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He's got pull



Kody, a Siberian Husky, gives Eddie Hotaling a free ride at Normanside Country Club last Saturday. *Jim Franco*

Y2K now in annals of Bethlehem's past

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

As the year 2000 began, the Y2K bug proved an apocalyptic bust for local officials after all their elaborate preparations for technological mayhem. Yet by year's end, the exercise in disaster preparation proved a useful dry run for what was to come in Bethlehem — when nature, not technology, was the agent of disaster.

Bethlehem will remember the year 2000 in two approximate but distinct halves: before — and after — the fall.

Before: a computer virus proves powerless. After: the town is besieged by West Nile virus.

Before: a roiling controversy over student parking in a quiet residential neighborhood in Delmar. After: a different residential neighborhood in Elsmere girls against a feared onslaught of traffic, halted only by police presence. Before: Glenmont braces for a business boom as two major retailers announce their plans to locate there. After: Delmar's businesses hang on as their major traffic lifeline to Albany is closed down.

The Elsmere "soil failure" of May 18, — its more geotechnical, and less sensational, handle — will ultimately rank as the most costly catastrophe of its kind

in New York state history. But at ground zero, the shifting earth provided a stern but more personal test — of a community's resources, its patience, its resilience, its cooperative spirit.

A different shift took place this year in New Scotland, as town government under newly elected leadership began to remake itself. By year's end, a major overhaul of town departments, and revised relationships with other

municipal entities from school districts to the village of Voorheesville, had reached full steam.

Voorheesville school district narrowly escaped a controversy over an expansion plan, while voters in

Bethlehem's district delivered a stinging blow to the expansion plans of Bethlehem Public Library both Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk districts crossed their fingers as they awaited the outcome of reassessments being sought by major business taxpayers.

And lawsuits, actual or threatened, spread like West Nile virus. A popular coach unsuccessfully sued the Bethlehem school district over a Suburban Council rule that forbids him to coach both varsity baseball and Mickey Mantle; the family of a resident killed in a vehicle/pedestrian accident in Bethlehem sought public accountability through the courts.

Two years of litigation against the Bethlehem town board came to an end

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CMI opponents lose in appellate court

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A state appellate court delivered an early Christmas gift to the Bethlehem town board last week, dismissing a two-year legal challenge by a group of town residents seeking to block the construction of CMI Senior Healthcare facility in Delmar.

With only presiding Justice Anthony Cardona declining to participate, the unanimous 4-0 decision, issued on Dec. 21 by the Appellate Division of the Third Department of the state Supreme Court, affirmed last December's dismissal of two concurrent lawsuits dating from November 1998 and March 1999, entitled *Boyles et al vs. Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem*, by Supreme Court Judge Thomas Keegan.

Barring any further appeal — which attorneys representing both the plaintiffs and the town declared to be unlikely — the decision clears the way for construction of the proposed 94-unit residence facility on Delaware Avenue, initially presented before the town

planning board in April 1997.

"I'm gratified by the decision," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "Unfortunately, it takes so long to see these

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Sheila Fuller

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Not everyone shared that view. "I would wonder how many of the town board members would be willing to buy one of my clients' homes, when they have this under construction and in their back yards for good," said plaintiffs' attorney Donald Zee.

The suits, and the March 2000 appeal of Keegan's dismissal of them, were filed by Zee on behalf of nine residents of the neighborhood adjacent to the 6.7-acre residential parcel targeted by the project.

They challenged the legality of the town board's July 1998 adoption of Local Law No. 8, which rezoned the parcel as a Planned Commercial District, as well

as the building project approval by the board in March of 1999.

But in a six-page ruling, the appellate court rejected the plaintiffs' core contention.

It stated: "It is readily apparent that the town board's adoption of Local Law No. 8 did not constitute illegal spot zoning."

While noting the land uses on surrounding property — "a mix of one-and two-family residences and apartment complexes in the area, in addition to the town hall and the town library" — the court found "the town board's decision to rezone the parcel in question is part of, and consistent with, a comprehensive plan ... to serve the general welfare of the community."

The court also dismissed the contention that the building project approval violated SEQR guidelines, and found several ancillary contentions of the lawsuit "to be lacking in merit."

"I was pleased to see the court upheld as proper everything the town did with respect to CMI," said Ruth Leistensnyder,

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Library plan back on drawing board

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

In an unexpectedly heavy turnout, voters in the Bethlehem Central School District last week delivered a resounding verdict of thumbs-down on the proposed \$8.5-million renovation plan for the Bethlehem Public Library.

In what library director Nancy Pieri characterized as a "tremendous disappointment," more than 4,300 voters rejected the plan by more than a 3-to-1 margin.

In the Dec. 19 referendum, held at the community room of the library on Delaware Avenue, district voters rejected by 3,357 to

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Police arrest three for DWI

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police recorded three arrests for driving while intoxicated (DWI) and a fourth for driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

The first arrest occurred shortly after 10:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, when Officer David Harrington observed a vehicle operating without headlights on Delaware Avenue.

Harrington stopped the vehicle, driven by Stephen Hall Lancelot, 53, of 33 Myrtle Ave., Westerlo, near Bethlehem Public Library.

Harrington administered field sobriety tests and arrested Lancelot for DWI.

Lancelot was also ticketed for operating without headlights, failure to obey a police order and crossing hazard markings. He

was ordered appear in Town Court on Jan. 16.

Another arrest occurred shortly before 1 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, when Officer Christopher Hughes stopped a vehicle on New Scotland Avenue near Cherry Avenue in Slingerlands for speeding.

Hughes administered field tests and a pre-screening on the driver, Robert David Latoni, 33, of 31A Elm Ave., Delmar, and arrested him for DWI.

Latoni was ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 2.

Officer Brian Hughes observed a vehicle driven by Dennis Roger Clarke, 19, of 92 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, for "doing doughnuts" with his car in reverse at the intersection of Delaware and Elsmere avenues on Wednesday, Dec. 20, about 3:15 a.m.

He stopped the vehicle on Poplar Drive, administered field tests, and arrested Clarke for DWAI.

Clarke was also ticketed for crossing hazard markings and failure to keep right. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 2.

Another DWI arrest was made around midnight on Friday, Dec. 22. Harrington observed a vehicle driven by Erik Charles Schissler, 17, of 68 Sanford Ave., Amsterdam, weaving in its lane and crossing the center markings on Route 9W in Selkirk.

Harrington stopped Schissler and arrested him for DWI after administering field sobriety tests.

Schissler is due in Town Court Jan. 2.

DWI cases adjudicated

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Five cases of driving while intoxicated (DWI) pending before Bethlehem Town Court were resolved on Dec. 18, two with convictions for the original offense, and three more with guilty pleas to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

Christopher E. Scarlett, 33, of 32 Murray Ave., Delmar, pleaded guilty to DWI stemming from his arrest on Sept. 19.

He was sentenced to three years' probation and his license was revoked for three years.

John Patrick Strauss, 33, of 7 Murray Drive, Glenmont, also pleaded guilty to DWI, in connection with his Aug. 27 arrest.

He was fined \$500 and assessed a \$125 state-mandated surcharge, and had his license revoked for a period of six months.

Pleading guilty to a reduced DWAI count each were Matthew P. Kingsley, 22, of 5 Meadowbrook Drive, Slingerlands, arrested Sept. 23; Steven John Yuhasz, 47, of 21 Myers Lane, East Berne, arrested Oct. 29; and Lisa Marie Johnson, 36, of 10 Victoria Lane, Delmar, arrested Dec. 1.

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

All five defendants were also ordered by the court to undergo drinking-driver remediation and to face a victim impact panel.

Five Rivers announces 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 Jaremkow will teach a five-part indoor course. Students will paint indoors, looking out the windows at nature. The fee for the class 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 resident species of owls.

• Saturday, Jan. 20, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. — Project WET

workshop. For teachers and youth leaders, this interdisciplinary aquatic education workshop will introduce Project WET (Water Education for Teachers). Preregistration is due by Jan. 17.

• Saturday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m. — Watchable wildlife: beaver. Field study of the ecology of beaver and other denizens of the Five Rivers wetlands.

For information about programs, call the center at 475-0291.

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St. Nick



St. Nicholas, aka Wolfgang Wehmann, calls children over for goodies at the German winterfest gathering at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar.
Donna Aitoro

Police clamp down on illegal parking

By BILL FONDA

The Albany County Sheriff's Department's latest effort to crack down on parking in handicapped parking spaces resulted in 42 summonses Dec. 20, including seven in Colonie and three in Bethlehem.

"It was lower than the 65 we wrote on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, but you have to remember that there was snow, and I don't know how much that affected traffic," Albany County Sheriff James Campbell said.

The sweep, known as "Project Access," took place from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The fines for the tickets total \$3,975. Since the program began Dec. 7, 1994, police have conducted 16 sweeps, with the Dec. 20 efforts bringing the total to 877 summonses and \$67,975 in fines.

Campbell said the decreased number of tickets is evidence the situation is improving, but not to the level police want it to be.

"We're trying to get zero tolerance as far as total compliance, but it seems like every time we go out, we write between 40 and 70 tickets," he said.

According to Campbell, the problem is not just people parking in handicapped spaces.

"A lot of people think they can pull into the striped areas next to the handicapped areas, but they can't," he said.

Campbell added that when shoppers come out of a store and see an officer writing a ticket, they frequently say, "I was only going in for five minutes."

"We're saying five minutes is too long," he said.

Campbell said most of the tickets are written during the afternoon during other sweeps, but not the holidays.

"The shoppers are out there continually, day and night," he said.

The county has another sweep tentatively scheduled for January, depending on if the various departments can get together.

"You have to really get a good day when everybody has the people to put out on the streets," Campbell said.

Town hires counsel for water study

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A townwide study of water needs in New Scotland is on hold at the moment — but that has not stopped the progress of several extensions to existing water districts, which faced recent action before the New Scotland town board.

The New Scotland board voted at their Dec. 13 meeting to retain John Tabner of the Albany firm of Tabner, Ryan & Keniry as co-counsel with Town Attorney John Biscone for the townwide water committee organized earlier this year.

The committee, charged with overseeing the town-wide water study, has put it on hold pending recommendations on how to proceed from engineering consultants C.T. Male.

"What we're doing on the water study is, we kind of lost one of the key authors of the study at C.T. Male," said town engineering consultant Mark Dempf. "We're in the process of reviewing the study for where it stands from an engineering standpoint, and undergoing legal review. It's kind of on hold for now."

Dempf told the board on Dec. 13 that C.T. Male's recommendations will be reviewed by water committee in the coming months, and presented proposed guidelines drafted by the committee for establishment of future water districts.

He also reported on the completion of the North Road extension of the Clarksville Water District, and the receipt of \$30,000 from the state Spill Fund to offset the costs of that extension, set in motion after groundwater for

wells in the area was found to be contaminated by waste from the nearby former Domermuth/Clean Resources site.

The new North Road main awaits final approval from the state Department of Health before it can begin to operate. The town is also seeking additional funding from other public sources to help defray the cost of

more controversial, as several current district residents questioned at the hearing what share of the original bond payment schedule the new additions would bear.

In the end, the board approved the extension, but also promised an audit, now underway, of the existing tie-ins to the district.

"We understand what their concerns are," Dempf said. "We feel we are dealing with those concerns, so we are moving ahead with this district. We're going to try to get these residents together again to discuss

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Martha Pofit

residential hookups to the new main, according to Supervisor Martha Pofit.

"Whether this will happen before the snow flies or before spring, there's a real chance we'll be able to help some of these residents to hook up," she said.

Meanwhile, two public hearings were held on Nov. 8 on proposed district extensions, one on a three-lot addition to the Swift Road Water District, the fourth extension since the district was established in 1983, along Youmans Road.

The other addressed an addition of three lots and part of a fourth on Forest Drive to the Northeast Water District.

The Northeast proposal passed without public comment at the public hearing and was approved by the town board. The Swift Road extension proved

the situation."

Next up: a possible extension of the Clarksville district along Upper Flat Rock Road, for which a contract was signed this month, and a continuing investigation of the state of a private line serving several residences along New Salem South Road, connected with the Bethlehem Water District, that has recently suffered leakage problems.

The town currently discourages the running of such private lines off the public water system, Dempf said. Instead, residents are now urged to fully join a district, as the handful of customers now joining the Swift Road and Northeast districts are doing.

"The problem on New Salem South Road is the reason we're taking such care on these other districts to do the right thing," Dempf said.

RCS board fetes Becker students

By ETHAN SCHOOLMAN

It's a good school board meeting that starts out with cookies, soda, and 100 or so parents, teachers and kids gathered to receive the congratulations of their community on a good job all around.

That's the idea behind one of the Ravena-Selkirk-Coeymans school district's newest initiatives: to hold at least one meeting at each of the district's four schools over the course of the year, and to use each to showcase some of that school's accomplishments.

The school board's most recent meeting, on Dec. 18, was at A.W. Becker Elementary.

For half an hour before the meeting officially began, the board held an awards ceremony for students who had scored a four (the highest score) on the state fourth-grade English language arts or math tests.

The board also recognized 10 students who scored a four in both tests.

RCS has seen its scores on the grade four tests rise steadily over the past three years.

According to President Jerry DeLuca, the board decided to rotate the location of its meetings

as part of an overall "increased expectations" strategy for the year.

"It's nice for the kids to see everyone getting behind them," DeLuca said. "It also does a lot for the teachers ... we handed out notices for this in school, and pretty much everyone came."

People were having so much fun, in fact, that the room stayed crowded as the minutes ticked past. At 7:40, when the meeting was supposed to come to order, students and parents still lingered and talked over juice and cafeteria-sized cartons of milk.

Eventually, DeLuca stood at the front of the auditorium and asked everyone to sit down.

The lion's share of the meeting was devoted to a report from middle school Assistant Principal Greer Miller, who briefed the board on the various building

initiatives at the school — particularly those aimed at raising the middle schools own grade eight ELA and math scores.

"The middle school scores are not where they should be, but we have a fantastic opportunity to raise them," Miller said.

Two of Miller's ideas involved improving after-school education, for those students who had been bumped up a grade, despite failing the year before, and what she called "peer visitation."

Over the next few years, Miller said, she hoped that every teacher would be able to visit with other teachers both in and out of the district.

To this end, Miller said, the middle school is applying for extra federal grant money to help with a variety of staff and curriculum development strategies.

Man arrested on drug charges

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A traffic stop for a seat belt violation in Glenmont led to drug charges against an Albany man Dec. 4.

Albany County sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle on Route 9W in Glenmont by Steven McGill, 30, of 107 Third Ave., for not wearing his seat belt.

According to the police report, a body and vehicle search allegedly produced a quantity of

marijuana and \$25,000 in cash secreted on his person and in a blue shopping bag on the back seat.

Further records checks also revealed that McGill is on parole in Albany County on for previous unrelated drug charges.

Arraigned in Albany City Court on charges including possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

McGill was sent to Albany County jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

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We're probably better off leaving fate untempted

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

We all know better than to shake our fists at the sky and ask, "What else? What else?" Sometimes bad things happen that we just can't explain, and a lot of good things happen that we take for granted. Questioning the wisdom of higher powers often makes things worse. Once you've asked "What else?" you can be sure you'll find out.

This fall and early winter I was questioning Poseidon, and wondering what I had done to anger the water gods.

Each time I mowed the front lawn this summer, I noticed that the mud patch in front of our walkway had grown just a bit bigger. The depression in front of the house, that had always been there, also seemed to be deepening.

When the sinks in the laundry room backed up, I gave in and called a plumber. The sinks were easily cleared, but the muddy patch remained a mystery.

"Try the town," the plumber suggested, and soon, two knowledgeable-looking men were

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testing the ground over what was beginning to look like Lake Pontchartrain on my front lawn.

"A leak," they said definitively. Two days later, Jeff Vadney, crack underground plumber, was waist deep in a trough on my lawn, putting in lovely copper pipe that hopefully will last into the next millennium.

"What's that depression?" he asked, prompting a passing neighbor to poke a metal rod into it, and discover that after about a foot, there was just air. Not so great, considering that kids run back and forth on our lawn regularly. So the trough got bigger, and the kids got more excited.

"That's how ancient Egyptian tombs are discovered," Christopher pointed out. Excellent. Now, to match the dug-up dirt that will

decorate our lawn 'till seeding time, we've got the curse of an unearthed mummy on our heads.

No mummy, no curse, no ancient treasures. Just an old septic tank and a big bill, but still, Chris and I told each other, no ruptured pipe on the lawn in the dead of winter, and the increased water pressure in the shower is wonderful.

With the increased pressure — and what was starting to feel like our ongoing search for Atlantis, we noticed that we had to shower fast before the hot water ran out. The problem turned out to be a nice leak in the hot water heater, sending a steady spray of water onto the cellar floor.

My insistence that surely just a piece and not the whole tank had to be replaced left the nice young man from the heating and cooling company eyeing me warily, clearly wondering why he drew all the psychotic housewives who'd rather buy more presents for the their kids than tanks for the cellar.

Finally, knock wood, all the water problems were solved, and

it looked like we'd still be able to celebrate Christmas.

Sometimes it's bad luck to flaunt your blessings, and a few days before Christmas — in an effort to dispel the rumors of men Christmas shopping only on Christmas Eve — somebody sideswiped Chris' car on Wolf Road. Chris walked away shaken but unscathed. However, it looks like the '87 Mitsubishi Montero we've driven with pride is finished.

We are not car people, and having been forced to join the ranks of true suburbanites and buy a minivan a couple of years ago, we really wanted that Mitsubishi to at least last beyond our current car payments. Plus, it has a history. When Chris' sister, Lanna, bought the car, it was Jeep-like and sporty, with its two doors and tiny sliding windows in the rear.

She envisioned it for ski trips and getting from her house in Connecticut to the commuter train to New York every day. A few years later, Lanna had moved back into New York City, where we lived with our two tiny children, and in yet another remarkable testament to the closeness of my husband's family, we drove that car more than she did.

Our New York neighborhood had better parking than hers did, and the boys and I learned all the permutations of alternate side of the street parking. Our goal was to get out and move the car after the street sweeper but before the

ticketing traffic cop came, and still get 1-year-old Cormac back in for his nap.

That Mitsubishi was our passport out of the city. We spent glorious weekends in East Hampton, playing on the beach with the kids and having great dinners with good friends in their rented summer houses.

When we finally left New York for the Capital District phase of our lives, it was in the Mitsubishi, crammed full of the plants I insisted on bringing along, and the things in the front closet the moving men had overlooked.

In recent years, it was Chris' back and forth to work car, and we loved driving it. Now, we face the fact that a 1987 car with 160,000 miles isn't going to get us much insurance money.

We could complain; we could scream, we could be frustrated. At the end of the day, though, it wouldn't change a thing.

With what purists call the true millennium about to arrive, better to look around and see all the great things we have. When we wake up tomorrow, we will still have our jobs and be able to stretch our budget to get some kind of new vehicle.

We are all healthy, and mostly, we're happy. Our house is snug, our fridge is full, there's wood for the fireplace and there isn't room for all the cards we received this Christmas season.

Really, as this year slides into the next, there's just one "what else" question to ask: What else do I really need?

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Physically Speaking

by Nick Valenze, P.T.



BACK PAIN

The majority of back injuries are muscular in nature, and about 95% of low-back pain is the result of muscular problems caused by lack of exercise, weak muscles, or being overweight. Sport-induced back pain usually occurs after twisting, turning, and lunging motions that cause back muscles to become irritated, to pull, and eventually go into spasm. When this occurs, first aid calls for applications of ice and rest. Later on, the physical therapist can determine when to use heat treatment, electrical stimulation, stretching, and deep massage to relax the muscles. Preventive stretching and strengthening exercises may be prescribed to strengthen the muscles that support the back, stretch tight muscles and ligaments, and reduce defects in posture that strain the back.

Pregnancy and delivery are another common source of back strain, injury, and pain. If you are experiencing back or neck pain, joint stiffness, or reduced range of motion, ask your physician about a referral for additional therapy. Our staff of trained

physical therapists utilize a wide range of treatments methods to reduce pain and stiffness, facilitate healing, and help our patients to regain previous performance levels. To learn more about our services, which include ultrasound and massage, please call our physical therapy practice at the number listed below.

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Historical society announces activities at Cedar Hill

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."

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

Geology walk slated at park

John Boyd Thacher State Park will host a geology walk on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 9:30 a.m.

Explore the fascinating geology off the beaten path with expert Thom Engel. Meet on Beaver Dam Road at the Long Path crossing. Severe weather will cancel.

There will be a Young Snowmobilers Safety Course on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Successful participants receive a snowmobile safety certificate, a legal requirement for operators under 18 to ride alone.

To register, call 872-1237.

Cancer society needs drivers

The Capital Region Office of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to participate in the Road-to-Recovery Program. Road-to-Recovery offers cancer patients cost-free rides to and from their radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Volunteers are needed to provide rides for eligible cancer

patients in their communities. Each volunteer must have a valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle.

This is a great opportunity for people who are looking for a way to give back to their community. For information or to volunteer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-725-3185.

Toastmasters set meetings

The Delmar Toastmasters meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, at the Adams Station Apartments clubhouse on Juniper Road in Delmar.

The group, which provides members with the opportunity to

develop communication and leadership skills, and foster self-confidence and personal growth, meets at 7:30 p.m., generally concluding by 9 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

For information, call Ray Bell at 439-0871.

V'ville & staff finalize contract

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The Voorheesville school district and the United Employees of Voorheesville approved the finalized version of a three-year contract at recent meetings.

Both sides had reached a tentative approval in early November. The contract covers the period from July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2003.

The UEV represents Voorheesville's non-instructional staff, and its 101 members include custodians, bus drivers, teachers aides, lunch workers and secretaries.

The new contract, which the school board approved unanimously at its December meeting, and the UEV approved with a 65 to 21 vote, provides for a 4 percent raise in the first year, and 3 percent increases in the next two years. The health insurance copay for Blue Cross/Blue Shield members went up from \$1 to \$5.

UEV president and district bus driver Christine Allard particularly praised one of the retirement benefits that allows retirees to take cash or a contribution toward insurance for unused sick leave.

Contract language was

updated and modernized, and the contract added stringent provisions for disciplining bus drivers who might be found guilty of drug or alcohol use.

The district and union have also worked out a side agreement to find a more creative way to run the lunch program, with staff setting goals, which will be closely monitored and evaluated at the end of the year. Should the program end up in the black and the goals be met, staff will receive a performance stipend.

Business Superintendent Anthony Marturano was the main negotiator from the district and he is pleased with the contract.

"It's always good when you have settlement with your union people who are the backbone of district," said Marturano, who praised the non-instructional staff. "Our schools are clean and well-maintained, our kids are safe on our buses, our aides and assistants do a super job, our clerical staff is top-notch and our lunch program personnel are dedicated and hard-working."

"The contract means the UEV will be able to continue their daily jobs," Marturano said. "A good contract lets people understand

that you appreciate them. In public school and entities, you can't give bonuses, so every two to three years you try to get a contract that lets you tell people they've done a good job."

Allard is also happy with the contract, which was negotiated without any outside help, under terms which included an information blackout until an agreement was reached.

"The raise was decent," said Allard, who's been UEV president for 17 years. "A lot of other districts have not settled their contracts as high as we did. Our longevity was increased, which means that there's extra money for people who've worked 10, 15 or 20 years in the district."

Allard has negotiated other contracts, and found it easier to work directly with the administration. "The whole procedure was very civil," she said.

RCS library programs scheduled

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

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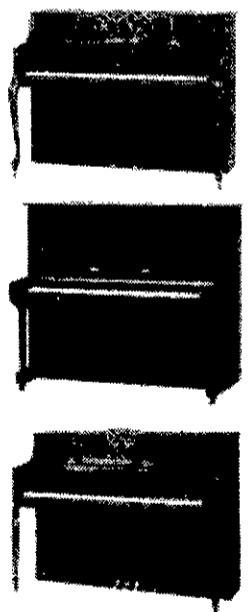
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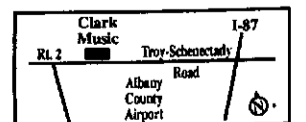
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Matters of Opinion

A very good year

Looking over Joe Phillips' Year in Review, we realize just how much happens in the towns that we cover — Bethlehem and New Scotland — in a short 12-month span.

Of course, Bethlehem gained regional, statewide and national "fame" as a result of the May landslide, but the dozens of other day-to-day routine matters that occurred show just how vital the Bethlehem and New Scotland communities are.

Business and municipal proposals moving through the town processes are encouraging — it indicates growth and a sense of prosperity. The involvement of residents in town matters indicates a population that has a sense of ownership in the community.

Academic honors and athletic accolades show the talents of many of our young people. Our schools — Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk are among the finest in the region as evidenced by the student performance and the dedication of the school boards, teachers, administration and staff. Volunteer organizations thrive, which also is a positive indicator, with so many residents willing to give of themselves.

All in all, the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland seem to be in good health, with concerned, capable involved supervisors and boards.

We hope the new year brings more of the same — sans landslide — to our towns. May your New Year be healthy, happy and prosperous.

Tax break deadline

The deadline to receive a tax deduction for contributions for 2000 to New York's College Savings Program is fast approaching — Dec. 31.

This program offers three new investment options in addition to the Managed Allocation Option — Aggressive Managed Allocation, Guaranteed and High Equity options.

For information about the various options, call toll-free at 1-877-NY-SAVES or visit www.nysaves.org.

The advantages of this program includes a state tax deduction of up to \$5,000 annually, or up to \$10,000 for married couples filing jointly. There is also a tax deferral on earnings. Participants can open an account with as little as \$25 and there is no cost to enroll.

The plan is flexible and can be used at all eligible schools and there are no age, income or residency restrictions.

The program managers — TIAA — are reputable financial services leaders with a proven track record.

So, be sure to take advantage of this attractive year-end opportunity to help your children on the way to the future.

Editorials

2000 year-end reflections

By DONNA J. BELL

The writer is editor of *Parent Pages*.

The millennium. After the year-long hype, buildup and media frenzy, it started with a whimper. But, boy oh boy, did it end with a bang.

I, like many, started the year with great expectations. Yes, 2000 was only a number, and yes, technically, it wasn't really the start of the millennium. But the thought of all that had passed since the last century made the year a milestone.

My husband's grandmother, now deceased, was born at the beginning of the last century. It was easy to try to see her life in decades and try to define her by the era she lived in.

She was 20 in 1920s, but she wasn't a flapper, rather a young bride married to a lumberjack in the North Country — Tupper Lake, to be precise.

In the 30s she and her family were affected by the Great Depression, but they had their share and considered themselves lucky.

The 40s saw two sons in World War II and the early '50s defined her youngest daughter in a poodle skirt and bobby sox as she herself reveled in her role as grandmother.

The '60s and modern culture didn't pass her by as I look at the faded colors of an old photograph of her in a "mod" Nerhu collar jacket with psychedelic swirls.

She saw the conflict, protest and war of the '70s through her TV set and by the time 1980 rolled around she was a great-grandmother several times over.

And in the late 90s, at the tail end of almost 100 years of life, she faced the certain knowledge that she would die of cancer.

At her funeral, her life was remembered in favorite phrases, her work ethic and humor and the lasting legacy of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren she had left behind. But her life as it was had also been changed by the history that had passed — touching her at points, swirling past at others.

Entering 2000, I wondered what the best of our world would offer my children in the next

Point of View

decade — what new medical breakthroughs would prolong their lives, what authors and thinkers would enrich their thoughts, what world and religious leaders would inspire them.

I also wondered about the worst in mankind and wondered how long they would live in a world that harbored ethnic cleansing, racism, abortion and the death penalty.

We all know how possible it is for the biggest and smallest inventions to change our way of life. Just last week, my 8-year-old son asked me how a rotary dial worked as he picked up a baby's pull-toy phone.

He stuck his finger in a hole and said "Where is the button?" He has never known a world without push-button phones, computers, VCRs and so much violence.

Every year, each one of us writes our own history using the events that have affected us personally, touched our families, our communities and our world. Like the rings that a tree puts down, we grow as our perceptions are revised by life around us and by circumstances both personal and global.

Millennium or not, my life was forever altered this year when I thought I might lose my younger brother to a horrible accident. While he has recovered from his traumatic brain injury at a miraculous pace, my soul is still shadowed by his closeness of his death.

For months I was consumed by his accident. I would suddenly awaken at night wondering what he was doing or thinking — or if he were thinking. I remember being at the fair and feeling as if I people around me were not real but dream images — because how could they be enjoying themselves while my only sibling was lying in a hospital bed, restrained because he didn't know where he was.

I realized that a piece of what I was mourning was the possible loss of the shared history that was only known to my brother and me. If he died or was left mentally

incapacitated, there would be no one who could share and understand the events that shaped my life — the secret dreams, ambitions and sins whispered to each other in childhood and kept into adulthood.

I thought of Roger's grandmother again — she was the last of her family, all her siblings had passed before her and I wondered about the wealth of knowledge she possessed of the times and people who were long gone. Was it only coincidence that the woman who had been Grandma's best friend for years had died just hours before she did? When my son heard that he said, "Wow! I bet Great-Grandma was surprised when she got to heaven and saw Priscilla there!"

We all chuckled and agreed — and perhaps Grandma's journey was easier because she could share it.

Millions of people make millions of memories each and every day. Some are forgotten almost before they have passed while others make an indelible mark.

But each shared remembrance connects us to our family, friends and our generation. And yes, for each of us the Year 2000 has left remembrances that we will all talk about around the kitchen table in decades to come, from generational markers such as the Y2K disaster that wasn't and the presidential election disaster that was, to statewide happenings like gaining a senator who was first lady of our nation.

We won't forget the local events of 2000 like the Normans-kill landslide in Bethlehem and the fight over PCBs in the Hudson. We then add on to our memories of the year with personal caveats — perhaps the birth of a child or grandchild, a new job or retirement, a graduation, a new home or the death of a family member.

This mixture comprises our millennium year and it is all now woven into our lives as if our own personal Fates were the weavers. And now it is time to tie off the final threads and get ready to start the work again.

As you step into the new year don't forget to look back and mark the times, both exemplary and mundane, that have brought us to the brink of 2001.

BC gymnastics team is grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem varsity girls gymnastic team would like to publicly express its appreciation to the Bethlehem school board and the Bethlehem community for their support.

The board approved the purchase of a regulation foam gymnastic floor in the spring. Prior to the purchase of this floor, the team utilized wrestling mats to compete in the floor event portion of the competition.

The new floor has already been used at a home meet and allowed gymnasts to compete at a higher level of skills for the first time at a BC meet. In addition to enhancing the skill performance levels, the

floor helps to improve the safety for the athletes.

This year's varsity team includes 19 girls and a student manager from grades seven through 12.

This is the largest Bethlehem team in the school's history, and we are looking forward to a great season.

We invite the board and all members of the community to attend a meet and enjoy watching some hard working and (we think) great athletes in action. Thank you board members for your time, effort and support.

Coach Kim Irwin and Angela Sheehan, parent, and all the athletes, coaches and parents

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Save Our Library member says thanks for support Former player thinks rule is right

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank, most sincerely and gratefully, the small legion of unpaid volunteers who contributed their time and their funds to getting the truth out to the Bethlehem taxpayers about the issues surrounding the misguided proposed \$8.5 million library bond issue.

Although I don't know all your names personally, and haven't met many of you, I am most appreciative of all your efforts.

I know that people walked many miles to leaflet in their neighborhoods. They stood outside, in freezing cold weather to leaflet at the middle school holiday concert, local shopping centers and at the Four Corners.

They put up countless posters, and then patiently replaced them whenever they were torn down.

They put out their lawn signs, pounding them into the frozen ground, again patiently replacing the ones that were ripped out.

They withstood brutal, personal attacks from our elected library officials, attacks made in person and in the press, for the sole purpose of trying to confuse the populace, and divert attention from the real issues.

Many more wrote carefully crafted, well-researched letters to *The Spotlight*; attended many meetings; and made phone calls to their friends and neighbors, enlisting them to assist in the effort.

I also owe a very big thank you to their families, for assisting and not complaining (too loudly) about the amount of time we spent on this.

And thanks to all the anonymous supporters who cared enough to call, and copy and send e-mails and letters of support.

A final, and most sincere and important thank you to all 4,362 people who turned out to vote, and to the 3,357 people who voted "no."

You came out in record numbers, in bad weather, to resoundingly defeat a bad plan. You've disproved the idea that

Bethlehem voters are complacent and trusting. People kept asking just how many members are in the Bethlehem Save Our Library Committee. I didn't really know, since we had no way of telling how many people were actually working against the proposal. I see that the answer to the question is that there are 3,357 members!

Now for the caution. It behoves all of us to ensure that the board of trustees and the library administration present the taxpayers with a plan for a renovation that incorporates meaningful change, as opposed to making cosmetic deletions that don't address the crushing mandate delivered by the voters.

The library board and its director should take note — you have just received a major "no confidence" vote from this town. In order to repair the damage to your reputations, and ensure that you will be able to fulfill your fiduciary responsibilities, you must now really listen to what the taxpayers have to say.

You must incorporate their ideas, through an open forum, into a new plan that deals with the current problems without a commensurately devastating financial impact.

This is what we need: a capital funding plan, which doesn't exist now; developing and prioritizing steps to renovate the library; an end to wasting money on consultants, putting that money back into library repairs; a retraction of the anti-solicitation policy; and development of a meaningful conduit for input from the general public.

The Bethlehem Save Our Library Committee plans to continue meeting and planning for the library's repair and its future. Everyone is welcome to share their thoughts, as we plan to present all ideas to the board for its consideration. Please e-mail us at saveourlibrary@yahoo.com. If we all participate, the board has no choice but to pay attention. We did it on Dec. 19, now, let's do it again!

Helen O'Connor
Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

As someone who played both Mickey Mantle, and on Coach Jesse Braverman's first two varsity teams (and *The Spotlight* reporter who covered his getting the job in the first place), I find this recent ongoing situation very interesting.

I was one of three players who attended a board meeting in December 1994 to support BCHS Principal Jon Hunter's appointment of John Furey as varsity baseball coach.

I watched nearly 100 parents badger the board into overturning the decision and naming Braverman the coach, mainly because "He knows the game, and knows our kids."

Furey, an incredibly well-respected man, later left his alma mater, and now coaches the very successful baseball and football programs at Niskayuna High School.

Now Jesse is lashing out at the same board that gave him the job under tenuous circumstances in the first place.

Interesting.

The Suburban Council rule that he protests is no different from the NCAA's practice restrictions.

As someone who covers the Syracuse Orangemen, I am well aware of what Coach Jim Boeheim can and can't do during the off-season. There is a period each summer where he cannot coach his players.

Jesse's case is no different. In coaching Mickey Mantle, he is directly feeding players to his own varsity program, and in effect,

coaching them year-round.

That's the situation the rule is meant to prevent. It also does create a special air about the team. If you don't play Mickey Mantle, your chances of making varsity are slim. That's not an opinion, I watched it happen, year after year. I knew several other high school coaches that also felt the same way.

This is by no means a knock on Coach Braverman. He was extremely fair to me during the five or so years I played for him. But a rule is a rule. And this rule is not an unfair one.

But whether he gives up Mickey Mantle or the varsity job, one thing remains certain. Jesse's addicted to coaching.

And one way or another, he'll be on a baseball diamond somewhere once the snow melts.

Scott Isaacs
Syracuse

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Bethlehem Auto Service

AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk

PUTTING KIDS IN THEIR PLACE

If you are the parent of a young child who has found the installation of child safety seats to be cumbersome and confusing, you are not alone. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, up to 85% of child safety seats are installed incorrectly. With this in mind, a new installation system has been developed that involves the placement of metal bars between the vehicles' rear seatbacks and cushions. These bars are designed to accommodate the latches on compatible child seats, which snap or hook onto the bars. These lower anchoring systems complement the top-tethering systems that already appear on most new vehicles. By September 2002, all cars and

light trucks will carry the lower mounting system as well.

This week's column provides good news to parents who use child safety seats. BETHLEHEM AUTO SERVICE can provide you with additional information on how to improve the safety of your vehicle. We emphasize preventive maintenance and remind readers that they can help avoid breakdowns and accidents by having their vehicles professionally inspected every 3,000 miles. Call us at 426-8414, or visit us at 62 Hannay Lane in Glenmont off Rt 9W behind Stone Ends for auto service with a personal touch. Shuttle service is available. Business hours are Mon. - Fri., 7-6.

HINT: By September 2002, all new child safety seats are required to incorporate lower anchor points into their design.

Matters of Opinion

Animal rescue worker hopes for some support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Sometimes at the end of the day, when I still have stalls to clean or water to carry out to the paddocks, and dinner still has to be made and I know there's laundry waiting to be folded and kids to bath, I let my mind wander to how nice this little animal rescue will be some day.

If Santa had brought me everything that was needed here, his sled would certainly have been overflowing.

He would start with that new wheelbarrow, to replace the one held together with baling wire and a few new manure forks without broken tines to let the poop fall out. Lumber to finish that barn that was started two years ago would be nice.

Fencing to keep the critters from wandering onto the neighbors' property and keep the coyotes out would be a blessing.

Volunteers to help tend the animals so that I could spend an afternoon with my kids at the park instead of in the barn cleaning. (Don't get me wrong, my favorite place is in the barn with the

animals). But sometimes it would be nice to get away.

Food in all sizes for cats, dogs, fowl, horses, pigs, llamas, goats, hamsters and iguanas would take up a lot of room, so gift certificates for local feed stores work great.

Of course, a box full of money would do the trick, to help pay all those bills that come with supporting more than 100 animals.

There's the vet and the farrier, the feed and the hay bill, utility, truck insurance and all the other things that need paying.

It would be nice to open the gates in the spring to all the disabled adults and children that come to visit us for all the therapeutic value that our animals offer.

We're a nonprofit organization so contributions are tax deductible.

Susan Peters
Ravena

Editor's note: The writer is director of Cherokee Ridge Animal Rescue, 78 Jarvis Road South, Ravena 12143.

Don't change Electoral College

Editor, The Spotlight:

The extraordinarily close presidential election has resulted in predictable calls from some to abolish the Electoral College.

This would be a bad idea.

The Electoral College is a time-honored component of our federal system. It ensures a voice for less populous states and promotes political stability because of its winner-take-all system.

The truth is eliminating the Electoral College would create even more chaos in a close national election. The heated dispute over vote counting in Florida would be raging in all 50 states if the popular vote determined the outcome.

Were we to switch to popular vote election of the president, ballot disputes and litigation would rage in all 50 states when the outcome was in doubt.

The Electoral College has served us well, confirming the wisdom of our founders. We change it at our peril.

John Faso
Assembly minority leader

Troop 75 says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

Boy Scout Troop 75 wishes to thank the community for supporting our November Sportsmart. This was the 27th year that Troop 75 has operated a one-day exchange of new and used sports equipment at Bethlehem Central High School.

Without the community's continued generous support, Troop 75 would not be able to provide the Scouting experiences it does for so many boys.

It takes a great deal of time and energy to organize and hold the Sportsmart so that it is successful for both the troop and the participants from our community.

Like many nonprofit organizations, Troop 75 is run totally by volunteers who have jobs and families to raise. Somehow we all find the time and energy because it makes a difference to the boys and to the community. We would like to thank all the parents and Boy Scouts who volunteered their time to make this event possible.

We would also like to thank the Bethlehem Central school district for use of the high school and specifically the exceptionally helpful custodial staff.

Thanks also go to the many local businesses and other

community organizations, including our sponsor, First United Methodist Church of Delmar, for helping to spread the word about Sportsmart. Finally, we would like to thank our patrons for making Sportsmart 2000 a success and for their donations of over \$350 to local food pantries.

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you at next year's Sportsmart the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Skip Holmes and Trudy Quair
Delmar

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County program helps disabled gain mobility

Editor, The Spotlight:

Ten years ago, the American with Disabilities Act was passed, establishing standards to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to public places.

While access to public places has improved, many disabled individuals still face great obstacles in their own homes. Moving around in multi-level houses can be problematic, and many individuals find it impossible or frustrating to even leave their homes.

There are some generous groups and individuals who try to assist those with disabilities by building residential ramps to improve access to one's own home. The Capital District Center for Independence in Albany is one such group.

The center has adopted a program known as RAMPS 2000 Project, where resources are provided to volunteers who design and build residential ramps for needy individuals. The first RAMPS project was started in Minnesota as a joint effort between the Metropolitan Center of Independent Living, Minnesota Division of Rehabilitation Services and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The program has been so successful that it has been a model for additional projects across the nation, including the one here in the Capital District.

I am committed to worthwhile programs such as RAMPS 2000. Accordingly, I have introduced legislation to create the Albany County RAMPS program — a program that would provide funds to groups committed to building residential ramps for individuals with disabilities who cannot afford to do so.

Under this legislation, the county will make available up to \$20,000 per year to match private sector grants and contributions provided to groups helping disabled individuals gain greater mobility. My proposal to create the Albany County RAMPS program was passed by the Legislature on Dec. 4.

It is our duty to ensure that no citizen is a prisoner in his or her own home. I challenge other municipalities to create and pass legislation similar to the Albany County RAMPS program.

I am currently discussing the program with members of the Rensselaer and other county legislatures, regarding developing RAMPS programs of their own.

If you are in need of a ramp for your home, or know of an individual with a disability who may not be able to afford a ramp, please contact me at 447-7164 or Albany County at 447-7140.

David Young
Albany County Legislature
34th District

Toy drive volunteer says thanks for help

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank the kind Bethlehem residents for giving so generously to Mrs. Bosworth, a seventh-grade science teacher at the middle school, who with her students, bring toys and books to seven city day care centers, whose children would be without presents, without the Bethlehem residents' kindness and generosity.

Thanks also to Principal Steven Lobban and his office staff for allowing me to help with the annual toy drive and to custodian Ed Joy who stored the gifts until delivery day.

And thanks to Spencer Gyory, Brian Gyory, Jamie Humphrey, David Ernst, Andrew Whiting, the Charlie Dawson family and Lena and Henry Bilik.

And, First United Methodist Church in Delmar, the Mike Cooper family, Nancy McCann, the Carrie Hogan family, Pete, Linda and Christopher Maggiore, Lois Caulfield, Minnie

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Thanks to *The Spotlight* for allowing me to reach out to our community.

And finally, thanks to my parents Joseph and Carol-Lisa Gutman Jr., whose help I really appreciated.

Joseph Christian Gutman III
Delmar

Antique study club announces upcoming meetings

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

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

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

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

Diane 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 discussion by Gladys Amos and Pat Lattimer on lace and handkerchiefs at Delmar Reformed Church.

For information, call Diane Carrk at 439-3055.

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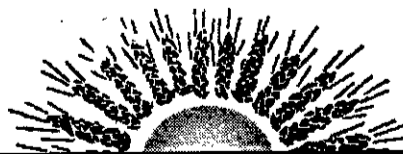
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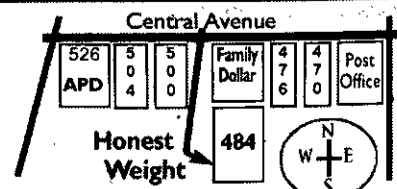
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55 Alive driving course scheduled at center

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Class size is limited to 30 people and participants must be 50 or older.

The cost is \$10 and is payable on registration at New Scotland town hall on Route 85A.

For information, call the New Scotland town clerk's office at 439-4865.

Town to offer skating at Swift Road Park

The town of New Scotland's outdoor skating rink at the Swift Road Park is open.

Residents can skate anytime during the day. Lighting is provided for evening skating.

Skating is free.

Students return from recess Jan. 2

Students in the school district will return to school from winter recess on Tuesday, Jan. 2, and will follow their regular schedules.

Students to present one-act plays

The high school drama club will perform one-act plays on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13, at 7 p.m. at the school on New Scotland Road.

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Voorheesville

Jane Norris
439-8532



Kiwanis to take break until Jan. 4

The New Scotland Kiwanis will not hold its regular weekly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 28.

On Jan. 4 there will be a board meeting.

Historical association selling calendars

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

Calendars cost \$5 and can be purchased at area stores and at village and town hall.

The book costs \$18.99 and can be purchased at both the village and town hall, Ace Hardware, the library and SuperValu.

PTA collecting register receipts

The PTA is collecting register receipts from SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

Receipts are used to purchase items for the school. They can be dropped off at the elementary school.

Birth in Bethlehem



The youth of Bethlehem Lutheran Church enact a living nativity to celebrate Christmas.

Jim Franco

Five Rivers sets 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.

The center is at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Food for Fines slated for month of January

Food for Fines is in place for the month of January. Your assignment is to search and recover overdue library items and return them to the library for

library on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The old Drum Circle is staging a revival and welcomes both experienced and beginning participants.

Anyone with a heartbeat and the desire can make music. Come at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

For information, call Brian Kennedy at 475-1281.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. in the community room.

The library will be closed Sunday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's.

Barbara Vink

Voorheesville Public Library

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

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Library ready to look to future

Whether or not the year 2000 is the last year of the 20th century or the first year of the 21st, "2001" reverberates in the popular culture with allusions to worlds and wisdom beyond our inner planetary orbit around the sun.

The emphatic "one" at the end of that sequence of numbers hints at new beginnings, with implications that outdistance the



resolutions of one New Year.

The trustees and staff of Bethlehem Public Library worked hard to present a building plan to meet the demands and the

promise of the next 20 years.

Nevertheless, we respect and value the right of this community to hold a different vision. We will continue to serve you well, as we look for other ways to meet the future.

May you enjoy good health and happiness in the New Year.

By the way, "2001" — the movie — is available for loan in our media department on VHS and DVD.

Louise Grieco

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at Clarksville Mini Mall and Stewart's

Half Moon replica on display at RCS Community Library

Everyone's welcome to celebrate the arrival of the Half Moon, an antique model replica of Henry Hudson's sailing ship, at the RCS Community Library.

This beautifully-preserved model has been donated to the library and will be on permanent display. In addition, artifacts from the full-scale replica of the Half Moon will be exhibited through January.

The library will host an open house to celebrate the arrival of the Half Moon on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m.

Blood drive set

Folks in Ravena can give the gift of life at the American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The Blood Drive is scheduled for the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street in Ravena from 2 to 7 p.m.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Fuller to give address on state of the town

On Thursday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m., Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller will speak at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum on River Road in Selkirk.

The topic for the afternoon will be the state of the town.

The talk is free and open to the public.

For information, call 767-9432.

Congratulations in order

Awards were recently presented to A.W. Becker students who had scored extremely well on the fourth

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grade ELA and math tests. Kudos to: Jacob Hyer, Garrett Frueh, Andrew Philpott, Gregory Russ, Khloe Houlihan, Zoe Ostrander, Jill Scalzo, Paige Scott, Jennifer Rosen and Brianna Yurek, all of whom achieved the highest level in both exams.

Congratulations also to Jessica Piccinini, Rebecca Herrington, Danielle Rudolph, Charles Bradford, Brittany Lomen, Corinn Haker, Elizabeth Polonski, Alicia Denson and Jessica Loughlin, who achieved the highest level on the ELA test.

Happy New Year

To all of my readers, my best wishes for a happy, healthy and productive New Year.

As always, please feel free to fax or call in any information appropriate to this column, and I will be happy to include it.

Delmar man named executive chef

Andrew Plummer of Delmar is the executive chef at a new restaurant and bar, called Daisy Baker's.

It is located in an 1892 brownstone, at 33 Second St. in downtown Troy, across from the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and above the Allegro Cafe. Both restaurants are owned by Jim Scully.

Plummer is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and has won numerous cooking and restaurant awards.

V'ville graduate in college play

Susanne Pataschnick of Voorheesville played the role of Attendant in the recent production of "Cymbeline's Tale of Pericles in Winter," from the Director's Art at Vassar College.

Pataschnick is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

BCHS graduate earns honor

Elizabeth Marvin, a 1998 Bethlehem Central High School graduate, was recently inducted into the Illinois State University chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

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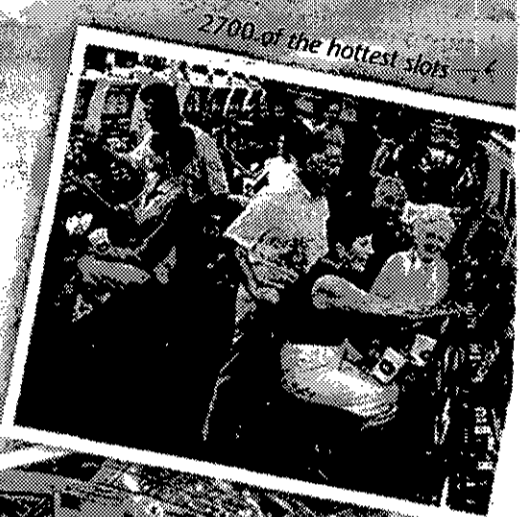
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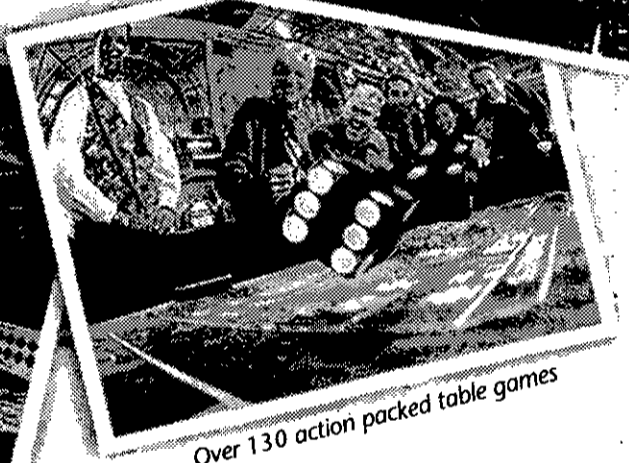
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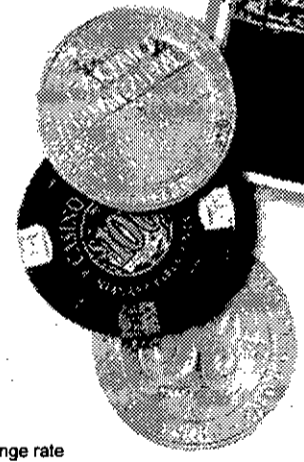
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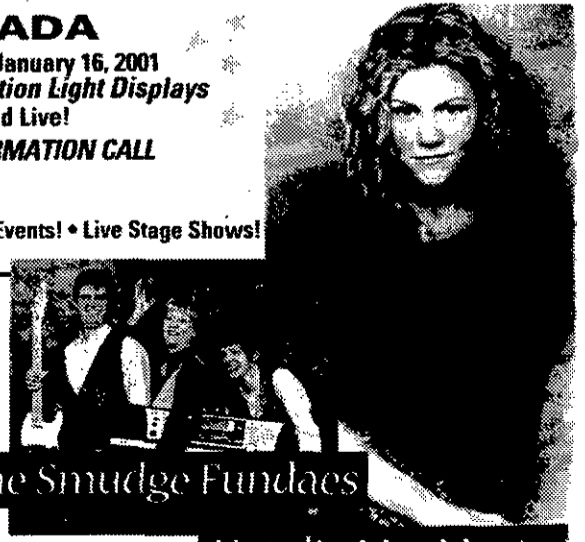
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as a state appellate court dismissed a lawsuit seeking to thwart a proposed senior-citizens housing project in Delmar. But in another legal battle, litigating over the town's under-performing Clapper Road water plant ground on. And the first of what may be an avalanche of lawsuits-in-waiting headed for court, triggered by the landslide.

A month-by-month review:

January

Daniel Plummer becomes the second Democrat to join the town board in Bethlehem — and Martha Pofit the first woman to serve as New Scotland supervisor. With a new 4-to-1 Democratic majority on her town board, including newcomers Cathy Connors and Richard Reilly, Pofit sets in motion a program of Volunteers in Service to New Scotland. Keith Wiggand replaces Brian Murphy as chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

Opponents of the proposed CMI Senior Healthcare facility in

Delmar launch an appeal of a state Supreme Court ruling a month earlier, which dismissed their legal effort to block the project.

On the business development front, it's one up, one down in Glenmont. Nigro Cos. goes before the town board with a proposal to develop a 375,000-square-foot retail complex on the site of the controversial former Southgate Commons site.

The Voorheesville school district scraps its plan for an eminent domain seizure of 20 acres of the neighboring farm of John O'Connell in order to build new recreational and classroom space; it seeks instead to purchase 30 acres from a more willing seller. A referendum on the proposal to buy the acreage and fund the project is set for March 28.

Bethlehem and New Scotland officials seek FEMA assistance to repair highway, water and sewer systems damaged by Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

February

After unexpected opposition

materializes at a public hearing, the New Scotland board postpones for two months a revision of the town's zoning code, more than a year in the works, seeking public comment.

At a public meeting, the state Department of Transportation outlines its menu of options for a Slingerlands bypass. A similar Selkirk bypass proposal goes on long-term hold due to funding shortages. DOT updates its plans for reconstruction of the Route 155 interchange in Voorheesville.

The Voorheesville village board declines to endorse a proposed low-income senior housing project backed by Albany County Rural Housing Alliance — and as a result, the alliance shelves the project.

Nigro scores a positive SEQR recommendation from the planning board on its proposal for Bethlehem Town Center; the town board agrees to expedite SEQR approval. A month later, the developer announces that Lowe's and Wal-Mart are prospective tenants. But a potential opposition group, called PLAN 9W, emerges to closely monitor its progress through town approvals.

March

Honors for former town board member Bob Johnson, named Citizen of the Year by the Bethlehem Area Chamber of Commerce; and the music program at Bouton Junior/Senior high in Voorheesville is named one of 100 Grammy Signature Schools.

The Bethlehem board approves upgrades to town park soccer, basketball and tennis facilities.

The board also considers purchasing property at the Four Corners to install a pocket park there, but instead holds off to evaluate possible soil and water contamination at the site.

The town of New Scotland announces its participation in the Christmas in April program to

repair the homes of three low-income seniors, and sets a town-wide volunteer service day built around the event.

The Pivar family donates its Pondview Farms property on Route 85A in Voorheesville to Wildwood Programs as a Learning Center for nonprofit farming and environmental programs for the disabled.

Bethlehem is notified of a \$62,000 DOT grant to install sidewalks between the high school and the BIG Arena.

DOT also announces major road projects in the town — improvements on the Delmar bypass, resurfacing of Route 396 in South Bethlehem, and replacement of the River Road bridge over the Vlomankill in Selkirk.

Cathryn Doyle of Slingerlands, longtime clerk of the Surrogate Court in Albany County, emerges as the front-running candidate to run for a seat on the court.

Voorheesville voters approve the \$15.9-million bond issue proposal for major renovations to the elementary and middle schools, an auditorium addition on a new parcel of land to be purchased; and a \$1.3-million bond issue to build a new pool.

A proposal for a Four Corners Overlay District to make improvements favoring businesses meets with opposition from neighbors and heads back to the drawing board.

The defending state champ Voorheesville girls basketball team captures the Sectional Class CC-C crown before falling in the regional playoffs.

The Bethlehem board approves a flex time arrangement and restructuring of the town comptroller's office, permitting town comptroller and working mom Judith Kehoe to spend summer months at home.

April

Controversy erupts in Bethlehem over high school students parking on narrow residential streets in the adjacent Brookfield development across

Delaware Avenue.

The brouhaha leads to restricted parking throughout the development, a lengthy discussion of parking needs related to the high school before the town board — and a pledge by Supervisor Sheila Fuller to seek a permanent solution.

Another controversy erupts when the Parks & Recreation Department proposes a site adjacent to the Delmar Bypass Extension — and a residential neighborhood — for a possible dog park, an issue that will hound the town board for months.

Troy manufacturer Bruno Machinery announces its plan to relocate to Glenmont, but a month later, under pressure to remain in Troy, a public hearing on an inducement resolution before Bethlehem's IDA is put on hold.

The intersection of Elm and Delaware avenues is suddenly a hot business corner: Jay's Mobil goes before the zoning board with a proposed "touch-free" car wash, and an Allstate Insurance office proposed for a vacant lot nearby heads for planning board review.

Supervisors of Bethlehem's fire training facility seek improvements in the facility in Glenmont — including a new classroom building and new fire simulator equipment.

A grant is sought from the state's Department of Labor.

The state Public Service Commission OKs the sale of the NiMo steam plant to PSEG Power — touching off a tense waiting game for both the town and the Bethlehem school district over reassessment for a key corporate taxpayer.

Slingerlands resident Judy Genshaft announces her departure from her post as University of Albany provost to take the presidency at University of South Florida, effective July 1.

Ken Neff steps down as coach of the dominant Bethlehem boys' swim team after 14 seasons at the helm of the championship team.

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land's town boards approve the Time Warner AOL sale — but not before New Scotland extracts a senior discount agreement from the local cable franchisee.

And a \$365,000 Bethlehem town hall computer upgrade is completed.

New Scotland citizens pitch in on the Christmas in April program.

Cathy Taylor Reppenhagen plea bargains on charges she embezzled \$1.2 million from Samaritan Shelters of Glenmont

May

Peter Ten Eyck of Indian Ladder Farms applies for a Farmland Protection Program grant from the state Department of Agriculture & Markets.

Bethlehem Town Court signs aboard with the Albany County Drug Court program to provide alternative sentencing to drug offenders.

St. Peter's Medical Arts Building announces a grand opening in June as new practices move in to the completed building. Delmar Bootery leaves its longtime Four Corners location.

DOT announces its five-year schedule for major construction, including future plans for a Slingerlands bypass, sidewalks in Voorheesville and other projects in its new capital program.

NiMo closes its sale agreement with PSEG Power on the Glenmont steam station.

A federal district judge dismisses an injunction request by Jesse Braverman against the Bethlehem school district enforcing its actions against him — but his civil rights lawsuit drags on.

Voters handily endorse school budgets including the \$14 million Voorheesville school spending plan, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's \$28.9 million proposal, and the \$47 million BC budget.

Board incumbents sail through — except Bethlehem's Richard Svenson is narrowly defeated by newcomer Robert Wing.

Delmar resident Sandra Crowley, struck by a car while walking along Fernbank Avenue on May 23, remains in critical condition at Albany Medical Center.

The fall

May 18, "Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, our lives changed," Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller would later say. A "soil failure" begins to carry away the hillside lining the Normanskill in Elsmere.

Two days later, the California Produce Market, which opened just days earlier, will tumble into the ravine.

Fuller declares a state of emergency; by the end of the month, DOT will order Delaware Avenue closed, and state emergency management officials wait and watch.

Businesses along Delaware Avenue begin to report dropoffs in customers; DOT announces the solution could be months away.

Next week: The year in review continues.

CMI

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the former planning board counsel who represented the town in the suit. "They did take a proper look at all the implications of this project."

"I'm disappointed," said Zee. "But as the court said, we had the burden of proving the town's decision was incorrect, and they didn't feel we met the burden."

He disagreed with the court's view that the rezoning was consistent with the existing zoning code and LUMAC's vision for the surrounding area.

"Nothing new has been constructed in that area immediately around my clients' property, and some acres around it, that is not of a single family residential character," he said. "The history of the parcel is residential."

The court decision did reiterate that the town's rezoning was limited specifically to the use proposed by CMI's prospective owner, Epoch Senior Living Associates of Massachusetts.

But Zee said he continued to fear what a large structure like the one proposed might become should it fail as a residence facility.

"I don't think they'll be assuaged by this," he said of his clients. "Their concerns are not alleviated."

Given the decision's issuance so close to the holidays, Zee said he had not yet discussed it with his clients, but added, "Right now, I don't think I would recommend a further appeal to them. But I want to go back and review the decision ... I'll send it out to them and ask them to meet among themselves and decide if they want to pursue this further. But frankly, I think they'll be resigned to this."

The cost of the suit to his clients so far, he said, "has been in the thousands, though not in the tens of thousands. This means a lot to my clients. They see this

Funeral home plants memorial trees

Meyer's Funeral Home of Delmar has renewed its affiliation with the Lofty Oaks Association, a New Hampshire organization dedicated to reforestation and conservation efforts in New York.

Meyers will arrange to have a tree planted for each service they perform, as a sort of living memorial for the deceased.

BCHS grad performs in college musical

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

He played the trumpet in the on-stage orchestra.

Delmar student studying in Dublin

Christian McTighe of Delmar, a philosophy major at Bates College, is studying in Dublin, Ireland, as part of the school's junior year abroad program.

as a direct impact on the value of their homes, and they were willing to spend a lot of their time and money to fight it."

But a further appeal would require the assent of the appellate court that sufficient grounds for such an action exists, and Leistensnider said that would be unlikely.

"There's always an ability to ask the court if they can appeal to the Court of Appeals, but the court rarely grants leave to appeal. You have to have really unique grounds," she said.

Without further legal action,

the ball will now be in Epoch's court. Efforts to reach Steven Levin, vice president slated to oversee the construction of the project, were unsuccessful.

But attorney John Cahill of Cahill & Messina, the Slingerlands firm that has represented Epoch in the town's review process, said of the decision: "We're obviously very happy. We were very confident the appellate court would see the facts the same way the lower court had."

He said Epoch officials have been advised of the ruling, but could not confirm their specific intentions or timetable for

building the facility.

"We just need to make our building permit application, and get squared away with the county health department, to get the ball rolling," he said.

And Fuller said she anticipated demand for the facility has not lessened among the town's seniors.

"I'm sure they'll be happy to have another site built in town to enable them to stay in a town they've built for all of us to enjoy," she said. "I know of numerous seniors who've been waiting eagerly for this."

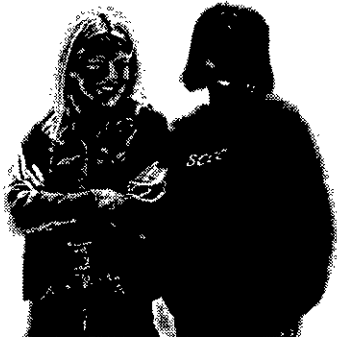
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Sports

Coach remembers former BCHS soccer all-star

By ROB JONAS

Emily Haskins never allowed pain to stop her from accomplishing what she wanted.

"She did get tired on occasion, and I remember her having a series of ankle problems," said Brett Miller, who coached Haskins for two years on the Bethlehem girls soccer team. "But, she'd come out for a short rest and go right back in the game. She was tough."

What Haskins didn't know was that the fatigue and the headaches she was suffering from were warning signs of approaching danger. On Dec. 12, the former All-Suburban Council soccer player suffered a stroke while attending Nazareth College outside Rochester. Three days later, Haskins was dead.

"The ironic thing is ... it happened almost two years to the day that the family house burned down," Emily's father Mark

Haskins said. "So, it's been a tough two years."

What no one knew until Emily's death was that she suffered from a rare neurological disorder called Moya Moya. The disorder, which was first discovered in Japan 20 years ago, causes blockages in the arteries leading to the brain. And according to Dr. Spencer Weig of Albany Medical Center's pediatric neurology unit, it's difficult for a doctor to look for it because symptoms vary.



Haskins

"Sometimes ... it's diagnosed because people have transient ischemic attacks, which are like mini-strokes," Weig said. "People may have slurred speech or numbness in their arms and legs for a few minutes, and then it goes away. If it is discovered, there are surgical procedures where the arteries can be bypassed."

In Emily's case, Mark said all anyone had to go on was a series of severe headaches and the occasional muscle twitch in her right arm and right leg — none of which appeared to indicate a serious health problem.

"The fact that she had headaches wouldn't have been reason to suspect that there was something else wrong," Mark said.

Through it all, Emily was determined to continue playing the sport she loved the most — soccer. After finishing a stellar career at Bethlehem where she was named to the all-league team twice, she joined the Nazareth College team in 1998 and worked her way into the starting lineup this year.

"Soccer was always her top sport. She was passionate about it all her life," Mark said. "She hated to lose. She gave all of her heart to it. When she won, she was transformed and she was elated. When she lost, she was crushed."

Miller, who now coaches the boys soccer team at Bethlehem, remembers how Emily was one of the first players to welcome him to the program when he started at Bethlehem in 1996.

"She was terrific in every way," Miller said. "My first year there, she was very nice to me and my wife. Then last year, she stopped by a (boys soccer) game, said hello and asked me how I was doing. That's what I remember about her — that she took the time to stop by and say hello."

Emily, who earned a second-team All-State honor in her senior year at Bethlehem, found the college soccer world to be more competitive than the high school level. She saw limited playing time her first year at Nazareth College, and then she suffered a setback in her sophomore year

when fatigue forced her to miss much of the 1999 season.

"My belief is that her endurance was hindered by her illness," Mark said. "In high school, Emily used to race her sister Sara all the time, and she couldn't keep up with Sara. But Emily kept working hard, and this year Sara couldn't keep up with Emily."

The time spent working out with the other members of the Nazareth College team helped Emily reach a point this year where she earned a spot in the starting lineup in a game against William Smith College of Geneva.

"She just wanted to play and be part of the team," Mark said.

Emily's hard work did not go unnoticed or unappreciated by her Nazareth teammates. The entire team made the long trip from suburban Rochester to attend her funeral last Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. Also in attendance were several of Emily's former Bethlehem teammates, many of whom were in the Capital District for the holidays.

"It's just tragic," Miller said. "She was a good kid."

The Haskins family plans to keep Emily connected to the sport she loved. They have set up the Emily Haskins Soccer Scholarship, which will be given to a senior member of the Bethlehem girls soccer team to help pay for a college education. People wishing to donate to the scholarship fund may send money to the Trustco Bank on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

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Bethlehem police officers will discuss safety issues and an experienced guidance counselor will work with families to improve communication and promote responsible decision-making. Students must be 16-years of age by March 1 to attend the workshop, and at least one parent/guardian must accompany each teen driver.

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Voorheesville girls enter tourney on winning note

By ROB JONAS

The names have changed in recent years, but one thing is still constant about the Voorheesville girls basketball team — it knows how to press an opponent into submission.

The Blackbirds used their patented full-court press to throttle visiting Schalmont 52-26 last Friday and improve their Colonial Council record to 5-1 (5-3 overall).

"We got up early, and we just maintained that," Voorheesville coach **Jon McClement** said. "They weren't that aggressive on defense, and that allowed us to do

some things (at the offensive end)."

The Blackbirds had a 12-7 lead after the first quarter, but they were just warming up their defense. They held Schalmont to four points in the second quarter, six points in the third quarter, and nine points in the final period to blow the game open.

"The second period is where our press gave them trouble," McClement said. "I thought overall, we did a nice job coming out and using our pressure to hold them down."

Schalmont also had trouble containing Voorheesville's **Andrea Burch** inside. The junior

center scored 15 points, ripped down 16 rebounds and blocked eight shots.

Burch's performance was aided by the outside shooting of senior guards **Katelyn Berger** and **Brittany Burnham**. Berger chipped in with 13 points, and Burnham added 10 points.

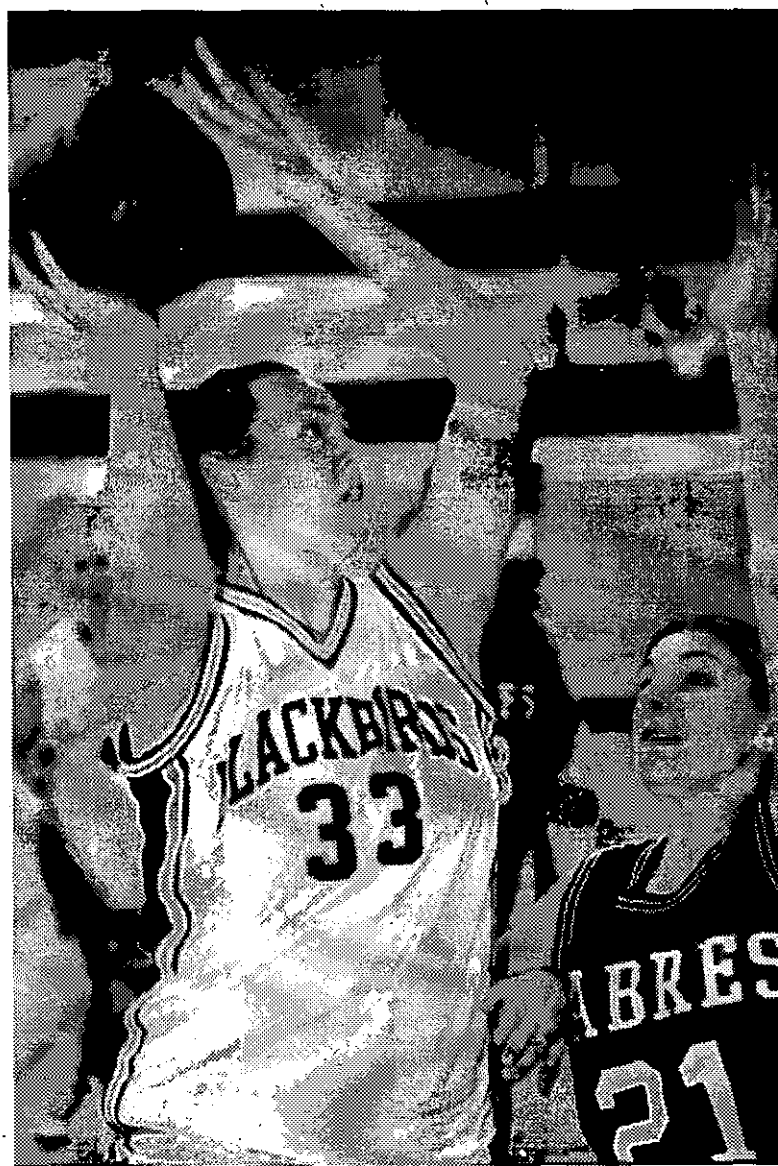
"We did it both outside and inside, which is what you want to do against a zone (defense)," McClement said. "With (Burch) inside, they had to guard the inside, and that opened some things up for us outside."

The victory gives Voorheesville a boost heading into the Christmas-holiday tournament portion of the season. The Blackbirds will be playing in this week's Dutch Classic at Guilderland High School, where they will be guaranteed to meet two Class A schools. They face Shaker tomorrow in the first round and then play either Guilderland or Schenectady in Friday's final round.

"We have the ability to (play larger schools), which is something you don't always have at a small school," McClement said. "For us, we want to push it."

Voorheesville will be facing a tough Shaker team that has started the season 5-1, including wins over Guilderland and Shenendehowa.

"Overall, their team is big, they shoot well from the outside and they're athletic," McClement said. "We hope to get the win. That's what we're going for."



Voorheesville center **Andrea Burch** (33) goes up strong against a Schalmont defender during last Friday's Colonial Council girls basketball game at Clayton A. Bouton High School. Burch had 15 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots in the Blackbirds' 52-26 victory. Voorheesville plays in this week's Dutch Classic at Guilderland. *Jim Franco*

Girls hoop clinic at BGHS

The Fun with Basketball clinic will be offered on four consecutive Sundays beginning Jan. 14 at Bethlehem Central High School.

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WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

WED., DEC. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Dutch Classic Tournament, Guilderland, 6:30 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at South Glens Falls Tournament, TBA.

Voorheesville at Ichabod Crane Christmas Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Red Hook (Section IX) at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 3 p.m.

Bethlehem at Colonie Tournament, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at South Glens Falls Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Colonie Tournament, TBA.

DUTCH CLASSIC TOURNAMENT AT GUILDERLAND

Voorheesville vs. Shaker, 6:30 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Hudson Valley Community College, TBA.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Dutch Classic Tournament, Guilderland, 6/9 p.m.

Voorheesville at Ichabod Crane Christmas Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

Voorheesville at Dutch Classic Tournament, Guilderland, 4:30/7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries

Verna Bidwell

Verna Bidwell, 77, of Voorheesville died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Mrs. Bidwell was a secretary for the Times Union, Walter Motor Co., and the State Civil Service Commission.

She was a member of First Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol White and Victoria Bidwell, both of Voorheesville, and Elaine Wright of Delmar; two sons, Richard Bidwell of Rotterdam and Jeffrey Bidwell of Berne; three sisters, Lois Mangini of New Baltimore, Margaret Conrad of Coxsackie and Mary Powell of Coeymans; a brother, John Jones of Voorheesville; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Spring burial will be in New Scotland Cemetery.

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

Contributions may be made to Voorheesville Area Ambulance or the American Cancer Society.

Frank Kukuk

Frank Henry Kukuk, 86, of Unionville died Friday, Dec. 22.

Mr. Kukuk was a planner for the former Huyck Felt Co. for 33 years before he retired.

He was a member of Unionville Reformed Church, the Masons Onesquethau Lodge 1096 and Onesquethaw Fire Co.

He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Cornelia Schoonbeck Kukuk; a son, Frank H. Kukuk III of Camano Island, Wash.; a daughter, Nancy Million of Edmonds, Wash.; a brother, Harold Kukuk of Guilderland; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. at Meyers Funeral Home on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, Delmar 12054, the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, c/o Onesquethau Lodge, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054 or Onesquethaw Fire Co., PO Box E, Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville 12041.

Alfred Richardson

Alfred John Richardson, 88, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Dec. 20, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mr. Richardson operated A.J. Richardson Well Drilling.

He was a member of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret McCulloch Richardson; two daughters, Daile Morrell and Diane Tangora; three sisters, Alice Smith of Delmar, Dorothy Ventura of Selkirk and Selma La Buda of Climax; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to First Reformed Church, Church Street, Selkirk 12158 or Northeast Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

James Cornell

James Cornell, 26, of Washington, Mass., and formerly of Bethlehem, died Sunday, Dec. 17, at his home.

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

Mr. Cornell was a self-employed carpenter and poet.

Survivors include his mother, Christine Duell Cornell; his father, Larry Cornell of Albany; his maternal grandfather, Caleb Duell of Glens Falls; and two brothers, Jason Cornell of Poinciana, Fla., and Justin Cornell of Washington, Mass.

Services were from the Dery Funeral Home in Pittsfield, Mass.

Joseph Jarvais

Joseph Jarvais of Selkirk died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Northeast Center for Special Care in Lake Katrine.

Born in Alburg, Vt., he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Jarvais was a heavy equipment operator for Atlantic Cement in Ravena for many years.

He was a Marine veteran of World War II.

He was a charter member of Selkirk Elks, and a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Kemshie Jarvais; four daughters, Penny Roney, Diana Wickham, Debbie Bressette and Linda Albright; a brother, James Jarvais; five sisters, Laura Rossi,

Eileen Klouse, Theresa Zinzow, Margaret Fissette and Jeannette Lasher; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Madeline Trianni

Madeline B. "Dixie" Trianni, 75, of Glenmont died Monday, Dec. 18, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Middletown, she was a longtime resident of Selkirk and Glenmont.

Mrs. Trianni was a clerk for the state Department of Motor Vehicles and the Probation Department before she retired.

She was a member of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Survivors include her husband, Salvator Trianni; two daughters, Dixie Bailey of Nevada and Susan Nelson of Albany; two sons, Salvator Trianni and James Trianni, both of Selkirk; a sister, Margery Boynton of Albany; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, PO Box 128, Selkirk 12158.

Joseph Thomas

Joseph Thomas, 88, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born Joseph Tomizzo in Chicago, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Thomas was a self-employed plumber and a piping specialist for General Electric in Schenectady.

He was the husband of the late Emily Rose Thomas.

Survivors include a son, Charles Thomas of Selkirk; a sister, Lucy Thomas of Chicago; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Northeastern New York Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Library

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1,005 the plan to add 19,000 square feet, along with various infrastructure and technology improvements to the existing library facility, including many designed to bring the library into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

"I think we were all very impressed with the turnout," said library board president Susan Birkhead. "It certainly is a tribute to the civic interest in the town that they came out at a time some people said was inconvenient. They certainly found the time."

Despite the heavy turnout, chief election inspector Fred Burdick reported no irregularities in the administration of the vote apart from some brief mechanical trouble with one of the six voting machines set up for the special referendum. Only three absentee ballots were disqualified for procedural reasons, Burdick said.

"It was a pretty definitive vote," said David Moore, a spokesman for the ad-hoc Bethlehem Save Our Library Committee, led by Feura Bush resident Tim Herr, that organized in October to defeat the renovation plan.

"It was a big turnout and a pretty big defeat of the referendum. And we hope it sends a strong message... I think everyone on both sides agrees the Library needs some work. But we need to spend a lot less than \$8.5 million and a lot more than nothing. Somewhere in there is the magic number," he said.

"We did everything we could to present the very best plan possible," said Pieri a day after the defeat. "We were serious when we said we had no backup plan. Now we will have to revisit this and start all over."

Both Pieri and Birkhead declined to say when the board would begin to pick up the pieces.

"Certainly we're going to have to make some kind of new plan," Pieri said, "but the board and I have agreed not to discuss this until after the holidays."

The board next meets on Jan. 16, and "I'm not sure it will even be on the agenda then," she said.

"We're planning to revisit it, but I don't want to venture as to how soon," Birkhead said. "We're all just taking a sigh of relief that it's over."

Birkhead said she was not surprised with the outcome.

"I'd been hearing from people in town and given notice that there was significant disagreement," she said. "But am I disappointed? Yes."

"I think it was encouraging to note that people basically agreed something needed to be done," Pieri said. "This just wasn't a plan they were willing to support."

She expressed surprise, however, at the size of the voter

turnout and the margin of defeat.

The plan, announced last July, was the result of nearly a year and a half of review by a community advisory panel assembled by the library staff, and the vote followed six months of public meetings conducted by the library board.

"There's a consensus there that renovation is necessary, and technology improvements, and a need for attention to the ADA," Birkhead said. "The need is there. The debate is the nature and extent of how we meet the need."

Opponents criticized the overall cost of the project, and the planned shutdown of the library and temporary relocation to Glenmont during a projected year and a half of construction. They also questioned various of the plan's specifics, particularly the necessity to nearly double the library's shelf capacity.

"It seemed to me (the voters) were telling us the project was too big, that it was too much money," Pieri said, agreeing the Glenmont hiatus was a factor in its defeat as well. "We certainly understood people to be unhappy that we would be relocating."

Birkhead also cited concern over the pending property-tax reassessment of the school district's number one corporate taxpayer, PSEG Power.

"I think there's a sensible concern in the community about the impact of the steam station assessment" and its possible future impact on school and library-tax rates, she said.

She said she has not reached out so far to the opposition to discuss where to go from here.

"I certainly think that could be a possibility," she said. "They are members of the community too, some of them."

If she does, she will find them not entirely of one mind on the subject, Moore said.

"We weren't in total agreement on what to do, just that this plan wasn't it," he said.

But he expressed hope that the library board would be open to "more of a community effort rather than the small advisory board that came up with this plan. We hope the board is going to be more open to suggestions.... One of the board members said those public meetings at the library were for public input. I don't think so. Those plans didn't change at those meetings. Those meetings were for public comment, not input."

"I think that we will revisit all of the processes that we used to develop this proposal," Birkhead said. "We'll evaluate those processes and look to correct any that are judged not to have served us well."

Moore said he was surprised at the depth of support his group elicited in less than two months of active campaigning.

"We were just a little grassroots organization," he said. "You just never know how well you get the word out, especially since we had some handicaps in doing it."

He specifically cited the controversial solicitation policy, enacted last month by the library board, restricting leafletting on the library grounds by outside organizations — a policy prompted in part by the opposition's activities there.

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

She is also a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and Medical Arts Massage Therapy School in Raleigh, N.C..

She is a licensed massage therapist.

The future groom is a graduate of Shaker High School.

He is also a graduate of the University at Albany.

He is director of operations for Cyberwize.com.



Megan Flynn and Michael Decker



Tammy and Kenneth Newkirk

Foster, Newkirk wed

Tammy L. Foster, daughter of Larry and Sheila Foster of Canton, Pa., and Kenneth A. Newkirk, son of Kathleen Newkirk of Selkirk and the late Theodore Newkirk, were married June 10.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Michael Flannery at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

A reception followed at the Albany Marriott in Colonie.

The maid of honor was Tonya Foster, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Sandy Weinman and Lisa Tilley.

The best man was William Heath.

Ushers were Robert Newkirk, brother of the groom, and Timothy Penk, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Troy High School and Hudson Valley Community College.

She is an X-ray technologist at Albany Associates in Cardiology.

The groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School and Clarkson University.

He is an environmental engineer for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple lives in Selkirk.

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The festivities will include singing, dancing, refreshments and stories.

To register, call 439-9314. The library is at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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First Night Saratoga offers something for all

By JOHN BRENT

While Albany celebrates the ringing in of the new year with its First Night, Saratoga, just to the north of the Capital District will be enjoying its very own First Night festivities.

Typical of First Night festivities everywhere, a variety of performers will be entertaining strolling guests at various venues throughout the town.

"First Night showcases the best of Saratoga County and beyond," explained Maureen Duda, director of First Night Saratoga.

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Maureen Duda

The YMCA of Saratoga Community Programs Office is presenting First Night Saratoga.

"The YMCA is dedicated to providing rich family experiences for the community, and this ushering in of the New Year with an artistic theme promotes the wealth of talent in Saratoga as well as the chance to experience all genres of the arts," said Duda.

A glance at the schedule certainly reveals a variety of talent booked for the Sunday event.

Many artists, booked for previous First Nights will be returning. The McKrells with



Everett Longstreth

their Celtic sounds, jazz greats Nick Brignola and Cole Broderick and folk stars Camille West and Susan Hamlin with George Wilson and Jes Hudack are all on deck.

Saratoga talent will be represented by Tony Eastwood on keyboard; Saratoga City Ballet and Saratoga Youth Orchestra are among the local

Benny Goodman. A 10 piece orchestra, under the direction of Everett Longstreth, will entertain with such popular vintage hits as "Let's Dance," "King Porter Stomp,"



Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen

Popular venues throughout the city will host other entertainers. Matt McCabe Music will present some of the area's top entertainment in Saratoga Springs Public Library. The YMCA gym will host up-and-coming rock favorites Tear, Pryzm and Jamaican Money.

Country music by Aged in the Hills will be featured at the Salvation Army which will also feature fiddlers John Kirk and Trish Miller.

Among the new venues will be Borders Books where Blues Noir and Shades of Blue will perform.

The Arcade building on 376 Broadway will host the Backyard Circus followed by high tech soloist Mark Rabin.

Of course First Night is also family night and the kids have not been overlooked. Young and old alike will enjoy the puppetry of Poppy Doodle and the antics of Cranberry the Clown. Scientific demonstrations will be provided by Mad Science and the Children's Museum on Phila Street will be open free of charge until 8 p.m.

Other popular acts provided mainly for the younger crowd include magic and comedy by Merdwin the Mediocre and music by the Zucchini Bros.

Saratoga First Night buttons will be available at selected Price Chopper supermarkets, Adirondack Trust Co., the YMCA of Saratoga, Stewarts Stores in Saratoga County and at many Broadway merchants in Saratoga. Buttons costs \$12 and admit wearers to all First Night events. Children under 5 are admitted free.

For more information call 584-8262 or visit the Web site at www.firstnightsaratoga.org.



favorites returning this year. Local talent appearing for their first First Night will be Rosanne Raneri, the Saratoga Highland Dancers, the improv troupe Just Friends and the Clifton Park Community Chorus.

One of the highlights of the evening will be a tribute to swing era band leader

"Clarinet ala King," "Stompin' at the Savoy" and the all time classic "Sing, Sing, Sing." The Longstreth group will perform at the City Center.

Down the street, the music takes on a rock-era beat with a performance by Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen, the popular 70s group. Known for such hits as "Hot Rod Lincoln" and "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke that Cigarette," the Commander will follow a performance by Electric City Horns in the parking lot behind City Hall.

Commander Cody will be followed by the fireworks display at midnight.



Jester Bean

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MURDER ON THE BANDSTAND

interactive murder mystery, Mini Mall Theater, 40 Russell Road, Albany, Dec. 30, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 453-1048.

TERRA NOVA

polar drama, Capital Repertory Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Jan. 12 to Feb. 4, \$21 to \$34. Information, 445-7469.

CABARET

starring Lea Thompson, Proctor's Theater, State Street, Schenectady, Jan. 16 to 20 at 8 p.m., Jan. 20 and 21 at 2 p.m., Jan. 21 at 7 p.m., \$44.50 to \$55.50. Information, 346-6204.

MCCOY TYNER

jazz pianist, The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Dec. 29, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$35. Information, 381-1111.

PHOEBE LEGERE

New Year's Eve party, The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. to 2001, \$75 includes dinner. 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.

PAT METHENY

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JAZZ GUITAR SUMMIT

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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 has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 17th day of November, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof. KMB, L.L.C., General partner By: S/ Kevin M. Bette, Member (December 27, 2000)

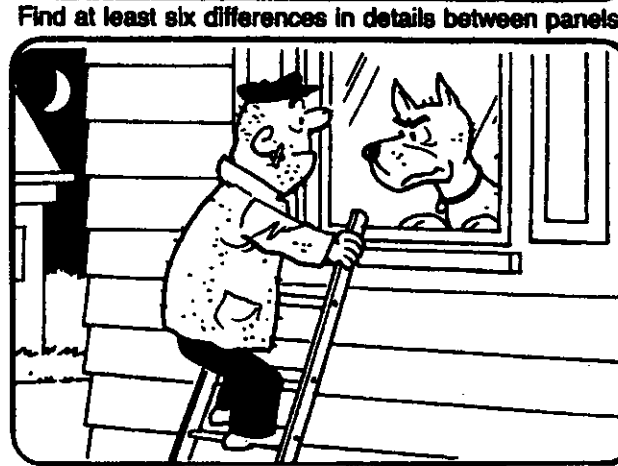
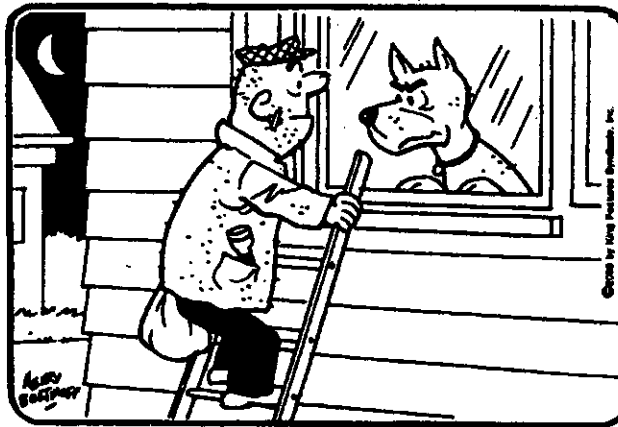
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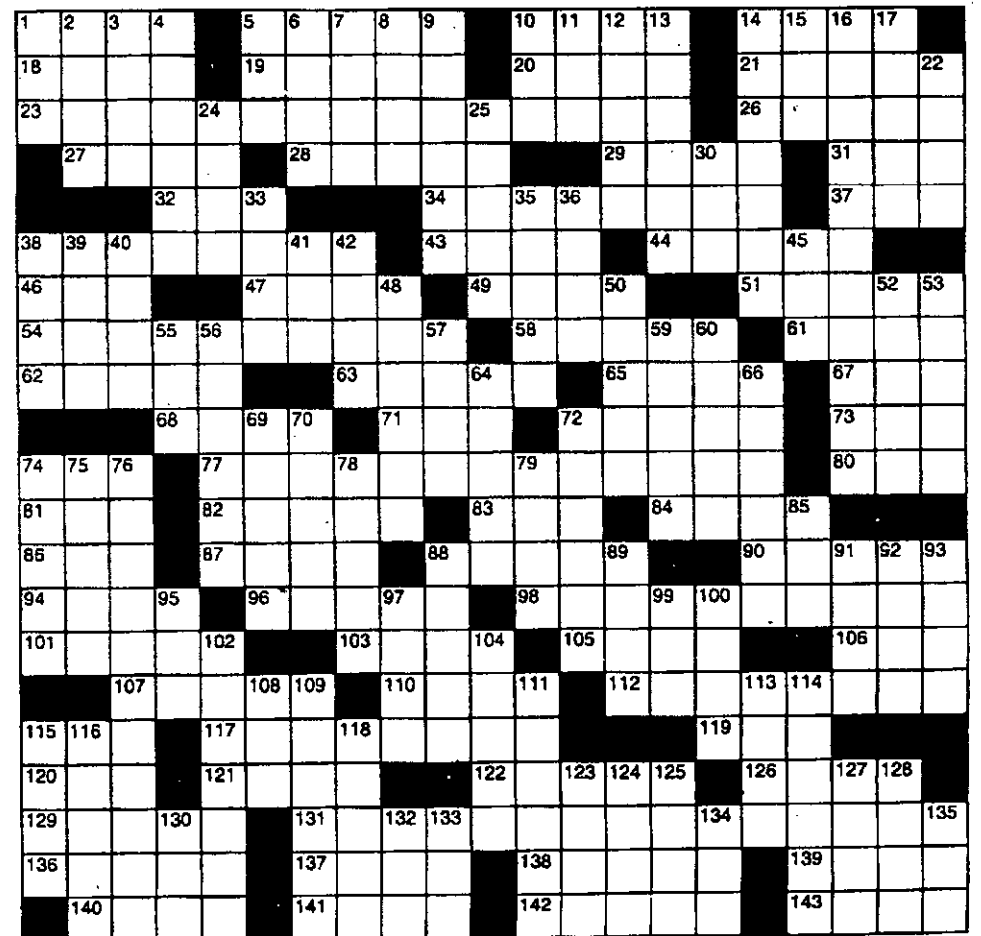
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- 23 Guns n' Roses hit
- 26 — nous
- 27 Soprano Gluck
- 28 — a day's work
- 29 Sleuth Nancy
- 31 Herriman's "Krazy —"
- 32 Mythical monster
- 34 In flight
- 37 Adjective suffix
- 38 One of "The Three Tenors"
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- 63 '78 Peace Nobelist
- 65 Pestiferous person
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- 90 Unbroken
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- 98 "The Name of the Rose" author
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- 112 Butcher's offering
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- 14 Glasses
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- 16 "Ramblin' Rose" singer
- 17 Stage backdrop
- 22 Clockmaker Thomas
- 24 Grocer's measure
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- 30 Vane letters
- 33 Gullet
- 35 Perch
- 36 Run through
- 38 Male swans
- 39 Help a hood
- 40 Formal ceremony
- 41 — blond
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- 48 Loses a lap
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- 53 Passover meal
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- 56 Petty officer
- 57 Dairy-case purchase
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- 76 "The Rose Tattoo" actress
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- 91 A swan was her swain
- 92 Summer-time treats
- 93 Lamebrain
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- 100 Morning wear
- 102 4 p.m. vehicle?
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ganized 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 27, 2000)

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SPEC CONSULTING, LLC Notice of formation of Spec Consulting, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (the "SSNY") on 12/11/00. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Joseph S. Burke, 10 Wildwood Court, Clifton Park, New York 12065, the Registered Agent. The purposes of the LLC are to provide engineering consulting services to businesses and individuals, to employ individuals to perform same, to manage daily activities of the company, and to acquire, own, buy, sell, invest in, trade, manage, finance, refinance, exchange, or otherwise dispose of stocks, securities, partnership interests, CDs, mutual funds, and commodities. (December 27, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLP

Mesick-Cohen-Wilson-Baker-Architects, LLP, filed a Certificate of Registration with the New York Secretary of State on April 3, 1995. 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 Mesick-Cohen-Wilson-Baker-Architects, LLP, 3 City Square, 5th Floor, 324 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability partnerships may be organized under Section 121-1500 of the New York Partnership Law. (December 27, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WHOGARA ENTERPRISES, LLC.

Under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law First, the name of the limited liability company is Whogara Enterprises, LLC. Second, the articles of organization were filed with the New York Department of State on November 17, 2000.

Third, the County in which the limited liability company is located is Albany, New York. Fourth, the Secretary of State of the State of New York has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The principal address of the limited liability company is 60 Union Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Fifth, the purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. (December 27, 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 27, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE**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 27, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is KMB I, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 17, 2000. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 6 Majestic Court, Loudonville, New York 12211. (December 27, 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 Elmsmere 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 27, 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 27, 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 27, 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 27, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE**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 27, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: 167-169 Eagle Street, LLC. Certificate of Registration was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/20/00 with an existence date of 10/20/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Rosenstein & Bouchard, 4 Atrium Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any legal purpose. (December 27, 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 27, 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 January 10, 2001 at 8:10 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law, amending Chapter 111, Taxation, Article V, Section 16, Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

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
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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 January 10, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law amending Chapter 111, Taxation, Article I, Partial Exemption for Aged Persons.

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
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Dated: December 13, 2000
(December 27, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE**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 January 10, 2001 at 8:20 p.m., at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law amending Chapter 111, Taxation, Article III, Alternative Veterans Exemption, to include Gold Star Parents as Eligible Recipients. 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
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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 January 10, 2001 at 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law amending Vehicle and Traffic, Chapter 119, Article VI, Section 119-28, Schedule II, Speed Limits, School Zones to add the following streets: Herrick Avenue: 300 feet in either direction from the building line of the Elmsmere Grade School; McGuffey Lane: 300 feet easterly from the building line of the Hamagrael Grade School; Parkwyn Drive: 300 feet westerly from the building line of the Hamagrael Grade School; and Albin Road: 300 feet northerly from the building line of the Hamagrael Grade School. 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
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

I.M.C. INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/18/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 30 E. 40th St., Ste. 605, New York, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 27, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

AQS LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/15/00. 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., Ste. 605, New York, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 27, 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 27, 2000)

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GABOR CONSULTING LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/14/00. 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 27, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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 27, 2000)

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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 27, 2000)

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SHOEBOURY 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 27, 2000)

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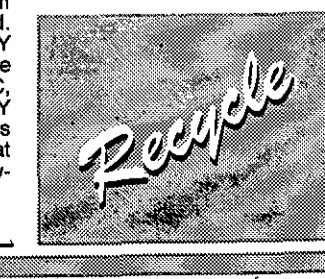
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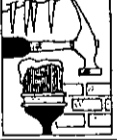
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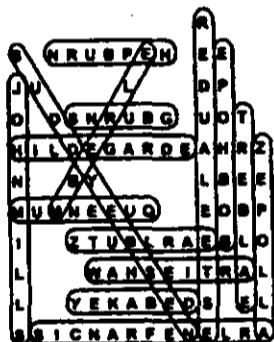


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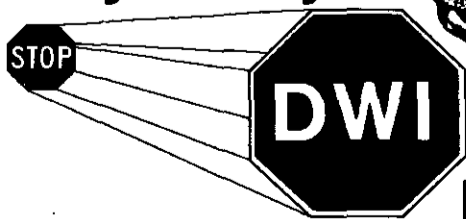
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