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Braverman supporters storm out of meeting

By ETHAN SCHOOLMAN

The Bethlehem school board zipped through the agenda at its Dec. 6 meeting, quickly getting to the issue everyone came to hear about: the uncertain future of varsity baseball coach Jesse Braverman.

In the end, Braverman's supporters spoke, and then many walked out, leaving board members to deliver their opinions to a much diminished crowd.

Braverman sued the school board last year over a Suburban Council guideline that limits off-season coaching of student athletes by school coaches.

Braverman's lawsuit was dismissed in November. Until then, the board had remained mum on the issue. Though Braverman's supporters spoke at almost every meeting this fall, the board consistently refused to comment until the case was settled in court.

This time, though, the board was prepared to make a statement. And Braverman's brigades had the board's most recent offer on their minds: a letter sent from Superintendent Les Loomis to Braverman over the weekend that said the choice was now his.

In the letter, Loomis told Braverman that the district would waive his violation of the rule if he would agree not to coach the Mickey Mantle team, which he founded in 1987.

Or, Loomis said that Braverman could continue coaching Mickey Mantle, and apply to coach the seventh- and eighth-grade baseball team, without violating the Suburban Council rule.

The board's position, and its view of

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Library to keep leafleting policy as is

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The controversial referendum on an \$8.5 million renovation project at Bethlehem Public Library heads to the polls next week, following a final flurry of public meetings outlining the project — and a last-minute controversy, characterized by library board member John Cody as “a tempest in a teaspoon,” over a recently adopted solicitation policy for the library grounds.

The solicitation policy was aimed at barring distribution of advocacy literature and buttonholing of library patrons anywhere on the

□ POLICY/page 23

Santa struck



Catherine Amodeo tells Santa (aka Jim McCarroll) what she'd like for Christmas at McCarroll's The Village Butcher last Sunday.

Jim Franco

Kaplowitz to step down as town attorney

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bernard Kaplowitz, a public fixture in Bethlehem for nearly a quarter of a century and for 22 years the town attorney, has submitted a letter of resignation from the post, effective Dec. 28. The town board will formally accept that resignation at tonight's meeting, likely to be his last as the board's counsel of record barring any special session called before year's end.

Serving as the town's chief legal counsel under four supervisors, Kaplowitz said, “it's been exciting at times, and something I've always thoroughly enjoyed. I've always cared about the town, and I've had the privilege of serving with many board members who also put the town first in their thinking.”

“Bernie is an institution,” Supervisor Sheila Fuller said. “His 22 years of service has been exemplary. Bernie is a true friend of the town of Bethlehem, always was, and I'm sure will always be.”

Kaplowitz said he is stepping down from the post “for a chance to spend a little more time making up some nights and weekends with my family.”

“The current three-year retirement incentive program of the state contributed immensely to it as well,” he added.

Town employees participate in the

state retirement system, and Kaplowitz also serves as counsel to the Hudson River-Black River Regulatory District, a position from which he will also step down at year's end.

He said he hopes to continue as an independent consultant to the regulatory district and maintain his private legal practice in Delmar.

Fuller said no formal process has yet been put in place to replace Kaplowitz in the part-time position, which pays \$40,864 a year, but that she planned to consult with the board today on how to proceed and hoped to have a new counsel in place by the board's Jan. 13 organizational meeting.

The town attorney serves as legal

water districts and police department, and on a claim basis with the town's board of assessment review and highway department.

Special counsel are also frequently appointed on the town attorney's advice to represent the town in special litigation, such as the pending legal action involving the proposed CMI Senior Healthcare facility and the lawsuit against the designers of the Clapper Road water plant.

As the town has continued to grow throughout his tenure, so have the demands of the job. But though other local communities have moved to full-time public counsel, Kaplowitz sees little need for that.

“I don't think Bethlehem needs a full-time town attorney unless you combine some of the part-time attorney's jobs with it, which is hard to do,” he said. “So much of their work is at night with the various boards.”

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Sheila Fuller

adviser to the board at its meetings, but, “Meetings are actually a small part of the job,” Kaplowitz said.

The town attorney also provides on-call counsel to town departments and oversees the other official counsel on the town payroll.

Part-time attorneys serve as counsel with the town's planning board and zoning board of appeals, the town's sewer and

Nor, despite such prominent pending legal actions as the water plant suit and the tax certiorari litigation with Niagara

□ KAPLOWITZ/page 28



Local police agencies arrest 5 on driving, drinking charges

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Five individuals were charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs as a result of recent arrests in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

Bethlehem police made three arrests over the weekend, and another individual previously convicted of driving while intoxicated (DWI) who had failed to pay his court ordered fine, was arrested on a warrant.

An accident on Route 9W in Glenmont on Friday, Dec. 1, led to the DWI arrest of a Dutchess

County man.

At about 4:40 p.m., Officer Craig Sleurs observed a vehicle driven by David J. Michael, 45, of 475 Pitcher Lane, Red Hook, strike a guard rail and swerve over the center markings onto the northbound shoulder, where it struck a home on Route 9W.

Officers Charles Radliff and Sleurs administered field sobriety tests and a pre-screening and arrested Michael for DWI and cited him for failure to keep right.

Michael was taken to Albany Medical Center for treatment, where blood was drawn as evidence.

Michael is due in Town Court Dec. 18.

Shortly after midnight on Friday, Dec. 1, Officer Jeffrey Vunck stopped a westbound vehicle near Blessing Road for operating at excessive speed.

Vunck and Officer James Rexford administered field sobriety tests and a pre-screening on Lisa Marie Johnson, 36, of 10 Victoria Lane, Delmar.

Johnson was charged with DWI and cited for speeding and ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 18.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, shortly

after 12:30 a.m., an Albany resident was arrested on a charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) while under the influence of drugs.

According to the police report, Vunck stopped a vehicle for speeding on the Slingerlands bypass.

After administering field sobriety tests, he arrested Melanna Jean Carroll, 17, of 230 Berkshire Blvd., Albany, for DWAI and possession of an altered license, and cited her for speeding.

She is due in Town Court on Dec. 18.

William Henry Warren, 33, of 54 Van Buren Ave., Ravena, was arrested by Coeymans police on Dec. 1 on a bench warrant issued in Bethlehem Town Court for failure to pay \$610 in fines and surcharges related to a conviction in a June 1999 DWI incident.

Arraigned before Judge Kenneth Munnely, Warren was released after he paid the fine.

Albany County sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville substation recorded two arrests in New Scotland during November on DWI and DWAI charges.

According to the police report, Dale Katz, 38, of 49 Axbridge Lane, Delmar, was pulled over on Route 85 shortly after 12:30 a.m. on Nov. 11 for a traffic violation.

After undergoing field sobriety and pre-screening tests, Katz was arrested for DWI, and ticketed for failure to keep right and to obey a traffic control device.

Katz was ordered to appear in New Scotland Town Court on Dec. 21.

Another arrest occurred shortly after midnight on Nov. 27 at a routine road check at the intersection of Routes 85 and 85A.

Police charged Michael J. Cavanaugh Jr., 19, of 2125 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, with DWAI while under the influence of drugs, and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Cavanaugh was ordered to appear in Town Court on Dec. 28.

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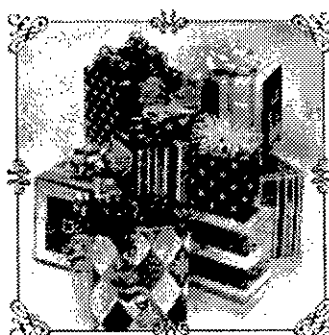
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Glenmont subdivision aired at public hearing

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A proposed 95-lot subdivision in Glenmont that has been under review by the Bethlehem planning board since April 1999 faced a public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Milltowne Plaza would occupy a 101-acre plot that straddles the Dowerskill, along the southwest shoulder of Wemple Road, just northwest of its intersection with Route 9W.

The property, owned by Massachusetts developer George Haseotes, is situated roughly along a northwest-to-southeast diagonal between Haswell Farms, along Feura Bush Road, and Dowerskill Village.

Steven Hart of Hart Engineering, preparer of the site plans, represented the developer.

Originally proposed for 65 single-family three to four bedroom homes, the project was expanded to 110 lots last January. But at the request of the planning board, it was reduced to its current configuration.

It would be located within existing town water and sewer districts, and residences within the project would be divided roughly 30 to 65 between the Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts.

The project, as outlined at the public hearing by Hart and Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky, would also include a right-of-way for a future two-lane east-west connector road between Elm Avenue and Route 9W, and some future realignment of Wemple Road.

The planning board, declared lead agency for consideration of

the project's environmental impact, adopted a SEQR resolution in October governing the project. Hart indicated at the hearing that the developer is submitting an application to the Army Corps of Engineers this week concerning wetlands remediation, but said that less than a third of an acre of wetlands would be impacted.

The developer intends to donate to the town property along the Dowerskill for recreational easements, and Lipnicky, responding to concerns expressed by several neighbors at the hearing, offered assurances that the ravines along the creek would remain undeveloped.

"The practicality is, there's not going to be any development down there along the stream," he said.

Traffic impact studies are being prepared for intersections with Feura Bush and Wemple roads, but Lipnicky said he expected little additional traffic through Dowerskill Village, whose roads will be connected to the new development.

Some neighbors along Wemple Road aired concerns about the impact of the subdivision on their property, particularly with regard to drainage, sidewalks and sight distances from their driveways.

"That (proposed) main connector road does come pretty much opposite our main driveway," said Dave Alexander of 240 Wemple Road. "We'd like to know if there's any drawing about how that's all going to come together 10 years down the road."

No formal action was taken by the board at the hearing.

'Tis the season



Doris and Fred Kirk get into the spirit of the season by decorating their fence on Route 85 last weekend.

Jim Franco

Man suffered fatal heart attack

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Beverwyck man, missing for several days, was found dead on the grounds of the North Bethlehem senior residence last weekend — apparently of natural causes.

According to Bethlehem police Lt. Fred Holligan, the body of Dr. Mark K. Wang, 88, of 40 Autumn Drive; and formerly of Loudonville, was found at about 8:20 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

A Beverwyck visitor, on a

stroll along a nature trail on the east side of the property, discovered Wang's body and immediately reported it to security officials.

Albany County Coroner William Loetterle, pronounced Wang dead at the scene. Wang apparently suffered a massive heart attack, according to the results of an autopsy conducted Monday at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Holligan said the body appeared to have been in that location for several days, clothed

in a winter coat suitable for a walk along the trail.

"The body was frozen and covered with a dusting of snow when it was found," Holligan said.

There was "no reason at this point to suspect foul play," he added. "Everything in his apartment seemed in order and there's no sign of outward trauma."

Last Thursday, staff, alerted by accumulating newspapers at Wang's apartment, attempted without success to contact his daughter.

Do-it-yourself doggie wash takes bite out of home bathing

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

If Fido's looking less than festive because the thought of wrestling him or her into the bathtub is the last thing your aching back wants to do this holiday season, check out Shampoodle.

The do-it-yourself dog wash has five waist-high tubs with an easy step in for your dog, a looped leash to hold poochie in place, and a shower spray that easily reaches the dog. Shampoo is provided, and so is a blow-dryer. Bring your own towels, and before you know it, you'll have your fluffy dog back.

Shampoodle is the brainchild of Sandy Travis, who has spent her whole life around dogs, and is currently the owner of a big German shepherd named Lacey.



Sandy Travis and Lacey

"It's a pain to wash dogs this size," said Travis, tossing a ball for Lacey to catch, and playing for a minute with Rae and Micki, two dogs in for a clean-up. "The reason this place exists is my dog."

"People go months without

washing their dogs, because it's such a pain," Travis said. "Here, you can get the dog into the tub without breaking your back. The leash holds the dog in place, and protects the dog by keeping it in its environment. The hand-held spray means you don't have to

fuss with the temperature. This also becomes a bonding thing for dogs and their owners, since you can stay with your dog while you're cleaning it."

The canine blow dryers, Travis pointed out, are also good for a dog's undercoat.

"We had a chow, and there were fluffs of hair everywhere when we were done," Travis said, laughing.

She makes sure that all those fluffs of hair are cleaned up, and the first scent to meet you at Shampoodle is the clean smell of shampoo.

"I clean out the tubs after each dog, and come in each morning when things are dry and vacuum," Travis said.

In the big, airy, purple room, there are four semi-private tubs, and one completely private tub. Most dogs, Travis said, quickly get over any fears they might have.

"I've seen dogs calm down after they've been here," Travis said. "The longer you spend with them here, the more they get used to it."

She also worked to make Shampoodle a family friendly place, with a kids room full of toys and games. There's also a doggie room, in case people have two dogs to clean, or if they want to drop their dogs off to be bathed.

The dog room has a half-door so Travis can keep an eye on the dogs, leash hooks, balls, and

crates for dogs who prefer to be in a secure place.

Shampoodle also has a grooming table. "We recommend that you bring your own grooming tools, but we will have everything here," she said.

"The hardest thing for clients is knowing what to expect," Travis said. "It's meant to be a good experience for you and your dog, and I'm around to help coach. Once your dog's in, it's great. I'd like to encourage people to stop in and check us out."

Travis grew up in California, where her mother raised poodles and Pekingese.

"When I was a toddler, my parents always found me with the dogs," Travis said.

She has lived in New York, mostly in Bethlehem, for 16 years and decided to open Shampoodle so she could work closer to home.

Shampoodle is on Route 9W in Glenmont, just north of Casa Mia, in the old Post Office building.

Shampoodle is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Reservations prevent waiting. The phone number is 434-3020, or check out the Web site, Shampoodle@prodigy.net.

It costs \$10 if you wash your dog yourself, and \$20 to have Travis do it. Grooming services are also available.

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Claudia's my scapegoat, don't kick her off the bus

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings has been busy fielding requests for the removal of those H&M ads of the underwear-clad Claudia Schiffer, the ones cleverly placed on the back page of the Friday sports section, plastered across city buses and boldly on display at Crossgates bus shelters.

But they can't go! They're wrecking my Christmas, and frankly, I need a scapegoat. Better a supermodel I'll never meet than the people I have to live with each day.

Claudia is so achingly beautiful it made me sigh when I first saw the ad. Kind of a questionable reaction from a straight woman, until you learn that I am in the over-40 set that enlarges the font size on every computer in the office, causing younger colleagues to shriek at the Land of Giants type when they unsuspectingly open a document that I have worked on. Seeing Claudia's perfection makes me long, yet again, for younger, smoother, bolder days.

Not that I ever looked that good, but this supermodel evokes in me a sense of guilt, a sense that if I didn't stand in my kitchen and suck down 17 Oreos before the kids came home from school, I too could look like her. If I got up

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an hour earlier, like I resolved to last New Year's Eve (and the one before that) and went to the gym, I could kind of look like that.

Claudia's whole problem (although she'd be shocked to learn she has one) is that she looks too attainable. She's not gaunt, the insides of her cheeks don't touch each other, and she actually looks friendly, especially considering that she's in a newspaper that's been lying on the front porch in the chill air of a December morning for quite a while.

Deep in every woman, I'll bet, is the belief that with just a tiny bit more self-control and discipline, she, too could be heading off to H&M for underwear smaller than her 2-year-old's Thomas the Tank Engine briefs.

Instead, a sense of failure rises to the fore, just days after tossing it in and deciding that the best way to find the energy to get through this holiday season lies in Starbuck's Frappuccinos and

Archway Pfeffernusse cookies, and that the diet and the gym are better left for the true millennium fast approaching.

You'd think Claudia's ads would make me resolve to give up junk food, and make time between the decorating, the shopping, and the mailing, to find time for the gym. Nope. Time to face the sad, sad truth: I totally lack the willpower to spend the amount of time needed in the gym, and there's only so much bulgur wheat a person can eat before running screaming to CVS for a Nestle Crunch bar.

Fortunately, there was an article in the paper not too long ago about how recent studies had proven what all of us PMS-sufferers have long known: chocolate really and truly is good for you.

"Do you eat to comfort yourself?" a wise woman once asked me, to which I can now only give a cookie-choked answer, "Apparently."

Perhaps, I think, if I dressed in younger more slimming clothes, I could once again make myself young and thin. Or, I could take one of those brave Lane Bryant stances, tell myself that big is beautiful, and get some racy underwear.

But I'd only hear a comedian I remember from the '80s, addressing an imagined group of big women buying lingerie, "Oh, no, you don't want the teddies. You want the grizzlies."

All good self-loathing tantrums must end though, and I reminded

myself of the important things in my life, primarily a husband who, 15 years later, knows more than ever the incredible importance of flattery.

The solution was simple: if I had him throw out the sports section each day, Claudia could continue her beautiful life and I could continue mine.

That was fine, until I took my children to see the new Grinch movie, only to nearly drive into Claudia in yet another sexy bra, smiling out across the sea of parked cars from her bus shelter ad at Crossgates.

So now, there's not just my December weight crisis, there's a shopping crisis; every time I go to Crossgates, I fall into a funk that only the food court can cure. So it's Claudia's fault that we're in December's double digits and I still haven't done any significant Christmas shopping.

I guess it's an Internet Christmas for us, although I'm worried she'll be there, too, in one of those flashing, pop-up ads that appear from nowhere while I'm she-mailing my best girlfriends about my latest neuroses.

My reluctance to go to the mall is the reason that my younger son is acting like the devil's spawn in this season of waiting for the baby Jesus. This is his doubting year on the Santa front, which is mostly manifesting itself in unbridled rage at his parents, who've been lying to him all these year.

Perhaps if I took him to the mall to actually see the big guy,

he'd be caught up in the spirit and we could eke out one last year of magic. But I can't do it: She'll be there.

Claudia's also the reason that my fridge smells. I'd clean it, but there's uneaten fudge in there. If I go hunting the odor, I'll end up eating the fudge. I may derive some health benefits from the chocolate, but it will take me that much further from ever looking like Claudia.

So I'll sit at the computer and download some Christmas carols while I place the orders that will make FedEx and UPS stock rise. That will substitute for visiting the decorated stores, battling my way through long lines, and watching little children look at Santa with hope in their eyes.

Since Claudia has taken the blame for my disorganized Christmas season (never mind that at this time last year, I was in the exact same place), I'll buy her a present while I'm online.

I know just what to get: a bathrobe, a nice, thick, formless fleece one.

Historical association announces programs

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

• Jan 18 at 2 p.m. — Supervisor Sheila Fuller will present the State of the Town of Bethlehem.

• Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. — Jean Tomlinson will talk about souvenir spoon collecting.

• March 15 at 2 p.m. — Charles Semowich will present a program on American furniture.

• April 19 at 7:30 p.m. — Lois Dillon will be the quest speaker. Her topic will be "Remembering the China Traders."

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

Delmar couple offer dance lessons

Rich and Nancy Mendick of Delmar are teaching beginner swing dance and salsa lessons on Tuesdays at the Troy Elks Lodge.

Swing lessons are at 7 p.m. and salsa lessons at 8:30.

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Library announces holiday closings

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 25, for Christmas, and on Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

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Northern Lights features stained glass

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

In this season of lights, Charlie Miller has opened a new shop that could help add a special dimension to the light in your home.

North Star Stained Glass Studio opened in Stonewell Plaza in Slingerlands in November, and is part workshop, part showroom.

Soothing music adds to the warmth of Miller's shop as, pliers hanging out of his pocket, he works while he talks.

"I've done this work for about 10 years," Miller said. "I've had a lifelong admiration of stained glass, and I took a couple of classes. Mostly though, I'd say I'm self-taught."

The Glenmont resident cut hair for 35 years at his Albany shop, Madison Cutters. That work, in some ways, is related to his current business.

"The business experience was vital," Miller said. "And when you're cutting hair, you're framing someone's face, so it's a kind of art. You also learn to work closely with people, and you're dealing with finding out what it is they really want."

Miller estimated that 90 percent of his work is custom, and that patrons tend to underestimate themselves.

"People will come in and say they don't know anything about art, but then you go to a house, and find they have a definite sense of style," he said.

His job is to figure out whether they want something dramatic or subtle.

"The thought is always there with people, and by the end of talking and working with them, you get a strong idea," Miller said.

He likes to meet first with people, and see where the stained glass will go in their home.

"We talk about color, designs, and what they don't like," Miller said. "Then I do a primary drawing, and put the colors in. We don't want any major shocks or surprises later, and we progress from there."

Miller has made Van Gogh windows, and a 23-foot wisteria window, and is working on a Southwestern-style window for a client at the moment.



Charlie Miller

"When I was a painter, I could never get enough color," he said. "With stained glass, the color is always there."

Miller works a great deal with the method that Louis Comfort Tiffany made popular between 1890 and 1930.

"Tiffany worked with chemists to develop favrille glass," Miller said. "It gave a new dimension to stained glass, and brought about a new way of seeing things. He also mixed oil and different metals to get a kind of glass that doesn't need light."

"I try not to labor or struggle," Miller said. "If I get stuck, I leave it for a little bit. Visually, I'll get a way for a while, then I might walk by and see it in a different light."

Miller points out that stained glass is not only for the rich, as evidenced by the cheery Christmas trees just waiting to become ornaments on somebody's tree, or to hang in a window and catch

the light. There are lamps for sale at North Star, as well as many window panels, clocks and mirrors.

"I have gift items that start at \$20," Miller said.

He chose the name of his shop as a tribute to his days in the Navy.

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Matters of Opinion

Vote Dec. 19

Based on the number of letters this week on the Bethlehem Public Library renovation proposal, the Dec. 19 vote should draw out a substantial number of voters.

This week's issue contains numerous letters, both pro and con, on the \$8.5 million proposal.

The important thing is, as we are reminded of daily on the national level, every vote counts.

Absentee ballots are available and will be accepted through Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the school district offices at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

So, mark your calendar for Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The vote will be in the library community room at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Be there.

Kudos to Kaplowitz

Longtime Bethlehem Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz will step down from that post on Dec. 28. In his tenure, he has served the town and its residents well. He will undoubtedly leave big shoes to fill.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller sums up Kaplowitz' contributions to the town accurately when she describes him as an "institution."

For 22 years, Kaplowitz has served as town attorney, and up until seven years ago, he was also Bethlehem Republican Party chairman.

Kaplowitz has certainly earned some time to simply relax, although he will continue to work at his law practice.

We applaud him and thank him for his longtime dedicated service to the town.

Shop closing is sad

We echo the sentiments of one of our letter writers this week who laments the closing of the Delmar consignment shop In & Out the Window.

Anita Stein and Deirdre Jameson, *The Spotlight's* former neighbors before moving to their Delaware Avenue address, provided a wonderful service for parents in Bethlehem and throughout the region.

With children's clothing prices soaring, In & Out the Window gave families the opportunity to keep their kids well dressed without breaking the bank.

It's a shame the shop closed, but we commend Stein and Jameson for their innovative effort. Let's hope down the road, someone else decides to resurrect a consignment shop for kids.

Editorials

Musings on the future of books

By LOUISE GRIECO

The writer is a poet who works as public information coordinator for Bethlehem Public Library. She lives in Albany.

"Star Trek," the original television series — aired a visionary episode back in the 1960s. A library on an alien planet was the repository for small silver disks that opened portals to other worlds. As our 20th century wheeled toward the 21st, those disks moved out of science fiction to become CDs and DVDs, and those fantastic portals became entryways into cyberspace.

A recent study by the University of California at Berkeley's School of Information Management found that worldwide, new information is created at an annual rate of 1.5 exabytes.

An "exabyte" is a 1 followed by 18 zeros. Stored on those silver disks, that amount of information would make a stack 2 million miles high. According to the study, 93 percent of that new information is stored digitally. That means that the average person could conceivably access just about all the information in the world.

But where in the world would the average person start? Which portal should be opened first? Where are the maps? Which maps are the best? Which roads are well lighted and soundly constructed, and which are dim and rocky? Which lead to dead ends?

And what about those of us — 41 percent nationally, according to recent Department of Commerce statistics — whose homes are not yet connected to the Internet universe?

The answers to these questions can be found at the library. In this day and age, as "library science" has become "information management," libraries bring crucial order and discipline to the research, retrieval, selection and organization of a staggering amount of information.

Information is not knowledge.

Point of View

Information is only a foundation for knowledge. Knowledge requires the refining crucible of critical judgment, the discipline of informed choice, the acceptance of limits, and finally, the potential for those limits to fire the imagination and get the whole cycle going again.

Libraries are the lynchpin in this cycle, and the field is thriving. Market Data Retrieval is a subsidiary of Dun & Bradstreet that furnishes information specific to the education market, which includes libraries. Its statistics reveal that the number of "reference specialists" working in public libraries has increased by 56 percent in the past five years.

Libraries today are no less relevant, but they are changing, conforming to the shifting cultural landscape. Librarians — and Bethlehem's are no exception — increasingly serve as instructors and advisers on how to find something on the Internet: what search engines to use, how to determine the efficacy of a Web site, how to view online sources with a discriminating eye and how to integrate online material with printed reference works.

And they must tailor both technical and traditional library services to an increasingly diverse population — diverse in age, ethnicity, interests, income and technological sophistication.

On the other side of the reference desk, the numbers indicate that so far, at least, Internet use has not cancelled out library use. A survey conducted for the Urban Libraries Council this year revealed that 75 percent of Internet users said they also used the library, and conversely, 60 percent of library users also used the Internet.

For those whose homes are not linked to the World Wide Web, the library is their point of entry. Even "wired" households rely on the library as a free source for online journals and databases that ordinarily charge fees for use or are otherwise unavailable.

One of the more exciting new developments in the library world is a project initiated by the Library of Congress and 16 other libraries in the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom to develop a worldwide online reference service.

Collaborative Digital Reference Service (CDRS) will soon connect users with timely and reliable information via an international digital network of libraries and related institutions. CDRS will apply time-honored principles of librarianship to all the information in the world.

Does all this mean the demise of books? I don't believe so. I came late to a graduate degree in English literature. I earned my master's in 1991 at the age of 42, but not late enough to escape the forbidding ranks of the Human-

ities Index that directed the first tedious steps of all my research. The library at my college was just beginning the transition to digital reference tools when I left. Believe me — online indexes, resources and links are a godsend.

But they are not a substitute for books. Sven Birkerts, in *The Gutenberg Elegies: The Fate of Reading in an Electronic Age*, described the essential difference between printed and electronic text in terms of depth vs. breadth.

The physical act of holding and reading a book encourages the reader to focus and draw inward. For me, the interrelation of touch, sight and imagination literally bends time and space. When I read a book I am somewhere else. Time is the book's time; the clock on my wall is irrelevant.

I can read Shakespeare on a screen, to be sure. And I might be able to instantly link to related material, a map of Old London, perhaps, or a schematic of the Globe Theater, or a foray into Elizabethan history. I would be allowed instant access to a breadth of information — interesting, diverting, relevant, irrelevant or spurious.

There's the rub. Continuity, depth, focus, engagement, all are in peril. Facts, or their unsubstantiated pretenders, impose themselves on the imagination. The hold of Prospero's magic, Hamlet's mood, Lear's madness, is loosened.

Birkerts does not advocate abandoning technology. He simply warns that we be fully aware of what we would be losing if we abandoned books, as well.

I've heard talk lately about the future of books as we know them — or rather, their lack of a future. I've heard talk that e-books will subsume my well-worn copies of *Jane Eyre*, *Grimm's Fairy Tales* and *A Christmas Carol*. That my collected poems of Emily Dickinson and W.B. Yeats, my collected stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Edgar Allan Poe, and my collected works of Shakespeare will all become The Connected Works of same.

Maybe. For now and for the foreseeable future, my library card is my ticket to the best of both worlds. I'll hone my neophyte skills on the Internet with the help of a librarian, who will be my Virgil as I hesitantly negotiate cyberspace (which for an old-fashioned student of literature can truly be a walk through purgatory).

And because my library offers me both options, I'll also browse the old-fashioned way, walking past those glowing computer portals to wander down analog paths among the stacks, looking for weekend reading.

On winter Sundays I'll still sit in my old wing chair before the fire with the comforting heft of a book, a real book with a spine and a heart, whose pages flutter and bend like wings, like a bird in my hands.

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Your Opinion Matters

Non-resident should stay out of fray

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the Dec. 6 issue of *The Spotlight*, Mr. Tim Herr says he wants to talk about the library and personal attacks won't us anywhere. But wait. Why does he want to talk about the library when he doesn't live in the Bethlehem school district, doesn't pay taxes here and can't vote on the library expansion project?

Why has he become involved in the group, Bethlehem Save Our Library? Why should we be influenced by someone who has no discernible stake in the outcome?

Think about this before you vote Dec. 19 and vote "yes."

Coleen Brewer
Delmar

Money could be better spent

Editor, The Spotlight:

Can we build a new library and convert the existing one into a community center for what it would cost to expand the existing library? East Greenbush's \$4.5 million cost for a new library of approximately the same cost as ours, when compared with our proposed expenditure of \$8.5 million indicates this.

When I think about this for a few minutes, the pluses make this 82-year-old quite jubilant!

Bill Strong
Glenmont

Trustees deserve kudos for library plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

My father quietly reminded me to take off my cap. I say "quietly" because we were entering a library. I was 7 years old; Coolidge was in the White House and our governor, Al Smith, was plotting ways to get there.

Today I remember the occasion clearly, as well as his admonition. And I envision the scene: We were in Darwin R. Barker Library adjoining the village square. The library building, a converted residence, owned a special niche of fame for our Upstate community because one wide windowsill had been scarred by a small blaze started by a candle during the celebration welcoming Gen. Lafayette, who was touring or retouring America.

The Barker Library, thus, was an 18th century structure housing a largely 19th century collection toward the end of the first quarter of the 20th century. But it was a resort for a card-carrying 7-year-old, as well a significant resource for the populace.

This was indeed long ago. As a card-carrying patron of Bethlehem Public Library, I am thrilled here in this first year of the 21st century by our opportunity to ensure that not only today's nearly 30,000 district residents but the oncoming generations of 7-year-olds and their dads will have the privileged advantages that a truly 21st century library can mean to such a community as ours.

The alternative, of course, is not to have — but to lack. Here's question No. 1 for Bethlehem

School district residents who are called upon to vote on Dec. 19: Will you vote "yes" for a library structured, equipped and staffed to meet today's, tomorrow's and much longer-term requirements? Or do you have other priorities — such as the relative convenience of the existing location and avoiding the temporary travel to another site while construction goes on? Believe it or not, I've heard that offered as a genuine excuse for voting against the 21st century.

Expense and the resultant effect on the tax rate is, naturally enough, the prime concern of the doubters and the "antis" — even though these taxes are deductible from our income taxes. No question about it, district residents — including (shock!) those who never go near the library — will pay somewhat more. To all us pensioners, that's no small item, a bit more so than to many townspeople and a lot

more so than for the newcomers who've "discovered" what we have out here. But personally, I think the library trustees made a mistake by emphasizing the addition of dollars instead of the more appropriate arithmetic — the multipliers very positively boosting Bethlehem's visibility and attractiveness as a place to live and also as a desirable area for business investment. If you want a library bound to the 20th century, please do vote "no" — and then live with it. If you have confidence and faith in Bethlehem's future here in the 21st century, vote for a 21st century resource benefiting "the kids" today and a healthy economy today and tomorrow.

Many of us do equate "the economy" with the sale value of our home. I suggest considering the attractions of a community such as ours — and then envisioning the impact on your asking price a few years down the

road when the Bethlehem library no longer ranks as a prime asset. Will it still be a star among all the libraries of the entire region, or will it instead be hanging back there in the century we're moving away from so rapidly.

You've come this far in my harangue because you're a reader and a thinker. These are qualities that Bethlehem should overwhelmingly encourage in our young people. Will we? Part of the answer lies in the quality of this unique advantage which is ours. We make much of the issue of access to public institutions. Bethlehem's people deserve access to the best. You've got it. Keep it!

As for me, I take off my cap to the library's forward-looking trustees for offering this excellent plan, this splendid opportunity for our approval. As they're saying down South, let every vote count.

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by Nick Valenze, P.T.

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Matters of Opinion

Referendum date is very disturbing

Editor, The Spotlight:

Our library is a jewel in our wonderful town. I know that the library board and the community advisory group are well intended in their efforts to plan for the future.

However, after reading different points of view and discussing the issue with members of the library board and other advocates for the proposal, I have not been convinced that our community should support the current proposal.

Here are some of my concerns. It is impossible to predict where technology will take us in two years, let alone 20. Libraries may be loaning books on disc, thus

requiring much less shelf space. Individuals already download them from the Internet. Who knows? Is it right to make such a large investment in the unknown?

One library trustee told me they didn't want to have to come back to the taxpayers in a few years and have to do this again. Why not? Let's do any expansion incrementally and only spend what is really necessary.

I keep hearing that this expansion will only cost 46 cents per thousand of assessed valuation (a 33 percent increase). That number is based upon current assessed valuation. In the not too distant future we will lose a great deal of our tax base on the former

Niagara Mohawk property. That loss will be spread out among all of us, making the cost of the library project to the individual taxpayer much greater than projected.

With an ever-increasing student population, our schools continue to grow, and all of us are paying more and more taxes to pay for expansion. Increased taxation will force many of our senior citizens to leave the town that they helped build. We must look at less expensive options for our library.

Finally, the selection of the referendum date disturbs me greatly. If an overwhelming number of voters turn out to pass this bond, so be it.

But an election in mid December will almost certainly lead to low voter turnout. The decision will be made by a few, and this is wrong.

The referendum should be held at school board election time or at the general election in November — not less than a week before the holidays.

It isn't likely that the date will be adjusted, so every eligible voter must make a special effort to get to the library and vote. This is an important decision for our future, and everyone should have a say.

Ken Ringler
Glenmont

Patron has concerns about youth services

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a Bethlehem resident, mother of three, school librarian and avid town library user. Over the years, because of my career as a middle school librarian and my own children's needs, I frequent the youth services area of our library.

Knowing that the library referendum was coming up, I checked out the plans in the lobby of the library. It appears that the design is high on space allocation for adults but poorly planned for young adult and children's areas.

Here are my concerns: The young adult area will be moved to an area removed from the auspices of the current youth services people. Those librarians know the collection best. I attend book groups with them and share in their rich knowledge of young adult literature.

Who will be in charge of this collection now? Also, the young adult space in the new plan is not too much larger than the present space. It has very little shelving or seating capacity. A very large part of the room is glass window, so it doesn't allow for wall space for a collection to grow.

Youth services will be losing its current story room that is across the hall from the main library area. It has good storage for props and a bathroom for preschool kids.

There will be an extension added to the existing children's

room for a story hour area, but how will this affect the flow of waiting parents and siblings both picking up the kids in a program and waiting for the next program to begin?

I can only imagine that the congestion and the noise level will be detrimental to the coming and going transition time. Also, the only bathroom will be the current one in the hall.

If one looks at the new children's room from the design plan in the lobby, it appears to have very little foot space and not much in the way of cozy spaces for toddlers to sit around with board books.

In conclusion, because we are being asked to spend \$8.5 million on a renovated library, shouldn't these areas for our youth be enhanced to a much greater extent than what is shown in this plan?

For example, were parents of young children asked what were some positive and negative aspects of the existing children's area?

Please think of what we will be getting in the way of programs and space. We need to have high standards in all areas of the library plan — especially for our young people.

Please get out and vote Dec. 19. Every vote counts.

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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.

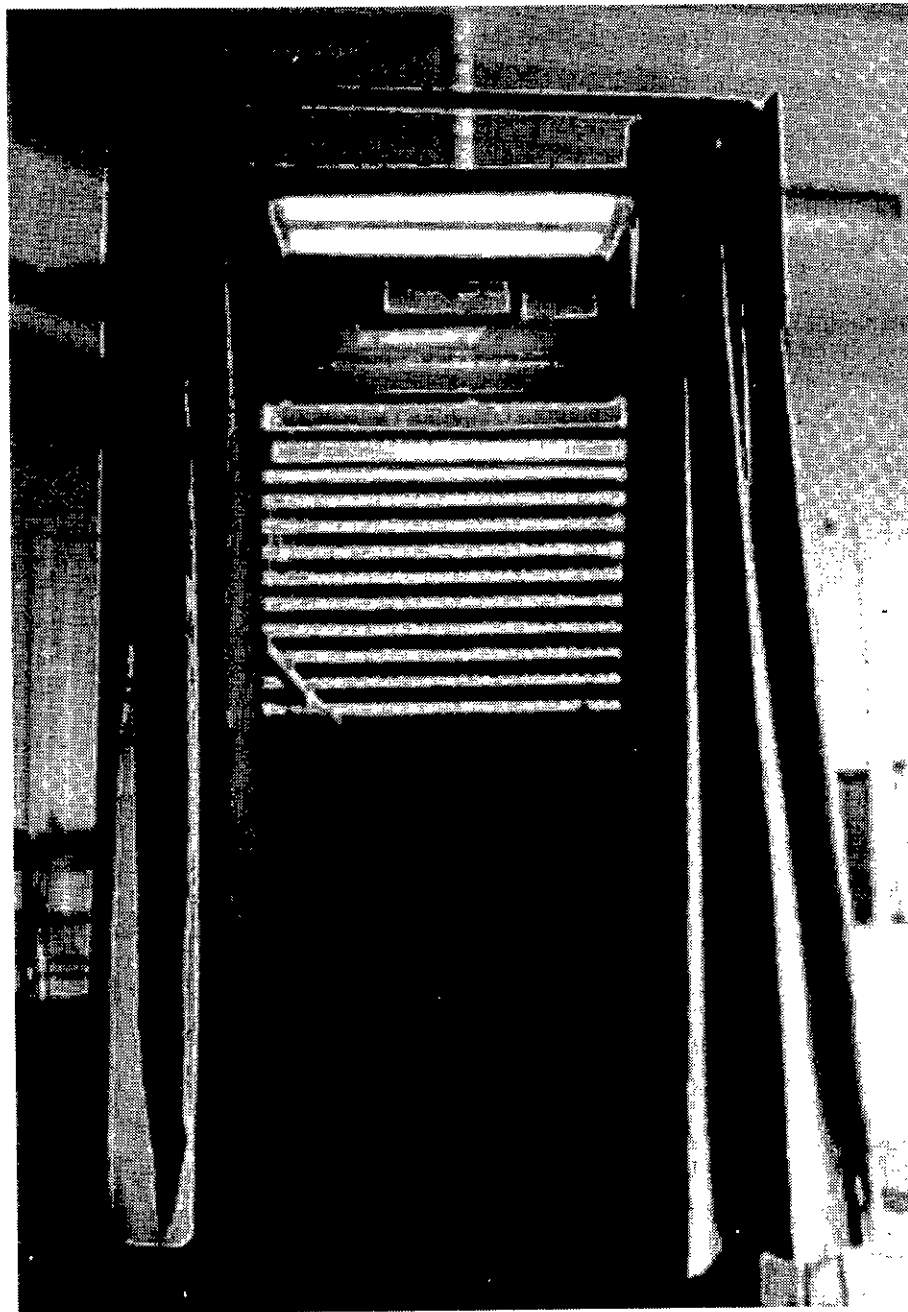
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Court cases adjudicated

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Town courts in Bethlehem and New Scotland recently resolved a total of eight separate cases of individuals charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Two of those cases led to convictions for DWI in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 5.

Richard Lyle Kingston, Jr., 33, of 1385 Schodack Valley Road, Rensselaer, arrested on July 29 for DWI and leaving the scene of a personal-damage auto accident, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 129 days time already served in Albany County jail, and his license was revoked.

Also pleading guilty was Edward Dennis Walsh, 48, of 37 South Ferry St., Albany, arrested for failure to pay a previous fine in a DWI case dating from Jan. 7.

He was fined \$500 and a \$90 state-mandated surcharge, and his license was revoked for six months, in satisfaction of the warrant and the original charges.

Four other individuals pleaded

guilty to a reduced count each of driving while ability impaired, including Richard Alan Hotaling of 30 East Fernbank Ave., Delmar, arrested on Sept. 21; Dawon T. Branson, 27, of 16 North Manning Blvd., Albany, arrested Oct. 15; Thomas M. Broader, Jr., 66, of 216 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, arrested Oct. 21; and Michael I. Chornyak, 21, of 128 Sand Creek Road, Colonie, arrested Nov. 12.

All four were fined \$300 and a \$35 state surcharge, and had their licenses suspended for 90 days.

In New Scotland Town Court on Dec. 8, Bryan A. Ricci, 23, of 162 Edgewood Drive, Averill Park, arrested on Sept. 9, and Patrick W. Kittredge, 37, of 58 Tabor Road, Berne, arrested Nov. 4, also pleaded guilty to reduced DWAI charges.

Both were fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge and had their licenses suspended 90 days.

All defendants in both courts were also ordered to undergo drinking-driver remediation and to face a victim impact panel.

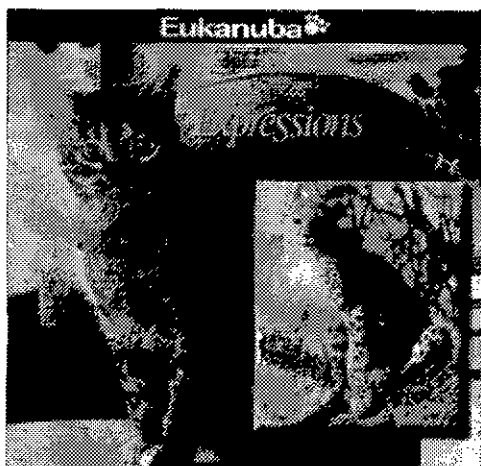
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Stephanie Winnie pets a llama at Turtle Point Gift Shop in Delmar last Sunday.

Jim Franco

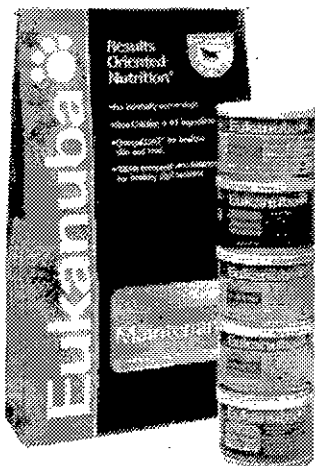
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The site has information on the village's rich history as well as important telephone numbers for residents.

There is also a brief biography of each village board member and their e-mail addresses.

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

There are also other listings of community services including: Ravena Hose Co., RCS Com-

munity Library, Mosher Park Complex, Senior Projects of Ravena and local churches.

Two weather links give current forecasts for the village.

The purpose of the site is to include an additional means of communicating with village residents.

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College student named to Who's Who

Luke Giovannello of Delmar has been named to the 2001 Edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Giovannello is a mechanical engineering technology major at SUNY Alfred.

Selection for this year's edition was based on academic achievement as well as service to the community.

Junior to study in Amsterdam

Michael DeLucco of Delmar, a junior at Boston College, will attend the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands for the spring semester.

Tree time



Ben Meyers, right, gives his son, Stephen Meyers, some pointers about placing the tree in a stand in their gazebo in Delmar.

Jim Franco

Delmar man earns promotion

James E. Bradley of Delmar was recently promoted to vice president of JLT Services Corp.

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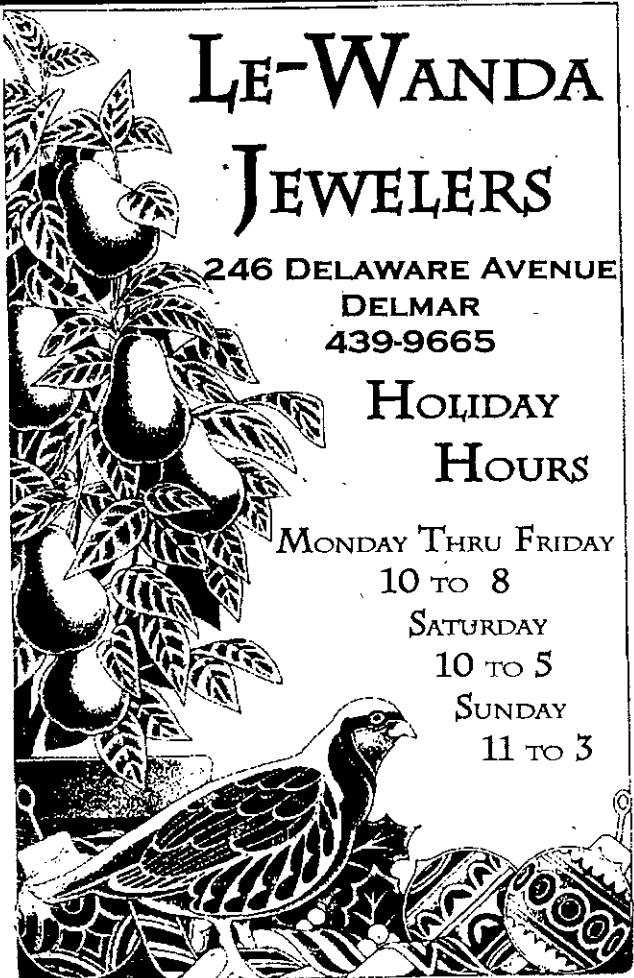
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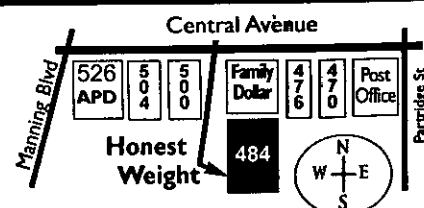
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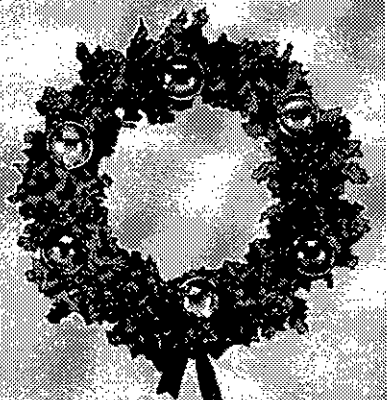
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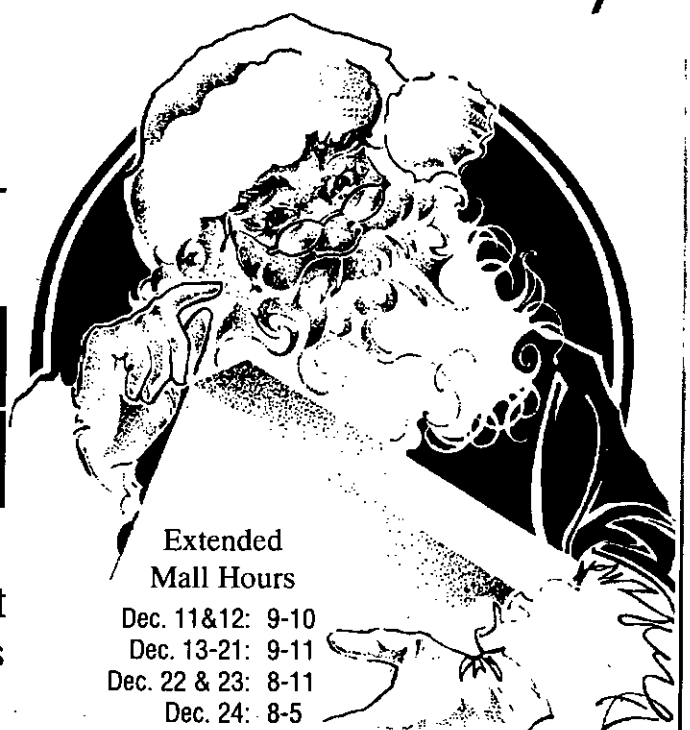
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Matters of Opinion

Trustee clarifies renovation points

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thanks to the 100 or so people who braved Tuesday's snowstorm to attend Bethlehem library's informational meeting. Because of the large crowd not everyone had their questions fully answered, so to clarify:

First, cost: A number of people have indicated that the project's opponents support renovation but are concerned about the cost. In his letter last week Mr. Tim Herr incorrectly stated the library's current square footage by a difference of 10,000 square feet. His calculations have been consistently wrong.

The \$8.5 million renovation price tag will construct or reconstruct approximately 50,000 square feet of building and regrade the existing parking lot at no more than \$170 per square foot. Using the figures Herr provides for another library project, at \$4.5 million for 22,000 square feet East Greenbush residents are paying \$205 per square foot. In the most recently approved library construction project I am aware of (Haverstraw), Rockland County voters are paying \$11 million for 36,000 square feet of construction, or \$306 per square foot. Clearly, Bethlehem residents are getting the better financial bargain.

At the meeting Mr. Herr also made an unsupported allegation that the increased expenditures resulting from the renovation will be exorbitantly high. The library has projected the total increase in its fiscal year 2002-03 budget attributable to the renovation to be approximately \$55,114. As treasurer of the library board, I pledge to do everything in my power so that the actual expenditures remain within or

below that projected figure.

At the meeting, several people mentioned receiving misinformation to the effect that the library will not permit oppositional leafletting anywhere on its grounds. That is not true. The library permits neither censorship (of any group) nor harassment of its patrons. Our long-standing policies are content-neutral, and impose only time, manner and place restrictions on activities such as leafletting.

With the library's approval Mr. Herr's and others' literature have been posted for weeks on the library's bulletin board. His literature was freely distributed at Wednesday night's meeting without objection, as was that of another group supporting the renovation.

Finally, one attendee said he thought the library had not fully articulated the need for completion of the second floor. The goal of the project is to ensure, in the quickest and most efficient way, that patrons' needs are met for at least 20 years (likely more) without further disruption. The Community Advisory Committee considered a plan without second floor completion and rejected it as incompatible with this goal.

The intention is to take advantage of a time period when the library is already torn up for construction by quickly moving off site, doing the job right and in accordance with the building's original design, and then moving back in. More importantly, the second floor space is needed to create highly functional reference, nonfiction and quiet study areas, which couldn't be created otherwise with a different project design.

Most of the issues presented at Tuesday night's meeting were fully addressed, but if voters need more information please see the link to the FAQs at the library's Web page (www.uhls.org/bethlehem). By law, to be eligible to vote Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the library, you must be 18 years of age or older and have resided in the Bethlehem Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

John Cody

Bethlehem Public Library trustee

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Library patron is proud of board's work on plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week, I attended the fourth and last informational meeting of the proposed Bethlehem Public Library referendum scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19.

I was impressed with the tone of the meeting. Questions relative to building a completely new library on a different site, constructing a second library, keeping the library open for circulation during construction, why so much space, wiring, parking and costs were all considered by the board in its deliberations in proposing the referendum.

It was evident that the work of the board was appreciated. There was agreement that renovations are in order. The basic question was the degree of alterations, repairs and improvements necessary at this time. The "hidden agenda" is cost.

I was proud of the board. The projected cost for the owner of an assessed property of \$130,000 is \$60 per year for 20 years or \$1,200. The activity on the stock market earlier today more than offset my projected cost.

Richard J. Herrmann
Delmar

Friends support proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library board solidly support the library's building proposal, up for a vote on Dec. 19.

Library use has doubled since the "new" library was built 28 years ago. The current facility has never been renovated or expanded. The time is right to substantially upgrade the building this community admires and uses so much.

The proposal builds on the vision of the original design that allowed for a second floor, and goes even further by accounting

for use by future generations. Renovation and expansion will also provide a new infrastructure to support current and future technologies. A "yes" vote on this proposal will position the library to adequately serve Bethlehem for many years to come.

Vote "yes" on Dec. 19 for the future of Bethlehem Public Library. Vote "yes" for the future of the community.

Jeff Brown, president
Ron Berger, vice president
David Cooper, Trudi Jackson,
Bob Lowry, Linda Miller, Beverly Rihm and David Rook, members

Library plan is bloated and should be voted down

Editor, The Spotlight:

By now, residents of Delmar will have undoubtedly seen the proposed library expansion project for what it is — a pretentious, bloated, profligate use of public money that obscures the lack of necessity for a project of this size.

The plans for the proposed expansion put forward by architect Nolan Lushington are troubling. First of all, there is the atrium, a vast space for aesthetic purposes only.

This aspect of the plan exists, even as no plans are made to create more space for much-needed community events. Is this an art gallery or a library?

Anyone who has read these pages in the last few weeks can see that the project is a boutique project, as it has been called. It's not the money — adding \$63 dollars to my \$5,500 yearly tax bill isn't going to break me.

One letter quoted the library's own personnel as saying that more space wasn't needed, another said that books that could create space still haven't been weeded out, one spelled the \$500,000 that it would take to temporarily move the library to Glenmont, another clearly articulated how the project has been sold to voters by spinning myths about how the library is running out of space, can't handle technological updating and is too crowded, (I frequent the library at a peak time, Sunday afternoon, and have never found it to be that crowded). All should speak for themselves.

It's clear, people. Vote "no" on Dec. 19 — which by the way is a very inconvenient time to be having a vote — when people are too busy with holiday activity to really pay attention.

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Your Opinion Matters

Renovation critic poses questions

Editor, The Spotlight:

Not being allowed to ask my questions of Bethlehem library trustees during the last of the forums concerning the library expansion plan on Dec. 5, I would like to pose them in this letter.

I would also like to respond to Mr. Robert vanCourt's letter in the Dec. 6 issue, where he compares my criticism of the plan to those in Clifton Park for Shenendehowa Public Library.

I'll begin with Mr. vanCourt's comments: He describes a full Shenendehowa library that under-built an expansion in 1990 that was already full by 1994. That may be, but how does that compare to our situation? We were not full in 1990 or 1994 or 2000.

Also, the nature of public library collections have changed radically since 1990. People check out fewer books, libraries purchase fewer books, and book collections, including Bethlehem's are growing at a much slower rate, if at all.

Mr. vanCourt also asks the question, "Where were all the people who have alternative plans," during the last year and a half, when the advisory committee was meeting?

I, for one, was never invited to join in, or notified of any advisory meetings. If Mr. vanCourt was at the Dec. 5 public meeting, he would have heard a woman who claimed to be the Shenendehowa library director during the planning stages of their expansion describe her disappointment with the shortcomings of the final product in Clifton Park.

She also claimed to be a member of our citizens advisory committee and admitted to opposing scaled-down versions of our renovation.

Wouldn't you if you had a second chance, if the Shenendehowa debacle happened on your watch?

Where was Mr. vanCourt in 1998 when my wife and I, along

with other opponents of the failed parking lot expansion, suggested to library trustees that they renovate the interior of the library instead of expanding the parking lot?

Where was he when the board responded that the parking lot was the most important issue the library faced? Where has he been when I have repeatedly suggested since 1998 that we open a branch library in the Glenmont area, which would alleviate both parking space problems, as well as give the taxpayers in the southern part of town something for their money? Where was he when the trustees said such a plan would be \$400,000 -- too expensive?

The current plan has us paying \$500,00 in interest in the first year alone, but it does give the people in Glenmont a taste of a library. But that is only for two years, then it will go back to Delmar.

Now, for just one of my questions that I was not allowed to ask on Dec. 5: What is going to happen to our library staff if this bond passes? There are three main components in the making

of a good library. One is a good collection, two is a good facility and three a good staff.

Our current plan focuses on the second component only, at the expense of the other two. We have heard very little about the staff. I posed this question at the April 2000 board meeting and was told that we have been only hiring temporary part-time librarians for some time in anticipation of a successful outcome of this vote.

Now, assuming that we only need about half of the staff to care for half the collection in half of the space, can we expect nearly half of the staff to quit or retire in the year or so since the policy went into effect?

Are they going to be laid off and expected to come back after two years? Or are we going to keep them all on the payroll and cram them into the temporary location — to handle all the interlibrary loan transactions that we are told will suffice for our own collection, I suppose — waiting for the day they can move back to Delmar?

David S. Moore
Delmar

Ex-customer will miss In & Out the Window

Editor, The Spotlight:

In & Out the Window, a well-established consignment shop for children's clothing and toys, closed last month with little fanfare, much to the dismay of many Bethlehem families.

For seven years, co-owners Anita Stein and Deirdre Jameson worked hard to make the shop successful by offering quality merchandise at affordable prices in a customer-friendly setting.

The shop's most recent location on Delaware Avenue was bright and inviting, and I often stopped in to browse while running errands.

I have little patience for shopping and saved countless hours that I would have otherwise spent traversing the malls for clothes for my children.

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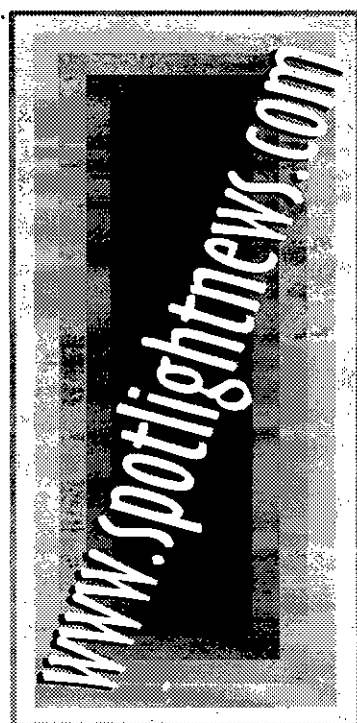
Regrettably, no one, myself included, felt up to the challenge of picking up the reins where they left off.

In & Out the Window will be missed by the Bethlehem community.

Anita Stein and Deirdre Jameson are outstanding examples of innovative female entrepreneurs in the Bethlehem area.

I wish them both the best in their new endeavors.

Karen Chamberlain Harmon
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Matters of Opinion

Library renovation is a community investment in future

Editor, The Spotlight:

I live in the neighborhood of Bethlehem Public Library and was a member of the Citizens Advisory Group for the proposed improvements.

Having lived in Bethlehem for the past 18 years, I can attest to what those who have lived here longer than I have, and even the newcomers know to be true. That is, the town is by all measure one of the best places to live in the Capital District, the

state and perhaps the nation. The governmental services are excellent; we are in close proximity to many natural assets, and the peace of mind and safety that we enjoy in the town are immeasurable. Our quality of life is very high.

Anyone can offer any number of reasons why the library renovation and improvement project is necessary and unnecessary. However, from all the letters I have read in *The*

Spotlight, and from comments heard at various public forums, the consensus is that improvements are required at the library. What appears to be the issue on which some disagreement exists seems to be the cost. But cost is not a factor over which the library board has much control. In fact, the library board should be commended for having a vision for the community; they are not at a loss for the "vision thing."

Costs in a market economy are

influenced by many factors. Everyone understands the proverbial explanation for real estate value: location, location, location. If a similar library building were being expanded in Hamilton or Jefferson counties, the cost would be lower. These same improvements would be much higher in Westchester, Rockland, Nassau or Suffolk counties. Costs for certain products and services in a strong economy are often higher than in a weak economy.

It is elementary that if the demand for contractors is outstripping supply, the cost to hire contractors will escalate. If the bond issue is successful and there is a downturn in the economy by the time the project goes to bid, an increase in the number of potential bidders could drive the cost down. Accordingly, the proposed cost of the library improvement should be viewed from various perspectives, not simply share numerical size.

There are other points that I would recommend that potential voters consider as they go to the poll on Dec. 19.

• Benefit cost-actual cost vs. benefits derived over a given period of time. Consider short-term investments, or incremental improvements that in the short term are small, but over the long run results in higher costs. We could be "penny wise and pound foolish." One writer to *The Spotlight* indicated that, had improvements been made several years ago, the cost would not be as high as it is today. This statement is possibly correct, but it does not support the decision to delay investment in the library any longer. To the contrary, it supports it. The longer it takes to make the improvements and the more incremental, the higher the ultimate cost. What's needed are optimal investments with long-term goals, such as the current proposal. Aside from monetary value, there are intrinsic values to the investment that cannot be easily measured.

• The library improvement as a community investment. The improved library will be an appreciating asset and not a depreciating asset similar to those in which most of us in this society regularly invests. In addition to

the social benefits and the positive impact on property values in the community, the physical plant, or the building, as a real estate asset, will be more valuable in the years following the improvements. In a worse case scenario, similar to how the old, old library now houses the central school district administration, the current library as a school district property will have value beyond its continued use as a library. Consider also the building the town hall now occupies. I have been told that it was an elementary school at one time. Therefore, it is important that we understand that the value of the library building goes well beyond the current intended use.

• Actual per household cost. All are in agreement that the actual cost per average household will be much less than the projected amount, since the cost, as school taxes, will be eligible for deduction from state and federal income taxes. As individuals and families, we make donations to charitable organizations. What's wrong with making a tax-deductible donation to our community? Furthermore, this will be a donation in a long-term investment?

I encourage all residents of the school district to vote for the project. Your contribution will be money well spent. We can all think of worst ways we have spent similar sums.

Rad Anderson
Delmar

Chief says thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing this letter because of an incident that happened to the Fuller Road Fire Department.

Unfortunately, there was an auto accident which we became involved in on the way to a training course.

The Selkirk Fire Dept. was the first agency to arrive on the scene. The people who live in Selkirk should be proud to have this group of professional volunteers serve them. They worked on the patients and the vehicles involved professionally and quickly along with the Bethlehem Ambulance Corps and Bethlehem police.

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Robert Bridgman, chief
Fuller Road Fire Department

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Your Opinion Matters

Library bond issue is boondoggle

Editor, The Spotlight:

A shroud of secrecy and half-truths has been drawn over the library's grandiose plan to build a second story and "renovate" the building, the cost of which will be borne on the backs of Bethlehem taxpayers.

The library's elected officials use personal attacks in an attempt to discredit anyone who dares to criticize the proposal. Calling constructive criticism "uninformed" denies the public the opportunity for genuine dialogue, fostering the notion of an omniscient board of trustees who cannot be questioned. There are many knowledgeable professionals in this community whose voices should be heard without public intimidation and derision.

For years, library administrators permitted activist groups to leaflet on library property — Work on Waste and Clearwater for Bethlehem come to mind. When a local group of concerned citizens attempted to pass out information concerning the proposed bond issue, the trustees at their November meeting, passed a "non-solicitation" policy.

From the beginning, the library's board obfuscated the issues, hiding its true intentions behind specious public statements, pretending not to have made decisions that were already made.

Following are some examples. The trustees kept secret that they'd signed a contingency lease on an old Glenmont hardware store, skirting the issue until a *Spotlight* reporter queried them.

The library director then expressed her joy over her good luck in finding the building, which wasn't the point. The building's owners should be dancing in the street over their good luck in finding a renter.

Bethlehem taxpayers will spend \$500,000 on moving expenses, rent (\$93,600 annually), and capital improvements to get the building into sufficient shape to be able to use it as a temporary library while the current building is torn apart.

The board makes much of its contention that the "average" homeowner will pay \$60 per year for this bond issue. This is misleading. First, that is an additional \$60, or 33 percent more than the current rate, payable every year for 20 years. On a \$200,000 home, whose library tax is currently \$277.22, the increase will be \$92 every year, or an

annual cost for library tax of \$369.22 each year, for 20 years. Second, the base library tax will doubtless increase as the budget for the new expanded facility swells. Today's budget of about \$2.8 million could easily go up 61 percent. Third, there are many people on fixed incomes, for whom an extra \$60 will be painful. Fourth, overall school taxes may rise since there will be tax repercussions from the sale of the NiMo steam plant and its subsequent reassessment.

Finally, there are many homes that are way above average. Consider what's already been spent on this project, \$83,000 primarily to architects and the construction manager, before the taxpayers have even voted. And last year, the library hired a public relations firm to help them pass the referendum.

Library administrators claim they've had a "vision" for planned improvements to the library for many years.

Their own, publicly recorded statements deny that claim, as David Moore pointed out in his letter to *The Spotlight* two weeks ago. To recap, the library's hired professional consultant recommended in 1997 not to expand, but to rearrange, using existing space more productively. Nancy Pieri is then quoted as saying she was "delighted to know we didn't need to do anything major." So, what has happened to the library between 1997 and 2000 to warrant this massive construction project? Certainly not increased circulation, as the library's own published circulation records report a decrease since 1994 in the number of circulated materials.

Since 1972, the library has managed to run itself with one director. As of six months ago, we have a director, an assistant director and an administrative assistant.

The proposed plans call for an increase in the administrative space from the current three to a

proposed 10 offices, including a private bath and private conference room. Why do we need these people? For what purpose will there be 10 offices?

The trustees and the director repeatedly state that they cannot fix piecemeal the current maintenance problems. Why did they let it get this far? Didn't anyone ever hear about capital improvements and repairs? Why wasn't this included in annual budgets?

One of the trustees in a letter to *The Spotlight* criticizing a bond issue opponent's view, stated that the board had worked very hard and very long on the project. Well, working long and hard at something does not always make it good or right, and bigger is not always better.

It's significant that many professional librarians we know consider this "renovation" ill conceived.

The bond issue is a boondoggle for Bethlehem taxpayers, who should vote it down on Dec. 19, forcing the board of trustees to come up with a fiscally responsible, reasonable plan for correcting our library's problems.

We're Delmar residents, and in the 23 plus years we've lived here, we taken great pride in our library, and used it extensively.

It saddens us to see the current administration using such disingenuous tactics to implement their costly "vision" with public monies.

The library and its patrons deserve better.

Don and Helen O'Connor
Delmar

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Patron supports plan

Editor, The Spotlight

I am writing to support the referendum for a renovated Bethlehem Public Library. While I agree that it is costly, the project is long overdue and will benefit the entire community. In addition, I believe that the temporary quarters will be adequate because the heart of the library is not the collection, but the librarians. They will be diligent in providing the highest level of service to the residents, helping everyone to find the books and information they need during the building process. Bethlehem Public Library is one of the few institutions in our community that serves residents of all ages and all economic means.

The library's collection and its services are used by many different people for many different reasons. While the collection will be smaller during building, the librarians will use their experience as well as data generated via the automation systems to ensure that those materials which are most current and in demand remain accessible. Many of today's students use on-line resources first. These resources will continue to be available within the temporary location or from home via the library's Web page. While I understand that there will be fewer programs, the director told

me there will be a story hour area in the temporary space as well as satellite story hour sites throughout the community. This will ensure that this important program continues to be available to our youngest residents.

In part, the cost is high because the board of trustees decided that the present location is still the best location. They also decided to expand in the manner in which the building was designed. This respects the neighborhood by maintaining the same footprint. These decisions were good ones. How can the board conduct a major renovation and keep the building open without risking someone's safety? An interruption of two years in a location is small when you consider the 60 or more years that the library will be in the same place. Finally, we all know that costs only increase. I believe that in the long run, piecemeal additions will result in an even greater price while giving us a patchwork building with unresolved problems.

I have confidence in the ability of the librarians to maintain good service to Bethlehem residents and I know that we need a better building. Let's do it once and do it right. Vote "yes" on the library referendum.

Gail Alter Sacco
Glenmont

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Matters of Opinion

Trustee refutes library critic's argument

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am compelled to write in response to the letter of Nov. 29 by David S. Moore of Delmar in which he provided arguments against the proposed renovation of Bethlehem Public Library.

I was somewhat surprised to see such a response, inasmuch as Mr. Moore publicly stated at the March 16 library board of trustees meeting concerning this topic that "This library needs to be bigger" and expressed a concurrence with plans to complete the second floor rather than build outward. Nevertheless, his new arguments do not hold water.

Mr. Moore asserts that due to

declining circulation, we have no need for such a renovation. In fact, the activity of users of the library has continued to increase, meaning more patrons in search of books, periodicals, videos, audio resources, as well as areas in which to study, search the Internet and attend story hours or the multitude of ongoing programs. The door count this year past was 331,883 people who utilized our library.

Mr. Moore takes further issue with the need for shelf space stating he "doubts the BPL acquires any more than 4,000 new books in a whole year." He would be wrong; the library actually acquired 11,800 books in fiscal

year 1999-2000. The writer suggests that the "aggressive weeding campaign" he contends will add additional and unneeded shelf space somehow is the wrong approach. The board's position is this: It is axiomatic in the world of professional library management that such weeding is a necessary and positive process which is required to maintain a strong and vital collection. This library has a solid collection development policy and as such does not frivolously cull nor reassess its collection.

To prove that no additional space is required, the writer quotes a portion of the report provided by a professional library consultant engaged by the library, Nolan Lushington, to advise us in this process as proof that no additional space is required. Mr. Moore ignores an important conclusion of the Lushington Report. From this consultant's report, I quote the following: "Renovation of existing spaces without an addition to the building (will mean that) seating will be crowded and uncomfortable, minimal quiet space will be available for adults, library use will be discouraging for all users because of overcrowded conditions, (and) limited electronic library services will be available."

Mr. Moore also takes issue with the ADA compliance aspect of this proposal, as if this town should comply only with what is minimally statutorily required. The point is, that we should do it because full access to our public facilities for town residents is the right thing to do, not merely to comply as minimally as possible with a piece of federal legislation which mandates it.

Mr. Moore stated that in his opinion the library does not meet the criterion of a great library. I

am not a librarian like Mr. Moore, but I have read the recently published Hennen's American Public Library Ranking 2000 which ranks BPL as the No. 1 public library in the counties of Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer combined, as well as the 52nd ranked public library in all of New York state out of the 746 libraries rated. This data, compiled by an independent source, supports the belief shared by the board of trustees and the Upper Hudson Library Federation that Bethlehem is a flagship library.

The writer continues with a discussion of the need for carpeting and a misguided comparison of "his" library's recent carpeting project. What he neglects to state is that the library to which he refers carpeted 6,000 square feet and the BPL will be covering 33,000 square feet. He also neglected to state that the library to which he refers recarpeted this area for the first time since 1978 and serves a population of some 3,800 students, considerably fewer patrons, less hours per week and days per year than the Bethlehem library.

Lastly, Mr. Moore believes that the legacy of this renovation for the children and adults of this community is not worth it. He certainly is entitled to such a viewpoint, but it is the position of the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees, and I believe that of the majority of the many satisfied patrons who use the library every day, that voting "yes" for this important proposal will ensure an enduring and valuable legacy for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

Garry Pollow

Bethlehem Public Library trustee

Glenmont move could be refreshing

Editor, The Spotlight:

In amongst the wranglings over proposed changes to the library it was amusing to read the letters comparing the temporary library location in Glenmont as something akin to Outer Slobobia.

People from Delmar would have to travel so far, such inconvenience, such sniveling. And my heart breaks for the poor child who walks to the library every day but will be denied this inalienable right if temporary quarters are in Glenmont.

How about the children of South Bethlehem, North Bethlehem, Glenmont, Slingerlands? Walk a day or two in their shoes. Their parents pay taxes but there are few public services within walking distance.

Actually, this should be a refreshing change, perhaps making all a bit more appreciative of circumstances and widening the perspectives of the insular or parochial. As a matter of fact, following the example of Gov. Pataki, one could suggest that the Bethlehem library be decentralized to provide small permanent outposts in those other localities in town, thereby making library resources more equally available to all taxpayers.

Such a library system has worked well for decades in Albany and other locations. The most ludicrous and parochial argument against proposed changes was the statement by one writer that these changes might draw people from Albany to "our" library.

With that sort of mentality we might as well become a gated, guarded community, perhaps file for sovereignty to keep those "foreign" Albanians from all privileges except shopping in our stores and dropping some cash with us. Under the current system a Bethlehem library card works in Guelderland, Albany, or any other local library and vice versa.

How many of us, because of our work's proximity to an Albany library, almost exclusively use the Albany libraries? Surely I am not alone in my perception of always being welcome and well treated in Albany facilities. One would hope the same would be true in any library within the Upper Hudson Library Association.

Perhaps the solution is, as earlier suggested, rather than inconvenience those close-by patrons with building renovations and temporary relocation, to simply find vacant, but serviceable, buildings in North Bethlehem, South Bethlehem, Glenmont, and Slingerlands and convert them to mini libraries with daily deliveries of books between branches.

This solution would surely be less costly and would provide a neighborhood library for other sections of our town not currently enjoying full access or service.

Barbara Benware Burt
Glenmont



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Renovation consequences are troublesome to patron

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am distressed by the need to vote on a vitally important matter (Bethlehem Library bond issue) without having been given a clear idea of the likely practical consequences. Library leaders who say they worked for years on this plan have not given the community an adequate opportunity to explore many serious issues, and they have offered nothing by way of an alternative to the expensive and disruptive scheme finally presented to us.

It has been noted that library usage (as reflected in Bethlehem circulation figures during the 1990s) has actually declined. So then, why such an extravagant expansion of the library plant?

The current assumption is that the need for computer facilities will rise enormously. And so, much space in the new plan is being set aside for electronic hardware. Computer workstations are slated to rise from 19 to 63. But, in fact, the extent of future patronage in this area is in doubt.

We are in a period of changing capabilities and changing library needs — a transition period. People are learning the ropes. Personal computers are getting cheaper and cheaper, more powerful and more versatile. Instant access to library resources via the Internet has become a commonplace. How many among our normal sedentary citizenry will beat a path to the library when, like so many others already, they learn that their fingers can do the walking? These comments are generally in line with David S. Moore's excellent letter of Nov. 29 in which he reports also that in the library professional literature: "No one now is willing to look beyond five years." In view of the uncertainties, common sense would seem to call for a temporizing approach, and that is what I recommend.

A major point of contention has to do with the expense. Proponents repeatedly say that it will amount annually only an extra \$60 per household. But it has been pointed out just as frequently that this does not

include the interest on the bond debt of a roughly similar amount.

Perhaps the total is affordable. But the matter goes beyond expense, to the credibility of a library leadership that cannot bring itself to admit in public that two plus two is four. There is an expense question also about the additional amounts that might be regularly required for the operation and upkeep of the larger structure. On this important matter, I've heard only loose conjecture. And cost estimates are yet another concern. I raised this question at one of the forums by referring to Empire State Plaza, which was billed to cost \$400 million and wound up costing closer to \$2,000 million. I was told not to be concerned because the budget contains "contingency" funds. But as it turns out, the contingency amount is less than 3.5 percent of the \$8.5 million total. Small comfort there. The most impressive point about expense was Tim Herr's report that in East Greenbush a library of comparable proportions is being built from scratch for \$4.5 million. On hearing this at the Dec. 5 forum, the library board made no reply.

Other points need to be clarified. Space allocation is one. No additional meeting rooms have been planned to meet the heavy demand by community groups. But there is a very generous expansion of space for library administration, including two new rooms for the head librarian and her assistant, plus another room for staff meetings. I've heard no discussion of these priorities. Also, a question at a November forum asking how the acquisition of the Borthwick property fits into the library's expansion plans drew a complete blank. It must be useful for something. For personnel? A computer annex? Can we talk?

I'm only a sometime user of the library. I shudder at the loss for so long faced by those who are more dependent on these facilities. Some very knowledgeable people have indicated a better way to go. These views need to be explored.

Melvin K. Bers
Delmar

Legion Post says thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Voorheesville Legion Post 1493 would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and all the residents of the town of New Scotland for supporting the Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 19.

Thanks to Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club, Indian Ladder Farms, Stewart's Shops, SuperValu, Advanced Car Wash, Dunston Bros., Pheasant Run Apts., John Foley's Garage and John Zongrone Agency.

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Charles Renker,
Post chaplain and
Jack McClintock,
Post commander

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LeVie is lucky winner of Nimblefingers quilt

Shirley LeVie of Voorheesville was the happy winner of the quilt which was raffled off on Dec. 2 as a fund-raiser for the Library Friends.

The handmade quilt was donated by the Nimblefingers group which meets weekly at the



library for sewing and craft projects. Congratulations to Shirley and many thanks to all of you who supported us by buying a chance.

The Library Club for grades four through six meets at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, for some cooking treats.

Sign-up and a permission slip

are required to join this fun gang which meets once each month through June.

For information, call 765-2791.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets also meet on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. No sign-up is necessary for this writer's support group and new people are always welcome.

New writers are also welcome at Lifestories Memory Writing on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Scrabble Players unite. We have been having some fun games with a small group of medium-talented players on the third Monday of each month.

Please come and bring a game if you have one. No sign-up is necessary and we serve refreshments.

Barbara Vink

Church to offer 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.

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Antique Study Club schedules programs

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

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

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

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

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

On May 23 at 1:30 p.m., Mary McClaine will talk about buttons at the Beverwyck in North Bethlehem.

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

For information, call Diane Carrk at 439-3055.

Five Rivers to conduct New Year's Day bird count

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold its 20th annual New Year's Day bird count on Saturday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m.

The count will be led by center naturalists and will offer basic tips on bird identification and winter bird ecology.

This yearly program will help both beginner and experienced birders add to their personal bird lists and help the center add to its list as well.

Previous New Year's Day counts have produced 25 to 30

species of birds apiece, with a total of 58 species seen overall.

Participants should dress for the outdoors and bring binoculars and a bird identification book if possible.

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Ornamental fixins'



Annie Burdick and Emily Rimmel make pine cone Christmas ornaments at Bethlehem library last Saturday.
Jim Franco

Special events slated at Bethlehem library

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

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

• Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.: "The Boy who Went to Visit the North Wind" — Bells and Motley

(Sondra and John Bromka) will perform this participatory folk tale accompanied by Celtic harp. Families and children in pre-K and up. No babies.

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

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Honor society taps BCHS grad

Elizabeth Waniewski of Delmar, a senior at Boston College, has been selected for membership in the Order of the Cross and Crown, the oldest honor society in the College of Arts and Sciences at BC.

Waniewski, a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is majoring in English and American studies and plans to pursue a career in children's

literature and publishing.

Selection in the Order of the Cross and Crown is based upon academic performance, leadership, and extra-curricular activities, and requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Sixty-six out of the 1350 students in the College of Arts and Sciences are inducted into the society.

Historical calendars available

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

Calendars cost \$5 each, and are available in Voorheesville at Phillip's Hardware, SuperValu, Indian Ladder Farms and the

village hall.

In New Scotland, calendars are being sold at Falvo's Meats, the Robin's Nest, Crafts and Fabrics Beyond the Tollgate, and town hall.

Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush is also selling them.

Holiday deadlines

The Spotlight's advertising and editorial deadline schedule will change slightly during the holiday season.

All proof ads and full page sale ads and editorial copy must be in by 5 p.m. on Dec. 19 for the Dec. 27 issue. Space reservations for the Dec. 27 issue must be in by noon on Thursday, Dec. 21, and all copy and camera ready ads for the Dec. 27 issue date must be in by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

For the Jan. 3 issue, all proof ads and editorial copy must be in by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26. Space reservations for that paper must be in by noon on Thursday, Dec. 28. All copy and camera-ready ads for the Jan. 3 issue are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28.

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The Hennen American Public Library Rating index ranked Bethlehem Public Library No. 1 among 28 libraries rated in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties. Your library



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The latest Hennen index compares approximately 7,000 libraries in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. It divides libraries into 10 groups based on population served, and evaluates them against 15 standards, which include number of visits, cost per circulation, staff per 1,000 population, per capita reference queries and circulation, and per capita expenditure — both total expenditure and materials expenditure.

Admittedly, the index is limited in that it doesn't measure interlibrary loan, Internet availability and library longevity, all of which have an impact on the ratings. Smaller libraries especially depend on interlibrary loan service, and more recently established libraries are still building their collections. Consortia like our Upper Hudson Library System expand the

resources of each member library, allowing patrons access, in our case, to the resources of 29 Capital District collections.

Nevertheless, this area can be proud of its libraries. Our hats are off to the Voorheesville, Guilderland and Altamont libraries, also at the top of the local list.

National standings can be found in the November issue of "American Libraries," in an article which gives a clear description of the index and thoughtful answers to criticism. The local ratings can be found on Hennen's Web site (www.haplr-index.com/index.html).

Referendum information

Our own Web site (www.uhls.org/bethlehem) includes up-to-date details on the building project referendum, including absentee ballot information, who is eligible to vote, and answers to "FAQs" (frequently asked questions) about the project.

Additional material is available in the library, including an architect's model, drawings, and the most recent special edition of the library newsletter, devoted exclusively to the project.

The referendum will be held at the library on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. That's next week.

Don't forget to vote.

Louise Grieco

Ecumenical service slated

Community singers will perform at a holiday ecumenical service on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

The chorus is under the direction of Ken George. The final practice will be on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist church.

Legion to serve breakfast

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

The menu will include eggs made to order, french toast, home fries, sausage, bacon and beverages. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Students to present annual concert

The ninth-through 12th-grade band and chorus will perform tonight, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High school.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The seventh- and eighth-grade concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Town board to meet

The New Scotland town board will meet tonight, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

PTA schedules meeting

The PTA's next regular meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

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Voorheesville

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Snowball Dance slated for Dec. 16

The annual semi-formal Snowball Dance for ninth-through 12th-graders will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the high school.

St. Matthew's men to meet

St. Matthew's Mens Association will meet on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m. at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road.

The annual greening of the church will immediately follow the meeting. All parishioners are welcome to participate.

Sheriff's sponsoring Hilltown Christmas program

The Albany County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the Albany County Sheriff's Benevolent Association and the Hilltown Community Resource Center, is sponsoring the ninth annual Hilltown Christmas program.

The program provides Hilltown families with toys and food. Anyone who wants to donate nonperishable food, new, unwrapped toys, or money can call 765-2351 or drop off items at the patrol station on Route 85A near the high school.

Checks should be made payable to ACSD Hilltown Christmas Fund.

The fund is also selling paper Christmas ornaments for \$1 at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

The ornaments are put on a wreath at the front of the store. Money goes directly to the Hilltown Christmas Fund.

Alzheimer's group meets at church

Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has scheduled support group meetings for families, caregivers and friends.

In Delmar, meetings will be held the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Delmar Presbyterian Church at 585 Delaware Ave.

BIG Arena offers skating lessons

The BIG Arena will host a 12-week skating program.

Sessions will be held Mondays, Jan. 8 to March 26, from 6 to 6:50 p.m.

Each session will include a 30-minute group lesson and a 20-minute practice.

The cost is \$120, and there is a \$20 registration fee.

Remaining registration dates are Dec. 18 and Jan. 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the arena.

Teacher earns national certification

Kathleen Lacy of Delmar was one of 42 teachers in New York to be certified this year by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Her certification comes after completing a year-long rigorous performance-based assessment.

Lacy earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY New Paltz.

She teaches fifth grade at Lenape Elementary School in New Paltz.

Bethlehem Auto Service

AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk

BULLETIN!

When a vehicle has an inherent design problem known to the manufacturer, the company will likely issue a technical service bulletin that describes the problem and the corrective action required. Bulletins such as these help both consumers and technicians to avoid costly and time-consuming efforts at diagnosing problems. One of the more common corrective actions described in technical service bulletins involves the replacement of computer microchips called "proms." These components store information on how much fuel the engine will receive under various operating conditions, ignition timing, etc. Because only the manufacturer knows whether the code works properly, it must take the lead in supplying replacement proms containing revised codes that enable engines to achieve maximum efficiency and performance.

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Comptroller to request loan to balance books

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The rainy spring continues to have an impact on the fiscal health of the town's water district.

Tonight at its regular bi-monthly meeting, the town board will take up a request from Comptroller Judith Kehoe to authorize some year-end borrowing to help balance the books of Water District No. 1, hit by revenue shortfalls owing to an unanticipated drop in water usage by district residents during the late spring and early summer.

"We have a cash-flow problem," Kehoe said. "The rate structure is fine. It's just that this summer, we didn't sell the water to support that structure."

Kehoe will seek authorization to borrow on a 30-day "tax anticipation note" for up to \$375,000 to smooth out cash-flow problems until collections of year-end water bills begin to come in in late January.

She estimated that if the town draws on the maximum note purchase she is seeking, the ultimate cost of the short-term borrowing will be about \$2,000 in interest.

The cash shortage is the result of lower-than-anticipated water sales for the district, which serves approximately 10,000 customers in Bethlehem and New Scotland. According to figures obtained from Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, average daily water usage in the district, which has risen steadily every year but one since 1989, has dropped by nearly 6 percent so far this year, from 1999's 6.13 million gallons per day to 5.78 million for the year through November, with December likely to slightly depress that figure even further.

Water use was significantly lower than last year from March through August, as heavy rains and unusually cool temperatures held down seasonal usage for everything from industrial cooling to home lawn watering.

"This isn't a one-year situation," said Secor of the cash-tight water district fund. "It's an accumulation of three years of odd weather. The water fund is still in the black. The fund balance just isn't what it used to be" — reflecting the unusual drought-to-deluge cycle of the last three summers.

It lowered the volume of the reservoir, the chief source of water for residential use in the district, prompting additional water purchases from the city of Albany.

Last September, Hurricane Floyd brought the drought abruptly to an end, but caused spot infrastructure damage to the water system that further strained cash reserves. The wet spring and early summer that followed refilled the reservoir — but reduced demand significantly.

Particularly dramatic was June's usage drop-off, down almost a third from last year's 8.71 million gallons a day to 5.93 million this year.

The town did realize some savings, Secor said, from reduced water purchases from Albany, which were cut by more than half from 1999's drought-inflated totals.

The cash shortfall became apparent, Kehoe said, as bills for water usage went out to homeowners and businesses in October. "Summertime billings are not done until the fall, and there really isn't an any early warning mechanism that revenues will be down as far as they were for this summer's billings," she said.

Secor said his department does monitor daily production levels at the reservoir, the town's two deep wells in New Salem and the Clapper Road plant, which almost exclusively serves the town's industrial sector.

"When it's raining every day, you know sales will be down," he said. "The problem is, a lot of our costs are fixed costs. You have to heat the plant and have an operator on duty whether you produce 5,000 gallons a day or a million."

"You still need to make vendor payments, you need to meet payroll every two weeks," Kehoe said.

Exacerbating the problem, she said, is that "a lot of budgeted expenses that were more discretionary, like the purchase of service vehicles and equipment, were made in the beginning of the year," thus reducing the ability to cover sales shortfalls late in the year through belt-tightening measures.

"It's a system that's worked all of these years," Kehoe said.

Policy

(From Page 1)

grounds — including the plaza near the parking lot entrance.

It was adopted on Nov. 13 by the library board in the wake of several weeks of leafleting in the plaza by members of the Save Our Bethlehem Library Committee and reaffirmed at a meeting on Monday, Dec. 11.

Save Our Bethlehem Library Committee was organized to defeat the coming bond-issue referendum. The policy has prompted criticism by the New York Civil Liberties Union, which is monitoring its implementation.

A final public presentation of the renovation plan on Dec. 5, was attended by more than 120 residents.

A 19,000-square-foot second story would be added to the existing facility, along with infrastructure and technology improvements including doubling of shelf capacity, improved indoor traffic flow and better compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Construction could start next summer and be completed by September 2002. Roughly 40 percent of library collections would move to temporary quarters at Town Squire Plaza in Glenmont during construction.

The 20-year bond for construction would increase tax rates for most homeowners by an estimated 46 cents per thousand assessed valuation, over the current \$1.39 per thousand.

The solicitation-policy controversy, Cody said, was "a December surprise" by opponents. "It's not about attempting to stifle any discussion based on content," he said of the policy. "We encourage that in the appropriate forum" — including the library's public presentations and bulletin boards.

"Our concern is about bothering people in the library. What we're doing was based on conduct, not content," he said.

But Louise Roback, director of the Capital District chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, criticized the policy, which bars "solicitation of the public or the staff ... on public library property

or property under the control of the public library."

Roback said that "More than one person has contacted us about this issue, and we're closely monitoring what expressive activity the library is permitting on what is public property."

Whether her group was considering taking any action, she said, "would be a confidential matter."

"The Civil Liberties Union has concerns about restricting speech on public property," she said. "We feel speech on a public political issue deserves the highest protection possible ... We're not advocating for the library to allow people to leaflet on library property in a way that would disrupt people from engaging in what is the primary function of the library."

But she said the solicitation ban — particularly in the open public plaza, where groups from Clearwater to political campaigns have leafleted in the past —

struck her as overly restrictive.

"Where's the harm in letting someone stand on the sidewalk and hand out literature?" she said.

Roback also criticized as "over-broad" the policy's definition of solicitation, which includes "efforts by an individual or representatives of an organization ... to distribute any type of literature, material or publication."

"That takes me aback," she said. "It seems to me, for instance, that librarians themselves primarily engage in distribution of literature, material and publications."

Cody said the policy's adoption followed patron's complaints about being approached both inside the library building and in the plaza.

"Our concern was with the potential that this would grow if we permitted it, that various groups at various times would be out there," he said.

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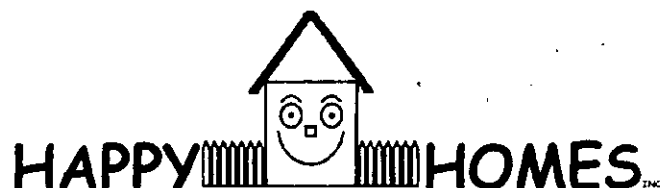


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Safe Schools Committee schedules meeting

RCS Safe Schools Committee will meet on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the middle school.

Business group to discuss loans

The Business Association of Ravena-Coeymans will meet on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:40 a.m. to discuss the filing of applications for small business loans.

Loans are being made available through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department.

Boxing match set

On Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. RCS Sports Association will sponsor an amateur boxing match.

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RCS library news

RCS Community Library's book discussion group is reading *Long Ago in France: The Years in Dijon* by M.F.K. Fisher.

This classic travel book describes a young person's journey to France between the two world wars.

To reserve a copy, call the library at 756-2053.

Preschool story hours continue on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Programs last from 30 to 45 minutes and include activities as well as stories.

Groups are asked to preregister.

Historical society plans Christmas party

The historical society will hold its first Christmas party at the Quarry Steak House on Thursday, Dec. 14.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

A brief meeting will take place during the dinner.

For information or reservations, call 756-2271.

Ravena High classes set reunion date

Members of Ravena High School classes 1930 to '49 will be gathering to plan an alumni gathering for Aug. 18.

For information, contact Irene Williams at 756-6989 or Mabel Klenk at 756-2856.

Journalism program earns kudos

The journalism/technology course at RCS Senior High School was recently designated a Program of Excellence by the New York State English Council.

Teachers Anna Marie Bonafide and George Sugrue are to be congratulated for this innovative and demanding course.

The program, now in its sixth year, instructs students in writing for the media and in the technological preparation of media assignments.

Students also study the history of journalism and become familiar with the work of well-known journalists.

Former St. Thomas priest writes book of homilies

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The author of the just-published book, *Food for Spiritual Thought*, may be the Rev. James Walsh, but he credits four local people with making the book possible.

Walsh is associate pastor at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, and a member of the diocesan vocational team, but the seeds for the book were planted during his stint at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

"A couple of years ago, Steve and Jill Baboulis and Steve and Patty Lescarbeau of St. Thomas said I should put some of my homily thoughts in writing," Walsh said. "They said they would do all the work, and they really shared their time, talent and treasure to make this book a reality."

The idea was originally Steve Lescarbeau's.

"Father Walsh is a prolific writer and deliverer of homilies," Lescarbeau said. "In his six years at St. Thomas, I was fortunate enough to hear them, and I found them unusually good. They were to the point and brief, and spoke to certain themes. Father Walsh spoke poignantly, and his

homilies made sense."

Lescarbeau talked with Walsh and with the Baboulises.

"The more we thought about it, the better the idea seemed," Lescarbeau said. "We started out with a professional typist, but as time went on, Steve Baboulis did a lot of the typing."

Jill Baboulis, Lescarbeau said, took on one of the biggest parts of the job — paraphrasing Gospel readings. The book is a collection of 100 of Walsh's homilies, all based on readings from the four Gospels.

"We all brought some skills to the project," said Steve Baboulis, who did the typing, arranging and clip art.

Like the Lescarbeaus, the Baboulises were also struck by the nature of Walsh's homilies.

One, in particular, appealed to both families. It is called "Easter" in the book. In it, a dying woman resolves to bring her fork into the afterlife, which she imagines will be as good as the dessert at church suppers, for which she was always reminded to "keep her fork."

Lescarbeau called Walsh a "very humble guy," and Walsh himself is modest about his preaching skills.

Walsh said that early in the week he'll read the Scriptures for the coming Sunday and spend time thinking about them.

About two-thirds of the homilies were written while Walsh was at St. Thomas, a place he called "the best place to first be a priest."

Walsh said that he became a priest largely because of the good examples around him of family members who were priests or nuns.

For this reason, profits from *Spiritual Food for Thought* will go to help retired nuns and priests.

Spiritual Food for Thought is being published this week by GBS in Cohoes.

It will be sold for \$7.95 at I Love Books and The Doorway, both in Delmar; O'Connor's Bookstore in Latham; and Sacred Heart Gift Shop in Guilderland.



Walsh

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Sports

Eagles still searching for first win of season

By MARK SHAWHAN
and ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem Eagles boys basketball team was defeated by the Columbia Blue Devils 49-34 last Friday night.

"I felt we did a pretty good job (defensively)," Bethlehem coach **Chuck Abba** said. "If we had shot better from the outside, we would have had a much better game."

On offense, the Blue Devils benefitted from the rebounding of 7-foot senior **Craig Forth**, who had three offensive boards within 2:40 of the tipoff and continued to play strongly on the offensive glass after that. The Syracuse-bound center scored 14 points.

Several of Forth's rebounds and tip-ins went for Columbia points in the first quarter; as the Blue Devils opened up an 11-3 lead by halfway through the period.

The Blue Devils dominated not only on offense but on defense as well. Eagles junior guards **Steve Maltzman** and **Tim Kindlon** were not able to get any penetration into the strong Columbia defense, forcing Bethlehem to take numerous unsuccessful perimeter shots.

It would be two minutes into the second quarter— well after Columbia ran up a 19-8 first quarter lead — that BC scored points which didn't result from a long-distance shot.

Even after that, the Eagles were unable to get an offensive rhythm going. The Blue Devils continued to deny the easy layup, and BC's conversion of the few chances they had was not enough to narrow the gap.

While some of BC's perimeter shots began to fall in the second half, the Eagles were unable to get inside. Columbia's zone defense, anchored by Forth, was able to maintain a double-team on the shooter while preventing an open look from the one player BC was able to get inside.

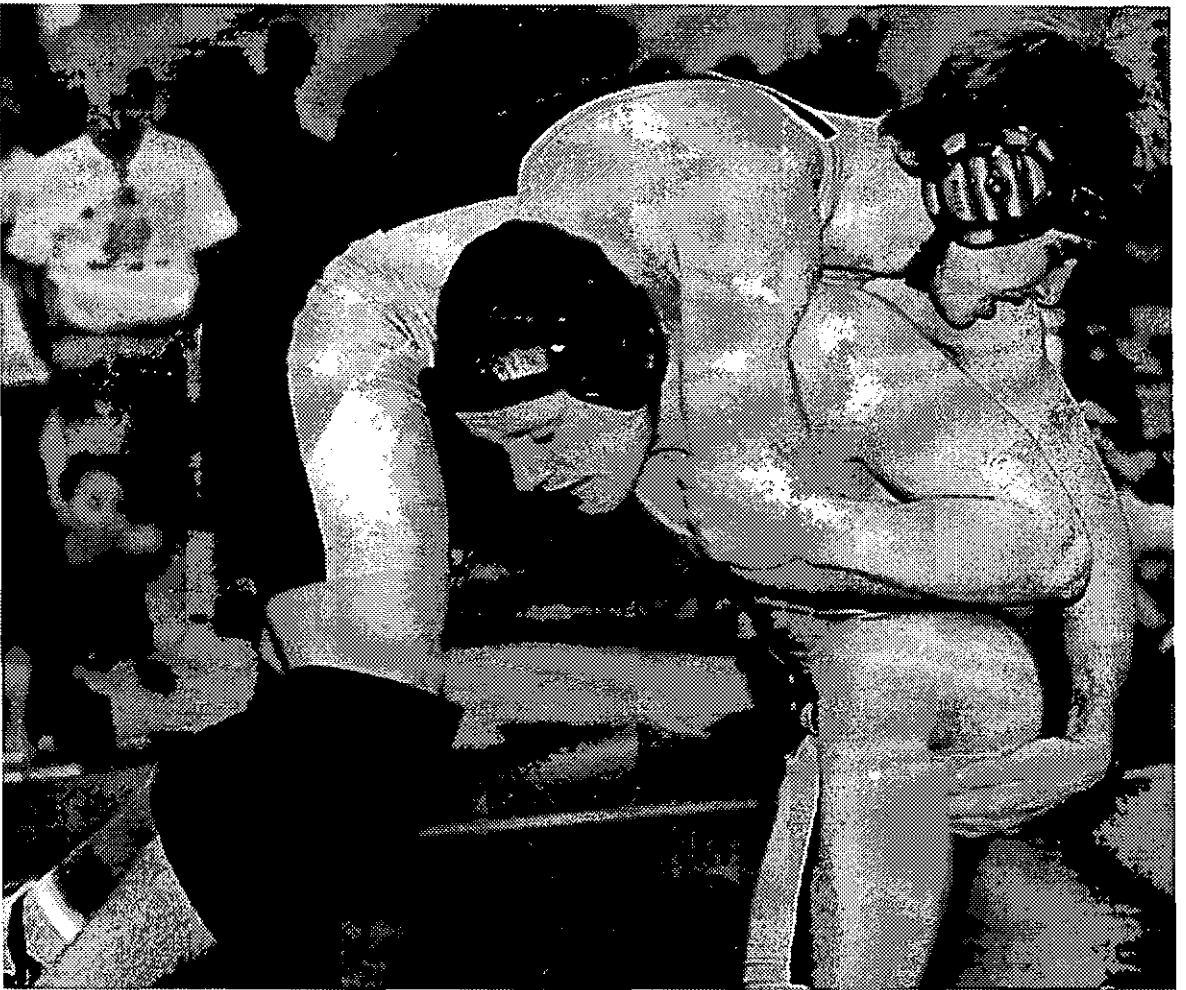
On the other end of the court, Forth was still able to get open, or at least draw a BC double-team and open up opportunities for the other Blue Devils.

Bob Boughton led all scorers with 17 points for BC, which traveled to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Tuesday night.

"If we continue to play hard, get some rebounds and get some easy shots, then we'll be OK," Abba said.

The Eagles host Niskayuna Friday before traveling to Saratoga next Tuesday.

Taking a tumble



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestler **Joe Blodell** (top) battles with Colonie Central's **Shawn Hardy** during an early-round match in the 189-pound division at last Saturday's Colonie Tournament. The Indians finished eighth out of 14 teams at the tournament with 88.5 points. **Landon Kier** (145 pounds) and **Jared Lackie** (171) had second-place finishes to lead RCS. Both wrestlers reached the finals in their weight classes before losing. **Aaron Covey** (215) won the consolation bracket finals with an 11-8 victory against Colonie's **Brian Landau** to place third.

Jim Franco

Burnett signs with Siena

Bethlehem senior **Josh Burnett** has signed a national letter of intent to attend for Siena College next fall.

Burnett has been a two-year starter on the varsity baseball team as a pitcher and shortstop. He also played for the bronze medal-winning Adirondack region team at the Empire State Games and the South Troy Dodgers this past summer.

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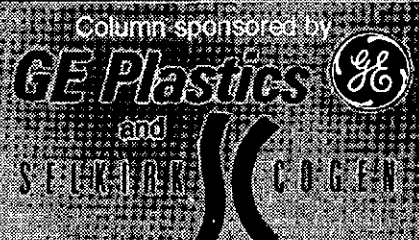
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The following Bethlehem Central High School and middle school students recently participated in an overnight conference on underage drinking: **Justin Burkhart**, **Phil Schwartz**, **Megan Jaques**, **Corey Alston**, **Annie Longley**, **Alex Tiberio**, **Craig Vroman**, **Rylan Conway**, **Melissa Buckley**, **Sarah Frueh**, **Shannon Vigars**, **Laura Wing**, **Lindsey Fuhrman**, **Catherine Hartman**, **Nicole Keith**, **Jennifer Macri**, **Joseph Rinaldi**, **Jessica Russo-Cannone**, **Hillary Shpeen** and **David Shapiro**.

The following adults took part in the underage drinking conference: **Betty Martin**, **Anita Stein**, **Candy Raderman**, **Matt Rehbit**, **Denis Foley**, **Vince Rinaldi**, **Bruce Oliver**, **Rhona Vigars**, **Peter Ruggiero**, **Phyllis Hillinger**, **Mona Prenoveau**, **Renee Barchita** and **Erin Loffredo**.

Thanks to Bethlehem Central High School Students Against Destructive Decisions which sponsored the workshop in cooperation with Bethlehem Networks Project. Thanks to the Bethlehem Central School District. Thanks also to the parents, police officers and teachers for their hard work. The underage drinking conference was funded by a grant from the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.



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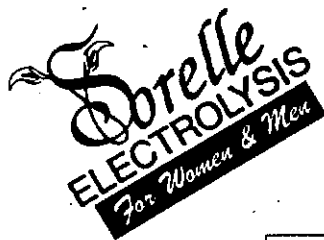
Swimming Dutchbird



Guilford-Voorheesville swimmer Schuyler Nachod competes in the 200-yard individual medley during last Friday's meet at Bethlehem. Nachod won the event with a time of 2:22.65 for the Dutchbirds. The Eagles won the meet, though, by a score of 99-63. Rob Jonas

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Blackbirds remain perfect in league

By ROB JONAS

The Voorheesville girls basketball team survived a pair of close calls to remain unbeaten in the Colonial Council.

The Blackbirds defeated Holy Names 60-53 in double overtime last Tuesday and edged Mechanicville 56-52 last Friday to improve to 3-0 in the league, 3-2 overall.

Against Holy Names, Voorheesville went on a 14-9 run in the fourth quarter to tie the game and then outscored its opponent 13-6

in the second extra period to pull away.

"We did the things we had to do to win," Voorheesville coach Jon McClement said. "We stayed with it, kept playing hard, and made some key shots."

The Blackbirds were led by the one-two punch of senior Katelyn Berger and junior Andrea Burch. Berger copped game-high honors with 24 points, while Burch chipped in with 22 points.

Voorheesville faced another uphill challenge against Mechan-

icville last Friday. The Blackbirds found themselves down 34-19 at halftime, but they outscored the Red Raiders 37-18 in the second half to pull out the victory.

"In the second half, we just settled down and played much better," McClement said.

Berger was the high scorer for the Blackbirds again with 20 points. Burch contributed 13 points, including nine during a 22-8 fourth-quarter run, and Brittany Burnham added 14 points.

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR DEC. 13-19

WED., DEC. 13

BOWLING

Lansingburgh girls at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

Voorheesville at Cobleskill-Richmondville, 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem at Troy, 4:30 p.m.

Guilfordville at Albany, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 8 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Shaker at Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem at Columbia, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

Hudson at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cobleskill-Richmondville, 6 p.m.

Voorheesville at Schalmont, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

BOYS BASKETBALL

Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 8 p.m.

Cobleskill-Richmondville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville at Lansingburgh, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Guilfordville at Canajoharie, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 8 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cobleskill-Richmondville, 7:30 p.m.

Lansingburgh at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

HOCKEY

CBA at Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Williams College, TBA.

WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Guilfordville, TBA.

V'ville JV wrestlers win Colonial Council tourney

The Voorheesville junior varsity wrestling team opened its season by taking the team title at the Colonial Council Tournament Dec. 2 at Clayton A. Bouton High School.

The Blackbirds placed 10 wrestlers in the top three of their respective weight divisions to finish with 92 points. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk was fifth with

59 points.

Rob Pillans won an individual title at 215 pounds for Voorheesville. Michael Ashline (96), Jess Tanis (119), Matt Robinson (130), Matt Nagy (135) and Kevin Massaroni (189) placed second in their divisions.

Placing third for the Blackbirds were Zak Fluster (103), Ben Gibson (112), Dan Denn (119) and Kris Hauser (145). All four wrestlers won their consolation bracket finals to earn points for Voorheesville.



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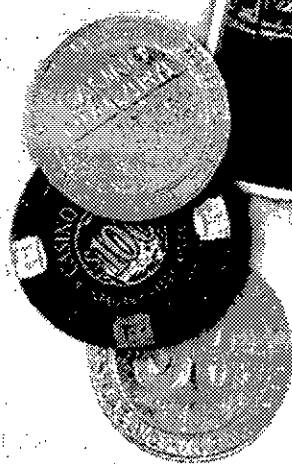
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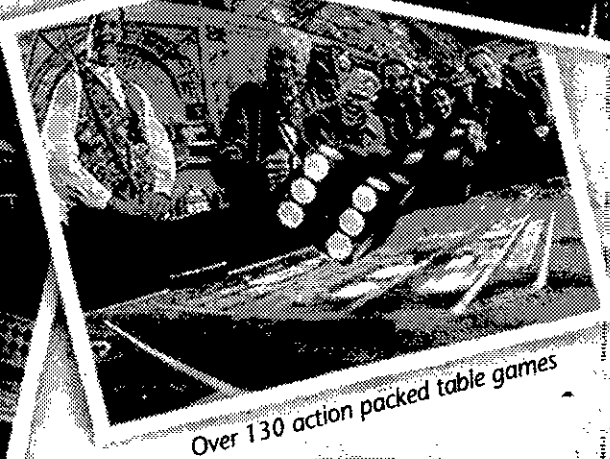
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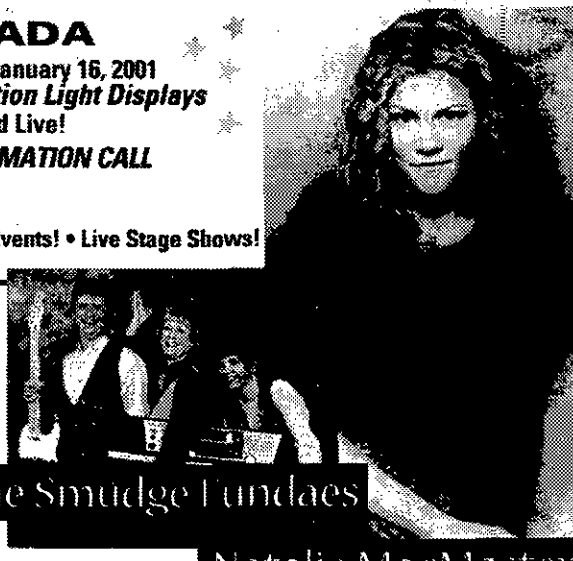
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Obituaries

Donna Redmond

Donna L. Redmond, 80, of the Beverwyck in North Bethlehem died Saturday, Dec. 9, at her residence.

Born in New York City, she was raised in Albany and graduated from the former St. Agnes School.

Mrs. Redmond was very active in the Mill Hill Society and Our Lady of Angels Church.

She was the widow of Richard Redmond.

Survivors include four daughters, Sheila Foley of Freedom, N.H., Claudia Redmond and Shelley Hughes, both of Albany, and Erin Redmond of Bowie Md.; four sons, Michael Redmond of Hendersonville, N.C.; Kirk Redmond of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mark Lloyd of New York City and Shawn Adams of Winston Salem, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Dec. 6, at Our Lady of Angels Church, 183 Central Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements are by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Angels Franciscan Friars, 183 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

Elfreda DuMicich

Elfreda DuMicich, 71, of Glenmont died Sunday, Dec. 10, at her home.

Born in Flushing, she was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. DuMicich worked for Farm Family Insurance before she retired.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond DuMicich; two sons, Raymond DuMicich and Kevin DuMicich, both of Glenmont; three sisters, Elizabeth O'Connor of Massachusetts, Caroline Jones of Long Island and Claire Dunst of Cape Coral, Fla.; a brother John Kemnitzer of Naples, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10:15 a.m. today, Dec. 6, from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave. Albany and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Restoration Fund, 125 Eagle St., Albany 12207.

Lee Hurley

Lee Haeser Hurley, 94, of Teresian House in Albany and formerly of Burhans Place in Elsmere, died Monday, Dec. 4, at the nursing home.

Born and educated in Albany, Mrs. Hurley was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

She was a former president of the Nathaniel A. Blanchard American Legion Post auxiliary, a member of Bethlehem Senior Citizens and the Tri-Village Antique Study Club.

She was the widow of Robert Hurley.

Survivors include two cousins, Rita Nettleton of Albany and Mary Griswold of McKownville; and family friends, Elizabeth White of Albany and Eleanor Lattimer of Glenmont.

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

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Utica.

Arrangements were by the Daly Funeral Home in Schenectady.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054 or the American Cancer Society, 2600 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

Hazel Sperbeck

Hazel Sperbeck, 89, of Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar and formerly of Feura Bush, died Sunday, Dec. 3, at the home.

Born in New Salem, Mrs. Sperbeck was a saleswoman at B. Lodges in Albany.

She was a former member of Onesquethaw Reformed Church and its Women's Guild.

She was the widow of Harold Sperbeck.

Survivors include a grandson, Lee Eck of Feura Bush and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Sally George

Sally E. George, 76, of Delmar died Monday, Dec. 4, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Billerica, Mass., she

was a graduate of the former Milne School in Albany.

Mrs. George was a saleswoman at Macy's in Colonie Center for 20 years before she retired.

She was a member of the auxiliary of Albany Yacht Club and a communicant of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert George; a son, Andrew George of Saratoga Springs; two daughters, Susan Baker of Schenectady and Nancy George of Castleton; a brother, Willis Hunt of Ossining, Westchester County; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Catherine of Siena Church Building Fund, 40 Hopewell St., Albany 12208.

Agnes Markham

Agnes C. Markham, 78, of Colonie and formerly of Voorheesville, died Sunday, Dec. 3, at her home.

Born in Voorheesville, he was a secretary. She worked for the Voorheesville Army Depot in Voorheesville during World War II. More recently, she worked for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, before she retired.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Clare in Colonie.

Survivors include her husband, William Markham; two sons, William Markham of Gunderland and David Markham of Lee, Mass.; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie and the Church of St. Clare.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to ALS Regional Center, 315 S. Manning Blvd, Albany 12208.

Lorinda MacMillen

Lorinda M. MacMillen of Tampa, Fla., and formerly of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar died Monday, Dec. 4, in Tampa.

Survivors include a brother, Kermit MacMillen of Delmar; and two sisters, Phyllis VanAlstyne of Delmar and Lois Vinson of Tampa, Fla.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Storm

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how the court case had preceded, was further elucidated at the meeting by Fred Hutchison, the attorney retained by the district's insurance company.

Hutchison said he and Suburban Council attorneys had tried repeatedly to reach a compromise with Braverman, only to be rebuffed at every turn.

"There was a whole list of demands that Braverman wanted," Hutchinson said. "Including lawyers fees for Jim Kelly (Braverman's attorney), and a coaching schedule that was different from everybody else's."

"Their position was, 'Repeal the whole guideline, or else,'" Hutchison said.

Braverman disagreed.

"This fight is destroying me," he said. "I just want to do what's best for the kids ... and it isn't over."

People who spoke at the meeting agreed.

"The (Suburban Council) rule is chock full of ironies, loopholes, anomalies and inconsistencies," said Bruce Jory. "The board should be encouraging volunteerism, not punishing it."

Middle school music teacher Frank Leavitt agreed, saying, "This should all be about who gets served by the work that we do. ... It's not about a rule, it's about kids."

Another middle school teacher, Michael Fredette, accused the board of lacking "honor, integrity, and courage" in its decision to enforce the rule against Braverman.

Several community members talked about the effectiveness of the rule itself, saying that its main point was to level the playing field between schools, and not to reduce pressure on players or coaches.

Many of Braverman's former players were also present to speak

on behalf of their coach.

When the time allotted for public comment had passed, board president Lynne Lenhardt asked for the board's response.

Before board members could speak however, Lenhardt gestured to Hutchison to offer further comment.

At that point, Braverman said, "I thought everyone was only supposed to speak once," and called for his supporters to leave.

About half of the people in the room then filed out the back door.

After the group left, each member of the board spoke in turn. All expressed dismay that Braverman's supporters had left without hearing their comments.

"In all my years on the board, that's the first time people have actually left without hearing the other side speak," said former board president Happy Scherer.

Robert Wing was the only board member who opposed enforcing the Suburban Council guideline.

"It seems to me that this is a bad rule, and doesn't do what it's supposed to," Wing said.

Lenhardt asked why Braverman had never organized other coaches and gone to the Suburban Council to get the rule changed.

Board member Warren Stoker shook his head and wished openly that other issues were getting as much attention.

"We've spent too much time on baseball, and not enough time on education," Stoker said.

After the meeting, Loomis spoke in support of the rule.

"It would be a very strange situation in the district, if all of our varsity coaches were also the coach of the premier nonschool team in town," Loomis said.

"I know the size of Jesse's heart," Loomis added. "But he has some choices to make."

Kaplowitz

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Mohawk, does Kaplowitz see municipal counsel as being an increasingly litigious field of practice, at least for Bethlehem.

"I don't think it's increasing, actually," he said. "We have those two lawsuits, but they're out of the ordinary. We've been fortunate, I think, in not having a great deal of litigation (against the town). I think that's the result of being reasonable. It's a very reasonable town board."

During his tenure, Kaplowitz served as town Republican party chairman — for 18 years. "They were trying times," he said of his political role. "I jokingly say that I had two open-heart surgeries as a result of the political job." He stepped down from the party post seven years ago.

Fuller said the political function occasionally raised eyebrows. "People often kidded Bernie about serving as town attorney and party chairman," she said. "They called him a party boss. But I'd never seen that side of Bernie. He is always very professional in offering his legal opinion, and that was it. He is also a very compassionate human being, which is a side of him I don't think many know."

He is reluctant to take credit for achievements — and as reluctant to relive the rougher moments. "The town certainly has seen many issues in Bernie's day," said Fuller, citing the acrimony surrounding the water plant suit and a civil rights lawsuit against the town three years ago that was ultimately settled.

"There was the Peter Fish thing, which wasn't too pleasant, but I'd rather not talk about that," Kaplowitz said of an early controversy on his watch, surrounding a town police chief forced to step down.

Of the NiMo and water plant actions, he said, "I kind of regret that I'm not going to be around to see the end of those. I think the end is in sight, within a few months or so. I'm optimistic about the outcome."

Death Notices

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

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

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

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Erin Sullivan and Jeffrey Caimano

Sullivan, Caimano to wed

Erin Elizabeth Sullivan, daughter of Dennis B. and Estelle Sullivan of Voorheesville, and Jeffrey Caimano, son of Francis and Mary Ann Caimano of Voorheesville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Cornell University.

She is an operations engineer

for Procter & Gamble in Mehoopany, Pa.

The future groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Siena College.

He is a grants administrator for the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene in Albany.

The couple plans a May wedding.

CHOICES accepts HEAP applications

The CHOICES Program will be accepting Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) applications at its Ravena office throughout the season for residents of southern Albany County.

Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. HEAP provides assistance in

paying for fuel/utility bills.

The following documentation is required to apply: income, address, household composition, fuel/utility bills, and resources.

For information about fuel assistance days, income eligibility guidelines or verification needed, call 756-8650.

The program is in Faith Plaza on Route 9W.

Births

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Isabel Mae Jobin-Davis, to Camille and Kevin Jobin-Davis of Voorheesville, Nov. 11.

Boy, Justin Wylie King, to Kristen and Mark King of Delmar, Nov. 24.

Out of town

Girl, Molly Jean Kotzin, to Ellen and Mark Kotzin of Clay, Onondaga County, Nov. 29. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Gerald and Dorry Kotzin of Glenmont.

BCHS grad performs in college musical

Matthew Cook of Delmar, a 1998 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a student at Hope College in Michigan recently performed in the college's production of "Steel Pier."

He played the trumpet in the on-stage orchestra for this musical set in the honky-tonk dance world of the 1930s.

College student interns in Washington

Colin Donnaruma of Delmar, is participating in the Hamilton College program in Washington, D.C., this semester.

A junior majoring in government, Donnaruma is a graduate of Albany Academy.

He is currently interning in the office of Rep. Michael McNulty, D-Green Island.

Five Rivers Limited elects board members

Five Rivers Limited recently elected new board members

They are: Dr. Thomas Bailey of Slingerlands and Kiaran Johnson-Law of Albany for a first three-year term; John Meany and John Smolinsky of Delmar for a second three-year term; and Peter Keitel of Delmar for a third three-year term.

Delmar artist featured in book

Artist Liz Vigoda of Delmar is featured in a new book, *Beautiful Things: Original Art from the Artists of GUILD.com*, which features 214 artists from GUILD.com.

She was chosen for her column vase.

The book is available at www.guild.com and leading bookstores.



Holli and Matthew Alicanti

Shufelt, Alicanti marry

Holli Suzanne Shufelt, daughter of Craig and Robin Shufelt of New Scotland, and Matthew Albert Alicanti, son of Albert and Carole Alicanti of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, were married June 17.

The Revs. Sherwood Carver and John Malecki performed the ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

A reception followed at Colonie Country Club in New Scotland.

The maid of honor was Kimberly Derector.

Bridesmaids were Annette Alicanti, sister-in-law of the groom, Kathy Baker, Lea Foster Stephanie Goldberg and Jill Sala.

The best man was Michael

Alicanti, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Craig A. Shufelt, brother of the bride, Thomas DiGillio, Adam Wernersbach, Paul Wernersbach and Christopher Renkowski.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and SUNY Cortland.

She is a supervisor for Family Residences and Essential Enterprises in Huntington, Suffolk County.

The groom is a graduate of the University at Stony Brook.

He has a doctorate from Life University and is a chiropractor at CarePlus Chiropractic in Bay Shore, Suffolk County.

After a wedding trip to Tahiti, the couple lives in Bay Shore.

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.

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INVITATIONS

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



Community



Lutheran church to present live Nativity

The senior high school youth group of Bethlehem Lutheran Church will perform a live Nativity on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16 and 17, at 6:30 p.m. at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

The program on Saturday will be followed by a Christmas concert by Victory at 7 p.m.

The Nativity will feature authentic costumes, carols and live farm animals. Children can pet the animals after the 20-minute performance.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Beauty' is beastly good fun for all

Disney's wonderous new production takes to Pepsi's ice

By DONNA J. BELL

It's a "tale as old as time" sings Mrs. Potts, the enchanted teapot in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, and so it is. The story of a beautiful maiden and a prince disguised as a horrible beast has been a beloved fairy tale for many generations.

You can see the tale brought to life again starting Thursday, Dec. 14, as Disney on Ice presents *Beauty and the Beast* at the Pepsi Arena for seven performances through Sunday, Dec. 17. If your family loves the Disney film version of the storybook French village with its unforgettable cast of characters—Belle, Gaston, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts and Chip, Cogsworth and the Beast himself—they will be right at home as they sing along to the to the Academy Award-winning score of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, featuring "Be Our Guest," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Belle."

A company of international figure skating champions lend their talents to this lavish production of song, dance, comedy and romance, that shows the how the beast, with his heart of ice, is transformed by love. The visual effects of this fairy tale on ice rivals Broadway productions. The ice teems with 36 skaters, who together wear more than 175 costumes incorporating yards and yards of colorful, glittering fabric.

The countless special effects are designed to keep even the littlest viewers glued to the action as the petals of the beast's enchanted rose drop mysteriously, a huge staircase moves forward of its own volition to reveal the master of the castle, a table and chair glide across the ice by themselves and of course the entire enchanted staff of the castle entreat Belle to "Be Our Guest" for a spectacular display of song and dance from the kitchen contingent.

Those are just a few of the 205 props that play a part in the 26 scenes that take the viewer from the village to the castle. Scenic Designer Robert Little, who was responsible for the creative conception of everything from the high-tech props such as Maurice's invention to the myriad of carts and paraphernalia used in the village

marketplace scene, has created a new world for the audience. However, it is the finale where Little's true artistry shows as the set "grows" from its height of 28 feet to 40 feet to reveal the magnificent castle of the Prince.

The visual presentation is enhanced by a lighting system has a cumulative output of 500,000 watts and a state of the art sound system that features individual speakers that surround the

Now he sits in the audience every performance to help fine-tune the production and he sees firsthand the audiences' reaction to the production.

"It's a show for all ages, for the entire family," Browne said. "Grandparents come in and love the show just as much as the kids—it is the Disney magic."

The highlight of the show, Browne said, is when the beast transforms into

"I enjoy that rush I get when I'm skating in front of an audience," Rousseau said.

The role of Gaston, the vain, macho man-about-town, is played by veteran performer Georgei Caloustain who has been touring with Disney on Ice for five years. Caloustain hails from Russia where he too was a lauded amateur skater with many titles under his belt.

"I must act as outrageous as Gaston would with my skating, body language and facial expressions," he said. "This role is great fun. As the villain, I get to interact with the audience and they react to the bad things I do in the story."

Caloustain began skating when he was 5 years old. His parents took him to a local rink and quickly realized their son was a gifted athlete. Years later all the training paid off.

"I enjoy skating and seeing the audience react during the performance," he said.

Another Russian, Igor Sinioutine, plays the beast—the hideous monster who hides a tender heart and a secret. As with all the lead actors, Sinioutine has won several international competitions. The performances and setting all come together to provide the unequalled excitement of a live performance. Disney on Ice has a reputation for artistry and highly sophisticated technology.

"Our show is state-of-the-art," said producer Kenneth Feld. "We strive for techniques which are new and creative, such

as the sound and fog systems. I want Disney on Ice audiences to leave this spectacular amazed and astounded by what they've seen, heard and felt."

Of course, the best critique of any show are the smiles on the faces of people in the audience as they sing along to the score.

Tickets are on sale now at the Pepsi Arena box office and all TicketMaster outlets, at www.DisneyOnIce.Com or calling 476-1000. Ticket prices start at \$10 with special VIP seating and group rates available. For information, call 487-2000. Groups should call 487-2100.



The lovely Belle meets new friends, the mysterious Beast and the enchanted objects of his castle, in an exciting new version of a "tale as old as time." Disney on Ice presents *Beauty and the Beast* at the Pepsi Arena for seven performances from Thursday, Dec. 14, through Sunday, Dec. 17.

audience. But of course the sets, costumes, lights and sound are just the backdrop for what the audience came to see—the performers who skate the tale to life.

Rehearsed to perfection the performers need to be able to not only act, skate and perform, but to recreate the movie live on ice, said performance director David Browne. Browne, who has been with Disney on Ice for more than 13 years has been on both sides of the lights. He was a featured performer for his first six years with the company, playing such plum roles as Captain Hook in *Peter Pan* and Jafar in *Aladdin*.

the prince. "The entire set, all the lighting changes and it goes from a dark, sad situation to joy," Browne said. "People always ask, 'how did you do that?'"

The cast members, who come from as far away as Australia, Hungary and Russia, are each accomplished skaters in their own right. Brandi-lee Rousseau, a Canadian skater who plays Belle, has been on the ice for most of her life. She began skating at age 3 and racked up many awards, including five gold medals, during her amateur career. Now Rousseau brings her love of performance skating to the classical role of Belle.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

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

KING O' THE MOON

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

NUNCRACKERS

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ROUTE 9 REALTY, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is ROUTE 9 REALTY, LLC.
SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.
THIRD: the latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is:
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is P.O. Box 1317, Latham, New York 12110.
FIFTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is Joseph W. Zappone of Zappone & Fiore Law Firm, 6 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12110.
SIXTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization are effective as of the date of filing.
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

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.

Music

THE WAVERLY CONSORT

performing "The Christmas Story," Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

LEGAL NOTICE

this 30th day of October, 2000, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. Bryan J. Goewey, Organizer (December 13, 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 partnership is "KB FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP".
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 6 Majestic Court, Loudonville, New York 12211.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:
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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 foregoing is true and correct as of the date thereof.
KMB, L.L.C., General partner
By: S/ Kevin M. Bette, Member (December 13, 2000)

MOUNTAIN SNOW & MISTLETOE

annual holiday concert by Christopher Shaw and Bridget Ball, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Dec. 17, 2 p.m., \$16. Information, 273-0038.

KAREN CLARK-SHEARD

gospel concert, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 17, 5 p.m., free. Information, 486-9866.

KATHY MATTEA

country Christmas show, Proctor's Theater, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., \$32.50 to \$39.50. Information, 346-6204.

JUDY COLLINS

folk superstar, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., \$28. Information, 273-0038.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

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 Zlotzky, Mimi Czajka Graminski and Robert Longley, through Dec. 29. Information, 462-4775.

HYDE COLLECTION

Realizing Courbet, exhibit on 19th-century French realist, 161 Warren St. Glens Falls, through Feb. 4. Information, 792-1761.

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.

Call For Artists

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in all sections, especially strings, rehearsals Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Clifton Common Senior Center. Information, 783-2511.

SINGERS NEEDED

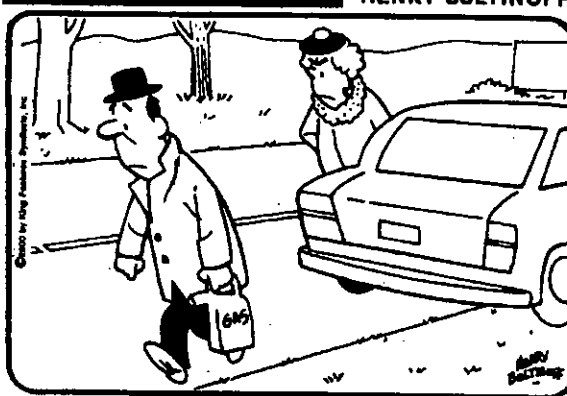
for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

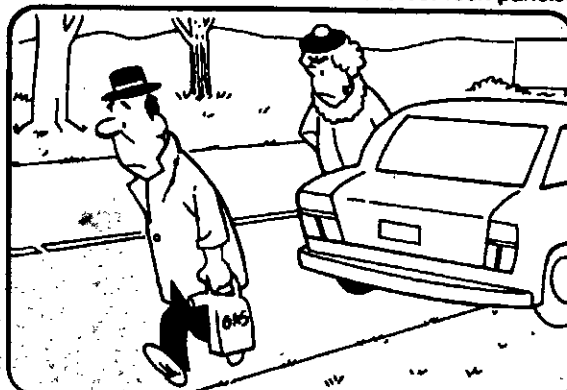
invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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ACROSS

1 Not quite closed
5 Doris Day refrain
9 Junket
13 Significance
19 Prepare a pear
20 Author Murdoch
21 Run the show
22 Five iron
23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
26 Shorthand inventor
27 Periwinkle, e.g.
28 Primeval upheaval
29 See
31 14 Down
32 Lassie's mother
34 Puzzled
37 Word with song or dive
38 Question for a tardy electrician?
44 Figure
46 Nice time of year
47 Genesis name
48 Wordy Webster
50 Eloquent equine
52 Boa, but not cobra

55 Raven maven?
56 Dandy
58 Quick snacks
60 Roller-coaster feeling
62 Apparel
66 Alaric, for one
68 Buddies
70 South Seas novel
71 — Marie Saint
72 TV's — "Haw"
73 Part of USSR
76 Electrician's theme song?
80 —
81 Gil's address
82 — down (destroy)
83 Melodious
84 Galba's garment
86 First state
89 Paradise
90 Sleeve type
94 — nous
95 Cen. segments
97 — "Tiki"
100 Clear the windshield
101 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"

102 Cuban currency
105 Ladies of the sea
107 Hosp. areas
108 — "luego"
111 Electrician's teatime treats?
115 Wading bird
117 '65
119 Capote, on stage
120 "Unforgettable" name
121 Born
122 — "Gay"
126 One of the Titans
130 Fleet
133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
137 Tidy up
138 Relate
139 "So — You" ('77 song)
140 — "friendly"
141 Borgnine or Gallo
142 Award for
143 Chore
144 Work in the lab

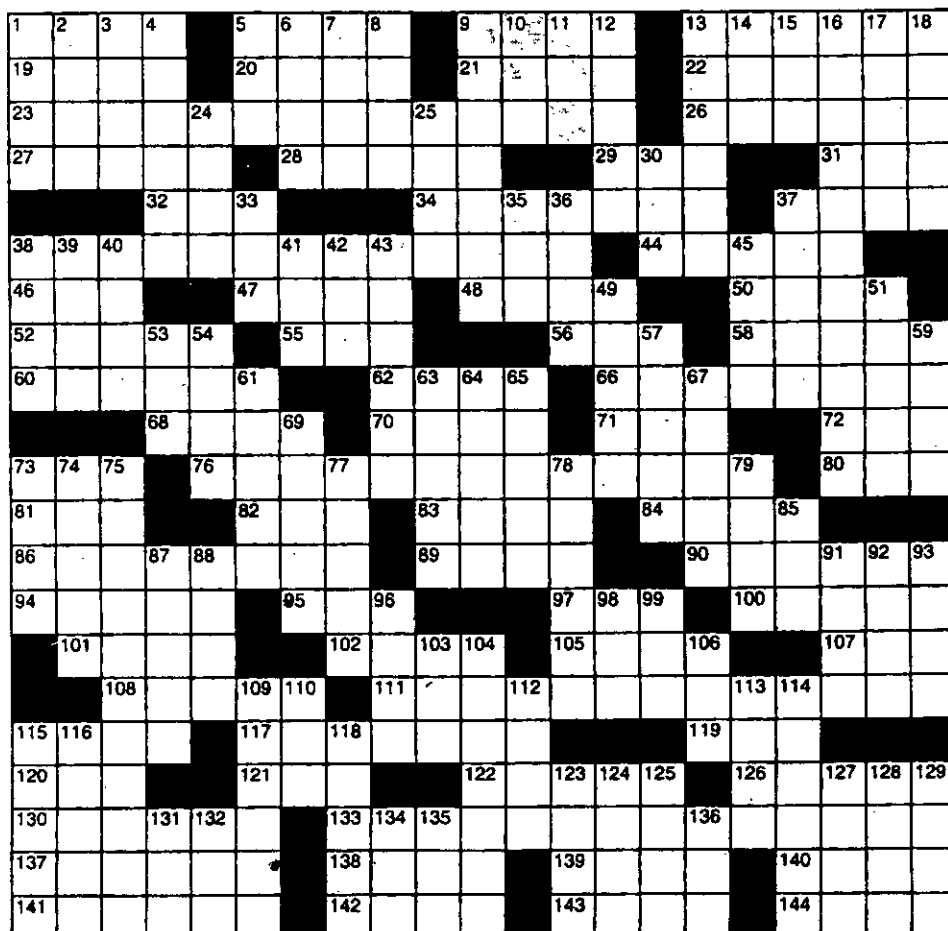
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1 Feigns
2 Dear fellow?

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4 Dwell
5 — vous plait?
6 Skater
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9 Wagner hero
10 Capek drama
11 Unwell
12 Italian specialty
13 Mischievous
14 With 29
15 Washington hrs.
16 Words on an electrician's sampler?
17 Lasso
18 Mortise's mate
24 Wilde work
25 Aim
30 Burro
33 Herd word
35 From — Z
36 Page
37 Bit of parsley
38 Singer
39 Dottie
39 Craving
40 Parent
41 Diamond authority?

42 — Paulo, Brazil
43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
45 Both: prefix
49 Humble house
51 Prevent
53 Torn or Taylor
54 Defect
57 Perform a pirouette
59 — a Lady ('71 hit)
61 Andes animal
63 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
64 Got a galley going
65 Fancy dessert
67 Relish
69 Bedtime reading
73 Mean
77 Nebbish
78 Maris or Mattingly
79 "My word!"
85 Generation
87 La Scala songs
88 Moistens
91 Pride
92 Lot size

93 Stack role
96 Splinter group
98 Hold the dead
99 Safety —
103 "— generis"
104 Hospital worker
106 Fast way to the UK
109 Lodger
110 Lincoln or Lyman
112 Betting setting
113 Learn fast?
114 End product
115 Cockamamie
116 Less adorned
118 Ms. Midler
123 Leave out
124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
125 Hill dwellers
127 — majesty
128 Belligerent deity
129 Spanish artist
131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving
132 — Plaines, IL
134 Clear one's throat
135 Common street name
136 NASA affirmative



The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 12/13

BETHLEHEM HOLIDAY GATHERINGS
Antiques Study Group of the Delmar Progress Club hosts a holiday gathering. Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 439-9314.
Holiday mixer; pot's d'oeuvres, entertainment, sponsored by Bethlehem Area Chamber of Commerce. Casa Mia Restaurant, Route 9W, Glenmont, 5 - 7 p.m. \$5 at door. Information, 439-0512.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Also Tues., Thurs., 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

ADVENT DINNER, SERVICES
Dinner 6:15 p.m.; worship, 7:30 p.m. Also Dec. 20, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

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

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

NEW SCOTLAND FLU SHOTS FOR SENIORS
Sign-up at Town Clerk's office; vaccinations at Wyman Osterhout Community Center, Route 85, New Salem, 10 a.m. - noon. Information, 439-4865.

CO-OP EXTENSION MEETING
Special meeting to vote on amended by-laws; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road (off Route 85A), Voorheesville. Call for time, 765-3500.

TOWN COUNCIL
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

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

Thurs. 12/14

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Great Books Discussion Group on portions of Aristotle's "Politics." Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR FIRE DEPT. LADIES AUX.
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUX.
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW
Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

NEW SCOTLAND LIBRARY CLUB
"Cooking Treats." For grades 4-6; sign up necessary. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 3:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 12/15

NEW SCOTLAND PIONEER CLUBS
For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

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

Sat. 12/16

BETHLEHEM "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA"
Breakfast buffet, Santa and helpers to hand out small gifts for children. Sponsored by Newcomers and Friends of Bethlehem. 8:30-10:30 a.m., Normanside County Club, Salisbury Road, Delmar. Register in advance; \$12.50 adults, \$7 children.

PROGRAM AT FIVE RIVERS
"Not A Creature Stirring," outdoor study of winter survival strategies for various animals. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
David's Tabernacle Choir Soloists & Chamber Orchestra perform Handel's "Messiah"; Mt. Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 459-3152.

Sun. 12/17

BETHLEHEM FOLK TALE AT LIBRARY
Bells and Motley performing paritipatory folk tale "The Boy Who Went To Visit The North Wind," for families and children pre-K and up. No babies. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND BREAKFAST BUFFET
All-you-can-eat buffet sponsored by

Voorheesville American Legion, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 a.m.-noon; \$5 adults, \$3 children.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Eleventh annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival; singers from area churches invited to join. First United Methodist Church, Maple Avenue, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Practice Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-4442.

Mon. 12/18

BETHLEHEM MOTHERS' TIME OUT
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.

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-24377 or 439-6952.

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

R-C-S SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
A. W. Becker School, Route 9W, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m. Information, 756-8190.

EXPLORER POST 157
For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation. Weekly, 310 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

NEW SCOTLAND QUARTET REHEARSAL
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Tues. 12/19

BETHLEHEM TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

DELMAR ROTARY
Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

NEW SCOTLAND NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

VOORHEESVILLE PTA
in the elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF BBL HOSPITALITY, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "BBL HOSPITALITY, 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,

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and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:
SWF X, L.P.
52 Corporate Circle
Albany, New York 12203
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve

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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, Partner
(December 13, 2000)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SWF X, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP 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 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-

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bany, New York 12203.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:
DRL, LLC
52 Corporate Circle
Albany, New York 12203
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is October 31, 2100.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 1st day of November, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
SWF IX, L.P.
by: DRL, LLC, General Partner
BY: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
(December 13, 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 partnership is "SWF IX, L.P."
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the

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limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:
DRL, LLC
52 Corporate Circle
Albany, New York 12203
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is October 31, 2100.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 10th day of October, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
SWF IX, L.P.
by: DRL, LLC, General Partner
BY: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
(December 13, 2000)

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At the monthly meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Verdox Fire District, held on Thursday, November 30, it was determined that the Board will convene its organizational meeting for the new year on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., at the fire station, 1026 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York.
(December 13, 2000)

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Group Consult Management LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/10/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(December 13, 2000)

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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

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Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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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 52406. Copy of Art. of Org. on file SSIA. Purpose: any lawful purp.
(December 13, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Global Metro Networks New York, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/23/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 10/4/00. 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 Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Carvel State Office Bldg., 820 N. French St., 9th Fl., Wilmington, DE 19801. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(December 13, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of LFA, Limited Liability Company, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/17/00. LLC organized in Indiana (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 copy of process to: Corporation 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. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(December 13, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of LCOOR LAMP LLC, a foreign limited liability 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 location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Principal office address of LLC: 100 Berwyn Park, Suite 110, Berwyn, PA 19312. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Dept., Lookerham & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 13, 2000)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PUBLIMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS 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: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: To purchase, establish and carry on business as general merchants, manufacturers, importers, exporters, commission agents and distributors, for foreign products only; To buy, sell, manufacture, alter, improve, exchange, import, export and deal any kind of products as well as relating services; To buy, sell, manufacture all products and render all type of services in advertisements, communication and edition sector, including e-business; To carry on the business of merchants, to undertake, conduct, execute all kinds of commercial trading and services, and to engage in any other business or transactions which this LLC is authorized to carry on; and To do all or any of the above things anywhere in the world, but the LLC forbids itself to have any activity in the United States of America. (December 13, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Production Finance International, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/14/2000. LLC organized in Washington (WA) on 7/28/1999. 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 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 98504-0234. Purpose: purchase order financing for the import and export of pre sold merchandise. (December 13, 2000)

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Notice of formation of MAIN REALTY, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/09/2000. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 6317 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (December 13, 2000)

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Notice of formation of PRIVATE EYE LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/08/2000. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (December 13, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING SERVICES, LLC, a foreign limited liability company

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(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 Corporation 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 13, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of BellSouth Wireless, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/00. LLC organized in Georgia (GA) on 9/30/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Joaquin R. Carbonell, 1100 Peachtree St., Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30309, the office address of the LLC is the jurisdiction of organization. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with GA Secy. of State, Corps. Div., Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 315, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful business, including, but not limited to: (a) the acquisition, development, ownership and operation of businesses engaged in the Domestic provision of mobile wireless voice and data services utilizing radio frequencies licensed by the FCC for the provision of Cellular Service, PCS Service, Wireless Data Service, Air-Ground Service, Satellite Services and Part 27 Service; and (b) business activities customarily ancillary to the provision of any of the foregoing. (December 13, 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 13, 2000)

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R. PATEL ENTERPRISES, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 11, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1500 Second Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189. (December 13, 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 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LP

South Mall Towers, L.P., filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership

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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 13, 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 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Fort Orange Aero, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on November 16, 2000. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Fort Orange Aero, LLC, 130 Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (December 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: RAIZE STAFFING SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/16/00. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2099. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Anthony S. Maney, Esq., 77 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: ANS ADVANCED NETWORK SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/16/00. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2099. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Anthony S. Maney, Esq., 77 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 13, 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 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Midway Family Dental Associates, PLLC, filed Articles of Orga-

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nization 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 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: 167-169 Eagle Street, LLC. Certificate of Registration was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/20/00 with an existence date of 10/20/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Rosenstein & Bouchard, 4 Atrium Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any legal purpose. (December 13, 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 13, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is GAMES OF ROTTERDAM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 31, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 650 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. (December 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the limited liability company is FTHG DEVELOPMENT, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 3, 2000. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been desig-

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nated 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 Swallowing 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 13, 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 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Timothy and Karen Seward, 164 Winne Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50, Single Family Dwellings, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of additions which would exceed allowable Percent of Lot Occupancy at premises 164 Winne Road, Delmar, New York. Michael C. Hodom, Chairman, Board of Appeals (December 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 20, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Ariel and Barbara Goodrich, 265 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-49, Total Building Area and Section 128-50, Single Family Dwellings, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of bathroom and laundry area additions which would exceed the allowable Percent of Lot Occupancy at premises 265 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York. Michael C. Hodom, Chairman, Board of Appeals (December 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

J.R. ROCH AND ASSOCIATES LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/4/00. 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., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 13, 2000)

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SKY SUPPORT SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/21/00. 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., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

FRANCIS FILM LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/16/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 30 E. 40th St., New York, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 13, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

AMERICAN SYSTEM SOLUTION LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/16/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 30 E. 40th St., NY, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 13, 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 13, 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, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 13, 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 13, 2000)

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WESTMEATH LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/24/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 13, 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.

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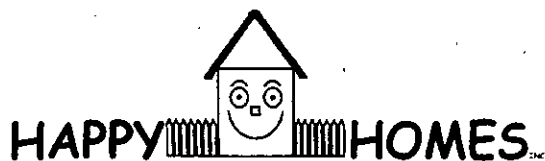
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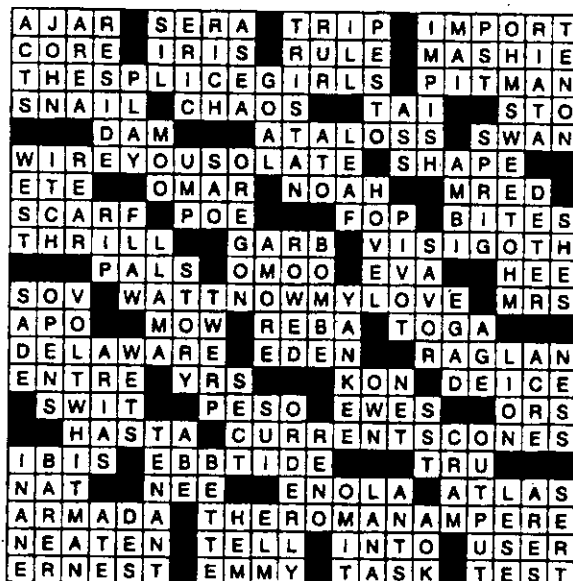
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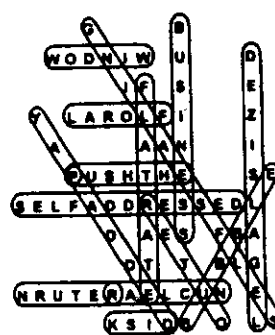
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- loosened a battery cable;
 - actuated a safety switch;
 - caused the accident-prevent mode to engage.
2. You left your lights on, running the battery down. A good Samaritan comes along with jumper cables. The correct hook-up is:

- positive cable between

both batteries should be done simultaneously;

- positive cable to positive post of the dead battery and negative cable to negative post on the other;
- positive to positive, negative to the engine block or other good ground connection on the vehicle with the dead battery.

3. You return to your car from several hours of shopping to find one tire nearly flat. Your best choice is to:

- Roll up your sleeves and put on the spare;
- Dig out that can of pressurized air that was given to you for this emergency;
- Since it is not entirely flat, drive to a service station to get it fixed.

4. As you walk to your car you notice fluid underneath. Not knowing whether it came

from your car or someone

else's, your best procedure is to:

- back up far enough to see if you can tell what kind of fluid it is; then check under your hood to see if any of your car's fluids are noticeably low;
- have all of your fluids checked at your earliest convenience;
- do not drive your car. Instead, call for a qualified technician to come to the location and inspect the vehicle.

Answers

- b) is correct. In the event of an impact, a safety device (on most vehicles) disengages the fuel system and must be reconnected by pushing a button. Check the vehicle owner's manual.

- c) is correct. To prevent a spark near the explosive gases that can seep from a battery,

make the final (ground) connection as far as possible from the battery.

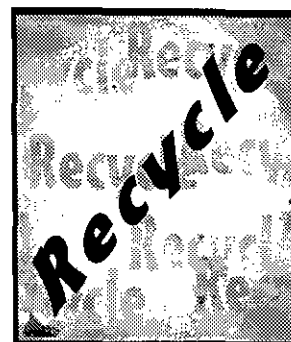
- a) is your best choice, possibly your only choice if the leak is progressing too quickly. It's a good reason to become familiar with the spare tire procedure before the need arises. The pressure can or a battery operated pump may be a good "plan B" to help you limp to a service facility where the tire can be repaired.

- a) is correct. Oil (brown/black), brake fluid (usually clear), antifreeze (green) or power steering fluid (red) or transmission fluid (also red or brown). In warmer climates you also may see water (condensation) from the air

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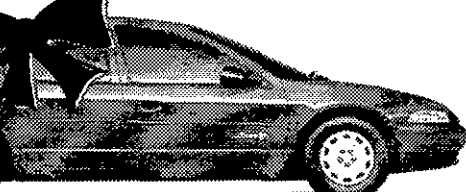
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