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Helping hand



Lila Touhey, a volunteer for the Salvation Army, rings the bell at Grand Union in Delaware Plaza last weekend. *Jim Franco*

Bethlehem airport to expand operation

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Albany County's only private full-service airport, located in South Bethlehem, has received a state grant that will jump-start an ambitious renovation program for the facility.

The goal: to upgrade the South Albany Airport as a "reliever" alternative for general aviation craft being crowded and priced out of the busy Albany International Airport.

South Albany Airport Corp., operator of the facility on Creble Road, was notified earlier this month of its successful application for a \$283,000 grant under the state Airport Improvement Program, funded in part by the proceeds of the state's sale of Stewart Airport in Newburgh.

South Albany Airport is one of 35 smaller airport facilities around the state to receive a total of \$2 million in grants for facilities improvements, according to Assembly Minority Leader John Faso,

R-Kinderhook, who announced the award last week.

According to Rod McMillen, vice president of the corporation, the grant money will be matched by \$32,000 from the airport's coffers and used to widen and lengthen the runway and repair and repave apron and taxi areas.

"We're looking at the springtime to put out for bids," McMillen said. "We're in the process of sending out letters to several contractors. We're not looking at any construction until basically June or July, given the wet springs in this area. If you come in here with large trucks before that, it'll be a quagmire."

He estimated that the current round of renovations could be completed "hopefully within two or three weeks."

The runway will be lengthened from its current 2,880 to 3,000 feet, and widened from 28 to 60 feet.

"That length and width is a prerequisite for being recognized by the state as a reliever airport," McMillen said.

Improvements to the taxiways and widening of the apron area used for tie-downs of private planes will also enhance the airport's ability to handle a greater

Hanukkah embraces peace

By DONNA E. AITORO

Some sentiments — like peace — transcend religious and cultural boundaries.

"Not by might, not by power, but by the spirit above, may we all live in peace," goes the Hanukkah song, words that echo Christian hymns. But Hanukkah

has a tradition all its own.

Any understanding of the season necessarily begins with what happened in the past. The holiday is based on two miracles — one military and one divine.

While the Jews were under Greek control, around 164 B.C., differences of opinion arose over how religion ought to be practiced.

A Jewish leader, Maccabeus, and his five sons formed a rebel group and took up against their Greek rulers. The Greeks had insisted on making

Board tables proposal on Selkirk water ext.

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A proposal before Bethlehem town board last Wednesday for a water district extension in Selkirk was tabled after it ran up against a familiar refrain: Where's the water coming from?

The town board took up a report by engineering consultants C.T. Male Associates, commissioned by the Public Works Department, recommending an extension, at an estimated cost of about \$70,000, which would potentially serve 17 homes along Old School Road. The question: whether to accept the report and set a public hearing on the proposal.

But the report was tabled after several residents who would receive that water, and members of the town board, raised questions about the water's source.

The proposal called for tying the extension in with a water main carrying the output of the controversial Clapper Road water plant, fed by an infiltration gallery drawing water from the Hudson River — rather than a more expensive tie-in to mains from the Vly Road Reservoir treatment plant.

In tabling the matter, the board asked Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor to explore possible alternatives to a Clapper tie-in for the extension.

The Clapper Road plant has drawn fire from town residents, particularly the

advocacy group Clearwater for Bethlehem, concerned that water from the Hudson might become a source of residential drinking water in the town.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller and the town board pledged more than two years ago to isolate the Clapper Road supply from the town's residential drinking water, using the plant's output almost entirely for industrial customers.

Several individual residential customers, at their request, have been

permitted to run private lines from the Clapper Road main in recent years, but the Old School extension would be the first such multi-residence connection to the system.

"This is a step beyond black and white,"

Sheila Fuller

Secor said. "We're right into that gray area here."

The extension proposal, Secor told the board, came about after several residents of Old School Road, who have relied in the past on private wells, requested connection with the public system.

"The water in my well is really not fit to drink," said Pete Anderson at the meeting. "It's very hard, has a lot of sulfur in it. We've been carrying bottled water for the last 25 years."

A water main connected to the town's principal water treatment plant at the reservoir lies about a mile away, but Secor said logistical problems would make the cost of tying in to that main — probably in excess of \$300,000 — prohibitively expensive for the 17

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All welcome at annual Christmas meal

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

There will be music, a tree, and a big, hearty dinner for residents of the town of Bethlehem on Christmas Day, at the 13th annual Community Christmas Day Dinner.

The dinner will begin with hospitality at 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, with dinner following at 2 p.m. The holiday meal will include turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy, squash, rolls and pie.

"Last year, we served about 150 meals," said Joyce Becker, assistant director of Bethlehem Senior

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Bethlehem police make two DWI arrests

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Two Glenmont residents face charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) in separate incidents that both occurred on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Heidi Ann Malaczynski, 44, of 52 Constitution Court, was arrested after Bethlehem police and paramedic units from the Delmar Fire and Albany County Sheriff's Departments responded shortly after 8:30 a.m. to the scene of an accident on Feura Bush Road.

According to police, Malaczynski apparently lost control of

her vehicle while eastbound on the icy roadway about a half mile west of Route 9W, spun and struck a utility pole on the Niagara Mohawk substation property.

Malaczynski was treated at the scene for her injuries and taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital with complaints of back and neck pain.

She was unable to perform a pre-screening test at the scene, but a blood sample was drawn as evidence at the hospital.

Charged with DWI and ticketed for imprudent speed for the road conditions, she was

ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Jan. 16.

A second incident occurred shortly before 8 p.m. on River Road in the vicinity of Bohl's Construction.

Bethlehem Police Officer Christopher Hughes stopped a southbound vehicle operating without headlights. According to the police report, the driver, William Michael Saleh, 48, of 332 Glenmont Road, admitted to having been drinking earlier in the evening at an Albany pub.

After undergoing field sobriety

tests, he was arrested for DWI and ticketed for failure to use headlights and for an expired inspection sticker. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 2.

Saleh could face additional legal problems as a result of the arrest. He is currently on probation related to his conviction earlier this year on grand larceny charges in an auto fraud scheme at his former dealerships in Glenmont and Loudonville. The Albany County Probation Department was notified of his arrest.

Church providing child-care program

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

The program, "Advent Adventure," is open to all children age 3

through sixth grade. The program includes music, snacks, bible lesson, recreation and Christmas crafts.

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



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Pedestrian injured at crosswalk

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Delmar minister was injured last Thursday when he was struck by a vehicle in the Delaware Avenue crosswalk in front of the Delmar Post Office.

The Rev. David N. Bubar, 72, of 273 Delaware Ave., remains in Albany Medical Center Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the late afternoon accident.

Bubar was struck at about 4:30 p.m. by a westbound vehicle driven by a 30-year-old Delmar woman.

According to the police report, the driver said she did not see Bubar, who was wearing dark clothing at the time, step into the crosswalk.

Bubar told police he saw the oncoming vehicle but assumed it would stop.

The vehicle suffered a smashed windshield in the incident.

Delmar ambulance personnel responded at the scene and transported Bubar to the hospital, where he was treated for a fractured leg and dislocated shoulder.

The driver of the vehicle and a passenger were not injured, and the driver was not charged.

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Youth find a jury of their peers

By DONNA E. AITORO

Bethlehem's Youth Court offers minors a true jury of peers. Organized in 1995, Bethlehem Youth Court heard its first cases in 1996, and has processed more than 100 since then, according to Marjorie Manicchia, who has directed the program since last summer.

Thirty students recently graduated from Youth Court training. Unlike other models, Bethlehem's Youth Court is an independent community service.

According to Manicchia, the court is not part of the town, although it does receive an appropriation from its budget.

The Department of Criminal Justice Service's Edward Byrne Memorial Grant, which disburses seed money for the start-up of youth courts around the country, gave Bethlehem Youth Court a four-year grant, which will end in March.

"We've already sent letters to individuals and organizations in the community to find other sources of funding. We'd like to remain independent," Manicchia said.

Any youth age 16 and older who has been arraigned in Town Court can be referred to Youth Court, although the court has accepted cases involving children as young as 10. If a person is 18, he or she must be a full-time student.

Referrals can be made by town court, the county Probation Department or the schools. Bethlehem's Youth Court only

takes cases involving misdemeanors or lesser charges. It doesn't take any case where a youth is involved in a school offense, unless the school or town is pressing charges.

Crimes heard in Bethlehem's Youth Court range from criminal tampering, to criminal mischief, to endangering the welfare of a child. It has also taken cases involving assault, petty larceny and unlawful possession of marijuana.

If appropriate, the judge will refer a person to Youth Court, which he or she then has the right to accept or deny.

The district attorney also makes recommendations to Bethlehem's Youth Court, and Manicchia then decides if it would be appropriate.

Community service is an integral part of every case's verdict. The number of hours a defendant serves is determined by the student prosecutor, defenders and jury, who make recommendations.

One community service Manicchia finds particularly effective is with Albany's Stop DWI program.

In that process, offenders face a victim impact panel, whose members discuss the personal impact of drunk-driving.

"It makes them think real hard about whether or not they want to do it again," she said.

Any community organization or business can be a potential recipient of community service, depending on its appropriateness

and relevance to the crime being redressed.

"Some assignments are fun, but others may not be appropriate, and depends a lot on whether the defendant is remorseful or cooperative — or not," Manicchia said.

She has also referred youth to anger management programs, peer review, drug or alcohol counseling or financial restitution, if there's been damage to property or person.

Youth Court only accepts first-time offenders.

"They're kicked out if they get into trouble again," she said.

Youth Court offers a hybrid model of criminal justice, and borrows from both penal and social justice approaches.

Youth Court is very much like "adult" court — except that it is completely adjudicated by high school and middle school students, who assume the role of judge, witness, prosecutor and jury in their deliberations.

The volunteers go through a training process to prepare them for any role in the hearings, which take place several times a month, depending upon case loads. Bethlehem's pool of Youth Court participants has now grown to some 70 student members.

"It's truly a jury by their peers — and the only real place a youth has a jury of peers," Manicchia said.

Contributions are needed to ensure the program continues. To make a donation, call Manicchia at 478-9544.

Pulling strings



Amberly Vincent gets a chance to play the harp under the supervision of Sondra Bromka of Bells & Motley after a performance at the library last weekend.

Jim Franco

Jack-of-all-trades to retire from BC schools

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Dec. 12 may have meant 13 more shopping days 'til Christmas for most people, but for Ronald van Hoesen, it marked 40 years of work in Bethlehem Central school district's maintenance department.

"Sometimes I have to stop and think that I'm this old," said a young-looking van Hoesen, who grew up in Bethlehem. "I was 21 when I started working in the district. I didn't really think I'd stay, but with five kids, the benefits were too good to leave."

Van Hoesen now works as an electrician in the district, but has done a bit of everything in his years with the district.

"The first job I did here was as a welder, installing the hand railings at the middle school," van Hoesen said. "I worked as a truck driver, and there were only three of us who worked in the



Ronald van Hoesen will retire in the spring.

Katherine McCarthy

maintenance department."

In 1972, van Hoesen started doing the district's electrical work.

"Through 1985 I did electrical and audio-visual repair in the schools," van Hoesen said. "We did a lot of work on the Bell & Howell movie projectors, which were just reel-to-reel. There were no cassette players then."

In 1985, the district started sending out its audio-visual work, and van Hoesen has worked strictly as an electrician since then.

Van Hoesen, a member of the BC class of 1957, was one of the first students to go through the newly completed high school. He's seen a lot of changes in the

district over the years.

"The Delmar grade school was still around, and they added the pool on to the middle school," van Hoesen said. "The air handlers that run the heating systems are now all run by computers."

During his tenure, van Hoesen has had three different bosses and seen four district superintendents. His current boss, Bruce Houghton, has been with the district for nearly 28 years.

"Ron has done most all of the routine everyday electrical work for the district, gotten involved in every phase of the electrical systems in district and been a real asset," said Houghton, supervisor of buildings and grounds. "His area of expertise is in extremely

high demand in the district. Ron maintains good rapport throughout the district."

"Ron has done everything from fixing phonographs and coffee pots to working with large distribution systems," Houghton said. "Like his brother, Sam, who was here for a number of years, Ron is innovative and can always be relied upon to solve a problem. He's very creative. We'll miss him when he retires in the spring."

Bethlehem Superintendent Les Loomis called Ron "a rock," and singled him opening day for teachers and staff this year.

"On opening day, I asked Ron to stand up," Loomis said. "He symbolizes what BC is about — the highest level of professionalism, a depth of commitment. That means commitment to quality and the people we serve."

"For years and years, any situation that required the help of an electrician and a talented maintenance man, we've been able to count on Ron," Loomis said. "He's skilled, knowledgeable and very dependable. He's always there, and he does first quality work with a top quality attitude. People like him, they respect him and they count on him. Whenever there's been a job to do here, no matter how big or how new a challenge, Ron's been able to meet that challenge."

When van Hoesen retires this spring, he'll keep things running, but this time, he's thinking about something different. "I've started doing some cabinetry work," van Hoesen said. "I might build clocks, hutches or lawn furniture. Just something to keep busy."

Boards take end-of-year actions

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Bethlehem and New Scotland town boards ended their 2000 meeting schedules last Wednesday with busy agendas.

The New Scotland board completed approval of the inter-municipal agreement with the village of Voorheesville to create a town department of buildings and assessment, and appointed Gerald Gordinier to head it.

A proposed reorganization of the town parks department was also approved.

The board also approved an integrated animal control program that will take effect on Jan. 1.

The plan calls for the establishment of three part-time animal control officers under highway department supervision.

The board also formally approved creation of a townwide public safety committee.

Bethlehem's board set public hearing dates regarding tax exemptions for the Section 8 Housing Program for low-income homeowners, and tax exemptions for veterans and those with disabilities and limited incomes.

The board also approved a request by Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph to post reduced 20 mph school zone speed limits during school hours, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Elsmere and Hamagrael school neighborhoods where they do not currently exist.

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Season evokes memories of Christmas past

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

COMMENTARY:

*Mom's
the
Word*



The moon has sent me a memory this Christmas season, in the form of her celestial companion Jupiter, one of the brightest lights that has been in the sky during this Advent season.

Where I grew up in Burlington, Vt., there was a downtown with one main shopping street full of practical stores. When I was 12, my friends and I could walk there alone, and feel completely grown up as brightly lit floor-to-ceiling store windows shone onto the always snow-covered street.

In December, night always fell well before we needed to be home for supper, and that light spoke of warmth and brightness to children stretching their wings just a little bit.

There were some fancy stores on Church Street, to be sure, but for a 12-year-old, even Woolworth's, with its ever-crowded lunch counter, was a little pricey. For us, there was Jupiter's, where waist-high bins full of bundled socks stood on old wooden floors needing to be swept clean of the day's crushed cigarette butts.

Mingled with the odor of wood was a smell that I learned in later, more discriminating years, was raw polyester. One match would surely have done that store in, but

in that first Christmas season when I could go downtown without my mother, it provided one-stop shopping of a thrilling nature.

I don't think I got an allowance then, and I only baby-sat sporadically, but I remember always finding money that Christmas. We five children all knew to look under the recliner after Dad had stretched out in it, letting pennies, nickels and dimes tumble out of his pockets.

I wonder now as a grown-up if a little extra hadn't found its way less by accident and more by intention to the floor, for now and again \$1 would drift lazily after the coins that rushed to bounce on the floor, then roll tantalizingly away.

With this manna from Dad's pockets, I headed downtown, past cars and buses to join the shoppers hurrying to create Christmas for their families.

The memory of the light stays with me from those days, beckoning me inside from the dark, cold night.

It seems that everything from my childhood has changed, and I miss that sense of a downtown as I set about my Christmas travels. What stores there are in the mall emit their artificial light onto even more brightly lighted halls.

Hurting in my minivan in the dark past stores set back to show off their lovely parking lots doesn't provide the same welcoming immediacy that a downtown shopping district once did.

Years later, another sort of light filled me with a different sense of Christmas magic. When I was a graduate student in Germany's Rhine region, a small group of us went to Bavaria for our first Christmas away from kith and kin.

The snow was deep and pristine, and each little village had a beautifully lighted Christmas tree at the head of its main street,

or shining out at the world from its main square. In what was surely Christmas Land, we went to midnight Mass at a beautiful little church whose onion dome was painted a light blue.

Afterward, the walk back to our gasthaus in the cold and starry winter night took us past a graveyard. Red glass candle holders mounted on poles covered with tiny roofs protected the flickering lights of the candles, lighted near the graves by mourning relatives to remind God that those left behind on earth still carried their loved ones in their hearts.

The hillside of the graveyard shimmered with Christmas candles, and I realized that the people we love don't have to be beside us to be with us.

I have carried those two memories in these past weeks full of the less beautiful and romantic side of Christmas, and wondered why we complain so about the materialism of Christmas.

Sure, candlelit moments with the dead, or the thrill of first buying presents might be closer to an authentic Christmas experience, but tucked in to all of the laments about too much

materialism is the urge to do something nice for the people who matter to us.

Surely the people we love are worth a wait in a long line, or warrant an excruciating hunt for the one special thing that will delight them and still keep our credit card payments manageable.

Aren't the people we love worth a stretch of our wallets? Are we moaning about too much materialism, or protesting the hit to our own pocketbooks?

Love can show itself in lots of ways, and giving gifts is one of them. The most important way, though, and the one to keep in mind during this season of light and warmth, is to treasure our time together on this earth.

When we gather around the tree this Christmas morning, I will look to see if early morning sunlight shines in through our living room window to warm our house. Perhaps that light will reflect off the tiny white bulbs of our Christmas tree, and cast rainbow prisms on the wall.

For a moment, it will become clear that the gift of each other is the brightest light we will ever see.

Antique study club to conduct programs

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 give a talk on "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 Carrk 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 talk by Gladys Ainos and Pat Lattimer on lace and handkerchiefs at Delmar Reformed Church.

For information, call Diane Carrk at 439-3055.



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Treasure hunter returns long-lost BCHS class ring

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Leonard Derocher may not have found five golden rings, but the one class ring he found in Warners Lake this fall provided a happy surprise for its owner, Carolyn Greer.

Greer, a 1962 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, had long ago given up hope of finding the ring she first got the year Derocher was born.

"The ring was lost three or four years after I graduated," Greer said. "My then-boyfriend and now-husband Bill was wearing my ring on his pinky finger, and it flew off his hand into the water."

The Greers hunted for the ring at the time, but had no luck finding it.

"I was upset," Greer said. "It wasn't a cheap ring and my mother had paid for it. It was lost in the lake and I never thought I'd see it again."

Derocher, a Berne resident who's been treasure hunting for a number of years, was using his metal detector in the water near Zwicklbauer's Hofbrauhaus and had found about \$6 in change when he got a strong reading, about a foot down in the mud.

When he unearthed Greer's worn ring, he asked people nearby if they had lost it. Derocher saw that there were initials on the ring, which he was able to identify using an eye loupe.

Derocher called Bethlehem Central, and was put in touch with JoAnn Davies of the Community and Alumni Endowment Fund, who contacted Greer and gave her Derocher's number.

Derocher got as big a kick out of returning the ring as Greer did getting it back.

"There's kind of a 12-step code of ethics treasure hunters go by," Derocher said. "Anybody who's serious about treasure hunting, and finds any jewelry, tries to return it. I was floored when Carolyn called, and I finally got to return a piece of jewelry."

"It was unbelievable," Greer said. "The ring was pretty worn and beat-up."



Leonard Derocher and Carolyn Greer examine Greer's 1962 class ring.

Katherine McCarthy

"It had been sitting in a box of sandpaper all those years," Derocher said of the effect of the sand and time on the ring.

Since being cleaned up by a jeweler, the ring's looking much better.

The ring isn't the first piece of jewelry Derocher, who works in security at GE in Selkirk, has found. He recently found a man's 18 karat gold ring with a large sapphire and diamond baguettes in Thompson's Lake. Derocher has advertised the ring locally and on the Internet, hoping to find the owner.

To figure out where to look for buried treasure, Derocher spends a lot of time poring over books, research articles and maps. He spends some of his time at the State Museum, comparing old and current maps to find

abandoned home sites.

"It's a lot of work," Derocher said. "I spend a lot of time walking through the woods looking for old foundations."

His walks have yielded a number of old coins, including many copper ones from the Revolutionary War era.

"I had a large cent from 1798, that was as big as a quarter," Derocher said.

He sold the coin on eBay for \$79.

Although Derocher's wife and children don't join him in his treasure hunting, they often reap the benefits of his finds. Derocher's wife, Patty, wears a ruby ring whose original owner couldn't be found.

"That lets me go off on Saturdays to treasure hunt," Derocher said.

Greer is so impressed with Derocher's treasure hunting skills, for which he takes no payment, that she's hired him for a job that seems like a case of history repeating itself.

"I bought my son a nice ring when he graduated from Bethlehem a few years ago, and he was wearing it in Kinderhook Lake and lost it," Greer said. "We rented a metal detector at the time, but couldn't find it."

"It takes about six months to figure out how to work a metal detector," Derocher said. "I'll wait 'til early spring, then go in chest deep with my snorkel and my own equipment."

Chances are good that luck — along with some good hunting skills — will strike twice for the Greer family.

Historical group sets events

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 guest speaker. Her topic will be "Remembering the China Traders."

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Matters of Opinion

Happy holidays

This week's story about Hanukkah by Donna Aitoro highlights the similarity between the ancient Jewish holiday and Christmas. The common thread is the sharing of peace on earth, not the materialism that goes along with either one.

Two other pieces this week — the Point of View by Joe Phillips and Kathy McCarthy's Mom's the Word point to a deeper meaning of the Christmas holiday.

Both writers dredge their memories of childhood and both fondly recall that their memories are not of high profile presents, but of small moments forever etched in their history.

Really small children, who enjoy playing with boxes and wrapping, also teach us how the simple things are often the most pleasing.

We would all do well to keep this in mind, no matter what holiday we celebrate.

May your family enjoy a peaceful holiday season.

Community dinner

Once again, plans are under way for the Community Christmas Dinner at First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

All are welcome to the annual event designed for anyone who would like to attend.

Many people who are unable to get together with their families, enjoy the Christmas dinner — not just for the delicious holiday foods, but for the company of their fellow townspeople. It's a great way to share the spirit of the holidays, and yet another event unique to the town of Bethlehem.

Thanks to dinner organizers for their hard work to make the day special for all.

Job well done

Ronald van Hoesen deserves a round of applause for his 40 plus years of services with the Bethlehem Central school district. Serving in many capacities during his time with BC, van Hoesen has earned the respect of his colleagues and his superiors.

It is his type of dedication and competence that keeps the district in such good shape.

Van Hoesen will retire in the spring and plans to spend some time on cabinetmaking and pursuing other interests.

We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

Editorials

Keeping the simplicity of Christmas

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The writer is a reporter for Spotlight Newspapers.

Christmas, stressful? Bah, humbug.

"Tis a gift to be simple," the Shakers used to sing, and they didn't need four-part harmony to do it. And to me, Christmas is simplicity itself.

In the yuletide of my childhood, the simplest gift of all was carpet tacks.

Ours was not a well-to-do household. Oh, we did not lack for gifts, my five siblings and I, and the trappings and trimmings of Christmas dinner were plentiful — thanks in part to the largesse of Father deFalco. My dad served as sexton at St. Gregory's, and Father deFalco always made sure there was a holiday ham on the table.

Still, money was always too tight for us kids to get an allowance. So odd jobs — mowing lawns in summer, shoveling snow in winter, walking neighbors' dogs and feeding their cats, and replacing the burnt-out votive candles at St. Gregory's every Saturday night, a job handed down from brother to brother — provided all the pocket money I had to buy Christmas gifts for all.

It was almost enough. I'd start with handmade gifts or little trinkets for my brothers and sisters, and Mom was a treat to shop for — she liked so many simple things. Grandma was a cinch; some kitchen gadget, or something decorative from the housewares department of the local 5 & 10 or from a neighborhood religious goods shop.

But I was never good at thinking up an original gift for Dad. As I am a lifelong last-minute shopper, my siblings always seemed to get to socks and ties and cologne ahead of me. By Christmas Eve, I'd always run out of money and ideas.

But if I still had 49 cents in my pocket, Mom would whisper in my ear, "How about carpet tacks? Your father can always use carpet tacks."

It seemed true. With six kids running about, the household

Point of View

carpets were always curling up around the edges.

So I'd march back to the 5 & 10 for carpet tacks, 100 in a little 2-by-2-inch cardboard box, just 49 cents. I'd wrap it elaborately, replete with a fancy bow and handmade tag fashioned of scraps of wrapping paper. It still seemed a bit pedestrian somehow.

Yet sure enough, come Christmas morning, my dad would pick up that package — "What's this?" — and launch into an elaborate show of surprise and delight. "Just what I wanted!"

He filled whole drawers in the kitchen with boxes and boxes of unused carpet tacks, yet somehow, it was always just what he'd wanted.

A carpet tack poked from the recesses of my memory the other day as I listened to the radio, one of those advice programs, a perplexed caller agitated by her mother-in-law switching the time for the family dinner. It loused up the timing of her traditional Christmas dinner with her own parents; whatever could she do?

How about relax, and ask Mom and Dad for Christmas breakfast instead?

The annual parade of pundits and pop psychologists and Grinches remind us that the holidays are a stressful time of year for most of us, and loneliness, suicide and isolation are at their most intense.

For many of us, Christmas becomes not a time of Comfort and Joy, but Hassle and Chores. The buying frenzy, the scrum in pursuit of the hot toy; the social stress as we scramble to make all of the absolutely-must-go parties; the deadlines — only four shopping days left 'til Christmas!

How can we possibly cram in all the family obligations, contribute to all the seasonal charities, find time to bake all the cookies and trim the tree? How long will it take to pay off these credit card bills?

We're wracked with guilt that we can't make both the family Christmas Eve gathering and our church choir obligation, that we didn't send a card to everyone who sent us one.

And Christmas 2000 seems more dissonant than ever. Maybe our collective nerves are frayed by the acrimony generated by the closest, the most drawn out, the most tendentious national election in memory. Perhaps our sour mood reflects tension over an economy that seems too good to be true: will the New Year bring recession, a hangover or just a continuation of Wall Street's current stomach-churning roller-coaster ride?

Perhaps it's just the confusing year we've endured — a too-rainy spring, too-cool summer, erratic autumn and unpredictable winter ahead.

But I think Dr. Seuss had it right when he explained what turns many of us greener than the wreath on the door. Maybe our shoes *are* a little too tight — or

maybe our heads aren't screwed on just right.

We forget the lessons of the Magi and the Little Drummer Boy. An infant in a manger has little use for gold or frankincense or even the beating of a drum, but such gifts are no less worthy — they were what the givers had, and the giving was heartfelt.

Mary and Joseph didn't worry about whether they would make it to the relatives' on Christmas Eve — they took the room that was available and celebrated with whoever dropped by; a bunch of shepherds and farm animals, if my recollection serves me right.

We grouse about getting yet another fruit cake, instead of reflecting on what it is: many good things thrown together without a lot of planning; something easy to send and easy to get; something that's one-size-fits-all; a touchstone.

At very least, it's a source of a smile. There's an old joke that says there's only one fruitcake out there, really, and it just keeps getting passed along. Ironic, isn't it? A gift that we all share eventually, and one which will keep on giving forever; what could be better?

We miss the point of Charlie Brown and his sad little tree. Doing your best with what's on hand still counts for something, even at Christmastime.

After all, possibly the greatest of Christmas carols, "Silent Night," was an improvisation, a children's poem written by an Austrian parish priest, set to a second-hand folk melody and guitar accompaniment in desperation when the church organ broke down before a Christmas Eve service. I'll bet no one in that church missed the organ.

When holiday stress gets to me, I remember Christmases past when, unemployed, I had barely enough cash in my pocket for a bus ride home. Being there was often all the gift I brought with me. It was enough, as I recollect.

I recall being 17 and miles from home at Christmas for the very first time, spending my holiday not under the mistletoe but in a bar in Norfolk with my brother and his Navy shipmates — and feeling somehow right at home.

I remember a Christmas stuck in a hotel at an out-of-town job, and my delight when I found that my company secret Santa had decorated my hotel room door with one of those \$5 plastic Santa door covers. I still don't know when she found time to do it, or how she got into my room. I was tickled.

To this day, I still keep that ratty plastic Santa and tape it up on a closet door at home every December. And I, or one of my siblings, still remember to give my Dad his annual box of carpet tacks.

I know from personal experience that any gift will do, if it comes from the heart, and anywhere you are can be home for Christmas. And I know the wisdom summed up in the ancient carol: "God rest ye merry, gentle folk — let nothing you dismay."

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Your Opinion Matters

Festival fund drive seeking holiday help

Editor, The Spotlight:

The holiday season is here once again.

This is the busiest time of year for the Bethlehem Festival Fund. Last year, we provided 80 families with holiday food baskets.

We will soon be ordering our turkeys and coordinating our holiday deliveries.

Financial responsibilities escalate, and human service needs in our schools and community increase during this time of year.

Our goal of \$15,000 will enable us to continue to provide this important service.

The Bethlehem Festival Fund assists those whose needs slip through the cracks of traditional social service programs.

Throughout our 58 year history, the fund has come to the aid of thousands of Bethlehem residents, young and old alike, quickly, without red tape and with the utmost respect for confidentiality.

Every dollar donated is used for assistance.

We would like to give you an idea of the many services the festival fund has provided for our community.

Children in the school district receive help with field trips, school supplies, breakfast food and more. In 2000, summer camp,

summer school and tutoring were our focus during the summer months.

Throughout the year, the festival fund responded to specific emergencies for heat, clothing and medicine for more than 100 families and individuals.

With an increase in expenses (requests), we appear to have exceeded our revenue (contributions) by \$2,000.

In the words of Slingerlands school nurse Lynn Horn, "The Bethlehem Festival Fund has always been there to help us extend a helping hand to our students. We sincerely appreciate all the help and support of this fabulous organization which is truly a 'neighbor helping neighbor' effort."

For the first time, the festival fund is part of the United Way SEFA Campaign.

State workers are able to contribute by simply writing in the code for the Bethlehem Festival Fund (50-303).

Your gift will touch the lives of many people in the Bethlehem community, helping each recipient in a unique and much needed way.

We thank you for your support of this valuable community effort.

Greg Jackson

Bethlehem Festival Fund
president

Salvation Army needs bell ringers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign needs volunteers, especially during busy holiday shopping hours.

This is a very busy season for most of us. It's a wonderful time, full of the joys of family life. But there are families in our community whose joy is short-lived. They have little expectation of a family gathering and feast with all the trimmings.

These children know that

Santa may bypass their home. There are senior citizens in nursing homes, or worse, alone in a gloomy apartment who have no family and no one to visit them.

That's what the Christmas effort is all about.

The Salvation Army and its volunteers bring Christmas to these families, and joy and a special gift to seniors — baskets of food for a special holiday dinner and toys.

Bell ringing only takes a few

hours of your time.

If you team up with other members of your family, co-workers or classmates, you could adopt-a-kettle for a day and hardly skip a beat.

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Matters of Opinion

Kaplowitz, library prompt reply from ex-resident

Editor, The Spotlight:

Two items in the Dec. 13 issue of *The Spotlight* were of interest — Bernie Kaplowitz' retirement and Ken Ringler's letter to the editor about the library.

Over the years, I observed Bernie at town board meetings, many times looking bored, but when asked for his legal opinion, he was compassionate and understanding, no matter how heated the exchange of opinions from the audience might be.

I wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

Former Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler complains about the cost of the new library and the poor timing of the referendum during the holiday season.

He apparently fails to remember that he and Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's superintendent of public works, were the promoters of the town's failed water system.

A public hearing to consider the new multi-million dollar water system was held just after New

Year's Day, following a public notice published in *The Spotlight*, which was dated Dec. 25.

I attended the public hearing with only one or two people making comments. At least the library issue has been subject to considerable scrutiny in the press.

The failed water system will cost Bethlehem taxpayers millions of dollars. The system including amortization costs over a 28-year period will run about \$27 million and with the pending lawsuit, the costs will be even higher.

There is still no assurance that an adequate system can be developed.

I agree with Mr. Ringler in his concluding comment that everyone should have a say.

This was not the case when Bethlehem's new water system was promoted during Mr. Ringler's watch.

Sherwood Davies
Troy

All kids should be able to play

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is an issue regarding the Coach Jesse Braverman vs. the Bethlehem school district confrontation that appears not to have been considered.

The issue has to do with an important goal that I believe should be a part of our community athletic programs. The goal is giving the maximum number of children the opportunity to participate.

While winning and fielding the best team always surfaces, it should not override this important goal. When two athletic programs encourage and permit the same participants to compete for and be selected as players on both program's teams, two slots are occupied by the same participant, and this goal is overlooked.

I believe adherence to this goal is very important and may very well provide the community with a solution to this confrontation.

Anthony J. DiBenedetto
Selkirk

Five Rivers friends say thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Five Rivers Limited is a nonprofit group which supports and complements the state Department of Environmental Conservation programs at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

FRL is supported by a strong membership, donations and fund-raising activities such as the annual bird seed sale.

But this letter of appreciation is not about Five Rivers or FRL. It is about the more than 50 people that helped lift and load 50,000 pounds of birdseed and who fed volunteers on Oct. 21 and 28.

As in many past years, GE Plastics provided a large forklift and a skilled operator to unload the heavy pallets from the truck.

Among the volunteers were dedicated FRL board members, general members, and students from Bethlehem Central High School Participation in Government class, all working toward the goal of a successful fund-raiser. This dedicated mix of volunteers provides the living,

working definition of community service and teamwork. We all had fun and accomplished our goal. FRL is proud and thankful that the volunteers felt our cause important enough to give up a beautiful fall day to lift and load bags of birdseed into your cars and trucks.

While each volunteer will receive our personal thanks, they also deserve public recognition for their contribution.

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

Thanks to those of you who bought birdseed, thanks to the volunteers that made the 2000 sale a success. We hope to see you all next year at the sale and throughout the year at Five Rivers enjoying the environment and the educational programs.

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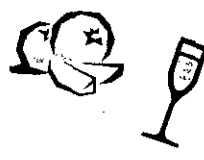
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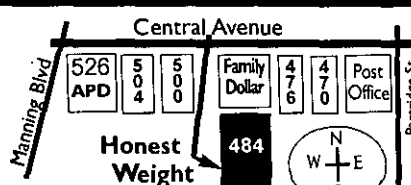
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Editor, The Spotlight:

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We have many fond memories of watching our customers' children grow and sharing

parenting experiences.

It was always our policy to donate unsold clothing to organizations providing services to families in need.

We hope that this holiday season many of you will choose to make charitable donations of clothing, toys and books to organizations such as Community Maternity Services, St. Catherine's Center and St. Patrick's Church.

Happy holidays.

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Your Opinion Matters

Buying puppies for holidays can be disastrous

Editor, The Spotlight:

The frenetic holiday season is upon us, and many children hope to find a puppy or kitten under the Christmas tree or for Hanukkah. In our rush to please our children, it is easy to underestimate the time and effort needed to properly care for a dog or cat. Animals are not toys that can be easily discarded once the novelty has worn off. Shelter workers dread the annual deluge of animals that begins arriving after the holidays. What message do parents convey by showing their children that their new pet is as expendable as an old toy?

Mall pet stores encourage impulse buyers to take home a puppy for "only \$25 a month." It is hard to resist those cute puppies lined up in the window, especially during the holidays. Tragically, too many are discarded after the holidays when parents realize that the new pet is more work than they planned on and the kids have lost interest.

Pet stores are the worst place to obtain an animal. Their top priority is maximizing profit through quick turnover, with no concern for the animal or how well it fits into your lifestyle. Pet stores charge outrageous prices for animals of dubious quality and temperament, even though they provide American Kennel Club (AKC) papers with each purchase. AKC papers do no guarantee good breeding; they provide you only with a superficial rubber stamp that the puppy is a purebred, something to make the consumer happy and to justify the expense of the purchase.

Most pet store puppies come directly from out-of-state puppy mills, mainly from the Midwest, where they are poorly bred and socialized, leading to debilitating and expensive health conditions. They are raised in inhumane, caged conditions where their mothers are bred repeatedly and then destroyed once they can no longer produce litters. Purchasing a pet store puppy or kitten perpetuates the cruel trade

by encouraging pet stores to refill their cages as quickly as possible. Incredible as it may seem, after the holidays have ended, rescue groups and shelters often are given purebred puppies that families no longer want, even though families still are paying off \$600 to \$800 in credit card debt accumulated to purchase the puppy.

Many people purchase the latest dog "in fashion" without researching the breed's characteristics. Walt Disney Studios is bombarding us with images of irresistible Dalmatian puppies to promote the newly-released "102 Dalmatians." After the 1996 release of "101 Dalmatians," shelters and rescue groups were inundated with a flood of unwanted Dalmatians. Walt Disney Studios failed to warn people that the film's darling Dalmatians often grow into high-strung dogs that tend to nip at children and may be deaf. Disney made millions of dollars at the expense of thousands of dogs that were ultimately euthanized.

Tragically, the sequel will lead to many more unwanted Dalmatians. Puppy mills and breeders will produce as many puppies as possible to cash in on the fleeting demand of a fickle public.

You do not have to spend hundreds of dollars at a pet store for a purebred dog of poor quality. If you do have your heart set on a purebred puppy, you should only buy a dog from a reputable breeder, never from a backyard breeder. A backyard breeder is your friend or neighbor who thinks it would be fun or profitable to have a litter of puppies, but knows little about breeding to promote the finer attributes of the breed.

You also can find a purebred as well as many wonderful mixed-breed animals at your local animal shelter. The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 25 to 30 percent of all shelter dogs are purebreds. Millions of dogs and cats are euthanized annually

because there are no homes available for them. You save a life whenever you adopt an animal from your local shelter, rather than encouraging more animals to be shipped into our state to fill pet stores.

Breed rescue groups are another great option if you want a purebred. There are many purebreds of all ages waiting for homes. All-breed rescue groups assist all types of animals, including mixed-breeds. Both groups provide information about specific breeds, and can help you find the most suitable pet for your lifestyle. Two all-breed rescue groups have a growing presence in the Bethlehem area. Peppertree Dog Rescue (435-7425) and AnimaLovers (448-5468), which rescues cats and dogs, hold clinics in Delmar and Glenmont.

Many people mistakenly think that they need to get a young puppy to ensure that the animal will bond properly with them. In fact, rescue and shelter dogs often bond to the first person that shows them kindness and compassion. As an added bonus, shelter and rescue animals are already vaccinated and often spayed and neutered, saving you costly veterinary expenses.

The hectic holidays are not the best time to introduce a pet to your household. If your children really have their heart set on a pet for Christmas or Hanukkah, consider giving your children a homemade certificate with a picture of a dog or cat in a wrapped box. The certificate could entitle them to help you pick out a special pet after the holidays. Your children will have something to look forward after the festivities have died down and the whole family can be involved in the decision-making process.

A new pet should become a beloved and appreciated member of your family, not a quick fix for the holidays. Otherwise, it would be kinder, and a lot less hassle for you, to buy your child one of those substitute toys on the market, like "Poo-Chi." If you are ready for the

commitment of pet ownership, avoid pet stores and set an example for your children by adopting an animal from a shelter or rescue group. You will save a life and teach your children to be empathetic to other living creatures. Isn't that what the holiday spirit is all about?

Karen Chamberlain Harmon
Glenmont

The writer is a member of
Peppertree Dog Rescue.

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Matters of Opinion

Writer objects to coach's behavior

Editor, The Spotlight:

Ethan Schoolman's article last week was extremely kind to Jesse Braverman and his supporters who stormed out of the school board meeting. I was very disturbed and outraged by Jesse's behavior.

He was yelling when board members were trying to speak. Jesse called the board and Dr. (Les) Loomis liars and then urged the crowd to leave the meeting, without listening to the individual board member's responses.

Let me repeat what I said to Jesse as he passed by me on his way out of the meeting. 'What are you teaching the kids? You're not a very good role model right now.'

I only wish that I had encouraged the crowd, especially the students to stay and listen to the school board members. This was the first time they could respond to Jesse since the lawsuit. I do not like the fact that all those students who came and left in support of Jesse never got the chance to hear the board. Is this really what we want to teach our children?

We want to teach them discussion, compromise and problem-solving when it comes to conflict, not rudeness, incivility and an unwillingness to listen to the other side. I would have liked the young people in attendance to exercise more courtesy and

respect toward our superintendent and school board members. Remember that our school board members are outstanding community volunteers, just as so many of Jesse's supporters say he is.

Jesse says this fight is destroying him, but I believe he made a poor decision bringing the lawsuit against the school board. He should have tried to settle this with them. Now, it is time to do this.

No one is asking Jesse to give up all the wonderful things he does for kids or not work with them anymore.

There are many options for the Mickey Mantle team if Jesse decides to remain coach of the varsity baseball team. I'm sure there are many people in the community who would help Jesse find a solution. There must be at least one other competent and willing coach for these talented athletes.

I support the rule/guideline in question. I believe most coaches and administrators also support this rule, and I also believe there is a good deal of community support for the school board's position. Jesse should work to change or modify the rule, if he feels it is not fair. He should not have tried to force the board into letting him remain in violation of the Suburban Council rule. As a

taxpayer in the school district, I did not appreciate the proposal to pay some sort of settlement including attorney's fees.

The rule is in place and should be followed.

I keep hearing from Jesse's supporters that 'It's all about the kids,' but we are talking about Jesse coaching a select group of kids playing baseball. It's not all about Jesse and what is good for him. He can still do what is best for the kids.

Mitch Griffin
Glenmont

The writer is a former Little League, basketball club and Pop Warner volunteer and a volunteer assistant varsity football coach.

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Task force targets teen-age hot spots

Editor, the Spotlight:

Bethlehem residents enjoy the woodsy, country look of our community, but those little pockets can often be dangerous places for our teens.

As a Community Partnership task force, we feel the responsibility to raise the awareness of the community to these local "hot spots." These areas are the places where some of our teens hang out, sometimes engaging in dangerous and destructive behavior, like underage drinking, drug use or acts of vandalism. The purpose of this task force is to help keep our teens safe, prevent property damage and help prevent any unnecessary tragedies in our community. Members of the community can help by anonymously calling 439-1503 if they see large gatherings of teens or suspect that teens might be drinking.

The places that seem to attract

the teens include any of the wooded areas surrounding all of the schools, the NiMo and water line areas, behind Delaware Plaza, the local cemeteries and any neighborhood where there might be a house party.

We want to keep our teens safe. The areas where they tend to gather are often isolated and may be hard to access should an emergency arise. If the teens are drinking in these isolated areas, they tend to drink large amounts of alcohol in a short amount of time. This leads to high blood alcohol levels that can result in injury or even death.

This task force is asking your help in reporting any suspicious activity to 439-1503. Remember this is an anonymous call. Keeping our teens and our community safe is our top priority.

Vince Rinaldi, Becky Marvin,
Diane Alston and Mary Brosnan
Community Partnership
task force

Five Rivers activities on deck

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will host an indoor story and outdoor walk on Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 27, and 29, both at 10 a.m.

The program for parents and children in prekindergarten through grade three will include an indoor reading from children's literature followed by an outdoor exploration of signs of the season.

The cost is \$1 per person, and parents and children must accompany each other and be dressed for the outdoors.

Preregistration by Thursday, Dec. 21, is required.

For information or to register, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

The center is at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

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Five Rivers slates programs

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center has announced a variety of activities during January.

- Monday, Jan. 1, 9 a.m. — Annual New Year's Day bird count. Celebrate the first day of the new year by searching for over 66 different species of birds.
- Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Winter landscape painting. Local artist Marta Jaremko will teach a five-part indoor course. Students will paint indoors, looking out the windows at nature. Class fee is \$120. For information, call the Artist Studio at 478-0645.
- Friday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. — Winter night walk. Look for animal tracks and winter

constellations or listen for owl hoots and coyote howls on this night walk.

- Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m. — Owls of New York state. This indoor program will focus on the biology and behavior of New York's half-dozen species of owls.
 - Saturday, Jan. 20, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. — Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Workshop for teachers and youth leaders. Inter-disciplinary aquatic education workshop. Pre-registration by Jan. 17.
 - Saturday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m. — Watchable wildlife: Beaver. Field study of the ecology of beaver.
- For information about, call the center at 475-0291. Five Rivers is on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

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Churches slate holiday services

Churches in the area have set Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

The children's choir will sing at the 5 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road. There will be reserved seating.

Masses are also scheduled for 7 and 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church will its regular worship service 10:30 a.m.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue will hold its regular Sunday services at 8:30 and 9:55 a.m.

A family candlelight service will be held at 7 p.m. and a Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m.

There will be a worship service

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Voorheesville

Jane Norris
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on Christmas Day from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church on Route 155 will hold a regular service at 10:30 a.m. and a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m.

Middle level students to give concert

The seventh- and eighth-grade chorus and band will perform a holiday concert tonight, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Village board to meet Tuesday, Dec. 26

The Voorheesville board of trustees next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Schools to close for winter recess

Schools in the district will not be in session from Dec. 25 through Jan. 1 for winter recess.

Kiwanis to sell Bells of Life

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will be at Crossgates Mall to sell Bells of Life on Sunday, Dec. 26, from noon to 8 p.m.

The bells can also be purchased at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

They benefit the Albany Medical Center Pediatric Trauma Unit.

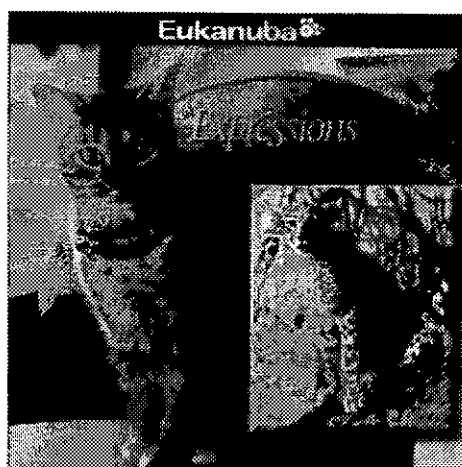
School accepting bus driver applications

The school district is accepting applications for school bus drivers.

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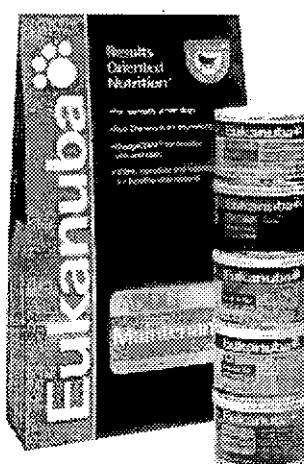
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Middle school students to present concert

Students in grades seven and eight will present a concert on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

It is free and open to the public. Come enjoy the holiday musical entertainment provided by our young people.

Flower sale

RCS National Honor Society will conduct a fund-raising flower sale on Friday, Dec. 22, at the senior high school.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit honor society programs.

School set holiday break

RCS schools will close on Friday, Dec. 22, and re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Enjoy the Holidays!

Church welcomes interim pastor

Members of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem welcomed the Rev. Harlan Ratmeyer,

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chaplain of Albany Medical Center Hospital, as interim pastor on Sunday, Dec. 3.

He will serve until a full-time pastor can be found. Ratmeyer previously served as interim pastor at Delmar Reformed Church.

In other church-related news, new hymnals will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 24, during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Many of the hymnals which are entitled "Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs," have been donated in memory of, or in honor of, members of the congregation.

For information, call Donna Lasher at 767-9917 or 767-3308.

Helping hands



Dom DeCecco, left, president of the Delmar Kiwanis Club, presents a \$5,000 check for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center to Jon Fremonte, senior associate director of leadership gifts at Albany Med, while Dr. Javier Sanchez, a Kiwanian and physician at the trauma unit, and Richard Sturm, district chairman of Pediatric Trauma and a member of Delmar Kiwanis Club, look on.

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Five Rivers announces annual 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; some equipment is available for loan.

For information on this free program, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

RCS library offers computer classes

RCS Community Library will hold its next introductory computer class for senior citizens on Jan. 10 at 11 a.m.

The series will continue the next two Wednesdays. The three-session class will provide a relaxed way to learn the basics of computers, e-mail, and the Internet.

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A reminder that in the event of inclement weather and other emergencies, the library's telephone system will provide the latest information on a closing or delayed opening. If in doubt please call ahead.

Bethlehem Central School District delays and closings are broadcast on television station WTEN and radio station WGY. WMHT does not announce

school closings.

Usually, if the Bethlehem schools are closed or have a delayed opening, the library delays opening until 10 a.m. (or later, depending on severity of weather) for the safety of staff coming to work.

Story hours are cancelled in this case, and may be made up at regularly scheduled family story time sessions.

The library will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday, and on Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

You can access the library's automated request service, online periodicals and reference resources, college catalogs, children's fare, and a variety of links to community services local and national via our homepage at www.uhls.org/bethlehem.

Louise Grieco

CHOICES accepts HEAP applications

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

The program is in Faith Plaza on Route 9W.

Vacation week program

"Snow Tracks and Winter Wonders" is the theme for a nature program being offered during school vacation week. Kids age 4 through grade three can make a bird feeder and examine animal tracks on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Remember, when school's out, the library's in. No sign-up is necessary.



Food for Fines is on the agenda for the month of January. Start looking now for missing library items which can be returned with a food donation to offset fines all next month.

Details are available at the library. Contributions are distributed through the food pantry.

Books are now available for the Jan. 17 discussion of *City of Light* by Lauren Beiter. The novel is about the turn of the century in Buffalo, when people are getting ready for the opening of the Pan-American exposition. Sign-up at the reference desk.

Member of Nimblefingers enjoyed a holiday lunch at Nicole's and will not be meeting on Dec. 26. The regular schedule, Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m., resumes in January.

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday, Dec. 24 and 25. Enjoy the holiday.

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Students attend conference

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This is considered to be the largest contingent ever selected from one school district.

The following students were named to performance groups for concert performances:

Vocal jazz — Chelsea Adewunmi and Matthew Bittner; and women's chorus — Suzanne Cardona, Laura Puzio and Betsy Stambach.

Symphonic band — Rebecca

Berlow and Kaitlin LaPierre on French horn, Matthew Bresin on trombone, Rebecca Cariati on flute, Amy Houghton on euphonium, Jared Kalmen on percussion, Rebecca Lobel on trumpet and Michael Medveskey on tuba.

Symphony orchestra — Leslie DiPaolo and Julia Garfinkel on viola, John Gluchowski on bass and Helena Kopchick on bassoon.

An 18th slot was awarded to BCHS as Helena Kopchick was also selected for women's chorus but had to choose just one group.

Additionally, three of the students were named to All-Eastern performance groups for the Music Educators National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

Rebecca Cariati, Amy Houghton and Helena Kopchick will attend the conference from March 1 to 4.

RCS library slates activities

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

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

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sacrifices to worship Antiochus, their leader, and built a Temple to Zeus, instead of to God.

The Maccabees won the battle with the help of divine intervention.

This story comes by way of Avigal Young, who has served as rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom, a Conservative congregation of more than 140 people in the Clifton Park area, since August 1999, when she moved from New York City.

Young explained the meaning of Conservative.

"It means a belief in tradition, combined with modernity," she said, distinguishing it from Orthodox and Reform Judaism.

Of the Jews' victory over the Greeks, Young said, "Surely, they believed this must have been done by the hand of God."

After storming the temple, the Jews only found only enough oil to burn for one day. At the time, it took a week to make new oil. Like the miracle of the loaves and fishes in the Christian tradition, the oil lasted for eight days.

The Jewish menorah has eight candles, one for each day, to symbolize this miracle.

As a contemporary holy day, Hanukkah has its roots in modern culture. Hanukkah was first written into Rabbinic texts around 200. But, because it was post-Biblical, it was a minor holiday.

"God didn't tell us to celebrate it," Young said.

By elevating Hanukkah, the Jewish tradition thus became more visible. But Hanukkah has an impossible task against an increasingly secularized and commercially oriented Christmas season, Young said.

"Jewish families often make too much of Hanukkah, so their kids don't feel left out," Young said.

Many families celebrate both holidays, which can be extremely stressful.

Hanukkah begins early this year, on Dec. 21, and coincides with Christmas. Every year, the beginning of Hanukkah varies, because it parallels the lunar calendar.

Loosely translated from the Hebrew, "Hanukkah" means rededication, and refers to the temple being rededicated to the Jewish God after the uprising against the Greeks.

One menorah candle is lit each night and, according to tradition, they must burn down, until the last night, when all eight are

lighted together — for a total of 44 candles in all.

The menorah cannot be used as light by which to do chores.

"The menorah's candles must only be enjoyed," Young said.

The shamash, or helper candle, is the only one that can be used for practical purposes; indeed, it is the only candle that can light all the others. Then, the menorah is placed in a window for people to see and enjoy.

Hanukkah also has rituals of its own. Every year, children play the dreidel game. The four Hebrew characters translate to "a great miracle happened there," again, in reference to the temple.

Children revel in the sweet richness of gold-wrapped Hanukkah "gelt" — the Yiddish word for money. They are given a small present every day of Hanukkah, and usually receive a big gift on one of the eight nights.

North African Jewish descendants celebrate the holiday with jelly doughnuts, and Eastern European with latkes. The common thread is that both are high in oil, which symbolizes the divine miracle.

Latkes are becoming increasingly popular in many homes, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. Many variations exist, from sweet potato to ricotta.

Like Christmas, Hanukkah is a time for family members to come together and sing songs, both traditional and modern — as well as eat.

Hanukkah used to be based more on the miracle of the oil, Young said. Today, the focus is on the military miracle, because the state of modern Israel is surrounded by five Arab states.

Young questioned whether any religious traditions should be celebrated on a national level.

"We have a national tree. Now we have a national menorah, and now there's a national Muslim star," she said, referring to the symbol of Ramadan, which also occurs this month.

"I'm not saying I want equal treatment. But church and state ought to be separated, like the Constitution says," Young added.

Airport

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volume of the private general aviation traffic that currently uses Albany International.

"Expansion of the runway is going to generate more traffic and generate more funds," McMillen said. "This is going to generate a lot of revenue for the airport, and we will put it right back into the airport."

The improvements are the first step of a long-range program to make the airport more attractive and better able to accommodate general aviation traffic, McMillen said.

To that end, the South Albany Airport Corp. board five years ago commissioned a planning study by engineering consultants Clough Harbour Associates.

In addition to the runway expansion, that study also recommended construction of a open-bay hangar for additional plane storage off the tarmac, and construction of a maintenance hangar.

McMillen estimated those future improvements at about \$140,000 — and said they can't come too soon.

"We've actually been holding our breath here, holding off on building another hangar for two or three years, because we needed to save money for matching funds on this grant," McMillen said.

With the growing volume of passenger traffic for commercial airlines at Albany International, the tie-down area there for private plane owners to park their craft is increasingly at a premium.

"They need all of that area now used for parking planes to park cars," McMillen said. "Just how much general aviation is going to be there in the long range, I don't know, but I'll tell you one thing, Albany International Airport is not very friendly to general aviation."

Albany International charges private plane owners higher tie-down fees than South Albany's \$50 a month, and also assesses a \$27.50 landing fee and imposes minimum purchases on aviation

fuel, both an expense and a handicap to short-hop fliers.

The South Albany Airport Corp. purchased the facility in 1985 from a private owner who in turn had acquired it from now-defunct Mall Airways. Originally a private holding group of 16 shareholders, the corporation has grown to 42 shareholders.

"We primarily offer flight instruction and general aviation use," said McMillen, including offering 24-hour swiper card fuel purchasing capability.

He said the airport currently handles between 7,000 and 8,000 flight operations a year, which he said is bound to grow after improvements.

"Many of our clients are people flying in from GE, Owens-Corning, CSX," he said. "We have a lot of big industries down here (in Selkirk and South Bethlehem) that would use our airport more if it were larger. And we're closer to Albany than Albany International Airport is, taking traffic into account."

No parking on town streets

The Bethlehem Police Department reminds residents that the town's "No Parking" ordinance is in effect and will remain so through April 15.

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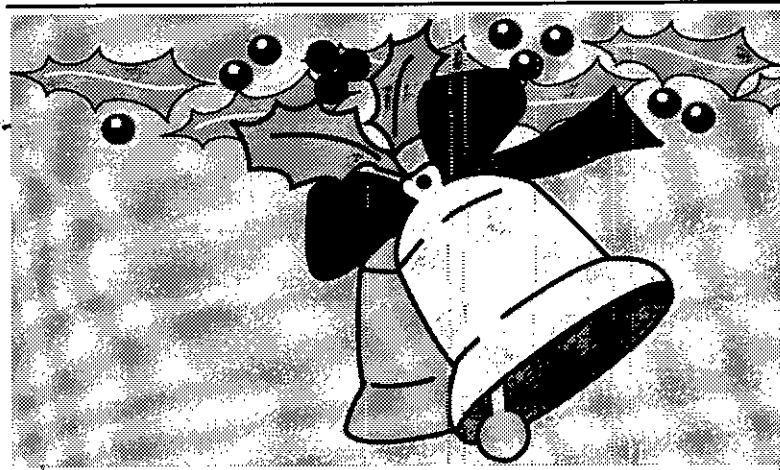
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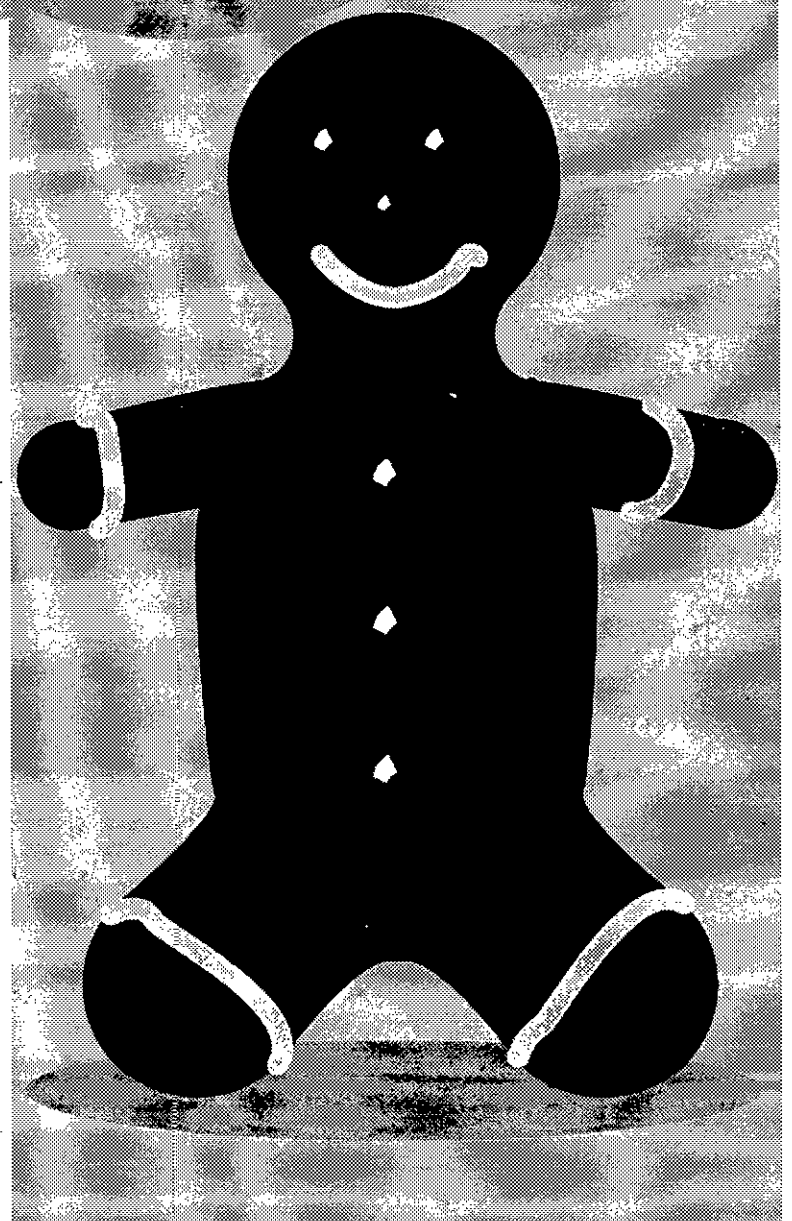
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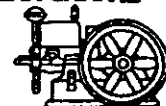
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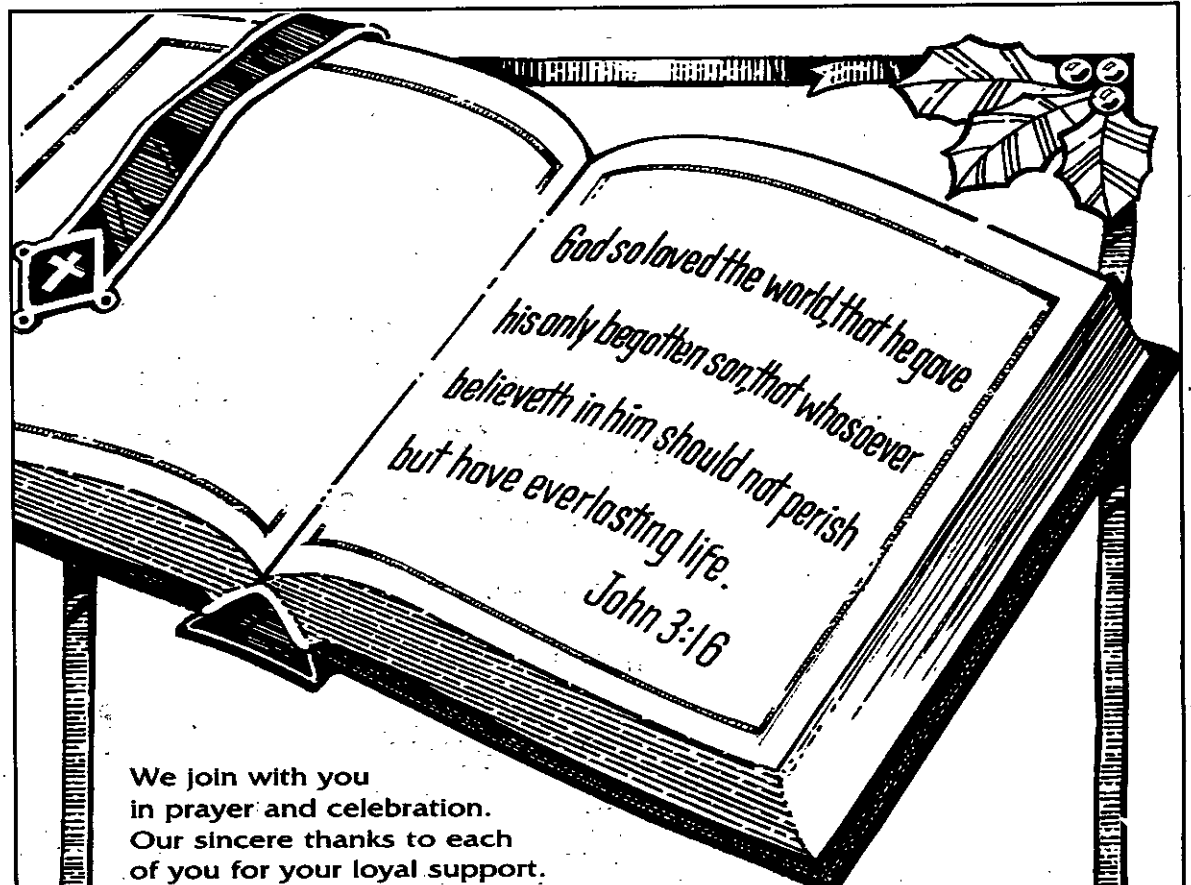
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Water

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homeowners to support. But the Clapper main runs along Creble Road on its way to the Selkirk industrial park area.

In order to build an extension main, municipal law requires that all of the homeowners in the area share in the cost of such an improvement — even if they chose not to tie in. Residents were notified of the proposed extension last March.

The proposed Clapper main tie-in would be cost effective, but, said School Road resident John Curley, consider the source.

"We would like to have reservoir water as opposed to the Hudson River water," he said. "That's how I stand. I'm not objecting to the town providing water, it's what water it would be."

Such an "improvement" could harm property values, he said.

"If a potential buyer knew that water came from the Hudson River infiltration plant, that could influence them in a negative way as opposed to if it were reservoir

water," he said.

Not all of his neighbors agreed. Anderson, for one, said, "I don't really have a problem drinking water from the infiltration gallery. It meets New York state standards. I know a few of our neighbors have a problem with that, but in my case I don't. I know that water's going to be a lot better than what I have."

But board member Daniel Plummer, citing pending litigation pitting the town against the plant's designers, due for trial in Federal Court in February, urged tabling the C.T. Male report and postponing a public hearing for now.

"My view is that we're doing it at the wrong time. ... The whole project is in litigation," he said. "At the same time, if there are alternatives that get water to these people, I think we ought to

explore them" — including seeking a more specific cost estimate of a Vly Reservoir connection.

Fuller took pains to clarify the town's intentions.

Speaking for the board, she told the Old School residents, "I don't think any of us at this table set out to say you must drink this water. God knows I've lived through all of that issue."

And she reiterated the town's pledge not to make Clapper a principal source of residential drinking water for the town against residents' wishes.

"I made a commitment to this community, and I intend to stick with it," she said. "If there is another way to provide water, that they are not made to buy into this, it's worth discussing."

Music festival set at church

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will host the eleventh annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Music

Festival on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

Ken George, music director at the host church, will direct a 40-voice choir, Dorothea Pfeleiderer will provide organ and piano accompaniment, and Lydia Tobler will direct a brass ensemble.

A reception will follow the concert with refreshments for all.

Christmas

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Services. "About 40 of those were takeout, going to people who are homebound or just home from the hospital."

"Vince and Sally Gazzetta started the community dinner," Becker said. "They were members of the United Methodist Church, and they felt that nobody should have to stay home alone on Christmas Day. The town churches and residents all got together to host the dinner, and it's been going strong ever since."

Becker gave special kudos to Bill Pearce, who keeps things moving in the kitchen.

"Bill's coordinated the kitchen for the last 10 years," Becker said. "That's a really big job."

"What's really nice about the dinner, is that everybody becomes one big family cele-

brating Christmas together," Becker said. "There are a lot of people who wouldn't have anywhere else to go, and a lot of people who come with their children. There's everybody from newborns to grandmothers."

"The older people really dote on the younger children. There are always cute little girls there in velveteen dresses, and it really tickles some of the older people," she added.

There is no charge for the dinner, although a goodwill offering is taken up at the meal. Several community businesses make donations to the dinner, Becker said.

Free transportation for Bethlehem residents 60 and older is available. To request transportation or order a meal to be delivered, call Bethlehem town hall at 439-4955, ext. 169.

Driving course scheduled at Wyman Osterhout center

A "55 Alive" defensive driving program will be held at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem Thursday and Friday, Jan. 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost is \$10 for materials,

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There's still time to get smart gifts

By DONNA J. BELL

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The following are some great toy choices tested by Dr. Toy (Dr. Stevanne Auerbach) and the Institute for Childhood Resources, a not-for-profit organization.

While you may find these toys at the big toy outlets, don't forget to check out the smaller toy stores that often carry a larger selection of educational toys.

There are several local stores, including The Toy Maker, The Parent Teacher Store and the Toy Chest that are excellent resources for good-quality toys.

A great gift for a mom or dad would be "Dr. Toy's Smart Play: How to Raise a Child With a High PQ (Play Quotient)" by Stevanne Auerbach, available in most bookstores.

Huggy Buggies by Hooray age 1-3 years, \$27

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The Brain Explorer by Exploratorium age 6-12, \$15.95

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problem before you figure it out by yourself.

The Brain Explorer has many fun activities while describing the brain and how it works.

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Whatever you choose this year try to make sure the fun for kids includes new ways to learn and grow.

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The whole grain oats used in place of some of the flour boost the fiber and add a delicious, nutty flavor.

Since quick and old-fashioned oats are interchangeable in baking, you can use whichever happens to be on your shelf.

Berry-Cherry Breads

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup dried cranberries

3/4 cup dried cherries



Searching for a quick treat? How about homemade breads.

3/4 cup honey

3/4 cup milk

12 tablespoons (11/2 sticks) butter, melted and cooled

2 eggs, lightly beaten

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray six mini bundt pan cups with cooking spray. In large bowl, combine first six ingredients; mix well.

Add dried fruit; mix well. Add combined honey, milk, butter and eggs all at once; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not overmix.)

Divide batter evenly between cups.

Bake 23 to 27 minutes or until

tops of breads feel firm when touched and wooden pick inserted into breads has a few moist crumbs clinging to it. (Do not overbake.)

Remove breads from cups; cool on wire rack. Drizzle with favorite glaze.

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Variation: Spoon batter into four disposable foil mini loaf pans sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 22 to 28 minutes.

Makes six mini loaves.

How to make last minute gifts sparkle

By LEIGH G. KIRTLEY

Forget about how many shopping days left till Christmas, how many hours? If you still have a few people on your list, giving a gift certificate might be the solution you are looking for.

While many of us like receiving gift certificates, we often shy away from giving them except as a last resort.

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No matter where you purchase your gift certificate, the store clerks can help you find fun things to include with the mini-shopping spree. The person on your list will love their two-for-one gift: something to open on the holidays and a chance to shop at a favorite store.

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Fight holiday madness

By DONNA J. BELL

Why is it that a time that is supposed to be so joyous often brings us stress, angst, overextended budgets and a feeling that we just "aren't doing enough?"

It doesn't matter if you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa or another winter fest, you are still bombarded by the same "buy, buy, buy" messages that grace every store, TV, newspaper and magazine.

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

The reality can often leave us disillusioned instead of joyful. If you are feeling overwhelmed this here are a few tips to help.

Don't leave the house without a list

Being organized can stop you from making hasty and expensive decisions. Start with names and beside them put a dollar amount. Promise yourself that you will not spend more than that amount for each person.

Give your own certificates

Not enough time to do even the basic shopping? Get some pretty holiday cards (or if you have a computer with some desktop publishing print up your own) make up your own gift certificates. Don't think you have to just give money — give an evening out at the movies, a certificate for free babysitting, or perhaps a promise of coffee and conversation out.

Don't get caught up in the 'spending frenzy'

A few years ago, my husband and I were exchanging hundreds and hundreds of dollars worth of presents (not including shipping) on friends and relatives we no longer saw on a regular basis. We bit the bullet and wrote them each

a nice note saying that we cherished their love and friendship and that was all we needed or expected from them this Christmas.

We asked them to take the money they would have spent on us and the time shopping and instead have a nice dinner out.

We asked them to remember us in their hearts as we would remember them. We weren't sure what kind of response we would receive, but overwhelmingly it was gratitude.

Give homemade or gifts of the heart

Can't give up the idea of exchanging? Why not give items that can't be bought? Give gifts that don't come from the store and don't think you have to sew or be crafty to give of yourself.

For children, give a coupon for a day in the park or a bike ride; a pre-teen will love to have a homemade "beauty makeover" with hairdos and painted nails; an afternoon baking cookies can be a blast for the little ones.

For adults, you can give your time — a getaway or just a few hours to reminisce, a once or twice a month "date" for lunch or shopping, a coupon book good for free babysitting time, hand-stamped cards or stationery, a promise of a phone call every month (for those special long-distance friends).

What can you get for older parents or grandparents? It is wonderful to do for people what they can't do for themselves. Many older people are reluctant to ask for a favor.

Just say no

No to an extra party, no to a gift exchange, no to the perfect house, no to five different kinds of cookies when two would do. After all, the reason for the season is to experience peace and joy — and that includes you.

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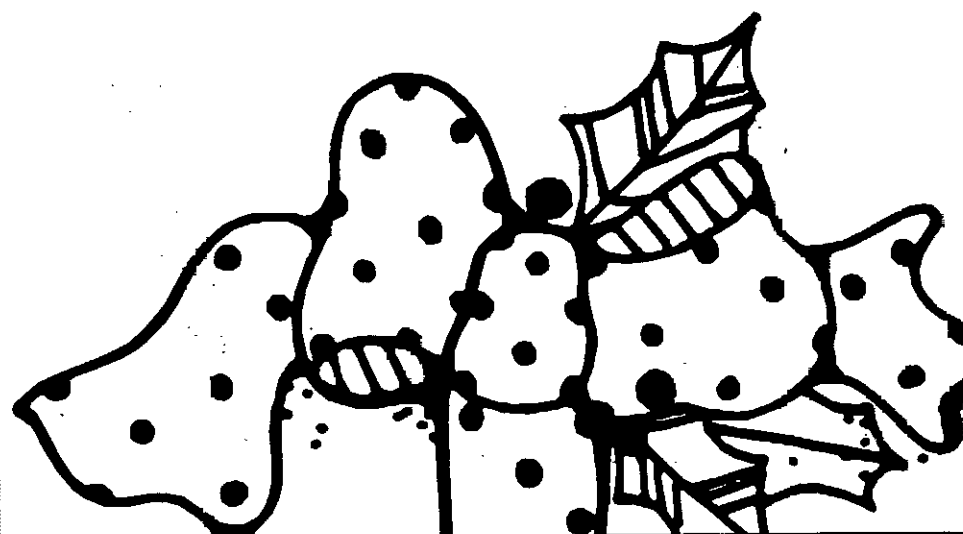
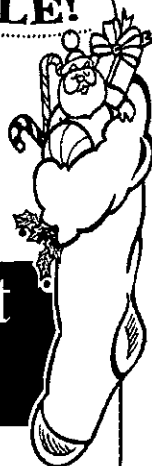
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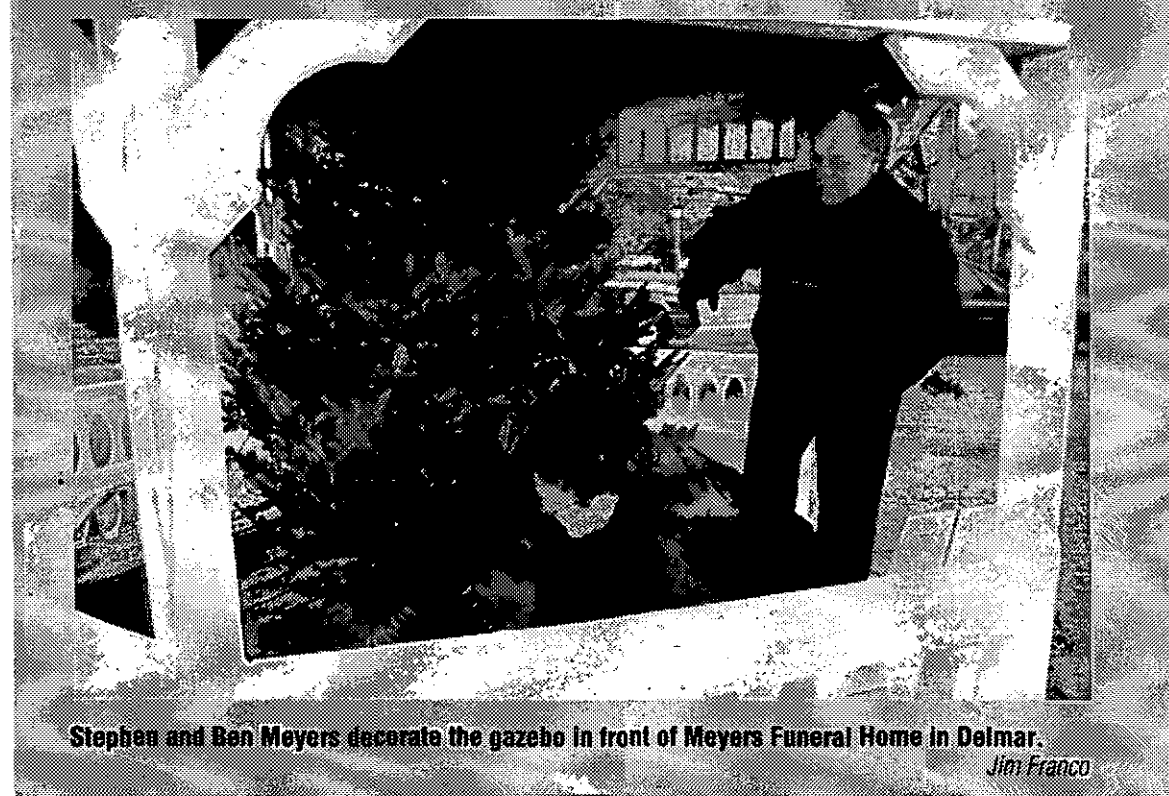
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Thank customers during the holidays

The cost of attracting new customers is increasing every day, due to more competition in the marketplace.

As a result, savvy business owners focus their attentions on retaining current customers, reducing the urgency to find new customers. This concept is even more important for small businesses, where a handful of customers may contribute the bulk of total sales.

So recognizing loyal customers during the holidays is business common sense.

The first obstacle of good business gift-giving is knowing what to give.

If a top customer is a sports enthusiast, gift ideas are plentiful—but what if you don't know a customer's interests? And what about small-volume customers who are still important to your business, but may not require an elaborate expression of gratitude?

The appropriate solution to both of these problems is a custom, printed gift.

Common gifts available at printing and copying centers range from personalized memo pads and full-color calendars with each customer's photo, to large-format posters that display an award or significant article.

Professional printers can help you design, lay out and create an attractive gift using either a computer file or hard-copy original. If you explain your business gift needs to your copying and printing professional, he or she will be able to recommend multiple options.

In addition to giving individual gifts to current customers, don't forget the opportunity to send holiday greetings to prospective customers. A simple, personal greeting card is an effective way to make your company stand out during the holidays. If you are

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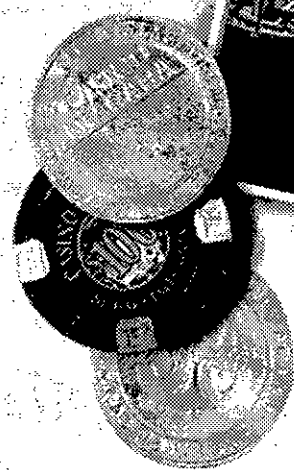
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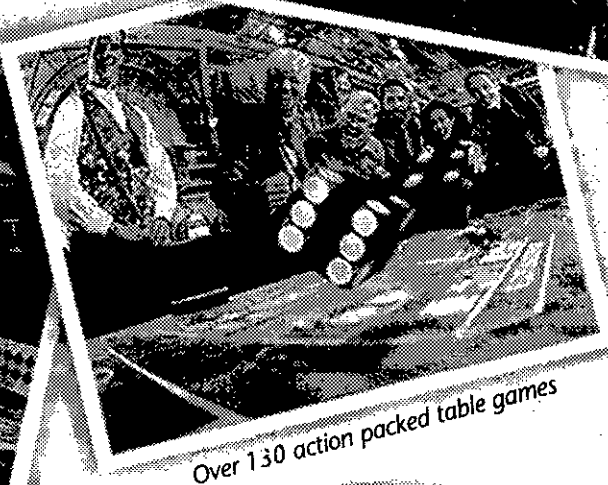
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Sports

International hockey tournament comes to town

By ROB JONAS

By this time next week, Bethlehem will be overrun with young hockey players from North America and Europe.

The New York International Hockey Cup begins Dec. 27 at the BIG Arena with 11 scheduled games in its two rinks. Over the following three days, 36 more games will take place between youth teams from as far away as Los Angeles and western Siberia in Russia. Albany Academy is the other host site.

"This is big for Albany," event organizer **Craig Jenkins** said. "It's high prestige for the Capital Region to host teams from Los Angeles, Washington, Moscow, and Prague."

The tournament has grown since its inception last year. Thirty-five teams from seven countries have agreed to take part in the event, which makes it the largest youth hockey tournament in the United States.

"This is a different scope because it draws from outside the region — way outside the region," BIG Arena principal owner **Kit Guntner** said.

Several of the teams coming to the New York International Hockey Cup are established world powers. Metallurg HC of Siberia won the past two



The New York International Hockey Cup comes to the BIG Arena and the Albany Academy Fieldhouse Dec. 27-30. The event is organized by president **Craig Jenkins** (right). Pictured with Jenkins is BIG Arena principal owner **Kit Guntner**.

European championships in the squirt (11-year-old) division. HC "Vimpel" of Moscow, which plays at the bantam (15-year-old)

division, includes several players from the Red Army program. Republic are also highly-regarded teams.

CJHS "Junost" from Belarus "We nearly doubled the amount of foreign teams and

increased the number of countries represented (at the tournament) from last year," Jenkins said.

The presence of the foreign teams helped Jenkins attract some of the United States' top youth programs including the Los Angeles Jr. Kings, the Minutemen Flames from Boston, the Washington Little Capitals and the Connecticut Yankees.

"We have to subsidize the foreign teams to get them here, but they're the ones that draw the Junior Kings, the Little Capitals and the other teams here," Jenkins said.

The Capital District will not be left out of the tournament. The Albany Storm, the Troy-Albany Rivermen, the Albany Junior River Rats and the Albany Capitals are sending youth teams to the event. Albany Academy's junior varsity and varsity teams will also compete.

"What we want to do (for the local teams) is expose these kids to a different style of play because the European style is so different from the North American style," Jenkins said. "The European style is more about skating and finesse."

Besides the regularly-scheduled games, both the BIG Arena and Albany Academy have left slots open during the four-day competition for exhibition games for any team that wants to get some extra competition.

"The teams are coming from so far away, and they don't get the chance to play some of these other teams during the season," Jenkins said.

Although not competing in the tournament, the Bethlehem Youth Hockey Association is involved. The players and their families will open their homes to members of the Russian teams participating in the event.

"Bethlehem Youth Hockey is just so young right now," Guntner said. "In a few years, I predict that Bethlehem Youth Hockey will be able to put together a team or two and play in this tournament."

Other foreign players will be housed by local families. The members of IHC "Sokol" from the Ukraine will stay with families involved in the Ukrainian Congress, while teams from Germany, Belarus and the Czech Republic will have local housing.

"The good thing is that the foreign kids won't be secreted away in some hotel," Guntner said. "They're going to be staying with families."

Jenkins is hoping to create an atmosphere similar to other international events such as the Quebec International Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, which he studied before starting his event last year.

"It's a very nice, mini-Olympics atmosphere, and it's very fun for the kids," Jenkins said. "In the end, it's about German kids wanting to meet Canadian kids, and American kids wanting to meet Ukrainian kids."

All-tournament passes are available for the four-day event at the BIG Arena. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The passes are good for both sites.

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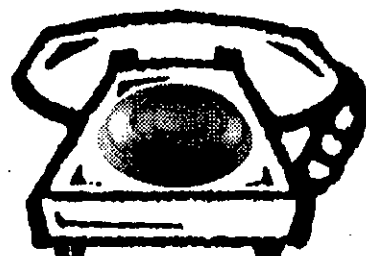
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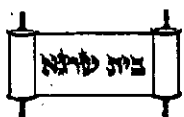


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by John Quirk



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Bethlehem, RCS place at Guilderland tournament

The Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling teams took part in last Saturday's Dutchmen Duals tournament at Guilderland High School.

The Eagles won three out of their five matches in the round-robin tournament to finish second in the team standings with 255 points. The Indians placed seventh overall with 195 points in the seven-team event after winning two matches.

"I was hoping to sneak out one or two others, but we weren't sharp early on," RCS coach **John Vishneowski** said.

Bethlehem opened the tournament with a 48-27 victory against South Glens Falls. The Eagles then pounded Catskill 74-3 and RCS 64-9 before losing to CBA 42-36 in a closely-contested match. They dropped a 41-33 decision to Palmyra-Macedon (Section V) in the last round.

Heavyweights **Mark Willey** and **Dan Hazen** led the way for the Eagles with 5-0 records in the tournament. Willey had four pins and a forfeit in the 215-pound

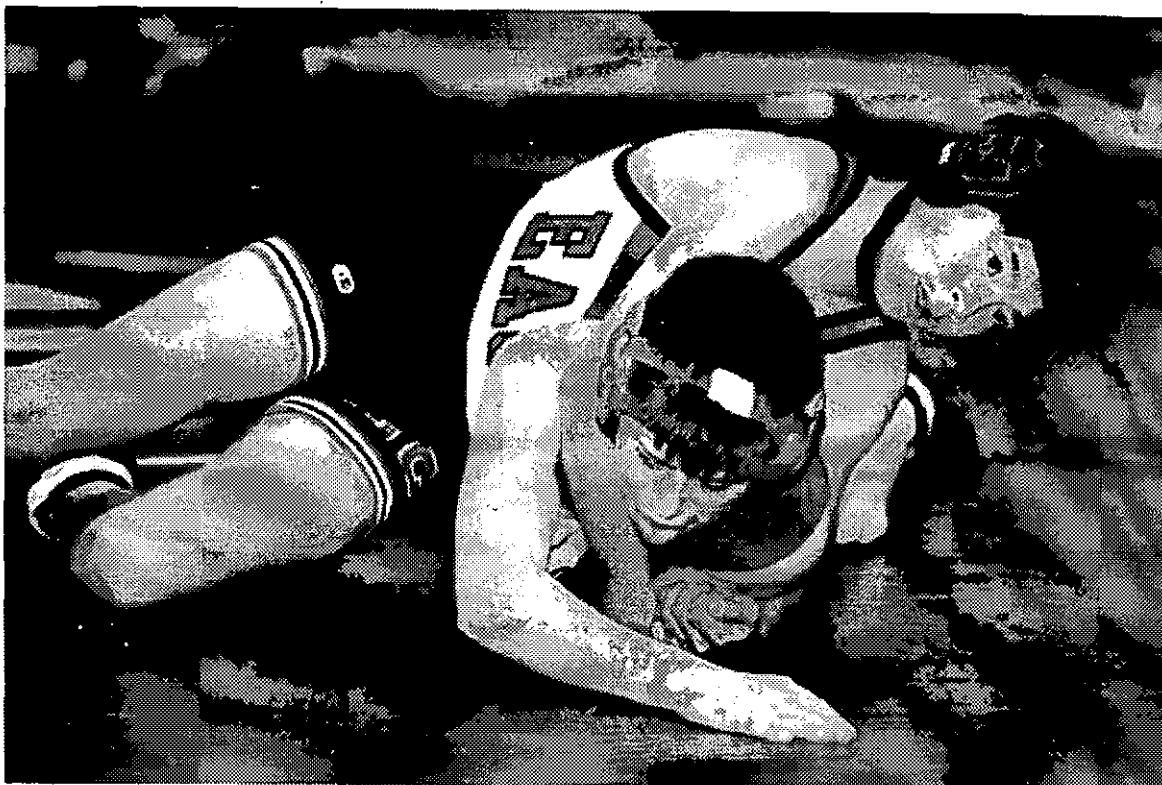
division, while Hazen recorded three technical falls and two pins at 189.

Chris Reddy (135) and **Dan Dugas** (130) also had perfect records for Bethlehem. **Matt Curtin** (119) and **Bill Courtney** (160) finished with 4-1 marks. Courtney won his first four bouts before losing his last match.

RCS defeated Catskill 75-6 and posted a 49-39 comeback win against Guilderland to earn its two victories in the tournament. Eventual team champion Mohonassen and South Glens Falls were the other teams besides Bethlehem to defeat the Indians.

Jared Lackie (171) led RCS with a 5-0 record — all of his victories coming by way of pins. **Eric Pregent** (119), **Landon Keir** (145) and **Justin Schipano** (152) compiled 4-1 marks.

Both teams are back in action this week before taking off for the Christmas break. Bethlehem travels to Saratoga today for a Suburban Council clash, while RCS hosts Watervliet Thursday in a Colonial Council meet.



Bethlehem's Chris Lee (top) gets the better of Catskill's Daniel Marsh during last Saturday's Dutchmen Duals wrestling tournament at Guilderland. Lee won the match by a 6-5 decision to lead the Eagles to a 74-3 victory against Catskill. Bethlehem finished second in the team standings with 255 points after winning three of its five dual matches in the round-robin tournament.

Jim Franco

Hoffman earns win at Eagle Cup

Glenmont resident **Robert Hoffman** helped the Northern Region win the recent Eagle Cup tennis tournament at Gold's Gym in Dewitt.

Hoffman defeated Rochester's **Alex Jorne** 6-3, 6-4 in the boys 12 singles division to help the Northern squad beat Western 4-1 for the team title.

This new team event, sponsored by Eagle Newspapers, pitted the top Level II players of the Western and Northern Regions in the boys and girls 12's and 18's divisions. To qualify for this invitational event, the top players in their respective divisions had to compete year round in Level II tournaments.

In the boys 12 doubles, Pittsford's **Jesse Hutchinson** and Rochester's **Johan Pestec** started off strong by winning the first set 6-3 over **David Chader** of Richmondville and **Niskayuna's Bryan Chow**. But in the second set, Chader and Chow fought back to win 6-2 to send the match into the deciding third set.

The third set score was tied at 5-5 and could have gone either way when Chader and Chow finally broke Pestec's serve to take the match 7-5 in this two-and-a-half hour battle.

Elsewhere in the 12-year-old division, the mixed doubles team of **Jackie Stimmel** (Saratoga) and **Derek Angle** (Troy) won 6-2, 6-3 over **Devin Rombach** of Prattsburgh and **Kris Ehrlin-**

spiel of Liverpool. **Stimmel** and **Rachel Kandath** (Saratoga) teamed up in the girls 12 doubles to defeat Manlius' **Leslie Finlay** and **Mary Collins** of Fayetteville 6-2, 6-1.

In the 18's division, the Eagle Cup was won by the Northern Region 3-2 over Western in a nail-biter.

The Western Region started off with two straight wins. However, the Northern team was undeterred and came back to take the next two matches.

In the girls 18 doubles match, Northern's **Erica Rosenblum**, a Schalmont Middle School student, teamed with **Melissa Mayer** of Latham to win a very close two set match over **Laurie Dorschied** of Fairport and **Krista Babiarz** of Auburn 6-3, 6-4.

One of the closest matches of the tournament came between Cortland's **Andrew Over** and **Arun Ganesh** of Clifton Park in the boys 18 singles division. Ganesh took the first set 6-4, but Over came back to send the match into a second set tiebreaker at 6-6.

Over had four set points in the tiebreaker, but couldn't convert as Ganesh proved to be too steady. Ganesh eventually won the tiebreaker 13-11 when Over double faulted on match point.

With the match score tied at 2-2, the the Eagle Cup would be decided in the final match

between **Krystina Bachner** of Penfield and **Sarah Mayer** of Latham in the girls 18 singles division. Bachner won the first set 7-6 and had a chance to close out the match in the second set, but lost a squeaker in a tiebreaker won by Mayer 7-6.

In the third set both players had their chances to win. Mayer went ahead 4-3, but Bachner came back to win the next two games to take a 5-4 lead. Mayer came back to win the next three games to take the Eagle Cup for the Northern team.

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Bethlehem girls on winning streak

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls basketball team is on a roll.

The Lady Eagles have won back-to-back games for the first time this season with victories against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Wednesday and Niskayuna last Friday.

"I'm pleased with how they've come together because they are so young," Bethlehem coach **Kim Wise** said.

The Lady Eagles (3-2) earned their biggest win to date last Wednesday with a 61-54 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

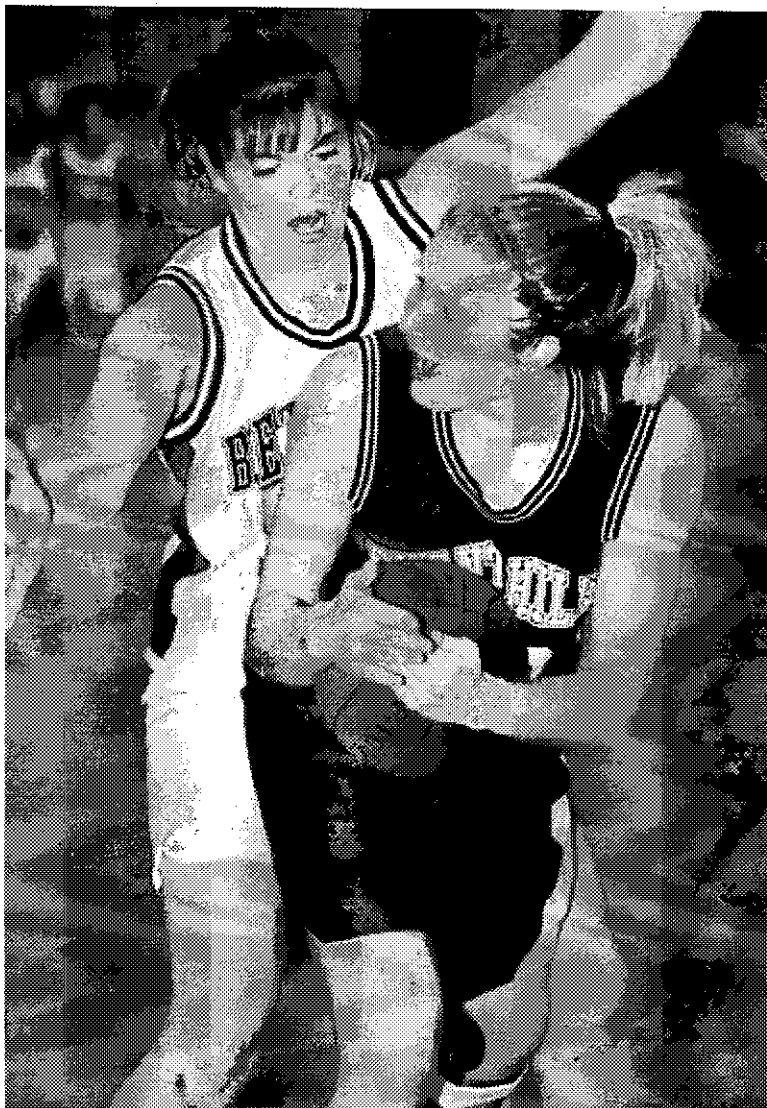
Bethlehem stayed close to the Spartans through three quarters before breaking the game open with a 17-9 run in the final period.

"Burnt Hills is definitely one of the top teams in the (Suburban Council's) Blue Division," Wise said. "Even though it was not a league game, it was an important win for us."

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake looked like it was going to pull away from Bethlehem in the second half. The Spartans built 10-point leads on two different occasions, but the Lady Eagles stormed back and eventually took the lead for good in the fourth quarter.

"It's nice that we kept our composure and came back to win the game," Wise said.

Four Lady Eagles reached double figures in scoring, led by **Sue Kelly's** 15-point perfor-



Bethlehem's Sara Conklin (left) forces Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Ashley Wilson to call a timeout with some heavy defensive pressure during last Tuesday's girls basketball game.

Jim Franco

mance. **Kaitlin Foley** had 13 points, **Sara Conklin** chipped in with 11 points, and **Sarah Homer**

added 10 points.

Bethlehem followed up its victory against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake with a 61-31 win against Niskayuna last Friday. The Lady Eagles jumped out to a 33-17 halftime lead and cruised to their third victory of the season.

"We played at our level," Wise said. "A lot of times when you play a weaker team, you tend to play down to their level, but we didn't do that."

Carley St. Lucia led Bethlehem with 13 points, while **Kelly** contributed 10 points as part of a balanced offensive attack.

The Lady Eagles host Saratoga tonight in a Suburban Council game. The Blue Streaks enter the contest with a 5-0 record, including a win against Mohonasen last Friday.

Cross country ski festival comes to Lapland Lake

The Subaru Ski Fest visits the Lapland Lake Cross Country Ski Center in Northville Jan. 6.

The national cross country skiing festival offers free learn-to-ski lessons in both classic and skate-style techniques for first-timers. There will also be an outdoor barbecue and a fundraising drawing to benefit Lapland Lake's volunteer ski patrol.

Participants receive half-price ski equipment rentals and return visit discounts. The facility use fee is additional. Pre-registration is required.

The Subaru Ski Fest is one of several activities scheduled for Lapland Lake in the coming

weeks.

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Suker earns top honor from RPI honor society

Clayton A. Bouton High School graduate **Larina Suker** was named the Female Athlete of the Year by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Olympia student-athlete honor society.

Suker, a senior pitcher, guided RPI's softball team to its first New York State Tournament championship and its first appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs this past season.

She had a record of 17-3 with a 0.92 earned run average, 144 strikeouts and eight shutouts in 23 games.

Suker's stellar season also

earned the former Voorheesville standout the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association's Player of the Year award.

Suker will be honored at Rensselaer's annual Hall of Fame/Olympia Banquet this spring, along with five other athletes who earned awards from the student-athlete honor society.

The other honorees were **Tom Terzulli** (male athlete), **Marc Cavosie** (freshman male athlete), **Allison Geer** (freshman female athlete), **Matt Vittengi** (career male athlete) and **Laura Gregor** (career female athlete).

The awards are based on the academic and athletic achievements during the 1999-2000 school year.

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

WED., DEC. 20

BOWLING

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

BOYS SWIMMING

Albany Academy at Guilderville, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem at Saratoga, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

BOYS BOWLING

Shaker at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Canajoharie at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Germantown at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Watervliet at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

BOYS BASKETBALL

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

Voorheesville at Schalmont, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Schalmont at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

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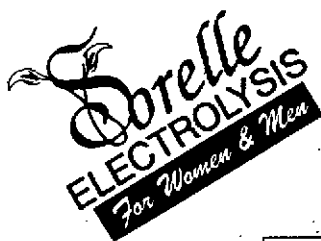
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Physically Speaking

by Nick Valenze, P.T.

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So whether you're interested in improving your health and appearance, increasing your metabolic rate to speed weight loss, reducing stress levels, or strengthening specific muscles to help prevent strain and injury, you can

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Beth and Casey Callahan

Borofsky, Callahan wed

Beth Borofsky, daughter of John and Margy McKenna of East Berne and Lance and Heidi Borofsky of Ballston Spa, and Casey Callahan, son of William and Sue Callahan of Syracuse, were married Sept. 30.

The ceremony was performed by the Revs. David Corlett and Daniel Dwyer at Delmar Reformed Church.

A reception followed at the Century House in Latham.

Bridesmaids were Molly Borofsky, cousin of the bride, Carrie Callahan, sister of the groom, Casey Cornelius, Vicky Serrot, Tina Suffoletto, Kristen Schneider and Cheryl Monroe.

The best men were Drew

Callahan and Shane Callahan, both brothers of the groom.

Ushers were Alex Ciota, Chris Anderson, Mark McGrath, Kyle Rieger and Scott Christensen.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Geneseo.

She has a master's degree in counseling and is an elementary school counselor in the Tynsborough, Mass., school district.

The groom is also a graduate of SUNY Geneseo.

He is a senior account executive for Unisys Corp. in Burlington, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple lives in Boston.

Rural Housing Alliance receives funds

The state Division of Housing and Community Renewal and the state Housing Trust Fund Corp. have awarded the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance in Voorheesville \$50,000 in RESTORE (Residential Emergency Service to Offer Repairs to the Elderly) funds.

The RESTORE program is open to all Albany County homeowners aged 60 or older with an income of 50 percent of the county median income who

occupy a one-to-four unit dwelling and are in need of emergency type repair work.

Services must be necessary to correct life, health, or safety threats and may include furnace, roof, electrical and water supply repairs. No cosmetic improvements or substantial rehabilitations can be done with the funds.

For information, call Judy Eisgruber 765-2425.

Births

Albany Medical Center
Boy, Kevin Ming-Wei Pi, to Karen and Chung Pi of Delmar, Oct. 6.

Girl, Simran Kaur, to Prabhjoy Kaur and Gurmeet Singh of Voorheesville, Oct. 8.

Boy, Alexander Martin Engel-Flores, to Ledia and Edward

Engel of Delmar, Oct. 24.

St. Peter's Hospital
Girl, Abigail Elizabeth Finn, to Robin and Alexander Finn of Niskayuna, Nov. 17.

Maternal grandparents are Stephen and Nona Deitcher of Slingerlands.

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Fraser, Inge engaged to be married

Emily Parry Fraser, daughter of Robert and Nancy Fraser of Delmar, and Scott Edward Inge, son of Frank and Linda Inge of Lynchburg, Va., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

She has a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a research specialist for Nortel Networks in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

The future groom is a sales representative for Simplex Time Recorder in Morrisville, N.C.

The couple plans a May 12 wedding.



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Obituaries

Peter Kubisch

Peter J. Kubisch, 41, of Delmar died Thursday, Dec. 14.

Born in Albany, he graduated from city schools.

Mr. Kubisch was a maintenance assistant for the state Department of Education for the last 20 years.

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

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Fuller Kubisch; two daughters, Katherine Fuller Kubisch of Delmar and Jasmine Kubisch of Albany; three sisters, Frances Mergendahl of Albany, Rosemary MacDonald of Cox-sackie and JoAnn Murray of Loudonville; a brother, William Kubisch of Albany; and a granddaughter.

He was the son-in-law of Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller and her husband, James Fuller, of Delmar.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Emily Haskins

Emily A. Haskins, 20, a student at Nazareth College, died Friday, Dec. 15, at Rochester General Hospital.

She graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1997. She was a former member of the BCHS girls soccer, track and gymnastics teams. She was a member of the Nazareth girls soccer team.

Survivors include her parents, Sally Raymond and Mark Haskins; a sister, Sara Haskins of New York City; a brother, Luke Haskins of Providence, R.I.; her grandparents, Josephine Bruso and Allan and Priscilla Raymond; and her companion, Erik Mort.

Services are scheduled today, Dec. 20, at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the

Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Emily Haskins Soccer Fund, c/o Trustco Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054

Paulette Bonacci

Paulette M. Bonacci of Slingerlands died Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the University of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Born in Whitehall, she worked for TV Data and Woodbury Lumber.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Bonacci was active in SOS players.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Bonacci; her father, Paul Constant of California; a stepdaughter, Denise Yannes of Colonie; two stepsons, David Bonacci of Boston and James Bonacci of Latham; and four sisters, Diane Fandel of Colorado, Mariana Hickson of Colonie, Elizabeth Lavit of Lake George and Denise MacEwan of New Hampshire.

Services were from the DeMarco-Stone Funeral Home in Guilderland.

Mark Wang, M.D.

Dr. Mark Kai-Hsi Wang, 89, of Autumn Drive in North Bethlehem and formerly of Loudonville, died Sunday, Dec. 10.

Born in China, he was a graduate of Peking Union Medical College. He joined his country's medical services at the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War, attaining the rank of major general.

He was decorated by the U.S. Army with the Medal of Freedom.

He came to America after the war for training in plastic surgery at Columbia University. He then returned to China to teach until 1950. In 1951, he returned to the United States and joined Dr. Brian Macomber in his plastic surgery practice.

Dr. Wang was an attending surgeon at Albany Medical Center Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany Memorial Hospital, Child's Hospital and the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He was a clinical professor of surgery at Albany Medical College.

He served on the first commission on the licensing of acupuncture in New York state.

Dr. Wang retired in 1979.

He was a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, the American Board of Plastic Surgery and both the American Society for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

He was also a member of the Webster Society, the Upstate Plastic Surgery Society and Albany County Medical Society.

He was also a former member of the Rotary Club and Schuyler Meadows Country Club. He was a member of the Chinese Community Center and the Chinese American Alliance, which named him Citizen of the Year in 1988.

Dr. Wang served in the Army Reserves from 1952 to 1954 and was part of the Albany Medico Team in Algeria in 1963.

He was husband of the late Anne Cioffe Wang.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Christopher Mark Wang of New York City; a daughter, Laura Anne Wang of Salt Lake City; and two granddaughters.

Burial was private.

Arrangements were by the DeMarco-Stone Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Chinese Community Center Building Fund, PO Box 13951, Albany 12212.

John Murphy

John E. Murphy, 51, of Voorheesville and Colonie died Saturday, Dec. 9, at his home.

He was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Murphy was a graduate of Cardinal McCloskey High School and Siena College.

He was vice president of Murphy Overhead Doors in Colonie before he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Eva White Murphy; two daughters, Mary Murphy and Sheila Murphy; and two sons, John Murphy and Alex Murphy.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

William Tucker

William H. Tucker, 48, of Glenmont died Wednesday, Dec. 13, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Greenwich, Conn., he was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He worked for Veterans Industries of Albany for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Lee Olson Tucker; his mother, Helen Kubicki Tucker of Sayville, Long Island; four daughters, Tara Lee Tucker, Julie Anne Tucker and Melissa Christine Tucker, all of Glenmont, and Melanie Schneers of Selden, Long Island; two brothers, Robert Tucker of Guilderland and Frederick Tucker of Deer Park, Long Island; two sisters, Susan Simanteris of West Melbourne, Fla., and Judy Senese of Bay Shore, Long Island; and a grandson.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

William Wilkinson

William T. Wilkinson Jr., 74, of Feura Bush died Wednesday, Dec. 13, at his home.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was a Navy veteran of World War II. He received the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Mr. Wilkinson was a superintendent of construction for the state Office of General Services before he retired.

He was a member of the Iron Workers Local No. 12 in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Wilkinson; a son William Wilkinson III; a sister, Patricia Hansbury of Shepherdstown, W. Va.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Onesequethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to Onesequethaw Reformed Church, 11 Groesbeck Road, Feura Bush 12067.

Fred Williams

Fred R. Williams of Voorheesville died Sunday, Dec. 10, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Southern California, he was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

Mr. Williams worked for Albany Public Markets for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Williams; a son, James Williams of Cropseyville; a brother, Maurice Williams; a sister, Mary Williams; three grandchildren; and two great-

grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Jane Ryerson

Jane Ryerson, 41, of Feura Bush died Friday, Dec. 15.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Ryerson was a homemaker.

She drove a school bus for Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon Ryerson Sr.; her mother, Shirley Mattice of Feura Bush; a son, Gordon Ryerson Jr.; a daughter, Megan Ryerson; and two brothers, Nathaniel Mattice and Kenneth Mattice, both of Feura Bush.

Services were from Jerusalem Reformed Church. Spring burial will be in Jerusalem Cemetery in Feura Bush.

Arrangements were by A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home in Greenville.

Contributions may be made to Jerusalem Reformed Church Memorial Fund.

Joseph Nolan

Joseph J. Nolan of Delmar died Saturday, Dec. 16, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Nolan was a purchasing agent for the Watervliet Arsenal.

He was a member of the American Legion Fort Orange Post, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Sheehy-Palmer Post and the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Downey Nolan; a daughter, Kathleen Nolan-Merksamer; a sister, Gloria Steinbach of Troy; and a grandson.

Services were from Zwack & Sons Funeral Home and St. Mary's Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery.

Beulah Brownlee

Beulah Ruede Brownlee, 92, of Colonie and formerly of Bethlehem, died Sunday, Dec. 17, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a longtime resident of Colonie.

Mrs. Brownlee was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Colonie.

Survivors include a daughter, Audrey Traver of Colonie; two sons, Arthur Ruede of Colonie and Edward Ruede of Schodack; two stepsons, George Brownlee of Tucson, Ariz., and Kenneth Brownlee of Watervliet; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Colonie.

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Ring in the New Year at Albany's First Night

By LAWRENCE HOVISH

Whether you are a stickler for dates or someone who just wants to have a good time, the city of Albany is once again gearing up for its annual First Night Celebration.

For the 15th year, Albany joins more than 200 cities throughout the United States and Canada in a celebration that has become commonplace since its 1976 Boston inception.

Albany's First Night festivities are anything but common, though.

The action begins at 5:45 p.m. with opening ceremonies in front of city hall. Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings will be on hand to welcome the crowd as the cast of Park Playhouse II bring the 1950's classic "Grease" alive on stage.

The evening's first fireworks will start at 6:20 p.m. on the east lawn of the State Capitol Building. The display, which is especially geared toward children, will be set to Disney music.

At 6:30, the fourth annual "Last Run" kicks off as more than 600 runners will traverse a 5-kilometer route that will take them through the Capital Lights in Washington Park. A costume contest and post race party follow this event.

Throughout the evening, First Nighters will be entertained by singing and dancing at more than 30 locations throughout the city.

Among the evening's highlights will be the smooth jazz stylings of saxophonist Walter Beasley. A professor at Berklee College of Music, he will perform at the Palace Theater at 10 p.m.

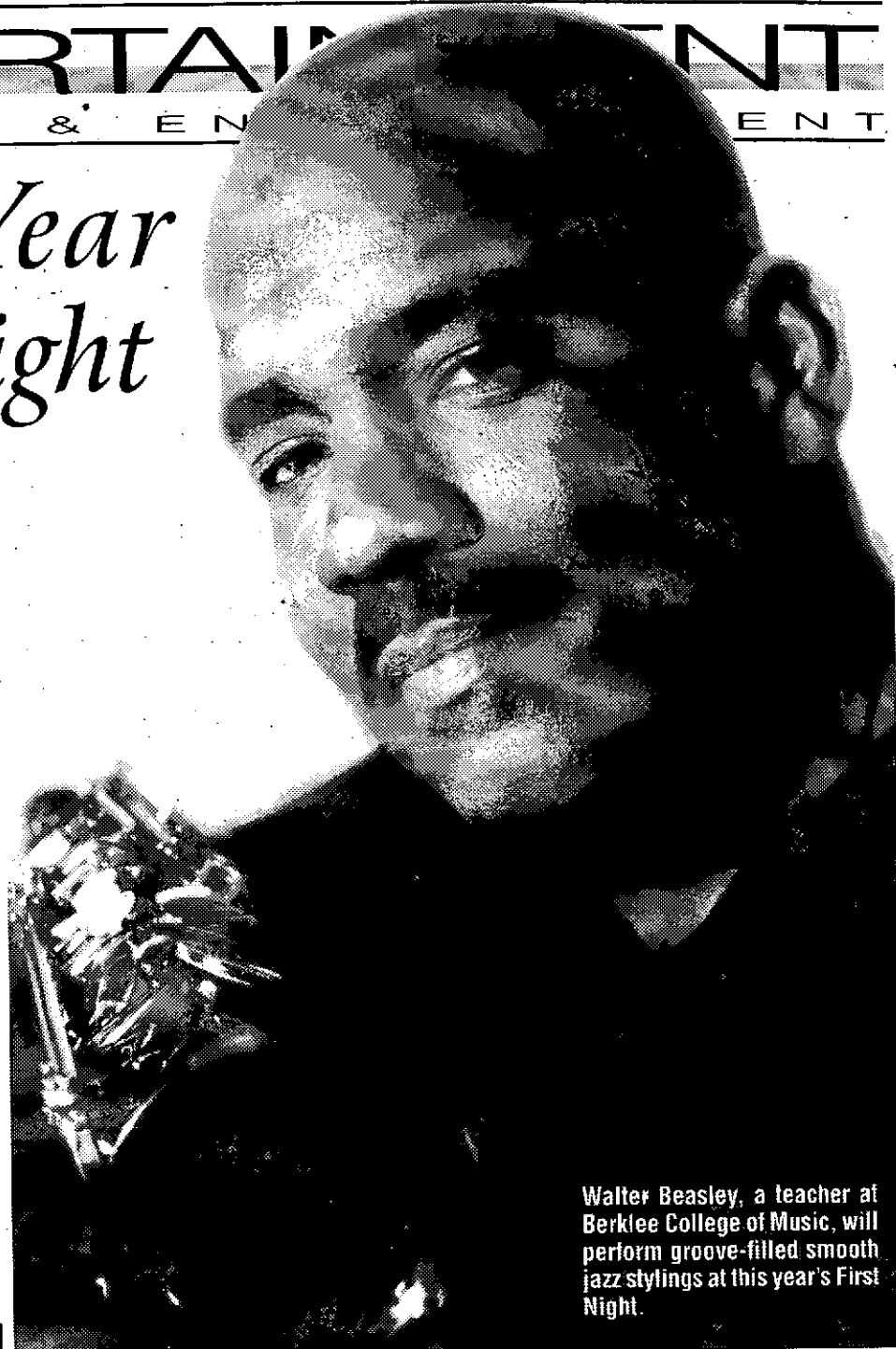
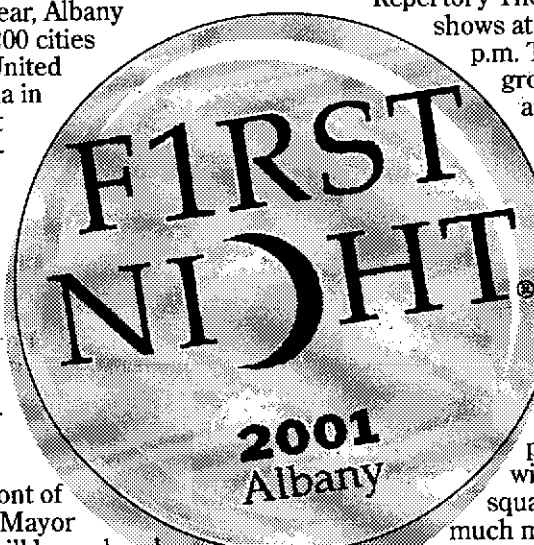
Beasley, who may be best known for his 1998 album "For Your Pleasure," which produced several hits including the chart-topper "I

Feel You", has just released his eighth album, "Won't You Let Me Love You."

Partygoers will have the chance to select from a host of musical events that highlight some of the area's top talent.

Local blues favorite Ernie Williams and the Wildcats will keep the Capital Repertory Theater hopping with shows at 7, 8:40 and 10:15 p.m. This will be the group's eighth annual appearance at the First Night Celebration.

For something a little different and "a little bit of everything," check out Fritz' Polka Band. New this year, this group will play an eclectic mix of polkas combined with country, waltz, square dance music and much more. Check them out at 7, 8:15, 9:30 or 10:50 p.m. in the Pearl Street Room of the Crowne Plaza hotel.



Walter Beasley, a teacher at Berklee College of Music, will perform groove-filled smooth jazz stylings at this year's First Night.



The Black 40 Band may be opening the 2001 Countryfest, but their first stop of the new year is at Albany's First Night.

For a little bit of rock 'n' roll, make sure to check out local favorites the Refrigerators. A group that mixes their music with a little R&B, not to mention funk, these nine musicians are sure to please. Don't miss their 7 p.m. show at the Palace Theater.

The Black 40 Band, which will be opening Countryfest 2001, is one of the region's hottest country acts. Black 40 will perform original songs and some favorites at their 8, 10 and 11 p.m. shows at 112 State St.

Two Broads With A Lotta Sound, featuring Diana Geddes on keyboard and Quency Rene as lead vocalist, will play a wide variety of original tunes and covers. Two Broads With A Lotta Sound will perform at 8,

10, and 11 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza's Capital Room.

For kids, there is a host of fun and exciting activities. For all the Harry Potter fans out there, check out Lisa Hailes and Jennifer Gorman as Professor McGonagall and Professor Trelawney at the Pepsi Arena Exhibition Hall.

There will also be a staged reading by area actors about the wild and crazy wizard sport of "Quidditch" at 8 and 8:45 p.m.

Would-be wizards will also have a chance to meet face-to-face with one of the most powerful and fascinating symbols of wizardry, the owl, at the Outdoor World of Learning, which will also be at the Pepsi Arena Exhibition Hall, at 6:30 and 7:15 p.m.

Other highlights include a free Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Extravaganza at Academy Park while supplies last, and a 24-foot rock climbing wall on South Pearl Street outside the

Pepsi Arena. Creation stations and an arts center at the Pepsi Arena Concourse will let kids and adults show off their creative side by making noisemakers and other souvenirs they can take home.

During the grand finale at midnight, First Nighters will welcome in the New Year with a display of fireworks, launched from the SUNY Plaza at the corner of State Street and Broadway.

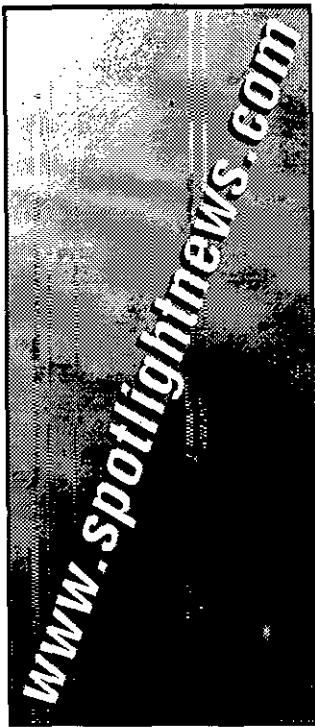
For information about the performances and activities, check www.albanyevents.org, or call 434-2032 for a program.

First Night buttons, which cover admission to all the venues and shuttle buses, are available for \$10 through Dec. 25 and \$12 after. Children age 5 and under are free. Buttons are available at area Price Choppers, Stewart's Shops and city hall. Buttons will be available the night of festivities if supplies last.



Fritz' Polka Band, known for diverse selections, will make everybody want to polka.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT



Theater

MASS APPEAL

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

Music

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.

TITO NIEVÉS

1000s photographs of the city, through April 16, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

KIM AND REGGIE HARRIS

with Maggie, The Eighth Step at Cohoes Music Hall, Dec. 23, 8 p.m., \$17. Information, 381-1111.

BRANDENBURG CONCERTI

performed by Berkshire Bach Society, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Jan. 1, 3 p.m., \$25. Information, 273-4454.

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.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

Classes/Lectures

DANCE CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES

watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

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Brett Burns Bush C. Scott
Clooney Foreman Gershwin Hamilton
Kennedy Lucas Orwell Peppard
Reeves Strait Washington

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Bracelet is missing. 2. Hair is added. 3. Mustache is smaller. 4. Glasses are missing. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Sleeve is longer.



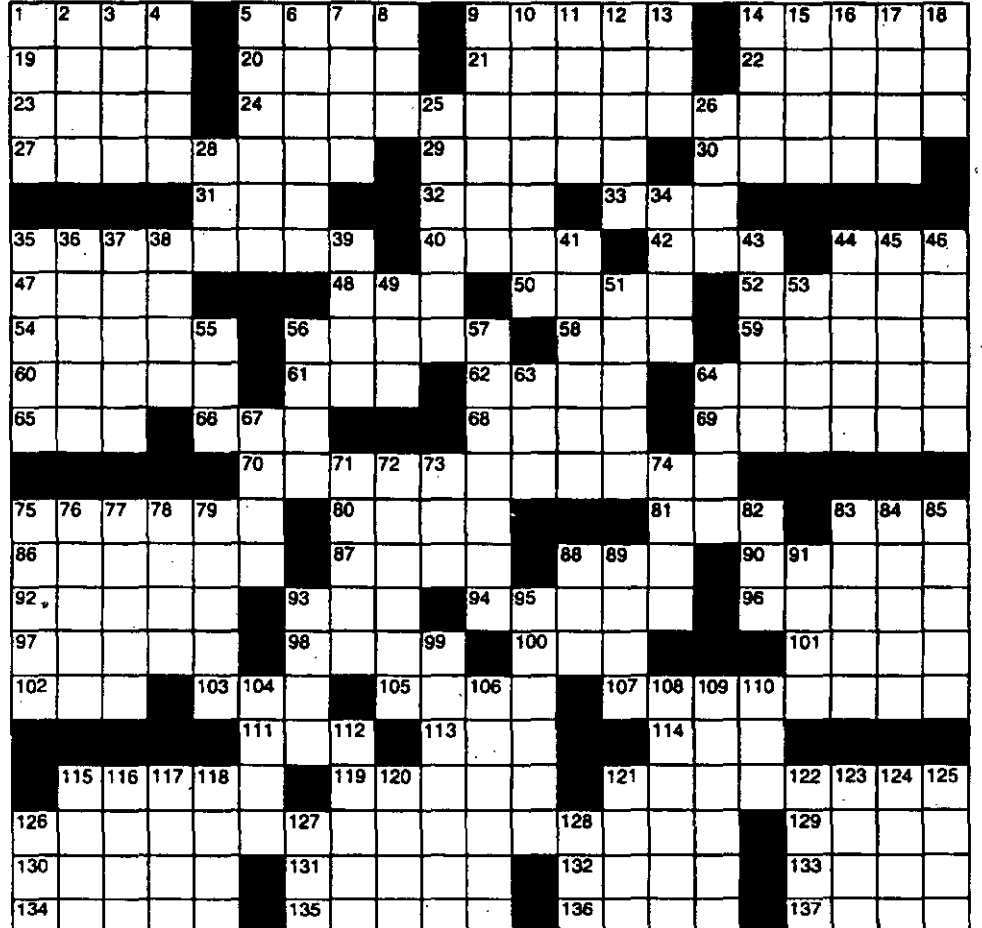
The Super CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Meat cut
5 "— You Babe" ('65 song)
9 Skimmer material
14 Chauvinist
19 Othello's ensign
20 — contendere
21 What the nose knows
22 Greene or Michaels
23 Be a blacksmith
24 Start of a remark by James Dent
27 Appropriates
29 Dutch artist Jan
30 Let up
31 Rep.
32 Speakeasy patron
33 Hoover, for one
35 Part 2 of remark
40 Beginning on
42 '72 Michael Jackson smash
44 Impact sound
47 Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
48 Woodworking tool
- 50 New York university
52 "Butterfield 8" author
54 Rouse
56 Singer Payne
58 Plant disease
59 Pont's partner
60 Become a prune
61 Islands
62 Baby —
64 Like Hercules
65 "Malcolm X" director
66 — Mahal
68 Widespread
69 Shed
70 Part 3 of remark
75 Ambush man
80 Ripped
81 Periodontists' org.
83 Bud
86 Tweety Pie, e.g.
87 Highlands tongue
88 Nobelist
90 Man from Malmö
92 Hersey setting
93 They may be personal
94 Ornamental mat
- 96 "Salome" character
97 Like some paper
98 Covenant
100 Opie's aunt
101 Unit of area
102 Archaic preposition
103 Conductor
104 Queller
105 Snake
106 Sound
107 Part 4 of remark
111 Slalom curve
113 Ruby of "A Raisin in the Sun"
114 Limit
115 Sink
119 Dust
121 — squash
126 End of remark
129 Peace of mind
130 Soviet cooperative
131 "He's making —"
132 Buffalo waterfront
133 Jocular Johnson
134 Director Sergio
135 "Beau —" ('39 film)
136 Equipment
137 Actor Wallace

DOWN

- 1 Speech problem
2 Neighbor of Molokai
3 Violinist
4 Playwright
5 Spectrum shade
6 Discuss
7 Auto pioneer
8 Petite pooch
9 Prepares onions
10 "... baby on the —"
11 Emulate
12 Improve
13 Violent card game?
14 Hunk of gunk
15 Pindaric character
16 Pluck
17 Fairy-tale start
18 Goller's gadget
25 Disney rabbit
26 Tom, Dick, or Harry
28 No Einstein
34 Encourage a culprit
35 Go fishing
36 Long of football
37 Stun
38 Daily receipts
39 TV's "— Shadows"
- 41 Remote
43 Nick of "I Love Trouble"
44 Strauss aristocrat
45 Common contraction
46 Chutney
48 Ingredient
49 Minuscule
51 Reindeer name
53 Israeli dance
55 Tolkien creation
56 Japanese volcano
57 Rubbed the wrong way
63 Garage supply
64 Runners carry it
67 Crooked
71 Bara of the silents
72 Judd of "George & Leo"
73 "— a Rebel" ('62 hit)
74 Unclear
75 It'll give you a weigh
76 Lowest point
77 Absurd
78 Sheet of stamps
79 Carve a canyon
82 Furniture wood
- 83 "Thanks, Robespierre!"
84 Idolize
85 Surrenders
88 In-your-face item
89 Guinness or Baldwin
91 Sport
93 Does Little work
95 Preoccupy
99 Most methodical
104 Jacket feature
106 Hardly hyper
108 Small shrub
109 Foam
110 Choose, with "for"
112 Face lift?
115 Wet blanket
116 Concerning
117 WWII gun
118 Tropical spot
120 Handel's "— and Galatea"
121 Spotless
122 "— of the Cat" ('77 hit)
123 Reduce, with "down"
124 — Spumante
125 Poverty
126 Baseball's Ripken
127 Witty one
128 Foster or Tilly



The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 12/20
BETHLEHEM 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.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

ADVENT SERVICE

Dinner 6:15 p.m.; worship, 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

PRAYER MEETING

evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Thurs. 12/21
BETHLEHEM RECOVERY, INC.

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

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON

for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOC.

Monthly meeting, Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Bethlehem Art Association hosts annual holiday party; slides of Allied Artists of America 2000 juried show. Bring a dessert to share and a small gift to exchange. Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

Fri. 12/22
BETHLEHEM AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND 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. 12/23
BETHLEHEM AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Sun. 12/24
BETHLEHEM LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Bethlehem Public Library closed Dec. 24 & 25; reopens Dec. 26.

FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Indoor flea market; Bethlehem Elks Lodge, 1016 River Road, Selkirk, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; kitchen open at 8 a.m. Information, 767-2836.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Call for special Christmas service information.
Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran, 5 Elm Ave., Delmar, 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel, 292 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-9929.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-2512.
First Reformed of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First UMC of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem UMC, 65 Willowbrook Avenue, 767-9953.
St. Stephen's Episcopal, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle R.C., 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND WORSHIP INFO

Call for special Christmas service information.
Bethel Baptist, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
Presbyterian Church in New Scotland, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's R.C., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

THE DRAGON'S EGG

Welsh language group of the Saint David's Society of the Capital District, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 861-6976.

VACATION CRAFTS FOR KIDS

For children in Kindergarten or older. Materials provided. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Call to confirm regular meeting. Information, 439-0871.

BINGO

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

NEW SCOTLAND
"SCHOOL'S OUT, LIBRARY'S IN"

"Snow Tracks and Winter Wonders," for elementary school youngsters. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

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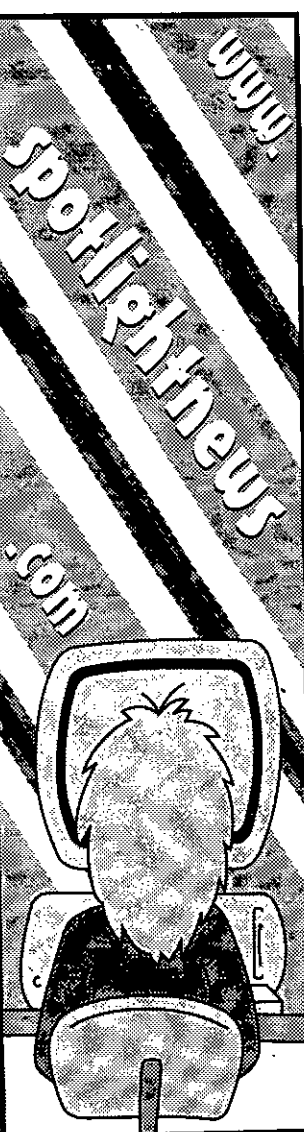
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LEGAL NOTICE

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 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 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 20, 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:
 KMB I LLC
 6 Majestic Court
 Loudonville, New York 12211
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have 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 hereof.
 KMB, L.L.C., General partner
 By: S/ Kevin M. Bette, Member
 (December 20, 2000)

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, 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 is October 31, 2100.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 20, 2000)

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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 20, 2000)

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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 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Group Consult Management LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/10/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (December 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 (December 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

McLeod USA Purchasing, L.L.C. App. for Auth. filed SSNY 10/25/00. Albany Co., LLC org. in IA 2/24/00. SSNY is process agt. & shall mail copy of proc. to: 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 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GOTHIC OUTDOOR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/6/00. 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: One Financial Center, Suite 1600, Boston, MA 02111. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (December 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of The Javers Group of Pennsylvania, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/11/2000. LLC organized in Pennsylvania (PA) on 7/20/1999. 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 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: 341 New Albany Rd., Suite 200, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with Secy. of Commonwealth of PA, 308 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (December 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of SMALL BUSINESS ASSETS I LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/7/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 12/4/00. 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: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (December 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENCE
 At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, held on December 12, 2000, the following resolution, subject to the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law was passed:
"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Selkirk Fire District sell the 1980 Pumper, known as Engine 48, which apparatus has been appraised for an amount less than Fifty Thousand Dollars and which Selkirk Fire District declares no longer necessary for any of its uses or purposes. This resolution shall take effect 30 days after its adoption, provided a Permissive Referendum is not required pursuant to Subdivision 4, Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law."
 Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York.
 By: Frank A. With, Secretary
 Dated: December 12, 2000
 (December 20, 2000)

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Notice of Application for authority of CINGULAR WIRELESS LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/5/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 4/24/00. 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 Corporate 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: 5565 Glenridge Connector, Glenridge Two, Atlanta, GA 30342. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (December 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 20, 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: Corporate Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Office address of LLC in IN: 200 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802-2706. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with IN Secy. of State, 302 West Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (December 20, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of LCOOR LAMLP 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., Lockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (December 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 edi-

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tion 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 20, 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 96504-0234. Purpose: purchase order financing for the import and export of pre sold merchandise.
 (December 20, 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 20, 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 20, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING SERVICES, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/13/00. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 4/12/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT 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 20, 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 in 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-

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Ground Service, Satellite Services and Part 27 Service; and (b) business activities customarily ancillary to the provision of any of the foregoing.
 (December 20, 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 20, 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 20, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 20, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is SOUTH FAMILY, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 12, 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 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
 (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LP

South Mall Towers, L.P., filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on November 20, 2000. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to South Mall Towers, L.P., 101 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be organized under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act.
 (December 20, 2000)



LEGAL NOTICE**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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Midway Family Dental Associates, PLLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on November 15, 2000. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Midway Family Dental Associates, PLLC, 1945 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 1203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (December 20, 2000)

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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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on February 14, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY in regard to the 2001 Section 8 Housing Program Agency Plan. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: December 13, 2000
(December 20, 2000)

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SUMMERSBY DEVELOPMENTS LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SUNNINGDALE LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SHOEBURY LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SANDBOURNE LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

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ROOKFIELD CONSULTANTS LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

OAKMEAD LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

HOLLINGTON TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ELMERSIDE LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

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same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

CHARLWOOD TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

CARAWAY SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

CASTLEFORD LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BRENTHURST DEVELOPMENTS LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ALVERSTONE LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ALDERNEY LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/12/99. 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

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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 20, 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 same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 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 20, 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 20, 2000)

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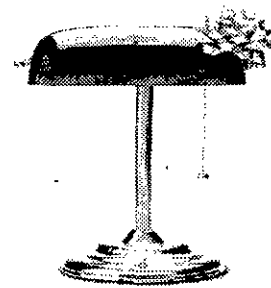
402 PROPERTIES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 9/11/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, c/o PMB 229, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 20, 2000)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

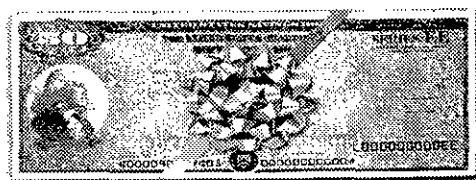
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Albany, the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority (ERCSWMA), Montgomery-Otsego-Schoharie Solid Waste Management Authority (MOSA), Delaware County, Dutchess County, City of Troy, Town of Colonie and Town of Bethlehem, and are jointly issuing a Request for Bids for Household Hazardous Waste and Agriculture Pesticide Collection and Disposal Services for eleven (11) specific dates at a maximum of ten separate sites. Copies of Bid specifications are available from Nancy S. Anderson, Secretary, Board of Contract and Supply, Room 202, City Hall, Albany, New York 12207. Bidders shall submit sealed bids which are returnable to the Board of Contract and Supply on or before 12:00 noon, January 16, 2001. Dated: December 13, 2000 (December 20, 2000)

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RAAND PRINT SPECIALTIES, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 5, 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 915 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207.



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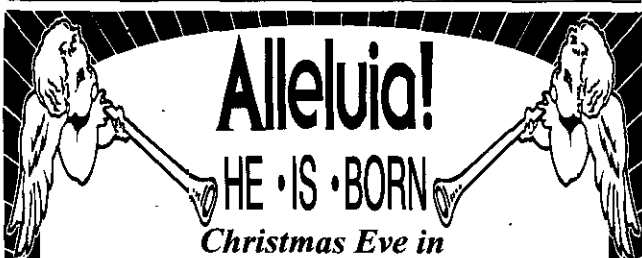
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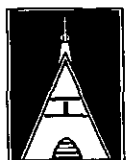
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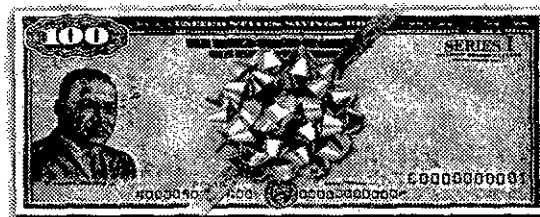
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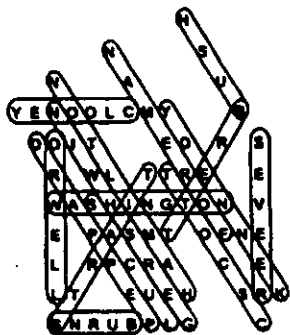
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Never Too Young To Attend "Car Class"

"Where did you learn that?" This question pops up frequently in households with young children. Kids tend pick up on what's happening around them. That's why the Car Care Council's Women's Board is urging parents to use travel time to teach their children about cars and driving.

"As a mother of a kindergartener and first grader, I spend an average of 7 hours a week in the car with my kids. Lots of parents I know spend twice that," says Donna Wagner, director of the Women's Board. "Recently it occurred to me that most of our car time is not very productive."

That's when Wagner decided to teach her little ones about the automobile that she sometimes feels is their second home. Because the boys were fascinated with gauges, the instrument panel was the natural starting place.

"I explained the speedometer and the importance of speed limits," says Wagner. "Since then, they've been very vocal if I go too fast. They know how to check a speed limit sign against the speedometer."

That's another important benefit of using the car as a classroom, says the Women's Board. Children learn or enhance skills like math and science.

"As soon as we get in the car, the boys write down the odometer reading. At our destination I do the subtraction with them, and they see how many miles we traveled. When they get a little older, I'm going to teach them how to check their miles-per-gallon."

Wagner also explained to her sons why the engine temperature gauge rose to normal when the engine was warmed up. The boys learned

that if the needle moved too far to the right the engine was running hot. She also showed them the check engine light, the engine oil pressure and battery charge lights. The class wouldn't be complete without discussing the fuel gauge. Having a little one who can remind a harried parent that it's time to stop for gas can be a big plus.

Like other children's activities, car class is more fun when it's made into a game. Wagner lets the youngster who

correctly answers her "car quizzes" listen to his favorite tape or CD. Of course, before she could teach car class, she had to educate herself.

"I am fairly knowledgeable, but I re-read my owner's manual as a refresher. You can't explain it to your kids until you're familiar with it."

According to the Women's Board, car classes teach life skills, and you can start class as soon as your child is old enough to converse. Like

getting into the habit of fastening their seat belts, these kids are likely to be tuned into their cars forever.

Of course, the instrument panel just scratches the surface of what can be taught. From tires to headlights to brakes, travel time is the perfect time to fill those little heads full of something they can use.

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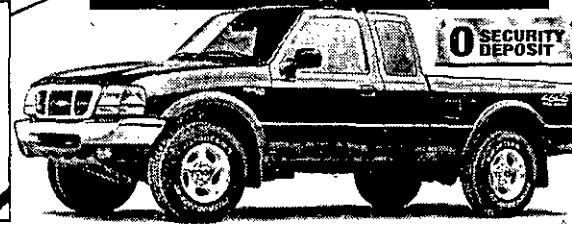


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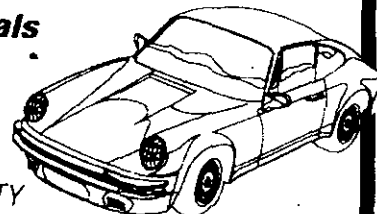
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