormac, who's willing to believe in alternate realities

Mom and Dad really, really, still want one child who believes in Santa Claus.

Things are changing, though. This is the first December that the children have not presented us with catalogues in which each item is circled, or with lengthy pencil-scrawled lists of this year's coveted items. Are they finally seeing the true meaning of Christmas? Or are we giving them too much allowance, and they already have everything they want?

They have asked for a couple of things — high-priced items that foreshadow those teen years of wanting things that could require a second mortgage. The boys know the price of things, though, and have been magnanimous in their willingness to forego other gifts, if only they can have a laptop (Cormac) and a big-screen TV with a DVD player (Christopher).

These have drawn the sort of flat-out "no" that my friend Apple once gave her 3-year-old daughter about the battery-powered Barbie car.

The world moves too fast. I hope to be able to give each boy some sort of computer when they leave for college, and a TV set when they move into apartments of their own — if I ever write that best-selling novel. This Christ-

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or is smart enough to know that aisle, misty over the Fisher Price an elegant mansion. farm, the Discovery Cottage, and all of the new Thomas the Tank Engine toys.

> Those were great Christmases, when our tousle-haired toddlers padded into the living room in feety pajamas and each present was a marvel that had to be played with immediately.

> In those years, to the incredulity of whatever grandparents were staying with us, we'd leave presents unopened while we ate a leisurely breakfast, Chris and I would read The New York Times, and our tiny guys wouldn't open their last presents till early afternoon. It was lovely to be able to look at our little family enjoying a quiet day together.

> I have often wished to be a time traveler, to return to the times and people I've loved the most. At the top of my Christmas wish list would be the ability go back again, just for a moment, and watch our 1- and 3-year-old little boys savoring the new things that fit neatly in the one toy bin in their shared bedroom in our New York City apartment.

> I would also go back to visit my own childhood, to put on again the new pajamas Santa always left for us to wear on Christmas Eve. Grandma and Grandpa were always there, imposing their stoic calm on a wayward family.

> We five children would gaze enraptured at the electric bulb lighting the cardboard fireplace that we imagined transformed the first floor of our New England triple-decker into

We'd lie under the Christmas tree, crossing our eyes so the big blue, orange, red and green bulbs blurred into streaks of color. The WPIX Yule log taught us about stop-action photography, and never burned to ash.

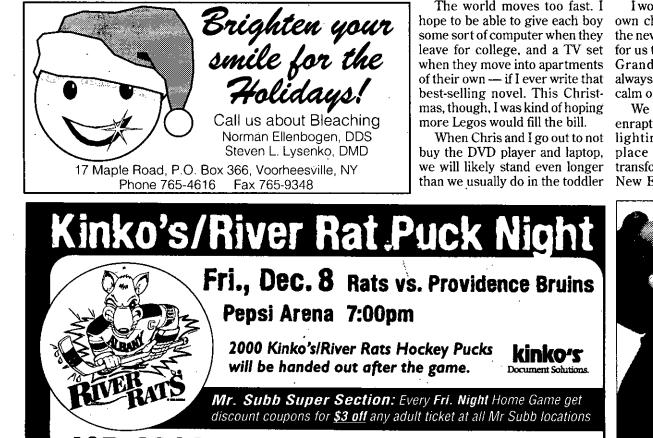
There was an in-between Christmas, before my children were born, and many of my siblings were scattered to points far and wide. Aunt Mary, my grandmother's older sister who was mentally retarded, was our child then, always believing in Santa Claus and delighting in any present she received.

My heavy metal brother' Patrick let her wear his leather jacket, aviator sunglasses, and dangled an unlit cigarette from her lips. She laughed in glee to be the center of the Christmas merriment, and more than ever before, we saw the gift her innocence always gave us.

We don't know where future Christmas seasons will find us, who will be with us, or even what the memories of this Christmas will be. We do know that for the briefest of moments, we will all be together.

The hope that we are creating special memories sustains us through hanging lights on the house, long lines in stores and the search for cookie cutters tucked safely away after last Christmas.

Those details matter because you never know which small moment might catch someone's attention, making this that special Christmas to remember.



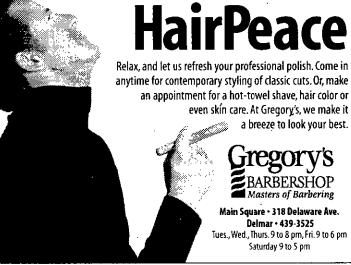
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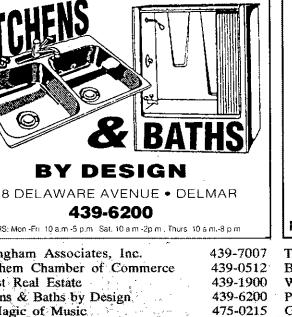
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STARS ask board for funding

By ETHAN SCHOOLMAN

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk intergenerational mentoring program known as STARS (Seniors Teaching and Reaching Students) has, in three short years, received accolades from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Gov. George Pataki, among others - and all on a shoestring budget.

At the Nov. 20 RCS school board meeting, STARS program director Judy Glassanos said she needs the board's help to keep going.

The program, which Glassanos, a former nurse, started after reading about similar ones in Pennsyvania, seeks to unite atneed youth with trained, caring senior citizens — a partnership that benefits both age groups.

The benefits, Glassanos said, are many. Students get a caring, dedicated, and experienced mentor and tutor. Because they work at the school and have lunch in the cafeteria, the seniors become part of a larger community.

The senior STARS, whom the program compensates with a \$5 per hour wage, also read novels on tape for learning disabled students, lead field trips and write stories about their lives which they share with students.

The end result, Glassanos said, is a program with the potential to reverse "a societal trend that has produced age-segregated communities," and create the kind of intergenerational relationship that used to be the norm in extended families.

How successful has the STARS program been? In three years, it has been nominated for two United Nations awards and received letters of praise from Clinton, Pataki, Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and Assembly Minority Leader John Faso.

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more than what second-grader Hannah Goarard wrote in a thankyou note to her class's STAR at the end of the year.

"You help us every day you come in," Goarard said. "Since you started I have been very happy ... when school is out I'm

going to miss you very much."

Her classmate, Jason Gallag-

her, wrote, "You made sure we

didn't get in trouble ... and made

us feel better when we were sad."

program has relied on member

item funding from state legis-

lators and individual donations.

Since its inception, the STARS

The program has been

supported by both Faso of

I'd like to put a STARS mentor in

like to expand across the state.

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But perhaps no accolade says Kinderhook, a Republican, and state Sen. Neil Breslin of Delmar, a Democrat.

> But funding is becoming harder to find, and Glassanos told the board that STARS may not last past December without the district's financial support.

public. School board vice from the Bethlehem area, the president Sarah Hafensteiner urged the board to consider Glassanos request. "Ravena Dec. 15.

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

music on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30

p.m., at Delmar Reformed

Church, 386 Delaware Ave. The

program is free and open to 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

A group of 20 women, mostly

Friendship Singers offer holiday musical concert The Friendship Singers will that is upbeat and inspirational. present a program of holiday

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

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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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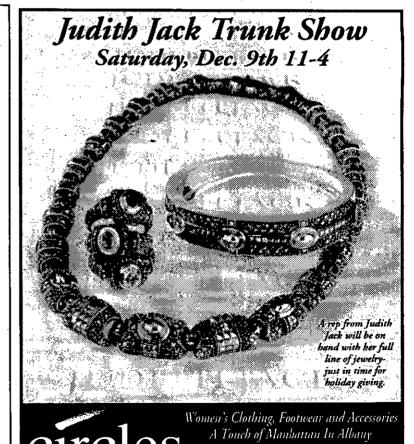
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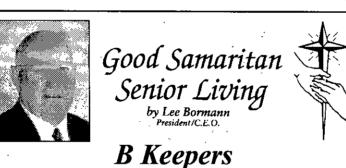
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Step up to the plate

No matter where you stand on the Jesse Braverman case, there is no doubt he is a dedicated, inspiring, sincere coach, and one who is passionately involved in the game of baseball.

Though he lost his court battle against a Suburban Council guideline for-

bidding varsity coaches to also coach Mickey Mantle ball in the summer, he has not lost the support or admiration

Editorials

of countless former team members, who flourished under his guidance.

Braverman, like most coaches, has had his share of critics over his long career, but that in no way diminishes his overall stature in the community.

It's unfortunate the school board and Braverman could not reach a compromise on the council guideline. With a stalemate, everyone stands to lose — Braverman because he will be forced to give up either the varsity or the Mickey Mantle team — or the board who will likely be forced to endure more rancor from the community.

We agree with Pete Myer, in his letter to the editor last week, that now is the time to step back and reopen discussion.

We would hope the board and Braverman could step up to the plate and get on with the game.

Neighbor to neighbor

Like Santa Claus, another spirit of giving only comes around once a year. And like Santa, this spirit, otherwise known as Bethlehem Festival Fund, is deserving of everyone's attention during the holiday season.

The fund is an organization that cuts through red tape and gets to the heart of the matter — local people in need. There's no fanfare or complicated paperwork, the fund is used to directly help people

Maybe it's a senior citizen having a hard time meeting heating bills, or a single parent whose child needs eyeglasses, a coat or a pair of shoes, but it could be any town resident who has fallen on temporary hard times. This is a local neighbor-to-neighbor effort that fills a real need in our community.

Cases are handled discreetly — mostly through the schools. Most people tend to view the town of Bethlehem as an affluent suburban community, but there are many residents who occasionally need a helping hand. That's why the fund exists. Its organizers only fund-raise once a year.

Take a look at this week's Page 1 story about the fund and think about supporting it. It's worth it. Your gift will probably be one of the best choices you make for Christmas or Hanukkah.



Block scheduling deserves look-see

By J. BRIGGS McANDREWS

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The writer is superintendent of the Niskayuna school district.

We never seem to have enough time! Our days are so busy, we feel stressed and try to be more efficient — we turn to our daily planners and Palm Pilots to keep it all straight.

Even then, we're always looking for "quality time" — you know, that block of time when we can complete a project, have a full dinner and conversation with our family, read a book or see a show, or just visit with friends without the press of another appointment to keep or meeting to attend. We seem to be prisoners of time.

And so it is with schools, especially high schools, where the course content expands, the standards increase, assessment is high stakes, and the application of knowledge is a major goal.

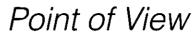
As high schools seek ways to improve instruction and student learning, many are exploring alternatives to the traditional schedule. There is a move toward block scheduling, an alternative that provides a less frenetic pace to the school day and changes instruction from a "How can I cover all this content?" approach, to a model that emphasizes prioritizing content and covering those content areas in depth.

Two years ago Niskayuna High School, after much study, debate and school visitations, decided to move from its nine period, 40-minute-per-period schedule to a block schedule of four, 80-minute blocks, plus a 40minute learning lab each day.

In essence, students previously had seven to nine courses per day, traveling between classes eight times each day, and had homework in all subjects each night.

Teachers previously taught five classes and usually met, between 100 to 125 students each day, and each night planned for those five classes and corrected papers for those 100 plus students.

Now students take three or four classes per day, have a period each day when they can meet with



their teachers, and can concentrate on three or four homework assignments per night.

The same is true for teachers — while spending equal amounts of time in their daily teaching schedule, they see a smaller number of students for longer periods of time and can really focus nightly on preparing for two or three classes per, day and dealing in depth with the work submitted by students.

Niskayuna High School had been quite successful using a traditional schedule so why did it move to the the block? Influenced by reports from the Carnegie Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, a number of staff felt the recommendations in those reports would better serve our students and teachers.

We wanted opportunities to develop student team projects, to move from the "teacher as presenter" style required in shorter periods to more student involvement in discussions and problem-solving, and to provide class time to allow more individual attention to each student. We wanted the improved climate that a less frenetic pace can bring, and we wanted to reduce the stress that students can feel in a highly academic high school where they have daily contact with many teachers and nightly preparation for many classes.

And most of all, we wanted engaged students — students making personal connections with their subject matter and their teacher, and students who have the time to recognize quality work and to develop a pride in performance that is rooted in careful, thoughtful work. It takes time to do that.

Moving to a block schedule is not an easy task. For Niskayuna, it required 1,400 students to get used to a different way of learning — to participate more in class, to work together in teams, to be more focused and reflective in classroom discussions, and even to redefine their in-school social life. They spend more time in class and less in hallways, so you can only meet your friends at lunch and in five, instead of eight,

We've found that to be the case, but we are also finding both students and staff interested in identifying and making the adjustments that will improve the schedule.

A school moving to the block needs to be ready to evaluate its impact, while recognizing that it takes three to five years to do an effective evaluation.

Now that we've finished the first marking period — how are we doing with the block in Niskayuna? Our student newspaper, the Warrior, did a survey recently in which 56 percent of the students who responded said that the block schedule was an improvement, 35 percent didn't think so, while 9 percent are still undecided.

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They identified some difficulties getting adjusted to the 80minute period; they would like longer lunch periods and an easier pass system to move throughout the building, and they would like to see homeroom reinstated.

I recently spent an entire day following a student's schedule and talking with students in classes, hallways and lunch lines. Most indicated that they were adjusting well, and concerns they had about the change were really unfounded now that they were experiencing the change.

My lunch experience was very enjoyable — excellent food, good conversation with students, and enough time to finish — I am a fast eater.

I found the classes to be very much what the block schedule was intended to produce. They involved multiple activities in the 80-minute block. Students were actively engaged and there was enough time to read and discuss a substantial portion of a play, to fully complete and discuss a science demonstration, to completely review a mathematical concept and practice it, and time enough for a social studies group to practice document-based questions and discuss the Articles of Confederation.

As one teacher has reported, "The students are more focused, settled and really get into the work, whether it be a seminar discussion, a group activity, or a direct-teaching segment. The opportunity to spend some time, to delve into the topic, is reassuring and motivating."

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class changes.

For 100 teachers, it means revising curriculum to define the most important material, it means developing multiple activities for a longer class period, and it means using the time for more individual help and personal interaction.

For the district, it means committing to additional start-up curriculum work and staff development, and to some added staff and other supports that will insure the faculty can succeed in the endeavor.

It also means being ready to take the risk of change. It means you'll probably have to make some revisions in schedules or ideas that you thought would work, but need to be tinkered with or changed.

In any high school (or any elementary or middle school), there will always be a range of student abilities, learning styles, curriculum priorities and teaching techniques. Moving to the block schedule takes commitment and adjustment.

Talking with teachers who have fully experienced a block schedule invariably finds them saying it's harder and more tiring, but they are energized because they think they're more effective in working with kids.

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That's what school's all about — the most effective learning and personal adult-to-kid connections that are possible. It's why Niskayuna went to the block schedule; we're committed to making it happen.

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Jour Opinion Matters

Community should support library renovation proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

Having lived in Delmar since 1994, I am aware that one of the strongest drawing cards of this community is its commitment to education. This is seen not only in the schools, but also in the outstanding library, which has been here for nearly 30 years. The library was built when the community was 20 percent built with 1970 dollars.

The average home value in Bethlehem (per the town assessor) is now \$138,621. Statistics show the average home value in 1970 was about \$23,600. Comparing these figures, it would

equal to \$5.87 in today's money. With that figure in mind, we can see that the then-residents of Bethlehem committed themselves to \$8.8 million in today's dollars, and that did not even include such things as computers, video cassettes and Internet access.

With a 1970 population of smaller than it is now. It was also 23,427, that meant a commitment of \$375 dollars per person in today's money. With a population

indicate that each 1970 dollar is this year of nearly 29,000, we are or upgrading of those facilities, we commitment of \$293 per person in today's money.

> This proposed construction will provide a basically new building, since it must be refitted to meet current needs.

It seems as though there is a ready willingness to accept what has been provided by citizens in the past. However, when we are asked to support the maintenance being proposed.

being asked to make a really don't want to have to pay.

week, felt that we are overbuilding with too much extra shelf space. The same criticism was made in Shenendehowa when a library addition was built in 1990. Guess what? By 1994, the shelves were already full and a proposed expansion vote failed.

Now an entirely new library is

The Bethlehem citizens advisory committee has been David Moore, in a letter last meeting for more than a year and a half. Where were all the people who have alternative plans during that time?

> Come on folks, let's assume the kind of responsibility that the residents of this town did 30 years ago and pay for a facility that will serve us for another 30 years.

> > Robert vanCourt Delmar

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Matters of Opinion Library building plan merits voters' approval Dec. 19

Editor, The Spotlight:

We Bethlehem residents enjoy an eclectic array of excellent public services which contribute to the renovation plan, the to a fine quality of life and the maintenance of property values because people continue to be attracted to living here.

Our fine schools, town park and public library are made possible by broad public support, though perhaps few of us frequently make use of all these facilities. In a vote on Dec. 19 at the library, we are being asked to approve an upgrading of the library, which is now 30 years old.

As occasional users of the library, we have always received courteous and competent service from its dedicated professional staff. The facility generally bustles with activity serving a cross section of the community, ranging students to senior citizens.

While there is some opposition opposition itself supports the need for renovation, which it concedes is "long overdue." It takes exception only to the scope and cost of the proposal and incidentally to the disruption created by construction, which means temporary relocation of the library.

Building projects invariable are susceptible to alternate approaches and choices involve tradeoffs. Piecemeal renovations may reduce immediate expenditures, but they are likely to prolong disruption. If the same end is ultimately reached, it is likely to involve demolishing littleused installed components, which representatives. were only temporarily required.

from young children to school One may have borrowed less library than the one which now million. However, the statement imprudent.

> The library board has proceeded in a responsible manner. It has engaged the services of professionals who, by training and experience, are competent to design a library which meets modern standards of efficiency. The facility will be capable of incorporating new and rapidly-evolving technology. The board has also relied on the input of community residents with whom the professionals consulted. We, in our judgment, will be best advised to rely upon the studied plans developed by these professionals and community

Very likely, a less complete

build temporary elements, that is for less money at the outset, but wasteful and economically it would not have served our needs for 30 years. If we had been compelled to renovate and modify several times over the life of the current facility, it seems clear that we would have endured much inconvenience and our aggregate costs would have been greater.

In retrospect, our community has benefited because the earlier board of trustees acted with foresight and we believe the current board would be supported in its effort to do likewise now.

Since the opposition to the proposal is rooted fundamentally in cost considerations, it is appropriate to reflect on this. It is true as charged that the repayment of an \$8.5 million bond issue will entail bond repayments totaling far more than \$8.5

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money, but if it must be used to serves us could have been built relies upon a proverbial apples and oranges comparison because it ignores the time value of money.

A repayment of \$1,000 10 years from now as a presumed 6 percent yearly interest rate, is the equivalent of only about \$558 at the present time. The total of payments depends upon the interest rate and the length of the repayment period and an infinite number of equally correct figures can be derived.

If one chose to repay the \$8.5 million over five years, again at 6 percent yearly, the payments would total about \$10.1 million. With a 10-year repayment period, the payments would total about \$11.8 million and with a 20-year repayment period, they would total about \$14.8 million, still a bit shy of the claimed \$15.4 million.

What should be most significant to the taxpayer is the annual household tax burden. This amount is a relatively modest \$60 per average household.

However, that is a local tax payment which becomes a deductible expense from both state and federal income taxes. Thus the cost to the taxpaver will be further reduced with the amount depending upon the 🗦 taxpayer's budget.

We are persuaded that our community interests will be best served by our voting yes on Dec. 19, and we urge others to do likewise.

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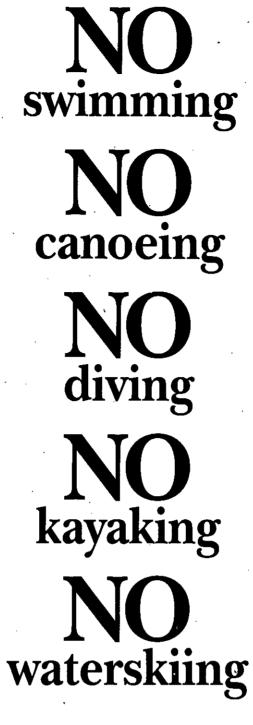
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Editor, The Spotlight:

I was getting ready to respond to John Cody's letter in last week's Spotlight when I thought --- Wait a minute, it's not my future being decided on Dec. 19, it's the Bethlehem library's. So, let's talk about the library. Personal attacks library. won't get us anywhere.

library's first floor. Perhaps he know the library occupies 22.371 should take another look at his square feet, this works out to own building plan, which includes more than \$201 per square yard. 2,675 square feet of first floor Wow, that must be some nice expansion on two different sides carpet. And Mr. Cody wonders

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of the building.

In fact, using those same property setbacks, there is room to more than double that expansion — all of which could be done at reasonable expense, without closing or moving the the 1972 Bethlehem library meets

Cody claimed that replacing ADA. In his letter, Cody explains that the library's carpet "would cost there is no room to expand the more than \$500,000." Since we

Cody also claims the library must undertake massive changes to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Not true. We are fortunate in that the design of most of the requirements of the

Only minor changes are necessary and would be undertaken as part of any renovation plan. ADA compliance measures total only 4 percent of the library's expansion plan budget. Most of these changes should have been done years ago not because the law required it, but because it's the right thing to do.

Did you know our neighbors in East Greenbush are building a new library? Groundbreaking took place in June, and the new building is expected to open in February. They bought land, built

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why people question this project. access roads, a parking lot, landscaping, and new 22,000 square foot building completely furnished with three meeting rooms, a literacy lab and a new fully equipped computer lab all for \$4.5 million.

> So, if they can build a new library from scratch in eight months, why does Bethlehem need two years and \$8.5 million to add a second floor? Even that \$8.5 million price is not guaranteed. At the last public forum, the trustees admitted there is no performance bond, no guaranteed completion date or price. They maintain this is normal procedure for government contracts. So if there are delays or cost overruns, nothing can be done. Just trust them.

To that \$8.5 million projected cost, you can add almost \$7 million in bond interest payments, making this in reality a \$15.4 million project.

While doing research on this library project, I spoke to librarians all over the Capital District. I didn't find a single one who thought it was a good idea. Generally, they felt it was a misdirection of the library's resources, emphasizing the library's building over its services. Technology is changing how we use libraries, and it's not going to go away. The trustees' plan is preparing the library for a future that no longer exists.

We can do better than this. We can develop a sane and responsible library expansion and modernization plan. But that won't happen unless this grotesque boondoggle is voted down on Dec. 19. If you care about the library, vote no.

Voters should have facts

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is my fervent wish that all eligible residents vote on the library bond referendum come Dec. 19, and that they base their decision on the facts.

I'll not get into the facts as they have been presented in writing and in the open forums. I will say, however, that there are a few items that need to be straightened out.

Bethlehem: Save Our Library is an ad hoc group that while unfunded has probably given more facts to the community than on any other issue that I can recall. To call this group and those who support it naysayers couldn't be further from the truth. I'm not so sure I understand what a naysayer is. Is it someone who opposes your point of view? If so, there have been a lot of naysayers in our history, including a bunch of ragtag colonists. King George must have dubbed them naysayers.

The group has no public funds to work with; it's all out of pocket expenses. No charts, no printed literature and pamphlets, just some homemade leaflets. The charts occupy a very prominent position in the foyer, but an attempt to pass out the committee's leaflets outside the library doors was met with "It's against library policy.

Please make yourself a wellinformed citizen and get out to vote on Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the library.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Jour Opinion Matters Former player goes to bat for BCHS, Mantle coach

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was fortunate to be home when the letter from Rose and Jim Sherin was printed in The Spotlight. I thank them for having this printed the week of Thanksgiving break. I'm thankful, because it gives me the opportunity to tell the real story about Jesse Braverman.

I played with Mr. and Mrs. Sherin's son, and I consider him to be a friend of mine so I hope he takes no offense at my letter. However, my blood boiled when I read their letter, which happened to contain many inaccuracies.

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I played on three different varsity teams during my high school years: baseball, basketball and football. I co-captained all three. I've also played two varsity sports at the college I'm currently attending, RPI. So, I'd say I have a bit of experience when it comes to the subject.

Mickey Mantle and varsity baseball are not Little League or Babe Ruth. Little League and Babe Ruth are open to anyone. If you show up, you play. That's the way it should be.

Mickey Mantle and varsity

these teams make them because of their abilities on the field. Mickey Mantle is the best league in the area for any player age 16 and under. Because of this, the team generally attracts the best players in the area. It's not very often that a 14-year-old makes the Mickey Mantle team.

The competition in Bethlehem is just too good. If you do make the Mickey Mantle team though. vou're not guaranteed a spot on the varsity baseball team. Neither team has a bearing on the other. Players improve and taper off all the time. It's just a misconception for anyone to think otherwise.

No player tries out for a team and puts all the time and energy practicing the game to lose. You play on these teams to win. It's not that Coach Braverman believes winning is the only thing. Coach Braverman knows that he'd be letting his players down and not fully carrying out his duty as a coach if he didn't try to win. No matter if your playing time is significant or not, every player on success. Whether the Sherin's

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baseball, however, are both select son feels he played an important community. I first met coach what the record is for non-league teams. The people that make role in Coach Braverman's first Sectional championship my senior year or not, the fact of the matter is that he did. A player who truly wants to play more will only make a team better by creating competition for positions. This competition raises each team member's level of play. Our team was successful in 1999 because every single player joined together to accomplish a single goal.

> Mr. and Mrs. Sherin apparently don't know Coach Braverman too well, because if they did, they'd know that he has never recruited players to play Mickey Mantle. The only reason a non-Bethlehem player tries out for coach Braverman is due solely to his reputation as a successful coach. Also they have no clue what went on during practice because they weren't on the team. However, I was. An individual's playing time is won by the way he conducts himself during practice and by the way he produces in games.

> No one has really talked about

when I was 10 years old. My friend told me about this man who would show up at Bethlehem middle school baseball field every day during the summer, on his own time, and pitch to anyone who wanted to come out and play. A range of ages would show up, and sometimes 40 kids would be there. Every kid who showed up only got better because of it. Many parents are happy to hear their child tell them they want to go play "Jesse Ball." It keeps the child out of trouble and in a place the parent knows they'll stay for two or three hours. No one mentions the countless hours coach Braverman puts into tutoring students in need of academic help. He is a man who devotes 100 percent of his energy to everything he does, and this is reflected in his success on the baseball field.

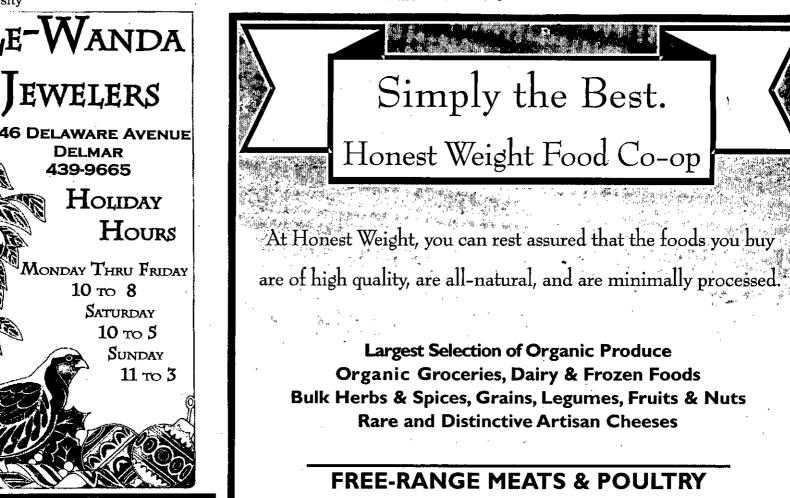
In the varsity baseball schedule, there are many nonleague games, mainly for players who have not had the chance to play as much as others. Just because you make the team a baseball team impacts its the countless things Coach doesn't mean you are going to Braverman has done for the play every game. I don't know

games, but I can tell you that for the three seasons of varsity baseball I played, we lost more than we won. Clearly winning is not the only thing Coach Braverman cares about.

I know there are players who dislike Coach Braverman because they didn't play as much as they would have liked. This is going to happen on any varsity level team. But I think anyone who has the opportunity to play on one of Coach Braverman's teams will be a better person in the game of life because they played for him.

Mr. Braverman has been through enough and doesn't deserve to be personally attacked. He doesn't need people to start making uninformed accusations about why he coaches baseball. He does it simply because he loves the game and he loves children. Anyone who truly knows the man knows how much this situation has hurt him. I just wish for him that it would end soon.

> Patrick Hughes BCHS class of '99





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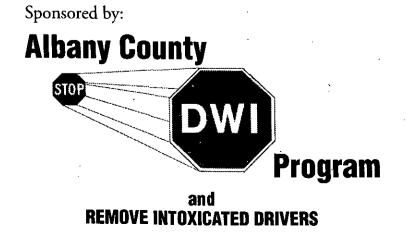
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Parent supports BC board position

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bravo to Rose and Jim Sherin, who were willing to go on record to explain that there is another side to the Jesse Braverman story. There are other parents, myself included, who also strongly believe that Coach Braverman should not be allowed to coach both the Mickey Mantle and the Bethlehem varsity baseball team and who strongly support the school board in its actions.

My objection is that only one man, Coach Braverman, has the ability to decide whether or not your son can play on either of the two most competitive baseball teams in this town. If your son is deemed by Coach Braverman to not be talented enough to play Mickey Mantle, he has little or no chance of making the varsity baseball team.

The kids recognize this. Many of them, when turned down for Mickey Mantle, simply drop out of baseball, knowing that they will not get a fresh look from a different coach when trying out for the school team.

If I read the facts correctly, Coach Braverman was aware that there was a Suburban Council requirement that no coach could coach both a varsity team and another team (like the Mickey Mantle team) on which more than 50 percent of the players were from the same school district.

Coach Braverman was aware of and understood the ultimatum

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school board not to coach Mickey Mantle last summer or it would jeopardize his appointment as varsity baseball coach. He understood the rules, but believed they were foolish, and he also believed other coaches violated the Suburban Council requirement.

Coach Braverman seems to be saying that since he did not believe the rule was a smart one, and since others violated it, he should not be held liable for his actions, if he too violated it. What kind of role model is this for Mr. Braverman's students? If you believe a rule is stupid and others violate it, you should not be held accountable if you too violate the rule? It seems to me that many young people could use that same argument to justify cheating or under-age drinking.

In the Nov. 15 issue of The Spotlight, it is quoted that "Braverman maintains that the Mickey Mantle program would cease to exist if he did not continue to coach it. I respectfully disagree. Each year there are dozens of men and women in this town who donate thousands of hours of their time to Tri-Village Little League, Bethlehem Babe Ruth, Connie Mack and many other youth sports teams. None of these individuals is paid for their work, yet they contribute many hours to running these programs and managing teams. For Coach Braverman to

given him by the Bethlehem assume that no one else would or could coordinate and manage the Mickey Mantle team except him is ridiculous. And, it is a slap in the face to the many dedicated individuals in this town who are already running very successful youth sports leagues.

Coach Braverman seems to be threatening the school board by saying that, "It would not be difficult to put a voting bloc together of about a thousand people that would see the issue the way I do." You need to know that there are many others who also vote, who would support the school board in the actions they are taking and will be taking with regard to this issue.

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Judy Odell Delmar

Coach's critics should look at other side of their story

Editor, The Spotlight:

As I read Mr. and Mrs. Sherin's letter last week about Jesse another baseball game, he would Braverman, I was hoping that the Sherins could also see the other side of their own story.

Their son was blessed with the ability to play baseball so well that at age 14, he tried out for a team (Mickey Mantle) that is traditionally for 16-year-olds.

With hard work, perseverance and help from his parents, he stuck with it and made the team he wanted to be on, a team that is recognized in the baseball community for excellence.

This is impressive considering only 15 or 16 kids from a large pool make the team. I wonder though, if this process was "often painful" and "very frustrating," why the Sherins let it continue for vears?

I know Mr. Braverman, and I know he is not just focused on winning. The Sherins' characterization is an easy way out and downright sour grapes. Mr. Braverman is and always has been interested in giving kids the opportunity to play sports, usually at any time, anywhere and at any cost.

The rest, however, is on the athletes. They must use their gifted ability, guidance and courage to achieve their goals -

just like in real life after sports.

If Mr. Braverman didn't win still focus on teaching and providing a kid the opportunity to play sports. After all, winning is the product of the athletes' hard work and no one else's.

As a kid, I was a very good baseball player, but as time took its toll on my body, I became a bench player looking for any time not "garbage time."

I look back fondly today, and would give anything to go back and sit on the bench with my childhood friends under the watchful eye of my coach, who I realize was giving up time with his family to give me the opportunity to play the greatest game.

Mr. Braverman is not a saint, nor does he want to be called one, but he is dedicated to his community. I respect that. I guarantee that every "Sherin" Mr. Braverman has ever coached he remembers well, and wishes nothing but a sunny day and 5 for

If has always been difficult to be a coach in any sport, because we have to use our best judgment in deciding who makes the team and who doesn't.

> Robert Wise Delmar

Your Hudson River

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls--a class of chemicals used in manufacturing) have polluted the Hudson River environment since the late 1940s. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are assessing PCB impacts on the Hudson's natural resources. This process is called a "Natural Resource Damage Assessment."

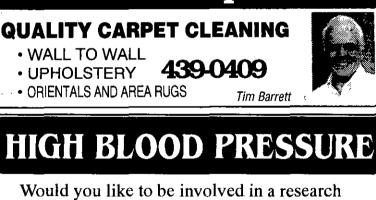
PCBs in the Hudson

From the late 1940s to the early 1950s two General Electric facilities located in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls, New York, released between 209,000 and 1.3 million pounds of PCBs into the Hudson River. GE stopped using PCBs in the mid-1970s. Unfortunately, high levels of PCBs remain in river sediments and PCBs are still seeping from the bedrock beneath the GE Hudson Falls facility into the river. 'Fish, birds, and mammals living in or near the Hudson River continue to be exposed to PCBs. PCBs are a major concern because they last in the environment for many decades, and they "bioaccumulate" or concentrate in living creatures resulting in potential health hazards to fish, birds, mammals, and wildlife habitat.

Monitoring studies done by NYSDEC estimate that PCBs, if left in the river, will continue to contaminate fish for many years into the future. PCBs also affect the public's use and enjoyment of the River. From 1976 to 1995, all fishing was banned in the Hudson for 40 miles between Hudson Falls and the Troy dam; this area is now catch and release only. Also, the New York State Department of Health continues to advise women and children not to eat fish from the river, and commercial fishing in the Hudson remains banned today.

What is a Natural **Resource Damage** Assessment?

It is an investigation performed by federal, state, and tribal governments whose goal is to identify and measure injuries to natural resources and restore these injured resources. For the Hudson, NOAA, NYSDEC, and USFWS are natural resource "trustees" responsible for acting on the public's behalf to restore natural resources injured by PCBs.



study involving new medication?

First Care in Delmar is looking for people to participate in a six-month study designed to treat high blood pressure using a new blood pressure lowering medication.

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Interested persons should contact:



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The Hudson River Trustees need your help. If you want more information about the Hudson damage assessment or have restoration ideas, please visit one of the web sites listed below.



www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/habitat/nrd/index.htm www.darp.noaa.gov/neregion/hudsonr.htm or contact Lisa Pelstring at NOAA (301-713-3038 x195; email: Lisa.Pelstring@noaa.gov) Larry Gumaer at NYSDEC (518-457-7765; email: lwgumaer@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

nar man named to head SPARC

senior administrator of comprehensive chemical dependence Rochester area. treatment programs, has been named executive director of St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC).

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Chemical Dependency in the

Doherty oversaw an integrated chemical dependency and mental health system that provided inpatient, outpatient and res-Before joining St. Peter's, idential services. That system Doherty spent more than 16 years merged with St. Mary's Hospital

Robert Doherty of Delmar, a building and directing Park Ridge to become the Unity Health System, where Doherty served as vice president of behavioral health. With an annual budget of \$30 million and staff of 470, Unity behavioral health provides services to 16,500 patients per year at 21 sites.

Previously, Doherty served as director of the John L. Norris Clinic in Rochester, clinic director at Lincoln Community Mental Health center in the Bronx, director of the Alcohol Services Division at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital and director of Nu Prospect House at Long Island College Hospital.

Doherty is a graduate of New York University and Columbia University Graduate School of Social Work. He has taught at several colleges and made presentations to numerous professional groups.

As the area's leading provider of chemical dependence treatment, SPARC provides a comprehensive range of programs. They include an 18-bed hospital detoxification facility, a 40-bed inpatient rehabilitation program in Guilderland, a 22-bed men's halfway house, two clinics and day treatment program in Albany, as well as outpatient programs in Latham, Cohoes, Rotterdam and Ballston Spa.



Students in grades one and two at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School will present a concert on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

A.W. Becker Elementary School's grade four choral concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 13, also at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The public is invited to attend both concerts free of charge.

Memorial service set

Thursday, Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor day, will be observed with a service at Ravena Memorial Park beginning at 10 a.m.

Historical society to discuss Waldron House

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

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

The historical society will hold its first Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Quarry Steak House. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

There will be a brief meeting. For information or reservations, call 756-2271.

Sports association to host amateur boxing

RCS Sports Association will sponsor an amateur boxing match

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on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for ringside seats, \$7 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Tree farm open for season

Majestic Tree Farm on Pictuay Road in Selkirk has fresh-baked cookies, mulled cider and wagon rides on weekends.

Come pick out your tree, mailbox huggies and balsam and pine roping. Custom-made wreaths, up to 60 inches, are also available.

For information and directions, contact Brian and Nanette Mayes at 767-2443.

Botanist to lead winter tree program

John Boyd Thacher State Park in New Scotland will offer a program on winter trees with botanist Ed Miller on Saturday, Dec. 9.

For information, call 872-1237.

Alzheimer's meeting

Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has announced a schedule of support group meetings for families, caregivers, and friends of those with the disease.

In Delmar, meetings will be held the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Delmar Presbyterian Church.

New Scotland offers flu shots to seniors

The town of New Scotland will offer flu vaccinations for senior citizens on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at Wyman Osterhout Community Center off Route 85 in New Salem.

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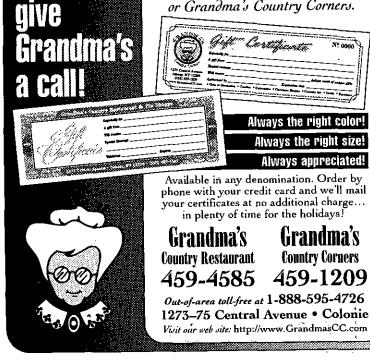
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Voorheesville Neighborhood NEWSNOTES Girl Scout troops will join together to sing Christmas carols on Friday, Dec. 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

The neighborhood includes more than 20 troops of Daisies. Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes, ranging from 5-year-olds to teenagers

Students tuning up for seasonal concert

The fifth- and sixth-grade band and chorus will present a concert tonight, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at High school.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The high school concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Kiwanis slate

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blood pressure clinic

New Scotland Kiwanis Club Dec. 9, at noon. will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Ave. The screening is free and open

to the public.

Garden club slates holiday party

Helderview Garden Club's next regular meeting is on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at a menber's home.

It will include a holiday party.

Girl Scout leaders to meet

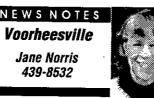
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Singers rehearse for ecumenical service

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

The ecumenical service will be to participate. the Methodist church. All community singers are welcome.

Fifth-grade chorus

to perform at Crossgates The elementary school fifthgrade chorus will perform at photos of the town. Crossgates Mall on Saturday,

The program will include excerpts from holiday favorites.

Student dance slated Dec. 8

A dance for students in seventh and eighth grade will be held on Friday, Dec. 8 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the elementary school.

Food co-op orders due Dec. 8

food co-op will be accepting food orders until Dec. 8 for Dec. 21 delivery.

Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Extra helpings provide a preselected menu of groceries at wholesale prices.

Each order costs \$13.50 and you are under no obligation to purchase every month. Payment can be in cash or food stamps.

Anyone in the area is welcome

Historical group selling calendars

The New Scotland Historical Association is selling 2001 calendars featuring historical

Included in the calendar are many previously unpublished photos from all parts of the town. Calendars cost \$5 each, and are the community room of the America 2000 juried show in available in Voorheesville at Phillip's Hardware, SuperValu, Indian Ladder Farms and the village hall.

being sold at Falvo's, the Robin's Nest, Crafts and Fabrics Beyond the Tollgate, and town hall.

Houghtaling's Market in Feura New Scotland Extra Helpings Bush is also selling them.

Varied events slated for December programs

Bethlehem Public Library at who Went to Visit the North 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar has Wind" —Bells and Motley slated the following events for December.

• 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 at noon - Festive singing, songs and a craft for children 3 to

• 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

Art association party set

Bethlehem Art Association will original artwork or handmade hold its annual holiday party on items are encouraged. Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6:45 p.m. in Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Members are asked to bring a favorite dessert to share and a In New Scotland, calendars are small gift to exchange. Gifts of

Slides of the Allied Artists of Gramercy Park will be shown courtesy of Fran Mehm.

Anyone who wants to join the art association is welcome to attend



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(Sondra and John Bromka) will

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tale accompanied by Celtic harp.

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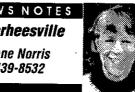
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Bells & Motley to perform classic folk tale

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3:30 p.m., a special holiday performance for families will be brought to us by Bells & Motley (Sondra and John Bromka), who perform "The Boy Who Went to Visit the North Wind."



In this delightful folk tale, a poor boy's meal is scattered to the four corners of the earth by the North Wind. Magic — in the form of a donkey, a tablecloth and a stick --- is offered in exchange for a meal unwittingly taken.

The story offers timeless lessons about nature and justice. and reveals a kind of magic available to all of us.

The Bromkas have designed this performance to appeal to family audiences, engaging even the youngest by incorporating movement, verbal participation and sing-alongs accompanied by Sondra's Celtic harp.



Bells & Motley, Sondra and John Bromka

December displays For information and to regis-

> Watercolors by Janice Irwin and oils by Carol Turner are exhibited this month in the galleries.

> The Progress Club Christmas tree and a Hanukkah menorah brighten our entryway for the



ter, call 439-9314.



Delmar Community Orchestra tells a little about itself in the large display case; in the small case, Dick Buyer's "Symbols of China" complement a talk he gave here last month.

Nicole Rice's miniature dogs and a display featuring author Ann Turner can be found in the youth services department.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Louise Grieco

Local teens win **DAR** awards

Daughters of the American Revolution, Tawasentha Chapter recently announced the winners of itsDAR Good Citizens Award.

They are 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.

Chamber to host holiday mixer

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a holiday mixer on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Casa Mia Restaurant on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Hors d'oeuvres and entertainment will be offered, as well as the chance to talk with Bethlehem's business and professional leaders.

The cost is \$5 at the door. For information, call 439-0512

Ouilters schedule holiday meeting

Quilters United in Learning Together (QUILT) will meet on Friday, Dec. 8, at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The holiday meeting will feature mini demonstrations of holiday ideas, a block exchange and drawing, a show and share, and cookies.

For information, call 439-1744.

Delmar church offers holiday child-care

Delmar Reformed Church will offer a holiday child-care program with a Christian focus each Saturday in December from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program, "Advent Adventure," is open to all children age 3 through sixth grade. The program includes music, snacks, Bible lesson, recreation and Christmas crafts.

Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$5 per session. For information, call 439-9929.

RCS library slates activities

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library has announced a variety of activities for upcoming weeks.

• Wednesdays at 11 a.m. -Internet for Beginners will provide a small-group, hands-on lessons for Internet starters.

• Thursdays at 11 a.m. ---Activities and crafts follow each story time for preschoolers. Programs last 30 to 45 minutes.

For information, call 756-2053.



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M nd we'll have a raffle drawing with gift certificates good at area Four Corner Merchants' stores.

Many of the businesses at the Four Corners are family owned and operated. This season we invite you to help families in need. You are encouraged to drop off nonperishable food items at any cf the donation boxes located at the Four Corners Merchants.

For pedestrian safety, please park in peripheral lots such as the Municipal lot on Kenwood Ave, and the Key or Fleet Bank lots. A Project of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

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Antique study club to present programs

Club will sponsor a variety of programs in the upcoming months.

a holiday gathering at a member's home.

Barbara Roemer will discuss Extension. 'Taghkanic Baskets" on Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Public McClaine will talk about buttons Library's community room.

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

"What Is It?" day will be held Reformed Church. on March 28 at 1:30 p.m. Bring your unknown pieces to the Carrk at 439-3055,

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The Tri-Village Antique Study program at Delmar Reformed Church.

'Early Lighting" on April 18 at Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. there will be 1:30 p.m. at her home in Greenville. Meet at the CDTA Park 'n' Ride on the Bypass

On May 23 at 1:30 p.m., Mary at the Beverwyck in North Bethlehem.

And on June 20 at 1:30 p.m., Gladys Amos and Pat Lattimer on lace and handkerchiefs at Delmar

For information, call Diane

seasons. Parents and children

must accompany one another, and

pre-registration by Dec. 21 is

repeat of the Dec. 27 program.

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• Friday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. — A

required.

Five Rivers events on deck

Five Rivers Environmental Partners. Reading of a short Education Center in Delmar nature story and an outdoor recently announced its schedule exploration of signs of the for the month of December.

• Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. ---Not a Creature Stirring. An should dress for the outdoors. outdoor study of winter survival There is a \$1 fee per person, and strategies for various animals.

• Wednesday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m. - Naturalists as Reading

Elks lodge plans 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.

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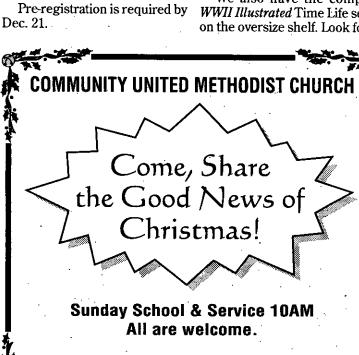
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as Dec.7, 1941. I wasn't even born in 1941: Obviously the "day that will live in infamy" had been Diane Clarrk will discuss indelibly impressed in my brain.

I got up, went to the card catalogue to look up Pearl Harbor, and learned that the library carries a number of books related



to this famous date.

If you enjoy military history or just want to acquaint yourself with the significance of Pearl Harbor, check out the following: Infamy: Pearl Harbor and its Aftermath and But Not in Shame: Six Months after Pearl Harbor, both by John Goldstein; and I was There: Pearl Harbor and Midway by Rear Adm. Edwin T. Layton; and the three complete Pearl Harbor manuscripts, including "At Dawn We Slept" by Gordon William Prange.

On the new nonfiction shelf this week is the recently released two-volume video set WWII in Color, film researched from declassified footage sources and digitally restored.

We also have the complete WWII Illustrated Time Life series on the oversize shelf. Look for all

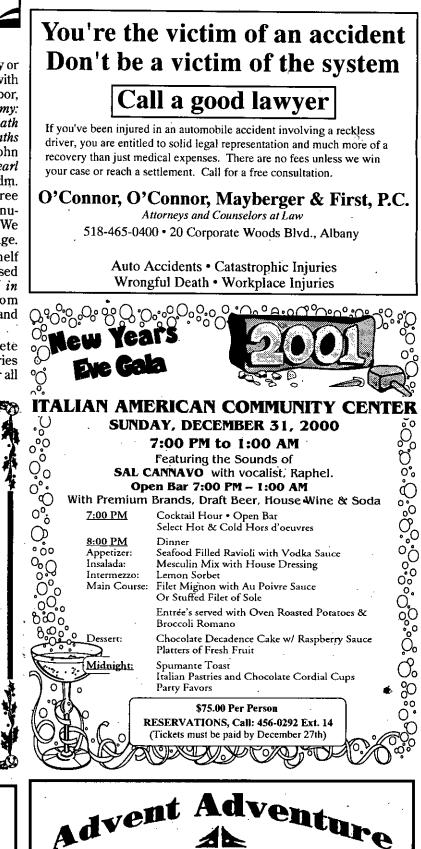
I just startled myself by typing these and other World War II the release date on this column titles under the call numbers 940.53 and 940.54.

With the half-century anniversary of the end of the war in the 1990s, interest surged in Friday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a.m. this unforgettable era in American history. Now that we are losing our World War II veterans in great numbers, it seems appropriate to reflect on necessary for either program. their contribution to our freedom.

The library will be closed Thursday, Dec. 7, for a staff development day.

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There will be a family story time on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. Stories of Jan Brett will be discussed. No sign-up is Barbara Vink





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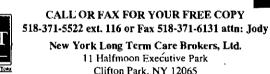
Delmar residents Ben Finkle, left, his mother, Lisa, grandfather, Benjamin Mendel, and Mendel's son-inlaw, Thomas Hitchcock, finish the 5K Turkey Trot run in Troy on Thanksgiving Day.

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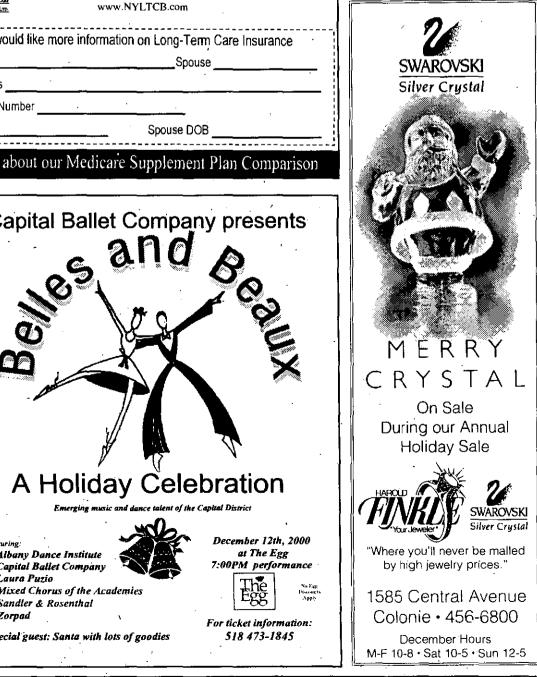
Bethlehem Public Library will be holding a "Saturday Storybreak" on Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

The program for children age 3 to 6 will feature winter tales, songs and crafts.

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Virginia Plaisted, D.D.S. **Electric Toothbrushes: Are They** Better Than Manual Toothbrushes

With the growth of the dental field in the past ten years, it is difficult for consumers to evaluate dental products, when they are overwhelmed with commercial advertising and marketing. There are some common misconceptions about electric toothbrushes that need to be addressed. An electric toothbrush should not be considered the answer to poor oral hygiene. It is important to recognize that toothbrush placement is one of the most important steps in proper brushing regardless of whether you use a manual or electric toothbrush.

The factors to consider when evaluating your need for an electric toothbrush include patient motivation, dexterity, appropriate time taken for brushing, limitations of access to teeth (braces) and tooth sensitivity. If you are able to appropriately place your toothbrush at a 45-degree angle at the gum line and use a circular-brushing stroke for 2-3 minutes twice daily, it is unnecessary to invest in an electric toothbrush. However, if you are a person facing limitations involving dexterity, either young children with oral appliances, or people experiencing arthritis, an electric toothbrush should be considered.

Ask your dentist or dental hygienist if they think you would benefit from an electric toothbrush and which one they recommend.

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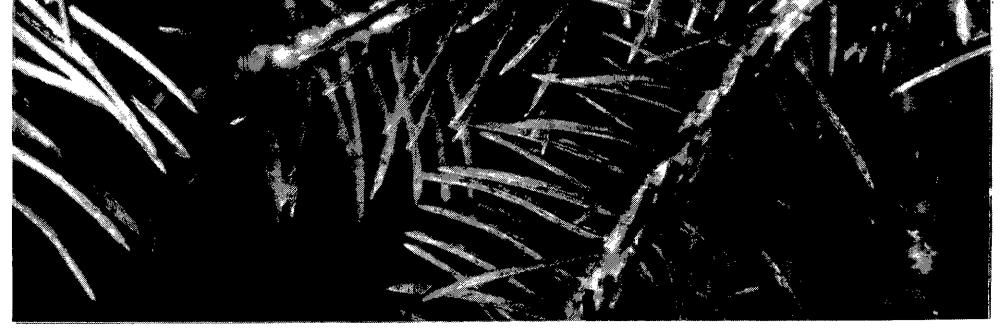
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Make the most out of hostess gifts

By LEIGH G. KIRTLEY

A colleague from work is having a holiday dinner party. As if selecting the right outfit wasn't challenging enough, you need to consider a hostess gift.

Of course, bringing a hostess gift is not a requirement, but most people like to bring something to thank their hostess for her hospitality.

What is appropriate and how much should you spend?

"Bring something for the hostess' later use," said Cheryl Hurd, author of several books on Victoriana and who has a Web site of the same theme, www.teapotpress.com.

Home-bakedcookies, especially if you include the recipe, are an old favorite.

Set them on a pretty plate and you have a beautiful, inexpensive gift that lets the hostess know that you took time to do something special in turn for her.

Another popular choice is to bring a bottle of wine.

Since your gift is not intended to complement the meal for the evening, consider your host or hostess' personal tastes. Mild wines that are neither too heavy nor too sweet generally appeal to many.

Some good choices may be a red like a cabernet sauvignon or a white wine like a chardonnay or a pinot grigio.

If you don't know your host very well, or you are not comfortable bringing food, fresh flowers are another obvious choice.

Although the flowers in your garden may be brown, florists and nurseries have a colorful inventory of flowers and live plants.

"Fresh greens for a centerpiece or mini potted pines

are always nice," said Jacqueline Burstell, manager at Story's Nursery in Freehold.

Burstell also said that kissing balls, which can be live or dried, are popular. Not only do they bring cheer, but the dried variety can be enjoyed year after year.

"The hostess will remember you each time she brings out the kissing ball," Burstell said. "The smaller ones start at \$12."

If your hostess loves to cook, potted herbs will last until spring as long as they have a sunny window.

Topiaries and flowers like lilies, African violets and cyclamen can bring a smile to any hostess' face.

Burstell encouraged people to bring in their own containers if they know it's something their hostess would like.

"A hostess gift should be an appreciation thought and ' whatever you decide to bring, the packaging is important; that's what makes it special," said Donna Posson, owner of Persnickety's Espresso Bar and Gift Shop in Clifton Park.

Some of her best-sellers for hostess gifts include decorative candles, stationery and ornaments. Many times, these small items are wrapped with specialty coffees or chocolates that the hostess can enjoy on a quiet evening.

"Small candy dishes with truffles tied up in fancy wrap are also very popular," Posson said.

"I think it's fair to spend under \$20. A hostess gift is not a payback for the dinner," she said.

Posson makes a good point: A hostess gift is a token thankyou and is not related to the extravagance of the dinner.

Most people invite guests to their homes because they enjoy people's company, not as a way of collecting wine and flowers.

The Victorians, it turns out, did not believe that hostess gifts were even appropriate.

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Instead, they thanked their hosts by reciprocating the invitation, a tradition that many people follow today.

"And remember, a hostess gift doesn't get you off the hook for a later invitation," Hurd said.

So when you are considering a hostess gift, thinking of bringing a little thank-you for your host or hostess to enjoy when they are done entertaining.



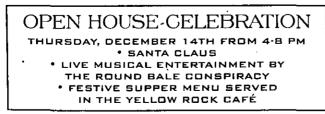






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December's classes include designing a holiday centerpiece, decorative painting of holiday scenes, acrylic painting of a snowman on a slate, bow making, stamping and embossing a holiday candle and others.

A.C. Moore is located in New Loudon Shopping Center in Latham or online at www.acmoore.com.

Jo-Ann Etc, a craft megastore, features hundreds of

thousands of craft supplies.

to-decorate tree skirts, papier maché star boxes, gingerbread house kits, jingle bell chimes, many kinds of wreaths and snowflake trivet tiles.

"A gift that's made means so much more to someone," said spokeswoman Suzie Gach. "It's like gold in this day and age."

For those who need instructions on how to make gifts, or just want to brush up on techniques, the store has an education department with four classrooms, two full-time employees and 15 instructors.

'It's almost like a business Clear glass ornaments, ready- , within a business," Gach said.

> Children's classes, called elves' workshops, will be held throughout the season for those age 4 to 12.

Jo-Ann Etc is in the Northway Mall in Colonie and online at www.joann.com.

For class fees and registration information, call 459-5026 Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts, the sister store to Jo-Ann Etc, has two Capital District locations - in Schenectady and in Clifton Park. Some classes are offered at the Schenectady store.

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By LEIGH G. KIRTLEY

Whether for a gift or to complement a holiday dinner. the right wine can help set the mood. The trick is to find a wine that best suits your menu.

"It's so exciting in our industry right now. People are really into pairing food and wine," said Sheila McNeil, manager of Slingerlands Wine & Spirits.

Although Thanksgiving is past, many people still like to serve turkey for holiday meals throughout the season. Sometimes as the main course, often as elegant leftovers.

"Turkey can go with a lot of wines, red or white," McNeil



said. "This year, we're recommending a red zinfandel or riesling, which is a white."

Both of these wines are moderately priced about \$10 to \$15 for a good bottle and they blend especially well with turkey and all the trimmings.

Blending is really the key. A wine should not overpower the taste of the food, nor be overpowered by the food.

Another nice wine is the -Georges Duboeuf 2000 Beaujolais Nouveau. At about \$8 a bottle, this young wine is a winner alone or paired with a holiday feast, McNeil said.

"Some of the best wines are from the Alsace region between France and Germany like gewurztraminer, a white wine," she said.

Pinot noir is a beautiful red wine that is not nearly as heavy as a chianti, but will appeal to those who prefer wines that not overly fruity.

In the white wine category, pinot grigio and Orvieto are delicate wines that can win over the most devout chardonnay fans

Merlot is also becoming very

popular, especially in restaurants as a red house wine to compete with the everpopular cabernet sauvignon.

A little caution with merlots: they do improve with age and, like most things, you get what you pay for. However, a good merlot is a terrific match for chocolate, believe it or not.

If you are willing to spend about \$10 to \$15 a bottle, you will find a wide selection. So large, in fact, that it might be difficult to make a final decision.

Fortunately, many wine shops offer wine tasting on a regular basis, giving you the opportunity to try before you buy. At Slingerlands, they feature different wines every Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Call in the morning at 439-5535 to see which wines will be available for tasting.

"Another good place to sample wines is at a restaurant. See what they are offering by the glass and give it a try. The price per glass is a good indication of the wine's quality," McNeil said.

Finally, when you are thinking about wines and celebrations, you have to consider the sparkling

The right wine makes a party sparkle.

wines. Italy is famous for asti You will be pleased with the taste spumanti, which is a very sweet, sparkling wine. From France, we get the true Champagne from the region of the same name. The most famous is Moet et Chandon, which produces a variety of Champagnes.

If you are not into sweet, bubbly wines and your purse eliminates Moet et Chandon, you a daunting task. are in luck. The well-known French vintners make a very respectable sparkling wine in California — Domaine Chandon.

and the price. Great Western is another fine sparkling wine that will add to your celebration without emptying your wallet.

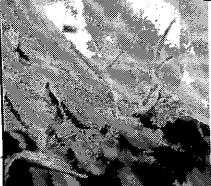
"The thing to remember about sparkling wines is that brut on the label means that it is drier than extra dry," McNeil said.

Finding the right wine can be

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Food makes holiday giving delicious

By JENNIFER ARSENAULT

Believe it or not, fruitcakes aren't the only option for edible holiday gift-giving.

Area specialty stores have ready-made and made-toorder food and beverage gift baskets that will satisfy anybody's taste buds.

"We do nicely themed baskets for the holidays," said Danielle Thomas, manager of Cowan & Lobel in Stuvyesant Plaza in Guilderland.

The gourmet store offers pre-made gift baskets like "Take a break," filled with coffee, tea, hot chocolate mix and cookies, and "Breakfast in bed," with pancake and waffle mixes, pure maple syrup, jams, jellies and crackers and customized baskets from anything in the store.

Cowan & Lobel also carries a wide variety of food from baked goods and pastries to gourmet cheeses and chocolate. Decorative holiday baskets are also available. Gift basket prices start at \$29.99.

Thomas said the store would prefer about a week's notice for baskets, and a minimum of 24 hours. A delivery service is available 458-2771 for information.

Italian food lovers can create customized baskets at **DiSorbo Italian Specialty** Foods.

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Selections include homemade spaghetti sauce, candies, roasted peppers, olive oils, vinegars, coffees, depends on the basket's contents.

"We'll make baskets up, or customers can pick up their own things and we'll put it together," said owner Hope DiSorbo.

DiSorbo Italian Specialty Foods is located at 2807 Guilderland Ave. in Schenectady; call 355-1030 for information.

For fresh fruit lovers, Madison . Fruit Garden of Latham has baskets from \$22 and up.

"Chocolate-covered fruit baskets seem to be the big thing this year," said owner Tony DiPiazza.

The baskets include bitesized pieces of oranges. cherries, pineapples, Granny Smith apples (all from California), and strawberries (from New Zealand), dipped in chocolate.

A large variety of other fruits are available in store-made or customized baskets, along with gourmet products. Because fruits are perishable, it's best to order them for less than two days ahead of when they'll be given. Madison Fruit is already taking orders and will until Dec. 20.

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Mate, a South American herbal green. roasted or green, prices from \$31.95 for tea only, \$34.95 for tea and tea balls, and \$50 for teas and a 14 oz. French press.

Another favorite gift item is the Breakfast Cube. It is made up of two ounces each custom blended English Breakfast, Irish Breakfast and Assam Breakfast, at \$29 for teas only, \$46, for teas and a two-cup teapot, and \$50 for teas and a four-cup teapot.

If you are looking for something more exotic, you might want to try the Chai Cube, 4 ounces of exotic blends, either traditional with black teas, Mayan Chai, Green Chai or Herbal Chai. The teas contain no sweetener, dairy or caffeine, and included in the package are



Food makes a great gift.

tea filters for making your own bag one cup at a time. This blend is priced at \$28 for two Chai with filters, and \$36 for all three Chai.

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"We have a large selection of teapots to suit every different

tea," said Linda Smith, DiviniTea owner and tea-blender "We can meet all of our customers' tea needs."

Smith recommended ordering gift teas two weeks in advance. The company will ship directly to the gift recipient. To place an order or request information, e-mail divinitea@surfree.com or call 347-0689. The company also has a Web site at www.divinitea.com.





Hearty gifts for those who love the outdoors

By DICK BUTLER

Each holiday season provides us with new choices for gifts for the winter enthusiasts on your list. The price range of gifts is immense.

From an all-inclusive 7-day heli-skiing or riding vacation costing more than \$5,000 per person plus airfare, down to many stocking stuffers for just a few dollars each. Helicopter skiing is the ultimate dream of any serious skier or rider.

Know someone who has most everything? They could always use more wax, a package of chemical hand warmers or high protein snack bars. There are hundreds of gift choices.

If someone you know was not one of the more than one million skiers and riders who purchased helmets last season, one would make a great caring

gift. New models have improved skates on the snow, and are easy ventilation, comfort and style, and they are also lighter in weight. You can expect to pay approximately \$90 to \$160. A good fit is essential; so make sure it can be returned.

How about a unique CD-ROM screen saver with mountain maps of many favorite North American and European Resorts. It comes complete with an extreme skiing video and audio Web site ski report software. It can download area snow conditions daily off the Internet. It's made by Cylogic, and it's available in ski shops. You can visit their Web site at www.skied.com.

Every skier needs a change now and then. Fortunately there are many new mountain toys available. Consider ski-boards. They are miniature skis, between 76 to 99 centimeters in length. They perform like in-line

to use, carry and store.

It's not pleasant to put on wet or damp boots. If you know someone who skis or boards frequently, especially multiple days in a row an electric boot dryer makes a smart gift. Sometimes boots don't dry out overnight after a day's use and dry boots are necessary for warm feet.

A set of four winter tires is not exactly a sexy gift idea, but is quite practical.

I was a skeptic at first but after one season's use, I'm a convert. With these tires, a front-wheel-drive vehicle can compete, if not beat, any four-wheel-drive SUV, and save a great deal of money.

The soft "grippy" rubber compounds used in these tires combined with thousands of fine slits in the treads allow for great traction on snow and ice covered roads. It's a great feeling being king of the hill on the way to the mountain. Michelin Arctic Alpins, Yokohama Guardex 600s, and Bridgestone Blizzaks are just a few good examples.

Got a "techi" on your list? Outdoor sport watches, complete with thermometers, multiple time zone info, barometers, sunrise/sunset data, compasses, altimeters and



There are a bevy of outdoor gifts for kids and adults. Snowsports Industries America /Scott Markewitz

many other features are available for \$50 to \$200 depending on features.

Skiers can keep track of the vertical feet traversed in a day and impress their friends.

If you are feeling charitable consider donating used equipment to the Donate-a-Ski/ Donate-a-Board program sponsored by Snowsports Industries America.

Used equipment and clothing will be accepted at participating shops until the end of December. The gear will be

reconditioned and forwarded to charitable organizations for use in their winter sports programs and donors receive a receipt that can be used for a charitable tax deduction.

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Participating shops in our area include The Ski Market in Latham, High Adventure Ski & Bike in Latham and The Mountain and Boardertown, in North Creek and Lake Placid. Sports gifts are can be memorable and are they are very appropriate for the holiday season.

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By DONNA J. BELL

What is a girl to do on those snowy winter days?

Give her the gift of creativity with a fun new book that features more than 75, easy attractive craft projects made from ordinary household supplies.

These pieces of wearable art are perfect for groups at slumber parties or anytime you hear the dreaded, "There is nothing to do." All this is available in "Wearable Art with Sondra" (\$12.95, Prima Publishing) written by 12-yearold Sondra Clark.

Parents will be delighted at the ease of the materials and the preparations, girls will be thrilled to make hair pins, beaded scarves, key chains and

There are lots of clothing design, hair projects and jewelry

It's perfect for pre-teens ---the directions are simple and the author includes plenty of helpful hints.

Remember the days when the Christmas specials were circled in the TV Guide.

If you missed one, you didn't get to see it until next year. One of the most cherished holiday shows "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is now celebrating its 35th anniversary.

And boy, is Rudolph moving up into modern technology.

This year Gold Books Family Entertainment is releasing a special edition of this favorite on DVD.

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There will be additional bonus tracts and new packaging featuring an illustration of Rudolph as he appears in the special. The new Rudolph DVD will includes an interview with

the creator, Arthur Rankin, a Rudolph trivia game, the original commercial and "Fame

and Fortune" song which have not been seen in more than 30 years and Read Speak Action captions to help children learn word recognition. The suggested retail price is \$19.98 check your local stores.

You have an elementary age boy to buy for?

They will go "buggy" for the new P.J. Swoozle's Ooey-Gooey Gummy Maker from Candy Corner.

This is the "coolest" candy kit that lets boys create their own gummy bug creations including ladybug, spider, bookworm, bee, dragonfly, snail, butterfly and centipede.

All the kids have to do is add water to the flavor cup and microwave and then let the bugs stand for 30 minutes.

Not only that but the kids can create bugs with all sorts of funny colors and sweet tastes. Best of all the suggested price is \$19.99.

Kids can learn more about insects with the new anatomics bugs line from Inhabit Toys.

Anatomics is a new and creative construction play system that consists of colorful ball and socket pieces. The pieces easily snap together to create all sorts of bugs.

The best part is that they mix the pieces to create bugs that are only found in a child's imagination.

The kit includes a fly, mosquito, dragonfly, lady bug,

ant, scorpion and praying mantis.

They are great for kids age 6

This is the "coolest" candy kit that lets boys create their own gummy bug creations including ladybug, spider, bookworm, bee, dragonfly, snail, butterfly and centipede.

> and up and the retail price is \$5.99 to \$8.99 for an individual set. You can also get a master kit that includes enough pieces to build the mosquito, the fly and the ant for \$14.99.

Need something for the littlest names on your list?

How about the Carter's Emu Namae stuffed toy collection from Prestige Toy Corporation and Carter's.

Emu Namae wrote and illustrated 60 children's books before going blind at the age of 38 from diabetes.

Despite his blindness, Namae continued his artist work, writing and illustrations 20 more books.

He has won several awards for excellence in children's literature and art. The characters are soft and snuggly, in subtle pastel colors.

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Silver Dolphin books has recently released an entire line of "Let's Start" books that are more than reading. Each book

is chock-full of activities.

"Magic Colors" allows young children to read along with Paula the Pig as she helps them identify colors and hues.

They also get to make their own color pictures on Paula's activity pad.

The kit includes everything they need: magic color change pens, watercolors, paint brush, game pieces and stickers. It's great for kids 5 to 9 and the suggested price is \$12.95 a book.

If you like that one, try "Making Music" in the same series.

Kids love to make music and this kit lets them strum an alligator guitar, sound chimes, hum a kazoo and bang, rattle and shake a variety of percussion instruments.

Mom and dad need to help out a little bit while putting the instruments together (there are full-color, easy-to-follow instructions) but can then sit back and let the kids shake their bootys to their own beat.

The kit includes chimes, tambourine discs, jingle bells, elastic bands, drumsticks, string, guitar bridge, stencils, card-press-outs and stickers.

This is for kids age 5 to 9 and sells for \$12.95.

You can find either of these books at local bookstores



Albany native Helen Volk, who owns Beyond Clutter in Albany, is an expert on de-stressing the holidays She has the following

information to help you survive the next few weeks.

✓ Set aside specific times to shop.

✓ Preplan your trip an orderly route and list the names of the stores to visit. \sqrt{Be} comfortable. Streamline your purse and pockets. Take breaks.

√ Pay by check or debit card to avoid carrying cash or charging too much.

✓ When you are tired, stop shopping before you start making lazy purchases for the sake of convenience.

√ Plan a shopping event. Call friends and go to the mall together. Battling crowds will be less daunting.

For information on Volk or her organization call 456-4265 or log onto her Web site at www.beyondclutter.com.





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Dress holiday trees like the experts this year

Did you ever wonder why those beautiful Christmas trees in store windows, magazines and floor displays look so much different than your tree at home?

Why they reached out and made you stop and stare 'at their dazzling glimmer?

Did you ever examine these exquisite trees for ideas and when you tried them at home it just didn't look the same?

There is a trick (or two) of the trade in decorating Christmas trees.

Selecting a tree

Remember, it will have a visual impact and be the focal point of your room throughout the holiday season. The size of your tree will partly be determined by how much space you have in your room, but also keep in mind these factors to enhance showing off your

ornament collection. The more branch tips on the tree, the more ornaments you can hang.

If you want an informal look, choose a tree with long needles and upswept branches. For a formal appearance, select a tree with short needles and horizontal or downswept branches.

Lighting the tree

A general rule of thumb is to - use one strand of lights per foot of tree.

Of course the simplest way is to purchase a pre-lit tree that is hinged for easy storage.

But if you are starting from scratch, remember the lights should be strung throughout the tree, not stretched over the tips of the branches.

Tuck your lights around the trunk, weave them in and out of the length of the branches to give the tree depth.

Adding garland

There are several ways to place garland on a tree. The most traditional is to swag your garland, beginning on the bottom, at the back of the tree. Swag the garland from tip to tip, using 12-inch to 20-inch swags, depending on the width of the tree and then twist the garland on each tip.

The swags should become smaller as you go up the tree. Other styles are to double swag the garland with one row falling lower than the other or to spiral the garland at an angle on the tree.

Using decorations as filler

Filling the spaces inside the tree creates an enchanting look from the inside out.

Filling inside spaces adds interest and compliments the overall mood of the tree. You can use ornaments, ribbon, garland, fruit, toys, mirrors, small gifts, cards or pinecones. whatever fits your theme.

Hanging ornaments

First you must determine how many ornaments you will need for the size of your tree.



Thinking through your decorating theme can make a big difference.

Decorator Chris Tkachuck said it's not an exact science, but she uses a rough formula to achieve the look she likes for her displays, which is approximately 40 ornaments per foot of tree.

Give the Gift

of Good Taste

Be sure ornaments are suspended and hang freely so they are not touching other branches. Shiny finishes should be hung before matte or soft finishes, and bright colors before muted colors.

Each size, shape, texture and color should be distributed over the entire tree. Larger ornaments should be placed on the lower part of the tree for balance.

Topping the tree

A tradition in many homes is the final tree decoration step lifting the youngest child up to place a special star, finial, bow or angel on top of the tree.

This crowning touch creates memories and makes the statement that the tree is completed for another season of family celebration.

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iamonds sparkle for the holidays

It's not too late to surprise the loved ones in your life with the best gift money can buy diamonds.

Buying a diamond can be a significant purchase — both emotionally and financially. As with any major acquisition, you want to make sure you have a basic understanding of what to look for.

According to the nonprofit Gemological Institute of America (GIA), buying the diamond of your dreams can be worry-free if you follow three basic steps:

Choose a qualified jeweler

Choose your jeweler as you would choose your doctor, lawyer or any other professional. Be sure to check a jeweler's credentials. Ideally your jeweler will be a GIA graduate gemologist or a GIA accredited jewelry professional.

In addition, look for affiliations with jewelry industry groups and professional associations. A knowledgeable jeweler will clearly explain the "four Cs" of diamond quality and encourage you to compare diamonds to suit your price range.

Learn the "Four Cs" of diamond quality

You will hear these terms a lot as you begin shopping for a diamond. The key to a diamond's value is its rarity, and no two diamonds are alike. Rarity is determined by a diamond's unique characteristics as measured by GIA's international diamond grading system, the four Cs:

small diamond of exceptional quality will likely be more valuable than a larger diamond of lower quality.

A brief overview

Color: Colorless diamonds are extremely rare and highly valued. Most are nearly colorless with yellow or brown tints. The internationally recognized GIA diamond grading system uses letters to represent colors, beginning with D (colorless) and ending at Z (light yellow or

brown). Clarity: Created by nature, most diamonds contain unique birthmarks called

"inclusions" (internal) and

blemishes (external). Diamonds with few birthmarks are rare-and rarity affects market value. Using the diamond grading system, diamonds are given a clarity grade that ranges from flawless to various inclusions.

Cut: While diamonds come in many different shapes, from round to hearts, pears and marguise, cut has to do with proportion. The well-cut diamond uses light to create brilliance, sparkle and flashes of fire.

Carat: Diamonds are weighed using metric carats. A carat weighs about the same as

(weight). Using these criteria, a a small paper clip. Just as a dollar is divided into 100 pennies, a carat is divided into 100 points.

> This means that a diamond of 50 points weighs 0.50 carats. But two diamonds of equal weight can have very different values depending on their color, clarity and cut.

To learn about the four Cs, check out GIA's new on-line

tutorial, How to Buy a Diamond, at www.gia.edu. This engaging, interactive

program features pop-up windows, audio clips and illustrations which take users through a series of five fun exercises on the four Cs and is set in a virtual jewelry store.

Make sure you always ask for an independent grading report with your diamond.

The most widely used and respected reports are those issued by the independent GIA Gem Trade Laboratory.

"Because consumers are becoming more savvy than ever

about diamond quality, a grading report from GIA reinforces the trust that exists between the consumer and the jeweler," said gem expert Elizabeth Rostand, "As the leading unbiased source of information, GIA provides us with absolute confidence in our product,"



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Getting what you want

By JENNIFER ARSENAULT

One of my most vivid childhood memories is the year we celebrated Christmas. It was 1978, and my mother thought a visit from Santa would be a nice addition to our usual Hanukkah.

So I wrote a letter to him, asking for the one thing I really wanted — a Holly Hobbie oven that cooked little cakes and muffins by a very bright light bulb.

Christmas Eve we set out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk. In the morning they were gone, and in their place was a Holly Hobbie oven that didn't bake.

Santa had brought me the wrong one. A certain 6-year-old girl was heartbroken.

With the advent of gift registries, parents and kids can make sure that their holiday wish list is filled with exactly the toys they want.

Babyland has a registry that can be used for selecting toys

for newborns up through 18 months.

The store carries early developmental toys from Tiny Love, Learning Curve, Wimmer, Laurie Puzzles, and Lamaze toys, as well as stuffed animals from Gund and Ganz, and wooden train sets.

The store also sells wooden table sets, toy boxes and rocking houses in various shapes and finishes, said store manager Jodie Freedman. Giftgivers can access the registry in the store or over the phone. Out-of-towners can call the store at 800-586-BABY (2229)

'We can UPS anywhere," Freedman said. Babyland is located at 1400 Central Ave. in Colonie.

At Toys R Us you can register for kids of any age, from a huge variety of classic toys like Magna Doodle, and Mr. Potato Head to high-tech ones like Tekno the Robotic Puppy and Playstation. Separate registries are recommended for each child

in a family. The completed gift registry can be then accessed in any other Toys R Us store in the United States or Canada.

Toys R Us has two locations in the Capital District --- 17 Clifton Country Road in Clifton Park (383-0188), and 38 Wolf Road in Colonie (459-5561).

Toys R Us also has an online wish list, where you can register for Toys R Us stock or anything else Internet retail partner Amazon com has to offer. The online store can be accessed by typing either www.toysrus.com or www.amazon.com/toys.

Catalog company Spiegel (www.spiegel.com) also has an Internet wish list for toys, including educational, arts and crafts, preschool, musical, radiocontrolled, science and optics, dolls and make-believe, games and more, with detailed descriptions of the products and color photos. The online wish list can be e-mailed to family and friends, or viewed at the Web site.

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If you are looking for a TV themed gilt you might want to hit the supermarket this year. Seinfeld loyalists know that this is the time of year for Festivus, an annual holiday created by George Costanza's father, when families gather round and air their grievances, perform feats of strength and admire the Festivus pole. This year Ben and Jerry's ice cream is honoring the Costanza's by offering a Festivus ice cream.



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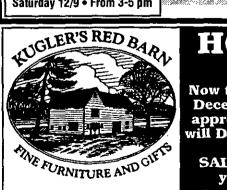
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a pro this holiday season

By JENNIFER ARSENAULT

From understated simplicity to ornate decorations, area stores have a wide variety of supplies for wrapping up all your holiday presents.

Along with traditional wrapping paper in rolls or squares, the store carries decorative tissue paper by the sheet, paper gift bags, cellophane, and gift tags. Plain white and brown paper that can be hand

as tree ornaments, like plastic snowflakes, stars and stuffed snowmen or teddy bears.

Another new Hallmark product for this year is the jumbo decorated bag, designed for wrapping up extra-large items.

The store also sells alternatives to traditional gift wrap, like festive tins and baskets. Bob's Boxes. decorated reusable boxes, are a best seller.

"They are the hottest thing in the area," said Paper Mill manager Lauri Mendelson. The boxes range in price from \$2.95 to \$8.95.

Jo-Ann's Etc. in Colonie is filled with creative wrapping and embellishment supplies. Fabric ribbons, gift baskets, bags and containers with holiday scenes, tins, keepsake

boxes that can be handdecorated, filler, raffia, and holiday favor bags for treats like Classes for making holiday cookies, are just a few of their offerings.

Latham store Stampassion carries stamps from more than 145 companies, as well as ink pads and pigment ink to decorate wrapping materials or homemade cards.

The store also stocks handmade papers, card stock. embossing supplies, tassels, stencils, paints, and anything you might need for making

original and hand created cards, wrapping papers and gift bags. items are scheduled to end on Dec. 9 but the store may offer others.

The Paper Mill is located in Delaware Plaza, Delmar, 439-8123. Jo-Ann Etc. is in the Northway Mall at 1440 Central Avenue, Colonie, 459-5026 and online at www.joann.com.

Stampassion is located in Newton Plaza II off New Loudon Road in Latham, 782-7227.



The Paper Mill Hallmark Gold Crown Store in Delmar is stocked with holiday gift wrap and cards for Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

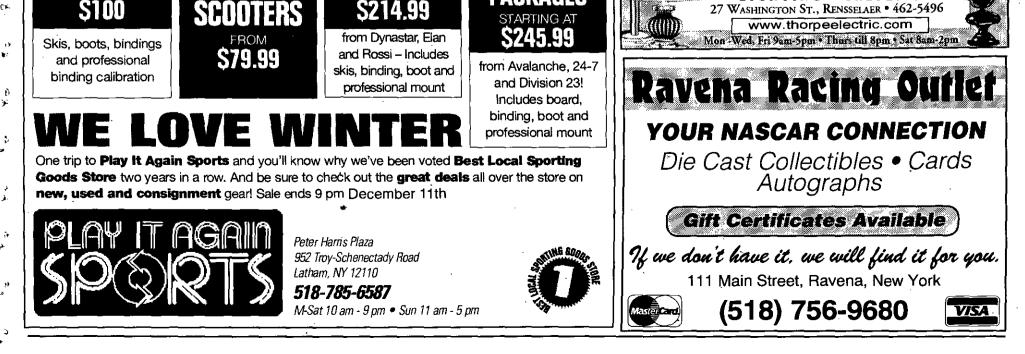
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decorated is available, too. For dressing up packages, there are ribbons, bows, raffia, star vine gift trim ribbon, and new decorations that can double





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Face up to the holidays*

Holiday 2000 is all about shimmer, all about shine. From the tips of your toes to the top of your head, turn on all the lights for holiday. Fashion expert Ernie McCraw provides some answers on how to achieve the maximum shine with the minimum fuss.

Q. My holiday schedule is anything but organized. I'm going to a number of parties that range from casual to blacktie, sometimes in the same weekend. How do I change my look from elegant to easy with minimum fuss?

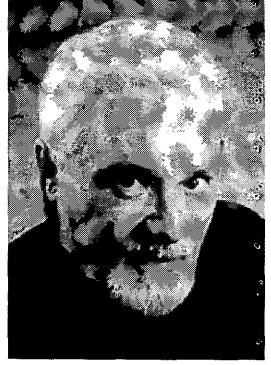
A. Going from formal to casual is really quite easy. An up-do hairstyle with a sparkling hair accessory will do a quick change to a loose, brushed-out casual style held off the face with a headband. For makeup, just a once over with a matte powder to minimize a deep blush or the dramatic eyes of a special holiday look. Dark reds and burgundy are perfect for a dressy look and when you want to minimize them, just remove

and replace with beige and brown neutral shades for a softer effect.

Q. I'll be visiting relatives over the holidays and will have to attend a formal party. I want to look great, but I don't want to need a steamer trunk for my makeup, nail and hair products. What do I do?

A. Special looks don't just happen, so plan ahead. One week before, take one evening and spend it trying on everything. Put on the dress, the shoes, the accessories and the makeup. Work on a hairstyle, including any hair ornaments you

plan to wear, and do your makeup so you'll know the products you'll use. Now, you



Fashion expert Ernie McCraw lets us in on some, secrets.

know what you'll need and will not be throwing last minute things into the suitcase. Lighten your load with mini travel containers. You can fill them with your favorite creams, lotions and personal items.

Q. The holidays are almost here, how can I get ready for the new, feminine look?

A. Hair and skin need constant conditioning and care, especially after the harsh effects of summer. Start with a weekly hair reconstructor and moisturizer. The skin's ability to absorb moisture is wonderful, so start by gently cleansing and moisturize daily. Don't forget to re-apply when you are exposing. your skin to the elements.





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Hannaford

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of the stores, the Elsmere market being the only one in the immediate area.

"We have, in fact, agreed to purchase the Elsmere store," said Hannaford spokesman Caren Epstein. "I think we see it as a viable and growing market, and we believe our banner will work nicely in that store. Our quality meat department, our everyday low prices, our emphasis on. customer service, I believe will fit nicely with the Delmar demographic."

Epstein said Hannaford will take over the operation immediately upon C&S's closing with Grand Union, and close the store for remerchandising. How long that might take, she said, is ancertain.

"When we buy the store, it will be stripped of product," she said. "We need to get into the store and see if there are other things we need to do other than changing the signs and restocking the shelves.'

specifics about the sale price or how many of the store's current said Hannaford managers have not yet met with local employees.

"We hoped to do that right away, but we have not done so, at Grand Union's request," she said. "Our general intent is that we expect to interview everyone there and make as many offers as Thursday starting at 6 p.m. possible.'

Elsmere manager Dave Farrell -declined to discuss details of the switch: "We haven't gotten anything definite on that yet," he said. د

Schenectady-based Golub Corp., owner of the Price Chopper chain, confirmed Monday a letter of agreement to purchase nine stores from C&S, including ones in Guilderland and Loudonville.

Among other buyers lining up,

Christmas house tour scheduled Dec. 10

The annual Christmas House Tour sponsored by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Association of Churches is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10.

A variety of homes from the 1800s to present day will be decorated and opened for touring.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at St. Patrick's Church parish center on North Clement Avenue in Ravena.

Proceeds from the tour will benefit area food pantries. For information, call 756-2957 or 756-3145.

Letters policy

Dutch holding company that operates both Tops and Stop & Shop supermarkets, which has concluded a letter of agreement with C&S to acquire 63 Grand state. None of those is in Albany or Schenectady counties

Massachusetts retailer Shaw's has also agreed to purchase a dozen stores in Vermont and Connecticut from C&S and another six directly from Grand Union.

To operate the rest, C&S notified the court of the formation of a limited-liability corporation. GU Markets, that will continue to operate, under the Grand Union name, the 95 outlets as yet unassigned to another buyer.

They include the store on Route 9W in Glenmont and another Route 9W location in Ravena, as well as others in Niskayuna, Clifton Park and

the largest is Royal Ahold, a elsewhere throughout the region. Wistreich confirmed earlier reports that those stores will be evaluated, possibly for additional selloffs

'We plan on operating a Unions, principally in New York substantial number of those we aren't going to sell," he said. "We haven't finalized our analysis. If there are unprofitable stores, we may close them."

He declined to be specific about which stores were under scrutiny. Ken Kehn, manager of the Glenmont store, declined to comment.

Stores not included in last week's C&S sale agreement, including local markets in Scotia and Albany, were closed last Thursday as Grand Unions and turned over the next day to a liquidator, Great American Group, for inventory closeout sales, which Grand Union spokeswoman Sue Marsh said would be completed by Jan. 31.



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person at the IRS, and not only did we become a 501(c)3, the IRS made it retroactive to the whole time the fund's been in operation.

This year, Bethlehem Festival Fund is part of SEFA, the State **Employees Federated Appeal.**

State employees can make contributions directly from their paychecks via the United Way,' lackson said. "Our SEFA number is 50-303, a number we sent home through the school newsletters. Our budget is small enough that if 100 people gave just \$1 a week. it would make a big difference."

sponsors an Adopt-A-Family program, which provides gifts and food for 80 to 90 families in the school district.

"Individuals and community organizations can sponsor a family," Jackson said. "The nurses and social workers at the schools take care of this discreetly; I don't have any idea who the families are.'

Donations can be mailed to Bethlehem Festival Fund, P.O. Box 341, Delmar 12054. Jackson can be reached at 439-7828.

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Cumberland Farms, CVS, Glenmont Beverage, Brookwood Mobil. Exit 23 Mobil. Grand Union, Stewart's and Van Allen Farms

Delmar's BIG Arena offers She declined to discuss martial arts classes

The Capital District Moo Duk family discounts available. employees would remain, and Kwan Club now offers martial arts instruction in cooperation with BIG Arena.

> Classes are available to students of all ability levels, age 8 and up.

Classes meet on Tuesday and

Monthly dues are \$40 with

Senior instructors James Bungay and Richard Hoult have more than 40 combined years of martial arts experience, including moo duk kwan, tae kwon do and several other styles.

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Accidents

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in the mishap. No charges were filed against either driver in the accident.

Wednesday's chain-reaction collision occurred at about 5:50 p.m. in the northbound lane of the Route 85 bridge over the Normanskill, as a vehicle driven by a 39-year-old Slingerlands resident waited to make a lefthand turn onto Blessing Road. According to the police report, another northbound vehicle, driven by a Colonie man, struck from behind a third driven by Troy woman, pushing it into the first vehicle.

The driver of the middle car and a 22-year-old passenger in the vehicle driven by the Colonie man each suffered minor injuries when their heads struck the dashboard; they were treated at the scene by Delmar Ambulance personnel and transported to Albany Med and released. Neither the driver nor three passengers in the first vehicle were injured.

The bridge where the accident took place is under reconstruction by the state Department of Transportation, to widen the lanes and add a turning lane onto Blessing Road to reduce traffic tie-ups like the one at the time of the accident. Construction is expected to be completed by next summer.

"Historically speaking, that's been a bad area for accidents, certainly one of the top 10 worst in Bethlehem. That's why DOT is

working out there to add a turning lane," Beebe said.

The Nov. 30 accident, according to police, occurred shortly after 5:30 p.m., when a Voorheesville man attempted to exit the Hess station heading westbound. His vehicle pulled into the path of an oncoming eastbound vehicle driven by an Albany man.

An Albany County paramedic unit extracted the Albany driver from his vehicle and he was transported by Bethlehem Ambulance to Albany Med for treatment.

The Voorheesville man was ticketed at the scene for failure to yield right-of-way when entering traffic.

With increased traffic volume and the oncoming approach of winter driving conditions, Beebe said, "Drivers should allow a little more time when road conditions are going to slow down, to give themselves plenty of time to get where they're going without having to rush."

Voorheesville Legion to serve breakfast

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will serve an allyou-can-eat breakfast buffet on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes eggs made to order, french toast, home fries, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3

for children.

Bearing up



Isabelle Defino, left, and Becky Himmelfarb look at teddy bears during the craft fair at Hamagrael Elementary School last weekend. Jim Franco

IDA moves on several projects

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

In a flurry of end-of-year action on business proposals, the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (IDA) launched a business incubator project on its way, and took another step in the forthcoming tax-abatement negotiations with PSEG Power.

Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5, resolution is the first step toward the IDA unanimously adopted an granting tax exemptions to Malm

inducement resolution to support a \$5.7-million project proposed by Malm Realty, the Glenmont-based owner of Hamilton News. Malm plans to build a 95,240-square-foot office-warehouse facility on a 3.4acre parcel on Hamilton Lane. The building will be an incubator for small companies seeking space to lease. The inducement resolution is the first step toward granting tax exemptions to Malm

inducement resolution to support to aid in financing the project. a \$5.7-million project proposed by The resolution requires

completion of a PILOT (payment, in lieu of taxes) agreement establishing a schedule of reduced exemptions over a specified time period and a future public hearing, which the agency tentatively set for Jan. 11.

The IDA will consider requests for PILOTs from Bruno Machinery, which has purchased a site on River Road and from PSEG Power.

To that end, IDA also voted Tuesday to secure the services of Ronald Promboin, a Californiabased independent consultant with expertise in energy property valuations, to assist in the negotiations with PSE&G over a PILOT agreement for the former Niagara Mohawk plant site, which PSEG hopes to redevelop with a new \$400 million state-of-the-art steam generating facility.





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ports Eagles fall at Bethlehem boys hoop tournament

By ROB JONAS

Chuck Abba will have to wait a little longer for his Bethlehem boys basketball team to earn its first victory of the season.

The Eagles lost to Amsterdam and Brewster (Section I) at last weekend's Bethlehem Tip-Off Tournament to fall to 0-2 on the young season.

Bethlehem had an opportunity to knock off Amsterdam in last Friday's opening round. The Eagles led 36-31 with five minutes left before the Running Rams scored the last 12 points to pull out a 43-36 victory.

* "They made the plays, and we didn't," Abba said. "We turned the ball over a couple of times, and we allowed some second-shot opportunities.'

Neither team could get its offense going in the first half, as Amsterdam built a 15-14 halftime lead. Bethlehem outscored the Rams 22-16 over the first 11

minutes of the second half before continued last Saturday in a 54-46 falling silent again.

"I thought both teams were consolation playing pretty good defense (in outscoring the Bears 18-8 in the the first half)," Abba said. "I thought we played pretty good to 14 points over the next two defense, but we had a hard time periods. getting our shots to fall."

run may have come when Bethlehem senior forward Nate Turner fouled out early in the good about his team - which has fourth quarter. Without Turner, six veterans returning from last the Eagles had one less veteran year's 9-12 squad. on the court to help with rebounding.

"Nate is a senior, he's got experience ... and losing Nate hurt us," Abba said. "I thought the other guys who went in for him playing better." did well.'

scored 11 points to lead Bethlehem. Mike Morin had 14 points for Amsterdam, including a couple of clutch baskets during the Rams' final run.

Bethlehem's offensive woes lose."

loss to Brewster in the finals. After first quarter, the Eagles were held

Ursprung and Turner each The catalyst for Amsterdam's scored eight points to lead Bethlehem.

Despite the losses, Abba feels

"I feel upbeat about the group," Abba said. "They'll continue to work hard, and when they start hitting some shots and get a few rebounds. I think they'll start

The Eagles have a tough task Senior center Tyler Ursprung ahead of them Friday. They host Columbia, a preseason favorite to. win the Suburban Council.

> "It's exciting, and it's a great opportunity for us," Abba said. We have absolutely nothing to

Blackbirds lose home opener

By ROB JONAS

After suffering through a 1-18 campaign last year, the Voorheesville boys basketball team opened the 2000-01 season against defending Colonial Council co-champion Watervliet last Friday in the Clayton A. Bouton High School gymnasium.

It proved to be a bad matchup for the Blackbirds. The Cannoneers jumped out to a 14-7 lead after one quarter and steadily pulled away to a 57-41 victory in the Colonial Council contest.

"I thought Water vliet executed their offense very well," first-year Voorheesville coach Shane Clary said. "We have a young team, and we didn't execute as well on the 'offensive end."

Other than the opening quarter, the Blackbirds (0-1) 'stayed close to the Cannoneers. They were outscored by only three points in each of the final three periods.

"This is a starting point." Clary said. "We have to get to a point where, instead of being down by 16 points after four quarters, we're in a position to win at the 'end.'

Chris Bechard, one of nine juniors on this year's roster, had 12 points to lead a balanced Voorheesville offense. Senior

guard Kevin Vanderwarker the Colonial Council. added seven points.

"Part of it is that it's a learning experience for us," Clary said. "We have a lot of juniors, and they're going to need some time to gel as a team."

The Blackbirds will have their work cut out for them throughout the season. With Waterford leaving for the Central Hudson Valley League and the addition of Cobleskill-Richmondville, they will be facing an uphill battle in

"There are no easy games," Clary said. "We've just got to continue to get better."

Voorheesville traveled to Albany Academy Tuesday night. The Blackbirds return home Friday to take on Mechanicville.

The Voorheesville girls basketball team opened its league season with a 49-35 win at Watervliet last Friday. Katelyn Berger scored 17 points to lead the Lady Blackbirds.

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from frequent jumping.



Bethlehem's Tyler Ursprung (14) goes up for the short shot during last

Friday's game against Amsterdam at the Bethlehem Tip-Off Tournament.

forward Matt Delaney chippedin with 10 points, while junior



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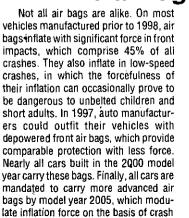
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Lady Eagles earn tournament split

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls basketball team did not look like a program that had lost most of its players due to graduation last year.

Playing against two of the perennial powers in the Big 10, the Lady Eagles earned a split at last weekend's Bethlehem Tip-Off Tournament.

"As young as we are, we have stepped up very well against two aggressive, competitive teams," Bethlehem coach Kim Wise said.

Bethlehem (1-1) opened the tournament last Saturday with a 54-51 loss to Catholic Central.

The Crusaders (3-1) broke out to a 14-5 lead after the first quarter, but the Lady Eagles chipped away at the deficit over the final three periods to keep the game close.

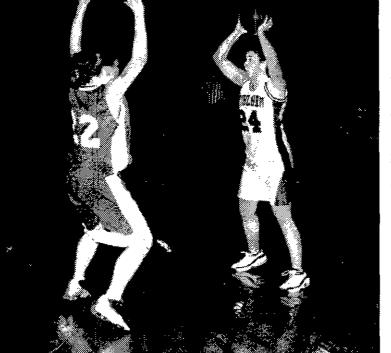
"That was our first game, and we are a young team," Wise said. "Fortunately, it only took us a quarter to understand what it takes to play at this level."

Sue Kelly, one of several newcomers to the Lady Eagles this season, led the team with 12 points. Senior forward Sara Conklin added 11 points in the loss

Bethlehem rebounded Sunday with a 61-48 victory against defending Big 10 champion Albany.

The Lady Eagles used a 24-10 run in the third quarter to break open a close game. They led by as much as 20 points in the fourth an undefeated run through the other.

Skating



Bethlehem guard Sue Kelly (24) looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during Sunday's game against Albany at the Bethlehem Tip-Off Tournament. Kelly averaged 16.5 points per game to earn a spot on the alltournament team. Rob Jonas

advantage to 13 points at the end.

"We said if we played good defense that we'd be fun to watch, and I thought we were fun to watch today," Wise said.

Kelly continued her personal offensive blitz for Bethlehem with a 21-point effort, while Conklin and Carley St. Lucia each added 15 points, Kelly and Conklin were named to the all-tournament team

Catholic Central wrapped up

quarter before the Falcons cut the tournament with a 49-38 victory against Guilderland Sunday.

> The Lady Eagles return to action Friday night when they travel to Columbia for an 8 p.m. game. Their next home game is Dec. 13 against Burnt Hills.

> Even though both games are against Suburban Council teams, neither one will count in the league standings. Due to the addition of Averill Park to the league, all Suburban Council teams have one official game against each

Bethlehem swimmers open with road victory

By ADAM SHPEEN

The Bethlehem High School boys swim team defeated Shenendehowa in its season opener 60-34 last Thursday at Mechanicville High School.

Led by team captains Andrew Zox and Richard Bailey, the Bethlehem swimmers gave themselves something to smile about.

first meet," said Zox.

Bethlehem took first and third Alfred. in the 200-yard freestyle relay and first and second in the 400 freestyle relay.

In individual events, sophomore Ryan Weaver won the 100 breaststroke, beating Bailey by .02 seconds in an exciting finish.

"Bailey got me psyched up," said Weaver, "We did what we had to do."

In the 200 individual medley,

Bethlehem senior Andrey Golden came in first, and junior Thalis Orietas placed second.

During the meet, the swimmers were surprised to see rival team Burnt Hills in the stands scouting out the new competition. Defeated last year, in the section finals, Burnt Hills anticipates a rematch with Bethlehem in mid-February.

We did great, but we mus "I thought we did well for the concentrate and focus on Burn Hills," said sophomore Josh

> Overall, the team seems confident and optimistic about the season under first year coach Anthony Ferro. Ferro, a 1988 graduate of Bethlehem and a former swimmer, follows in the footsteps of famed coach Ken Neff.

> The team's next match is at home Wednesday against Albany Academy.

International tournament coming to BIG Arena Dec. 27

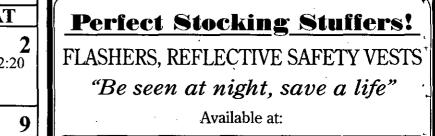
The 2000 New York International Hockey Cup comes to the 🔔 BIG Arena and the Albany Academy Field House Dec. 27-30.

The event will feature 40 youth hockey teams in four age groups from seven different countries including Russia, . Belarus, Germany, Ukraine, Slovenia and Canada. Featured international teams include Red Army of Moscow and defending European champion Mettalurg from Russia.

The tournament also features several American clubs including the Los Angeles Junior Kings, the Chicago Blues, the Washington Little Capitals, the Minutemen Flames of Massachusetts and the Connecticut Yankees. The Flames, Little Capitals and Syracuse Stars Pee Wee division teams have already been invited to the Quebec International Tournament in February.

The Albany Storm, the Albany Junior River Rats, the Troy-Albany Rivermen, and the Albany Academy Cadets will represent the Capital District.

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Bethlehem bantams win second tournament

Bethlehem Youth Hockev's Bantam travel team added another tournament championship to their successful season by winning the Between the Pipes Tournament in Clifton Park last weekend.

The Eagles fought back from an early loss to Capital "A" in the opener on Friday night to earn a return match with the same team in the championship round on Sunday.

Bethlehem came on strong in Friday's game and were tied with Capital 2-2 after two periods, thanks to goals by Ian Stiles Mikl and Mike Szoke and assists from Chris Jerome and Taylor Bourque.

Things quickly fell apart for the Eagles however in the third period. Despite a heroic 25 saves by goalies Shay McGlynn and Conor O'Shea, Bethlehem succumbed to a disappointing 7-2 loss.

With two games scheduled on Saturday, the Eagles arrived ready for action in the morning and quickly took control of Clifton Park in the first match. Garret Leigh nailed the first goal at 5:47 in the first period on an assist from Joe Scialdo. He followed up early in the second with another on a poke from Mike Dunn and connected with Scialdo again six minutes later to earn a hat trick. Szoke, William Gannon, and Dunn also

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

scored to make the final tally 6-1 chestrated pass to Bourque, who Bethlehem.

Saturday afternoon's 5-2 win against Bay West was a hard hitting contest that tested the team's stamina and composure.

Dave Farber started things off early in the game with a goal at 11:31 and followed up four minutes later with another on a sharp pass from Chris Dudek.

Bay Westfought back with two goals of their own, but goalies McGlynn and O'Shea fended off 13 more shots to shut them out for the remainder of the game.

The Eagles added another point in the second period when Dillon McNiven and Sandro Gerbini put together a well-or-

Winter racing series begins Dec. 17

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will start its annual Winter Racing Series Dec. 17 with runs of 5 and 15 kilometers at the University at Albany.

Both races start from the physical education building at 10 a.m. and are open to runners of all ages and abilities.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the physical education building. The fee is \$3 for club members and \$4 for non-members.

The Winter Racing Series is designed to give year-round runners an opportunity to compete

Races of progressively longer distances will be held at two-week intervals, culminating in the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club Winter Marathon March 4. All races will be held at the University at Albany.

Runners who complete four races and volunteer to work a fifth will receive a "Winter Series Survivor" award from the club.

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punched it in at 13:47. Dudek knocked in the fourth goal early in the third period, and Farber got his hat trick less than a minute later with help from Bryan Ira.

Upon arriving at the rink Sunday morning, the Eagles learned that Capital had fallen to Clifton Park the previous night. This was just the added boost they needed to help fire them up for the championship round.

Both teams fought furiously for control of the puck, but the first period ended with no score. Then with Bethlehem a man down at 2:04 in the second period, Capital scored first to break the stalemate.

The Eagles seemed unable to get a break in the first two periods as the offensive efforts of all the lines, including Brian Maher and Tim Moriarity, made 12 shots on goal.

Finally, Bourgue fired one in at 10:42 in the third period to tie things up at 1-1.

Once again the Eagles were faced with the real possibility of a sudden death overtime in tournament play. Each side was relentless in their pursuit of the puck.

Finally, a Szoke pass hit Dudek perfectly and he sailed it high over the Capital goalie's shoulder to make it 2-1 Bethlehem with 48 seconds remaining in the game.

As the fans screamed themselves hoarse, the Eagles stayed focused and held off the final Capital assault to secure the win.

In addition to their overall winning season, the Eagles are now 2-for-2 in tournament play. Their next weekend tournament will be Jan. 26-28 in St. Albans, Vt., but they will be playing at home in regular season action at the BIG Arena Dec. 11 and 16.



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FRIDAY, DEC. 8

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Albany Academy, 7:30 p.m. Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Columbia at Bethlehem, 8 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

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Guilderville at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Holy Names at Ravena-Cocymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.



Bethlehem at Columbia, 8 p.m. SATURDAY, DEC. 9

HOCKEY

South Glens Falls at Bethlehem, 7 p.m. WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Colonie Central Tournament, 10 a.m

MONDAY, DEC. 11

BOWLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cohoes, 4 p.m. Lansingburgh at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

BOYS BASKETBALL

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Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

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bituaries

Walter Ditzel

Walter R. Ditzel, 84, of Slingerlands died Friday, Dec. 1, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

He was a graduate of Albany High School and attended Siena College.

Mr. Ditzel worked for as cost accountant for General Electric in Schenectady for 20 years.

He was also an accountant for the Public Service Commission and operated an income tax accounting service for many vears.

He was a member and former secretary and treasurer of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

He was husband of the late Catherine O'Brien Ditzel.

Survivors include his wife, Olga Barachini Ditzel; a daughter, Patricia Leach of Albany; and several grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 10:45 a.m. today, Dec. 6, at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany, and at 11:30 a.m. from First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Niskayuna.

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Robert Watters

Robert Watters, 77, of Wedge Road in Delmar died Monday, Nov. 27, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he retired from AT&T as an operations manager after 40 vears.

Mr. Watters was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard Adams American Legion Post in Delmar.

He was a volunteer driver for the Cancer Society and a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Dean Watters; three daughters, Linda McGraw of Malta, Joanne Pellerin of East nine grandchildren; and eight Berne and Nancy Carr of Ballston Spa; a son, William Watters of Voorheesville; a sister, Margaret Eckles of Sunnyvale, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Service were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054 or the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

Charles Peck Jr.

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Charles "Sonny" H. Peck Jr., 74, of Westerlo and formerly of

New Scotland, died Monday Nov. 27, at Albany Medical Center Sickinger. Hospital.

Born in New Scotland, he was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Peck was a life member of the New Salem Fire Dept., the Ravena-Coeymans Sportsmen's Club, A&R Sportsmen Club and Westerlo Sportsmen Club.

He was a former stock car driver at Clearview Raceway in Westerlo.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche Freleigh Peck; three daughters, Betty Ann Filkins, Margaret Zibura and Ruth Savino; a son, Steven Peck; three sisters, Edna Wilsey, Alice Loucks and Ave. Ext., Albany 12203. Hazel Arsenault; two brothers, Robert Peck and Kenneth Peck; great-grandchildren.

Services were from the A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home in Greenville.

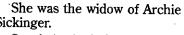
Burial, with full military honors, was in Westerlo Rural Cemetery.

Dorothy Sickinger

Dorothy B. Sickinger, 95, a longtime resident of Slingerlands died Friday, Nov. 24, at Teresian House in Albany.

Mrs. Sickinger worked for state Workmen's Comp for 30 years before she retired.

She was a member of the Onesquethaw Chapter of the Eastern Star, Bethlehem AARP and Bethlehem Senior Citizens.



Survivors include a nephew, Edward Bilyieu of Vero Beach, Fla.: and five nieces, Edith Campbell of Scotia, Esther Grote Riverside, Calif., Betty of McKusick of Penn Yan, Yates County, Paula Velho of Longwood, Fla., and Pamela Coombs of Flourtown, Pa.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Church to host Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Teresian House, 200 Washington

Helen Zakens

Helen Marion Kotarski Zakens, 89, of Selkirk died Sunday, Nov. 26.

Born in Schenectady, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District

Mrs. Zakens worked for General Electric, where she developed an award winning idea that was critical to the World War II effort.

She was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of the

Church of St. Casimir in Albany. She was the widow of Joseph Zakens.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Services were from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Casimir.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. Casimir's Memorial Fund, 324 Sheridan Ave., Albany 12206.

Choir and orchestra to perform 'Messiah'

David's Tabernacle choir soloists and chamber orchestra will perform Handel's oratorio "Messiah" on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. at Mount Moriah Ministries on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Goodwill offerings will be accepted. For information, call David's Tabernacle at 459-3152.

Library to host toddler program

Bethlehem Public Library will offer a morning of Mother Goose classics for toddlers 22- to 35months old on Friday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a.m. Call 439-9314 to

V'ville churches set Christmas festival

The 11th annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue

Singers from all churches in' the area are invited to join the Community Choir for this event.

Practice sessions will be on-Thursdays, Dec. 7 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the host church.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

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 s Delmar. All are welcome.

For information, call 439-8003 or 399-6516.

Five Rivers plans winter wildlife walk

A guided walk focusing on wildlife adaptations to winter will be offered Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

The outdoor study of winter . survival strategies and learn how various animals deal with our coldest season.

The program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Blues musician to perform in V'ville

The Capital Region Center for . Arts in Education is sponsoring ' performances by blues musician Ann Rabson for students at area schools.

Rabson's musical style is a mixture of powerful vocals, piano playing and acoustic guitar.

She will be performing at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Delmar orchestra sets seasonal concert 🖟

Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of David Beck, will perform a concert of 4 seasonal favorites on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle at 35

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register. The library is at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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The free program will feature both pops and classical pieces.

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for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge. In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.



Erik Mueiler and Courtney Macomber Macomber, Mueller wed

daughter of Dr. E. Scott and Cindra Macomber of Delmar, and Erik Horst Mueller, son of Horst and Ingrid Mueller of South Windsor, Conn., were married Sept. 30.

Peter Bishko performed the ceremony at the Macombers' home in Delmar. A reception followed.

The bride was attended by her sister, Britta Macomber, and her cousin, March Bishop.

The groom was attended by his brother Michael Mueller, and Falls, Ohio.

Courtney Bishop Macomber, the bride's brother, Brandon Macomber.

> The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Colgate University. She has a master's degree in art history from Williams College and is an art teacher at Hawken School in Gates Mills, Ohio.

> The groom is a graduate of the Loomis Chaffee School and the University of Puget Sound. He is teaches science at University School in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

The couple lives in Chagrin

College student participates in study

participating in the university's independent study. fall semester study program at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. Md.

Led by Dietz Kessler, professor of biology, the students are studying topics in the primary literature of the molecular

Amy Guzik, a senior at Colgate biosciences and chemistry as well University, is among 11 students as doing a biology-related

She is the daughter of Gerald and Gayle Guzik of Delmar.

> In Elsmere The Spotlight is sold at Grand Union, Friar Tuck Books and CVS.

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 P.O. Box 100, Delmar 12054.

Delmar woman earns scholarship

Sarah Zimmer of Delmar, a 2000 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School has been named a chancellor's scholar at Syracuse University.

She is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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

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

Awards may be as high as \$6,000 per year and are renewable.

BCHS grad completes cadet training

Patrick Davis of Delmar recently completed the cadet basic training program at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. and has been accepted into the Corps of Cadets.

The six-week prógram is intended to form new cadets into disciplined soldier-officers possessing personal pride, confidence, obedience to orders and dedication to duty.

Upon graduation from the academy, Davis will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army.

Davis is a 2000 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Drama major performs in college production

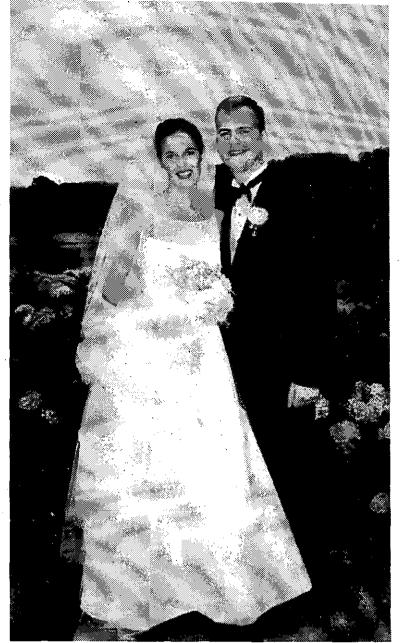
Hally Gutman of Delmar, a senior majoring in drama in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University, recently performed in the drama department's production of "Henry V."

The College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University is dedicated to providing an environment where faculty help students develop creative and scholarly abilities.

V'ville grad earns Army commission

Kevin Burns of Voorheesville was recently commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army after completing the Army ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond.

Burns is a 1996 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.



Kelly and Bryan White Many, White marry

Kelly Day Many, daughter of Richard and Ellen Many of Delmar, and Bryan James White, David Herald. son of Anthony and Suzanne White of Mashpee, Mass., were married July 29.

The ceremony was performed. by the Rev. Robert Singer and the Rev. Roger Day, great-uncle of the bride, at First Congregational Church in Falmouth, Mass.

A reception followed at The Coonamessett Inn in Falmouth.

The maid of honor was Erin Many, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Genise Fraiman, Rebecca Smith and Leslie O'Connor.

The best man was Earl Henry.

Groomsmen were Garret Boddington, Edward Daniel and

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Rhode Island.

She is a second-grade teacher in Franklin, Mass.

The groom is also a graduate of the University of Rhode Island.

He is an associate vice president and financial adviser at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Wellesley, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Maui, the couple lives in Framingham, Mass.



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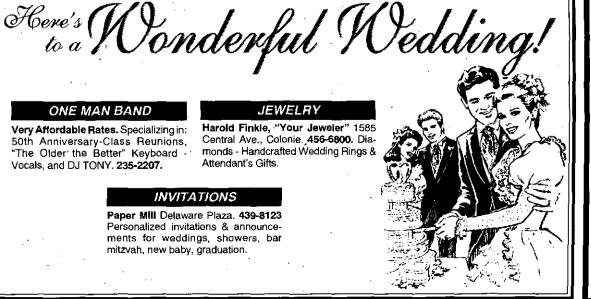
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INVITATIONS

Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123 Personalized invitations & announcements for weddings, showers, bar mitzvah, new baby, graduation.



Friendship Singers slate holiday concert

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. 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.

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Museum motorcyle show opens Saturday

hen one thinks of motorcycles one might conjure up images of Marlon Brando in "The Wild One," or Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper heading out to discover American in "Easy Rider."

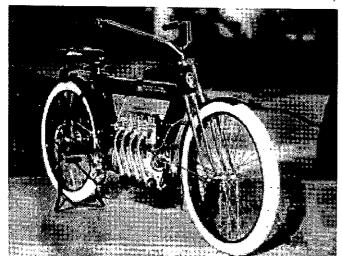
Both films capture the essence of the motorcycle as a free spirited means of transportation for rebellious youth, but the history and popularity of motorized two-wheelers goes well beyond the cultural icons that these films present.

The State Museum on Madison Avenue in downtown Albany is opening a new exhibit this weekend entitled The Great Motorcyle Show which will display motorcyles from the 1890s through present day models.

New York state, with its strong industrial base, was instrumental in pioneering the invention and early development of the machines and for a brief time, it was thought that they were the future of American transportation.

Of course the automobile superceded motorcyles as the dominant means of transportation but New York bike inventors and manufactures continued, over the years, to produce a wide variety of vehicles for utilitarian use, pleasure riding and competition.

The show at the museum has acquired motorcycles from the collections of other museums and from private collectors as well.





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Transcontinental tourists Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Gale and sons with their Emblem 10 H.P. Motorcycle.

Some of the highlights of the show include:

Hopkins Motorcycle

Essentially a bicycle with a motor attached this machine, from 1895, is not only the oldest motorcyle in this exhibit, but one of the oldest motorcyles in existence, anywhere. The invention of Nelson S. Hopkins. the bike is on loan from the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society,

Thomas Motorcycle

The E.R. Thomas Motor Company of Buffalo was one of the first manufacturers in the United States to offer bikes for broad distribution. This

> particular 1904 Auto-Bi model, from collector Douglas R. Redmond, has been beautifully restored by the owner and clearly demonstrates how radically different early bikes were from their present day counterparts.

Hercules Motorcycle Curtiss Motorcycle

machines, experimented with helicopter flight and with motorcyles in the early 1900s. This bike from 1916 is on loan from collector Jim Dennie and is the sole survivor of Williams' four prototype machines which were powered by rotating engines mounted on the rear, driving wheel.

Neracar Motorcycle

The Ner-A-Car Corporation promoted its sheet metal covered bike as an economical two-wheel automobile. According to the promotional material, the rider arrived with "clothing and shoes neat and clean" after an "exhilarating ride for one-third of a cent a mile." The Neracar is on loan from collector Louis

Feltz.

Yankee Motorcycle

The motorcycle industry petered out in New York in the 1920s but was revived in the late 1960s as the Yankee Motor Company set up shop in Schenectady. Founder John A. Taylor, designed turned his hobby into a business and introduced a number of on- and off-road motorcycles.

In addition to the actual motorcycles

on display, the museum exhibit features engines, catalogs, posters and photos as well as examples of motorcycles built today by New Yorkers around the state.

Visitors will also want to stop by the museum gift shop where books, posters, cards and other items are available for sale. Many items are related to museum exhibits, past and present.



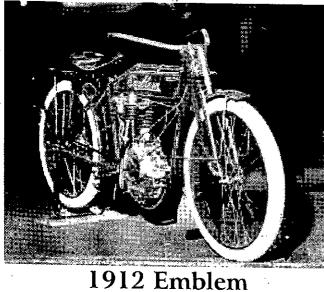
The museum is open 7 days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. closing only on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. There is no admission but a donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family is suggested.

Paid parking is available in lots on either side of the museum, but parking is free on weekends.

The Great New York State Motorcycle Show will continue through April 10.

For information call, 474-5877.1

1910 Pierce



Glenn Curtiss, a trailblazer in both aviation and motorcyle design designed both of these bikes. The Hercules, from 1904, is on loan from the Glenn Curtiss Museum and the Curtiss, from 1908, is from private collector Wes Allen. In 1907 Curtiss became known as the "fastest man in the world" for having ridden one of his eight-cylinder motorcyles to a speed of 136 mph.

Williams Motorcycle John Newton Williams. an inventor of office



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Dec. 8, 8 p.m., \$25 and \$35. Information,

CAPITOL CHAMBER ARTISTS

playing chamber version of Beethoven's

Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, Dec. 9, 7

p.m., \$16, \$8 for students. Information,

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MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

ew production of holiday classic, New ork State Theater Institute, Schacht Fine rts Center of Russell Sage College, roy, through Dec. 14, \$17, \$14 for eniors and students, \$8 for children ader 13. Information, 274-3256.

KING O' THE MOON

over the Tavern, Part II, Capital epertory, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, rough Dec. 17, \$21 to \$34. formation. 445-7469

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Nunsense" holiday show, Albany Civic heater, 235 Second Ave., weekends

EGAL NOTICE.

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

Inder Section 203 of the Limited liability Law FIRST: The name of the limited

iability company is ROUTE 9 REALTY, LLC. ECOND: The county within this

tate in which the office of the limted liability company is to be lo-cated is Albany. 日IRD: the latest date on which

he limited liability company is to issolve is

FOURTH: The secretary of state s designated as agent of the limted liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office within or without his 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.

YFTH: The name and street address within this state of the reg-istered agent of the limited liabily company upon whom and at which process against the limited ability company can be served 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 effec-tive as of the date of filing. SEVENTH: The limited liability

company is to be managed by one or, members.

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

through Dec. 17, \$15. Information, 462-1297

THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO holiday party play, Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., weekends through Dec. 16, \$12, \$10 for students. Information, 382-2081.

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 thaeter, Albany, through Dec. 9, \$10. Information, 442-3997.

LEGAL NOTICE

the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. Bryan J. Goewey, Organizer (December 6, 2000)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF KB FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act 1. The name of the limited part-nership is "KB FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP".

2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is lo-cated 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 6 Majestic Court, Loudonville, New York 12211. 4. The name and business address of the sole general partner

KMB I LLC

6 Majestic Court Loudonville, New York 12211 5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 17th day of November, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the fore-going is true and correct as of the date thereof. KMB, L.L.C., General partner By: S/ Kevin M. Bette, Member (December 6, 2000)

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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.

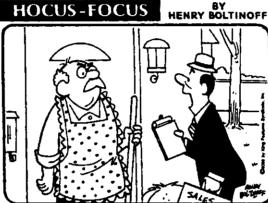
EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Melodies of Christmas, Proctor's Theater, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 7 to 9 at 7 p.m., Dec. 10 at 3 p.m., \$15 and \$17. Information, 346-6204

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 8, 8 p.m., \$16 to \$35. Information, 465-4663.

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BELLES AND BEAUX

Capital Ballet Co. production featuring local young dancers, The Egg, Albany, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., \$16, \$8 for children. Information, 432-5213.



The Collector as Bookbinder, through Dec. 31, Berenice Abbott's Changing New York, 1930s photographs of the city, through April 16; 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 Zlotsky, Mimi Czajka Graminski and Robert Longley, through Dec. 29. Information, 462-4775

HYDE COLLECTION

Realizing Courbet, exhibit on 19thcentury French realist, 161 Warren St. Giens Falls, through Feb 4. Information,

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

holiday show featuring affordable works by regional artists in a variety of media, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

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DAVE MATTHEWS BAND with Funky Meters, Pepsi Arena, Albany, Dec. 9, 7 p.m., \$45.50. Information, 476-

Temple, Route 146, Altamont, Dec. 9, 3 Arts p.m., \$15, \$5 for children. Information, **NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM**

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Albany Berkshire Ballet production, Palace Theater, North Pearl Street and

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Concierto de Aranjuez, including Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, Troy

Christmas concert, Palace Theater, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany,

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New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765

Tues. 12/12

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HOLIDAY CONCERT

Friendship Singers present seasonal

Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30

DELMAR ROTARY

A.W. BECKER PTA

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMM.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School

Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

FAMILY EVENING STORIES

Featuring stories and art of Jan Brett. 🔫

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School

LEGAL NOTICE

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 desig-nated 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

Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Becker Elementary School, Route 9W,

7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

concert program, Delmar Reformed

p.m.Free. Information, 439-9929. 4

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W.

Information, 439-9988.

First United Methodist Church, 428

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m.

Information, 439-9144

Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Wed. 12/6

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 451 Delaware Ave., Delaware, 4 p.m.

BETH. BUSINESS WOMEN

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

ADVENT SERVICES

Dinner 6:15 p.m.; worship, 7:30 p.m. Also Dec. 13, 20. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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

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

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

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE_

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF BBL HOSPITALITY, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PART-NERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited part-nership is "BBL HOSPITALITY,

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, Al-bany, New York 12203.

4. The name and business address of the sole general partner

SWF X, L.P.

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 13th day of November, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

BBL HOSPITALITY, L.P. by: SWF X, L.P., General Partner BY: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Part-

(December 6, 2000)

NEW SCOTLAND V'VILLE ZONING BOARD village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m.

421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information,

439-2181

Information, 765-2692.

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

Thurs. 12/7

BETHLEHEM RECOVERY, INC.

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

HOLIDAY PARTY AT FIVE RIVERS

Party at 7 p.m. and presentation on jack pine barrens by Neil Gifford of Nature Conservancy; Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0291

FAMILIES FIRST

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

LEGAL NOTICE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 1st day of November, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of periury 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

(December 6, 2000)

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 part-

nership 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, Al-bany, New York 12203.

4. The name and business address of the sole general partner

DRI LLC

52 Corporate Circle Albany, New York 12203

The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is October 31, 2100. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have execu

Fri. 12/8

BETHLEHEM Q.U.I.L.T. Quilters United In Learning Together meeting; mini demonstrations of holiday ideas, block exchange, drawing, show &

share, refreshments; First United Methodist Church, Kwenwood Ave., Delmar, Call for time, 439-1744.

STORYTELLING AT LIBRARY

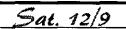
Mother Goose classics retold for children aged 22-35 months. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND PESTICIDE SEMINAR

Informational program about the proper use of pesticides; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road (off Route 85A), Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Registration, 765-3500.

PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3.45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.



BETHLEHEM FLEA MARKET & CRAFT SALE

Sale of Christmas items, antiques, crafts; kitchen open for breakfast and lunch. Bethlehem Elks Lodge, 1016 River Road, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Snow date Dec. 10. Information, 767-2836.

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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 pur-

(December 6, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

McLeod USA Purchasing, L.L.C. App. for Auth, filed SSNY 10/25/ 00. Albany Co., LLC org. in IA 2/ 24/00. SSNY is process agt. & shall mail copy of proc.: c/o CT Corp. Sys., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the reg. agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Off. addr. & reg. agt. in IA: Randall Rings, 6400 C St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA S2406. Copy of Art. of Org. on file SSIA. Purpose: any lawful purp. (December 6, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of LFA, Limited Liability Company, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/17/00. LLC organized in Indi-ana (IN) on 5/11/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail conv of process to: Corporate Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Office address of LLC in IN: 200 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802-2706. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with IN Secy. of State, 302 West Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Pur-pose: any lawful activity. (December 6, 2000)

HOLIDAY CHILD CARE

"Advent Adventure," Christian-focus child care program, each Saturday in Dec.; music, snacks, bible lessons. recreation, Christmas crafts, Lunch provided; \$5 per session. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-9929

children ages 3 to 6. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

FRIDAY FILMS & FUN

Film and art activity for preschoolers.

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School

WINTER TREE PROGRAM

Scotland; call for times and details, 872-

Sun. 12/10

BETHLEHEM

FAMILY SWIM

free; 5-13, \$2; 14-61, \$2.50. Residents of

Sponsored by Bethlehem Parks and

Recreation Dept. Under 5 and over 62,

Led by Botanist Ed Miller; John Boyd

Thacher State Park, Route 85, New

1237.

'SATURDAY STORYBREAK'

Winter tales, songs and crafts for

NEW SCOTLAND

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-24377 or 439-6952. Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm

439-8003 or 399-6516.

Ave., Delmar, 4 - 6:30 p.m. Information,

Mon. 12/11

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

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.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Delmar Community Orchestras in prseasonal program, St. Thomas Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

NEW SCOTLAND QUARTET REHEARSAL United Pentecostal Church, Route 85,

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Notice of formation of MAIN RE-

(December 6, 2000)

ALTY, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/09/2000. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig-nated 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.

purposes. (December 6, 2000)



Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Dept., Loockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 6, 2000)

agent of LLC upon whom process

against it may be served. Pur-

pose: To purchase, establish and

carry on business as general

merchants. manufacturers, im-

porters, exporters, commission

agents and distributors, for foreign

products only; To buy, sell, manu-facture, alter, improve, exchange,

import, export and deal any kind

of products as well as 'relating

services; To buy, sell, manufac-

ture all products and render all

type of services in advertise-

ments, communication and edi-

tion sector, including e-business; To carry on the business of mer-

chants, to undertake, conduct, execute all kinds of commercial

trading and services, and to en-

gage in any other business or transactions which this LLC is

authorized to carry on; and To do

Suite 110, Berwyn, PA 19312.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PUBLIMEDIA COMMUNICA-TIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/3/2000. 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: Cor-poration Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered

Bethlehem or school district only. Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3:30 p.m. "WEIHNACHTEN" CELEBRATION Eleventh annual German-English Christmas celebration asnd visit from

Sankt Nikolaus for the children.

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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SWF X, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PART-NERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF X, L.P."

2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is lo-cated 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, Al-bany, New York 12203. 4. The name and business ad-dress 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.

Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 10th day of October, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the forego-ing 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

(December 6, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Group Consult Management LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/10/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LC served upon him: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. The Registered Agent is Corpo-ration Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 6, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of LCOR LAMLP LLC, a foreign limited llability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/15/ 2000. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 1/19/2000. NY office lo-cation: Albany County. SSNY des-Ignated 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. Principal office address of LLC: 100 Berwyn Park,

all or any of the above things any-where in the world, but the LLC forbids itself to have any activity in the United States of America. (December 6, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority Notice of Application for Authority of Production Finance Interna-tional, LLC, a foreign limited liabil-ity company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/14/2000. LLC orga-nized in Washington (WA) on 7/ 28/1999. NY office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 Eighth Ave., NY, NY 10011. Office address of LLC in WA: 905 w. Riverside, Ste. 607, Spokane, WA 99201. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with WA Secy. of State, 505 E. Union, 2nd Fl., P.O. Box 40234, Olympia, WA 96504-0234. Purpose: purchase order financing for the import and export of pre sold merchandise. (December 6, 2000)



Voted Top 10 Menu All-Star List for 1999 RESTAURANT Award-Winning Calamari Now Booking for FINE FOOD · CATERING New Year's Eve 131 MAIN ST., RAVENA *Featuring Our New* December Lunch & Dinner Menu Let us cater your holiday party Lunch & Dinner: Wed.-Sat. 11am- 9pm Sunday Brunch: 9am-1pm • Sunday Dinner: 1-8pm For Dinner Reservations and Catering Information, please call **756-1766** and dine with us at 131 Main St., Ravena *A Road to a Great Restaurant is never long*

THE SPOTLIGHT

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Notice of Application for Authority of VERIZON WIRELESS MES-SAGING 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. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporate System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011 the registered 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 public and conduct any business permitted under applicable law. (December 6, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of BellSouth Wireless, LLC, a for eign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/00. LLC organized in Geor-gia (GA) on 9/30/00. NY office loation: 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 li-censed by the FCC for the provi-sion 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. (December 6, 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 10/ 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. (December 6, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 King, Jr. Drive, Suite 315, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: telecommunications. (December 6, 2000)

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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. (December 6, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

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. (December 6, 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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

South Mall Towers, L.P., filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on November 20, 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 South Mall Towers, L.P., 101 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be organized under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act.

(December 6, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is KMB I, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 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 6 Majestic Court, Loudonville, New York 12211.

(December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

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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.

(December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: ANS ADVANCED NET-WORK 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. (December 6, 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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

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. (December 6, 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. (December 6, 2000)

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copy of any process against the LLC is 650 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: BANAHAN CONSTRUC-TION, 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 at 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. (December 6, 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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the limited liability company is FTHG DEVELOP-MENT, 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 Swatting 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. (December 6, 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. (December 6, 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 Ken-

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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'I LLC at the same address. Purpose; any lawful purpose. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

402 PROPERTIES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 9/11/00. 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, c/o PMB 229, Brookiyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

YEAR2KEY LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/1/00. 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.

(December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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.

(December 6, 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,

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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 linc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

WESTPORT 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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TOMAS CONSULTING 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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

WATERFORD SERVICES 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. (December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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(December 6, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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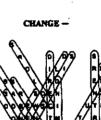
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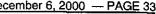


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kill, the support pylons of the bridge carrying Route 85 are marked with flood-gauge depths measured in one-yard increments from the bottom of the bridge deck, the topmost mark a oneyard demarcation. From down at water's edge, the markings seem superfluous. Under normal stream conditions, the creek barely reaches the 25-yard mark.

But the Normanskill lapped near the 3-yard gauge marking for nearly 36 hours in September 1999, when the remnants of Hurricane Floyd dumped more than two feet of rain into the Normanskill watershed, sending water coursing down Vly Creek through Voorheesville and pouring over the top of the Watervliet Reservoir in Guilderland — and downstream.

This summer, the state Department of Transportation's geotechnical engineers speculated that Floyd precipitated the super-saturation and undermining of the clay banks of the Normanskill at the base of the Elsmere escarpment, ultimately leading to last May's catastrophic landslide. Franze agreed.

Slippage problems happen way down deep in the soil," he said. "There's no doubt that slippage problems can be aggravated by a fact like a stream eroding the bank."

But though Floyd's torrent was particularly dramatic, each spring, and each heavy rainfall, provides ample warning about the Normanskill's potential power, flooding low-lying areas like the grassy bank below the Route 85 bridge.

"Every spring I've been in the county, whenever spring is wet, we get calls from people complaining about slippages along the Normanskill," Franze said.

Bob Fickes, assistant state geologist at the State Museum and author of a 1983 study on landslide susceptibility in the Hudson Valley, concurs in the view that Floyd got the ball rolling - exacerbated by an unusually wet spring last April and May. But New York state is landslideprone.

"New York is ranked by the U.S. Geological Survey No. 7 (among the states) in terms of landslide mitigation costs yearly,"

is No. 1, but New York comes in right up there."

"Most common is probably debris slides in the mountains of the Adirondacks and Catskills, and most of those don't affect anyone," owing to their remoteness, he said.

New York slides are a man-made variety — roadways cut through rock causing slides on steep roadside pitches.

But, "In terms of their cost, probably these mud flows are the most costly, because they're in populated areas," Fickes said. 'Clay was deposited in lowlands, lowlands are in valleys near rivers and streams, and that's where people live."

He sees a disaster persistently waiting to happen along the Normanskill. Nor is the Normanskill the only such potential threat. A decade ago, similar slippage nibbled away at Spring Avenue, near the Poestenkill, in Troy. This past summer, a resident of Hillcrest near Route 155 in Colonie sued the development's homeowners association for negligence in state Supreme Court, asserting that they should have known, when the project was first built, of the power of the nearby Kromma Kill, which has steadily nibbled away at her back yard and eroded as well her property's value. That suit is pending.

While kicking out the toe of the Elsmere slope, Floyd also washed away part of the bank of Onesquethaw Creek in South Bethlehem, forcing the town public works department to hire contractors for streambed remediation to rescue at least one residence from being undermined.

"All of these are the same type of material, the same story," Fickes said.

And like Onesquethaw Creek and the Kromma Kill, in Bethlehem and New Scotland, the Vloman Kill, Phillippin Kill and Dowerskill all share the geology, if not the scale, of the Normanskill.

Kills — a term that derives from the Dutch 'kil,' for creek or channel - are geologic remnants of the last Ice Age, 10,000 to 30,000 years ago. Then the long finger of glaciation stretched as far south as modern-day Kingston and dammed the Hudson. forming a body of water that covered much of the region,

Fickes said. "Naturally California called Glacial Lake Albany.

"Clays were being deposited on the bottom of the lake many thousands of years ago," Fickes said. With the end of the ice age and breakup of the ice sheet, he said, "all of a sudden, the dam broke.'

The resulting runoff back to Next most common among the Hudson carved the deep, steep ravines down through what geologists call Albany clay.

> Those ravines form the channels through which the kills run to this day — but much of the clay along their banks remains, susceptible to undermining and slippage whenever oversaturated with water or chewed away by the pounding of a swollen stream.

> Where the kills have cut down to pre-Lake Albany soil or bedrock, they are relatively stable. But where the combination of deep veins of soft clay and steep slopes formed by cutting through it exists — look out.

"Clay wants to sit at an angle of 20 to 25 degrees," said Fickes. 'But the streams have cut down faster than the slopes can catch up in many places, so you have instability These 15-to-25 degree slopes, if they're in glacial till" granular soils scraped clean of softer sediment by the glaciers — "they're probably stable. If they're in Lake Albany clay, they're probably marginally stable at best. And I have seen glacial clay fail in 10 degree slopes.'

In relatively low-lying areas along the Normanskill through Guilderland's southeastern back country, there is plenty of visible evidence of the clay being redeposited along the banks by each spring runoff. At one point the New Scotlandnear Guilderland town line, it is so neatly stratified that the edges of the creek, dried by the sun of late summer, crumble off at the touch in half-to-three-quarter-inch slabs of clay.

In Albany County, the soft clay of the glacial lake bottom is concentrated near the banks of the Hudson River along the county's eastern edge, covers much of Bethlehem except its extreme southwestern corner, and extends, like a long finger pointing inland, up the Normanskill ravine into Guilderland.

Much of downtown Albany is built on Lake Albany clay deposits. Exhibit A: Fickes cites the grand staircase at the eastern end of the state Capitol itself. Nineteenth-century engineers

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building the impressive tiered mittee (LUMAC) a decade ago, sagging eastern face.

Thus the grand staircase is a somewhat more decorative precursor to what DOT engineers have laid along the Elsmere slopes today, a massive stonework whose principal function is to keep the structure at the top of the slope — in Albany, the Capitol; in Elsmere, the roadbed of Delaware Avenue — from slipping away.

"Heck, Empire State Plaza is built on over 100 feet of glacial lake clay," Fickes noted. "But it's built on at least 10,000 steel piles designed to anchor it to the bedrock material below it." Would that the California Produce market in Elsmere had been so anchored.

The depth of the clay surprises even a veteran geologist like Fickes. His soil surveys from the 1970s estimated the depth near the Elsmere escarpment at about 100 feet; but DOT engineers drilling core samples in June after the landslide determined those depths beneath Delaware Avenue to be nearer to 170 to 180 feet of clay. That's a long way down to bedrock.

Ficke's 1983 study labelled areas with a slope greater than 12 degrees over a minimum of 40 feet unstable — and many of the kill ravines of Bethlehem, particularly along the Normanskill in Elsmere and New Scotland qualify.

Public officials, Fickes said, have been well aware of the problem for years. In 1978 he prepared a survey map detailing the most seriously affected areas.

"And actually, since we put that map out, I've become even more conservative (in his estimate of the slide dangers), since seeing a massive slide in Onondaga County in 1993."

But institutional memories of such warnings are short. Supervisor Sheila Fuller, asked about whether Fickes' survey map had been passed along by any of her predecessors, could not recall it.

The state Geological Service has "no legal authority to advise municipalities in their planning process," Fickes said.

Nonetheless, his voice is frequently heard, if not always heeded. Fickes advised the town of Bethlehem's Land Use Management Advisory Com-

Capitol building, he said, erected and Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky the staircase to support its credits his advice as the inspiration for the LUMAC report's recommendation of "environmental sensitive" zoning, restricting most construction on steeply-sloped, clay based soils.

> The area where May's land- . slide occurred was one such proposed "environmental zone." But so were portions of rural lands along the Vloman Kill and-Onesquethaw Creek — and their owners' objections to the proposed restrictions on use of their lands contributed to the town's reluctance to adopt the LUMAC master plan.

Yet stability questions are a frequent topic of town planning boards reviewing subdivision proposals and the like. Fortunately, Fickes said, few developers site a project at the top of a steep slope. But clearly, as the events of last spring illustrate, there are exceptions, many of them involving historic neighborhoods.

"I'm not an engineer," Fickes 🦄 said, "but my impression is, if the asphalt of Delaware Avenue wasn't there, this slide in May, would have continued to collectively seek its 20-degree slope. The slide would have eventually gone right up to the front doors of the homes across the street - or farther."

Franze is concerned with the \cdot pace of development throughout the Normanskill watershed, from Guilderland east. "I'm surprised 🥃 there haven't been a lot more serious slides," he said. "It's a substantially developed area."

Which means, he said, faster and more voluminous runoffs from paved surfaces. "The Normanskill has basically become a drainage ditch for a large piece of the Capital District," he said.

And the role of fill dumped atop the Elsmere slide area in , prompting the slide has yet to be determined. As the state Department of Transportation debates how to permanently a secure the Elsmere slope from development or further erosion, Fickes renews his call for zoning restrictions on development in steeply sloped, clay areas.

For even with the dramatic warning provided by the Normanskill last May --- which Fickes predicts will eventually . prove to be the most expensive single slide in state history — it will surely happen again.

"Are there going to be additional landslides? There almost certainly will be 🛶 something somewhere in the town of Bethlehem or further upstream," he said. "This is an ongoing natural process of slopes trying to be stable — a process which can be hastened by the activities of man and nature." Already, for instance, residents of Normansville concerned that the exposed debris that has ' drifted downstream from the construction site might alter the flooding patterns of the stream, . are nervously watching the changes in volume and course of the new Normanskill. "I'm sure that this has hit a number of people's pocketbooks heavily, so it behooves someone to take a closer look at it." he said. "I think to some extent, because we can't predict it, it demonstrates how little we know about it even now."



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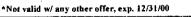


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