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Reservoir refills, If II. restrictions remain

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Bethlehem Water District is out of the woods in its year-long effort to combat a water shortage, but use restrictions imposed last spring by the town board are likely to remain in place until at least mid-

summer, according to Public Works We're above average Commissioner Bruce Secor.

The water district's most recent bimonthly report to

the board and the state Department of Health about storage levels in the Vly Creek Reservoir noted a key milestone the reservoir, below normal for more record-low seasonal levels as late as August, has finally recovered to seasonal average levels thanks to recent rains and the cumulative effects of conservation.

The Nov. 15 report showed the reservoir at 53 percent of capacity, 98 percent of its normal seasonal average of

54 percent capacity for mid-November.

'Since that report, we've actually gained another half a foot, so we're above average seasonal level now," Secor said. "There is

every expectation that with a normal winter, we'll be at 95 or 100 percent by June

Bruce Secor

But the good news is tempered by the ☐ REFILLS/page 32

reports that identified a construction

worker who had a relationship with the daughter of the homeowner as the prime

out there in the media," Heffernan said.

"All we can say is there are a couple people

"There's a lot of inaccurate information

If the boot fits



Pam Skripak helps her son Brandon try on ski boots at Saturday's Sports Mart held at Bethlehem Central High School.

seasonal level now.

than a year due to drought and still at

Explosive find leads to Delmar evacuation

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem and state police cordoned off and evacuated a four-square-block area of nearly 100 homes in the heart of Delmar for almost four hours on Saturday, Nov. 23, while the state police Bomb Disposal Unit removed an

explosive device found by a homeup her garage.

As of Monday, the incident at 4 Pine St. remained under criminal investigation by

police detectives, the bomb disposal team and agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, according to Bethlehem police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Heffernan.

But Heffernan declined to discuss possible suspects in the case, discounting published and televised

owner while tidying There's a lot of inaccurate information out there in the media.

we're hoping to talk to."

But he refused to characterize them as suspects. He also declined to describe the device as a bomb or to confirm pub-Sgt. Thomas Heffernan lished reports that the Class A explosive

involved was dynamite, saying only that it was "highly explosive" — enough to level the Pine Street home and an adjacent one, he said,

☐ EXPLOSIVE/page 19

Growth to force BC expansion

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The Bethlehem Central Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee last week zeroed in on the nub of the district space problem — relentless growth of the student population, due largely to a real estate boom in the district, and a related lack of classroom space to accommodate the growth in a satisfactory manner.

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BCHS juniors berate 'unfair' parking policy

By ANDREW SHAWHAN

Last year, the administration of Bethlehem Central High School, as part of a general renovation and expansion program, converted what had been tennis courts in front of the school to a parking

That opened up a hornet's nest at

With expanded parking, seniors did not have to pair up to reserve parking spaces, as they had before. This was much better for students, as the former policy had sometimes forced two people who were widely separated to drive out of their way to pick the other up on the day that they could drive to school and use the space.

A number of spaces in the new lot were not used, and were given to juniors through a lottery system after waiting one marking period to allow seniors who did not qualify for parking privileges at the beginning of the year to get them.

In the current school year, the policy remained unchanged; however, due to a lack of communication between the administration and the current junior class, misconceptions sprang up in both the junior and senior classes. Students believed that the lot had been built for juniors but had been taken away from them because the current senior class had taken advantage of the more convenient parking to leave school during the day, a violation of school rules.

To prevent this, students thought the school administration had taken away all parking privileges from juniors and given the 'junior lot' which was never officially called that — to seniors. Juniors thought their parking had been unfairly taken away from them because of the actions of other_students, and wrote letters to The Spotlight and opinion pieces in the school newspaper expressing

They were not happy about what they believed to be the current parking policy. BCHS junior Brian Gyory said, ridiculous that they built this junior lot and aren't letting juniors park because they weren't checking (off-campus) passes on last year's seniors." However, while many juniors thought the situation was unfair, not all of them did.

Tom Hackman, a junior, felt that students should take the school bus, while Seth Reinhardt, also a junior, thought that the school was implementing the best solution and that the juniors were looking for something to complain about.

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Bethlehem police arrest five for DWI, three in one night

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police arrested three individuals in less than four hours this past Sunday morning, Nov. 24, on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI), among five DWI arrests in the town last

two others pleaded to reduced charges.

The first of Sunday's arrests took place at about 1:30 a.m. Officer George Travis said he pursued a westbound vehicle on Delaware Avenue that nearly week. Three individuals facing struck the police vehicle as it similar earlier charges pleaded passed. After administering field guilty to DWI on Nov. 19 in sobriety tests, he charged the

Bethlehem Town Court, while driver, Justin Leigh Naef, 24, of Town Hall, Rexford administered Washington Avenue, Albany, with field sobriety tests on Robert DWI and failure to keep right.

> About two hours later, Officer Adam Hornick pursued a southbound vehicle on River Road for nearly two miles in an attempt to make a traffic stop for speeding. After finally making the stop south of Wemple Road, he administered field sobriety tests on the driver, Todd Alan Mollock, 26, 963B River Road, Selkirk, and charged him with DWI, speeding and failure to comply with a police order.

The third arrest occurred just before 5 a.m., on Delaware Avenue. Officer James Rexford stopped a westbound vehicle that allegedly failed to dim its headlights for approaching traffic. In the parking lot of Bethlehem

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Michael Wilson, 25, of Harding Avenue, Delmar, then charged him with DWI and a traffic violation.

A felony DWI arrest occurred on Tuesday, Nov. 19, just after 10 a.m., on the Delmar Bypass. Officer Chris Hughes pursued a vehicle, allegedly observed speeding, driven by Mark David Vangelder, 25, of Albany. Hughes stopped the vehicle after it turned onto Elsmere Avenue, and after a brief scuffle with police, Vangelder was arrested for DWI and resisting arrest.

The DWI count was elevated to a felony as a result of a DWI conviction within 10 years. Vangelder was also cited for speeding, failure to stay in lane, drinking in a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of marijuana and a seat-belt violation.

Albany County paramedics treated Vangelder and Hughes at the scene for injuries suffered in the altercation, and transported Vangelder to Albany Medical Center for further treatment and to have blood drawn in evidence. Vangelder was arraigned on the criminal charges before town Justice Theresa Egan.

Another DWI arrest took place shortly after 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, when Gina Cocchiara reportedly observed a pickup truck operating erratically on East Poplar Drive.

The driver, Paul Joseph Dubois, 42, refused to undergo field sobriety and breath tests, and was cited for that refusal, along with charges of DWI, operating without headlights and failure to keep right.

Wilson and Vangelder are due to appear in town court on Dec. 17 to answer their charges, the others due in court Dec. 3.

In town court last week. Joseph Norman Bartholomew, 32, of 11 Gardner Terrace, Delmar, facing a July 28 felony DWI charge, entered a guilty plea before Egan to misdemeanor DWI and was sentenced to three years' probation. Egan also revoked his license indefinitely.

Also pleading guilty to DWI were Timothy M. Kelleher, 37, of 7 Schreiber Lane, Berne, arrested July 5, and Pablo Feliciano, 28, of 197 Main Street, Ravena, arrested Nov. 2. Both men were fined \$500 and assessed a \$125 statemandated surcharge, and their licenses were revoked for a period of six months.

Lisa Ann Mattes, 34, of 308 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, arrested for DWI on Nov. 4, pleaded guilty to a reduced count of driving while ability impaired (DWAI), and was fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge. Her license was suspended for 90 days.

All four defendants were ordered to participate in drinkingdriver remediation and face a Victim Impact panel.

Anthony Frank Ginese, 21, of 10 Waterbury Hill Road, LaGrangeville, Dutchess County, charged last Feb. 26 with several counts including both DWI and drug-related DWAI, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of reckless driving, and was fined \$100 and a \$35 surcharge, in full satisfaction of all charges.

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Planners discuss three projects' wetlands problems

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Environmental concerns were expressed throughout the lengthy agenda for the Bethlehem Planning Board on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The board conducted a public hearing on revisions to the subdivision plan for Trinity Manor, brought on by a new wetlands-remediation plan demanded by the Army Corps of Engineers. They also approved a "negative declaration" on the proposed Glenmont Woods subdivision — a finding that a full **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) would not be required of developer James Villasenor under the terms of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) law — and granted the project preliminary plat approval. And they set a December public hearing on a proposed three-lot subdivision on Wemple Road after developer completed wetlands delineation of the site.

As for the controversial proposal to build a Waste Management regional operations center and truck-maintenance facility on River Road, the board unanimously approved, as expected, a "positive declaration" on SEQR, setting in motion what will likely be a lengthy environmental review process.

"This just sets the format for a far more detailed list of questions when we get to the scope (of the environmental review)," said board chairman Doug Hasbrouck of the Waste Management resolution.

The Planning Department will now begin drawing up the socalled "scoping document" that will govern what issues Waste Management will be required to address in their draft EIS.

Board in the scoping and EISdrafting process.

But board members added several items to a lengthy list of environmental concerns enumerated in the SEQR resolution, including language about waste oil storage and management on the site, leakage of hydraulic and other fluid from the 70-plus trucks to be stored onsite and pest control.

The Waste Management discussion was a relatively brief portion of the three-hour meeting. It opened with a hearing on the subdivision plan revisions requested by Stylish Development for its Trinity Manor subdivision, off Beaver Dam Road in Selkirk, originally approved in 1995.

Two of four construction phases are already completed, but Phase III construction on Anna Court was halted in May by a cease-and-desist order issued by the Army Corps of Engineers, based on a finding that federally designated wetlands on portions of Phase I had been disturbed subsequent to that section's completion.

Joe Bianchine of ABD Engineers, who represented Stylish at the hearing, said that the developer was caught in a Catch-22 created by changing regulatory standards.

"Back in '95 when this project was first created, you were allowed to disturb an acre of federal wetlands" without any remediation plan being required by the Corps, he said. "The Army Corps has changed their rules over the course of time, so that now you're only limited to 1/10th of an acre (disturbance).'

in the coming weeks for a roughly three-quarters of an acre depend on the honesty and consultant to assist the Planning of designated wetlands had been disturbed by Phase homeowners led to the Corps' order, and a requirement that new wetlands be created in remaining undeveloped parcels to make up for those lost in Phase I.

> Stylish proposed new wetlands in three locations along Anna Court and Sandra Lane requiring amendments of lot lines

How are you going to stop wetlands at my property line? I don't want wetlands on my property.

Clyde Norton

as a result. In addition, the developer seeks to combine three other lots, unrelated to the wetlands issue, into a single lot.

Several residents of completed portions of the development, and one neighbor on an adjoining property, appeared at the hearing and called for greater oversight of Trinity Manor's progress. Concerned that the proposed wetlands remediation measures would intrude onto his property, Beaver Dam resident Clyde Norton called the remediation plan "totally inappropriate."

"How are you going to stop wetlands at my property line?" he asked. "I don't want wetlands on my property.'

He questioned the developer's integrity and detailed his own efforts through the town building department and other regulatory agencies to force Stylish to comply with their existing building approvals.

"The response I got from the Corps of Engineers was classic."

Interviews will also be scheduled Corps last year by a neighbor that on what builders should do. We integrity of the builders to go by these.' The flaw seems to be when you have an individual who does anything he wants."

He called on the Planning Board to take measures "to monitor what's going on down Martens opposed that, reiterating

Trinity Place homeowner Mark Cartwright expressed similar concerns, noting that one

of the proposed new wetlands lies adjacent to his

"The town is aware that West Nile Virus is working its way this way, correct?"

he said. "Is the town going to spray for mosquitoes around this

He opposed the proposed new wetlands: "They should make (Stylish) dig 'em out where they were and put 'em back the way they were," he said.

Trinity Place Another homeowner, Rick Palmer, echoed those concerns, particularly with respect to drainage of the new wetlands.

"Where's it going to go? "he asked.

new wetlands would be "a marshy-type area. It won't be a ponding-type situation."

And Hasbrouck pointed out that the Planning Board lacks any enforcement authority: "It's not our responsibility to enforce the building codes. That's up to the town's (building) department."

The hearing closed without any formal action taken on the subdivision amendments, and Hasbrouck said it would likely be 'weeks" before the board took any action.

Action on the Glenmont Woods subdivision followed another lengthy discussion related to wetlands issues. The 12lot subdivision off Journey Lane in Glenmont includes three lots to be permanently deed-restricted from development due to the presence of federal wetlands.

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky presented a draft negative declaration for the board, as well as a finding in accordance with the town park-setaside law that no suitable park site was available in the subdivision, thus requiring that the developer pay a fee to the town and a preliminary plat approval for the nine lots to be developed as residences.

Several of the residential yet to sign off on the project.

But Lipnicky recommended that the board approve the negative declaration anyway, knowing the project still faced DEC review — and subsequent review and approval by the board

Neighbors Joe and Kathleen concerns outlined in a letter to the planning board.

Joe Martens maintained that approving the negative declaration and deferring to DEC on wetlands issues represented an abdication of the board's responsibility, and demanded more explicit deed restrictions on the three wetlands parcels.

When you decided to be the lead agency, you accepted the responsibility to determine whether there might be a significant environmental impact. I think it's compelling on its face that there is going to be significant impact to the wetlands," he said.

Board member Joe Rooks responded: "A full deed restriction of these other parcels would constitute an illegal taking of (Villasenor's) property. I don't see the point of that. It's not up to us to make that decision at this distance."

After more than hour of Bianchine maintained that the discussion, Hasbrouck concurred, "I'm satisfied that there is not a likely significant, unmitigatable impact as a result of this project, wetland or other."

> The board unanimously approved the negative declaration, voted to override a negative recommendation by the Albany County Planning Commission, and granted preliminary plat approval to the project. On the parkland-setaside resolution, only board member Brian Collier dissented, unconvinced that the wetlands parcels were unsuitable to be developed for passive recreational use.

> The board set a 7:30 p.m. public hearing at its next meeting, Dec. 3, for a 26-acre, 3-lot residential subdivision on Wemple Road first proposed last July by owners Norman and Kathleen James.

> Wetlands delineation of the parcel has been completed, but with drainage issues and other technical matters remain to be resolved, town planner Janine Saatman declared the current plans "satisfactory for public hearing."

The board also got a brief presentation from Dominic Arico of a proposed 1,008-square-foot, two-story addition to the Realty building lots would violate USA building at 231 Delaware wetlands-setback requirements of Ave. in Delmar. The board briefly the state Department of Environ-discussed architectural, parking mental Conservation, which has and grading issues before tabling the project.

A complaint filed with the he said. "We establish guidelines **NS ZBA rescinds tower variances**

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

At least one phase of the controversy over the proposed Tower Ventures telecommunications installation on Font Grove Road was supposed to have come to an end last month, when the New Scotland Zoning Board of Appeals narrowly approved area and use variances for the project, after nine months of deliberations.

But it will be deja vu all over again when the ZBA takes another vote next month on the variance applications.

At a brief special meeting last week, on Tuesday, Nov. 19, the board reopened the earlier public

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the 3-2 and 4-1 approval votes taken on Oct. 22, and closed the hearing. The ZBA scheduled a revote on the variances for Dec. 17 meeting, moved a week earlier than the normal fourth Tuesday of the month in deference to Christmas Eve.

The unusual revote was prompted by objections to the Tower Ventures proposal raised by the Albany County Planning Commission, which must review the project, and the zoning variances, due to the site's proximity to a county road; Font Grove is County Route 306.

"without prejudice" that the Cantlin said. Tower Ventures application be project was first made.

and acting as co-lead agencies week's meeting. under the terms of the SEQR law, boards approved a "negative" enough environmental impact to meet again on Dec. 5.

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hearing on the variances, voided require filing of a full environmental impact statement.

> But the county planning agency had not yet reviewed that declaration before the ZBA's approval of the two needed zoning variances. Meeting on Nov. 7, the commission therefore declared the ZBA's actions were not "in substantial compliance with procedural requirements, according to New Scotland building inspector Paul Cantlin.

The commission offered no objection to the town planning board proceeding with its review of a special use application for construction of the tower. As for Voting last May, the the ZBA action, "They have an commission recommended issue that has to be addressed,"

ZBA counsel Louis Neri denied unless a state recommended that the hearing be environmental quality review reopened and the board (SEQR) determination on the reconsider its earlier action, to comply with procedural In September, meeting jointly requirements. leading to last

SEQR declaration, that the project its review of the SEQR would not have a significant 'declaration. The commission will

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Guilty plea for assaulting cop

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Glenmont man pleaded The ZBA Dec. 17 revote hinges guilty on Nov. 12 to an 11-monththe town zoning and planning on completion by the Albany old charge of assaulting a County Planning Commission of Bethlehem police officer, thereby averting a trial scheduled to begin soon in Albany County Court.

> Paul Gerard Bartholomew Jr., 31, of 12 Winne Place, pleaded guilty to one count of seconddegree assault, a felony, stemming from an altercation last Christmas, in which officer Chad Rice suffered a neck injury.

Attorney Bryan Rounds, representing Bartholomew, entered the plea before Supreme Court Justice Bernard Malone. just before jury selection was to begin in the case last Tuesday.

According to a police report on the incident, Rice, one of several officers responding to a Christmas-night domesticviolence call on Harrison Avenue in Elsmere, was assaulted while aiding another officer, who was restraining Bartholomew as he attempted to flee the scene.

We gather together in gratitude this day

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Sometimes, Thanksgiving feels like the beginning of a season more fraught with kvetching than giving.

Sure, it's a lot of work to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner. Of course, there are family tensions that might bubble up when everyone is put together in a room for a few hours. Yes, Thanksgiving is late this year right on top of Hanukkah for some, a kick off to the Christmas season for others. In our overlyfrenetic lives, it gets too easy to focus on the external complications of the season and not look hard enough for the rewards and pleasures that Thanksgiving and the ever-shortening days of December can give us.

As we gather at our laden tables this week, there will surely be some of us whose tradition includes traveling over more than a river and through more than woods to be with us. In our floored room with smoke. nuclear family, we take an annual brief journey the weekend before remained so realistically in for the next generation. That's us,

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Thanksgiving to a football game that provides a reunion for Chris and his college friends. Old has blurred into new, as past friendships have expanded to include spouses and the next generation.

This year, we included a trip to America's roots and visited Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts. We wandered through the recreated homes of Gov. Bradford, Myles Standish and John and Priscilla Alden and ducked under the skin door to a Wampanoag Indian house.

"I'm thankful for the way we live today," Cormac said as we left one small house where the open wood fire filled the tiny, dirt-

'God Bless," asking the surgeon if he used leeches and appreciating the smell of the lunchtime goose being eaten with bare hands. The tiny houses were dark, since the wooden boards were shut against the small. glassless windows to keep out the cold. Outside, gardens still grew hardy root vegetables, and on the wooden fences, the bedding aired for just a few hours in the late November sun.

No more, I vowed, will I complain about having to grocery shop, do yet another load of laundry, feed my family five servings of fruits and vegetables every day or cook yet another dinner where the different kinds year. of food aren't allowed to touch.

A visit to Plimoth Plantation is a reminder that our nation has been — and continues to be formed by people willing to go to great lengths to get here, work unbelievably hard to stay here The "Pilgrims" of the village and have made life a little easier

character that we found ourselves for most of whom getting to our elected officials; they can live next wishing them "Good Day" and Thanksgiving dinner will be an door to people with entirely easy feat, as we turn off the differing points of view about how computer, the television or our our nation should proceed from blessedly modern ovens and sit here. The choice that we each

have how we live our lives is our greatest blessing.

When we sit down for Thanksgiving dinner at my sister-in-law and her husband's house this year, we will be gathering of

many different families. There will be my husband and his sisters and mother; me, my mother and grandmother; my brother-in-law and his mother and sister; and the children who guarantee that there will be family gatherings years and years from now. We will represent a broad political spectrum — sort of a microcosm of the different influences that make up our nation today.

Like families all across the nation, though, we will come together not to politick, but to celebrate the bounty that we are fortunate to receive. There will likely be a blessing, and during it, time to reflect on the great goodness of my life.

I am grateful for the abundance of food that will be before us,

In our overly-frenetic lives, it gets too easy to focus on the external complications of the season and not look hard enough for the rewards and pleasures that Thanksgiving and the ever-shortening days of December can give us.

down to our greatest feast of the

The Pilgrims weren't the last to join the American Indians in our country. Immigrants continue to arrive, making our nation itself as unique as our Thanksgiving celebration is.

Last year, in the wake of 9-11, we stood together in our diversity. proud of the unity that tragic day gave us. It has been a tough year since then with a despondent economy, a potential war and general fear still gnawing at the corner of our hearts where hope is stored. Things don't feel as harmonious as they did a year ago, but even that discord is one of our great strengths. People can march on Washington, they can cluster in front of capitols, they can write letters to editors and to especially the squash and the

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IDA puts off Klersy **PILOT vote**

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency postponed for another week a vote on a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement for the proposed Delmar Place senior facility at 467 Delaware Ave.

Meeting at 8 a.m. yesterday, Nov. 26, the IDA postponed until the same time next Tuesday, Dec. 3, a vote on the tax break requested by developer Henry Klersy for 467 Delaware Avenue

The PILOT request was aired at a public hearing on Nov. 14, but the public hearing record, prepared by a hired court stenographer, was not delivered to IDA officials until Monday evening, giving board members little time to review it before the meeting.

PILOT completed agreement is critical to securing financing for the project, Klersy + said.

The delay "just stops the show. It stops the whole financing plan, the whole operation," Klersy explained.

The desire to carefully review the public hearing record suggests that the IDA is weighing public comments that were critical of too generous a tax break for the controversial project.

In his initial PILOT application last August, Klersy had sought an expansion of the so-called 485b benefit, to which any qualified PILOT applicant is entitled by state law.

The 485b standard — which the Bethlehem IDA has adopted as its uniform PILOT policy provides a 10-year payment schedule beginning at the equivalent of a 50 percent property tax exemption in the first year and scaling down in 5 percent annual increments.

Klersy sought a 15-year agreement beginning at 75 percent exemption and stepping down by 5 percent a year, while an IDA subcommittee that reviewed his proposal countered with a 10-year proposal offering a 75 percent exemption in its first year, 60 percent in the second, and 50 percent in year three thereafter decreasing in 5 percent

Klersy attorney John Cahill argued at the public hearing that the challenge of bringing the new facility to full occupancy in its early years of operation justified a bigger tax break.

But several residents urged the board to grant Delmar Place only the minimum property tax relief under 485b.

I am grateful for my wood floors, my furnace, my decorative fireplace and my well-drawing flue and chimney.

I am grateful beyond any measure for my two sons, especially that they are still at an age where I can hug them (albeit in private) and they will hug back; where they might listen to Linkin Park on a Walkman in the afternoon, but will listen avidly to me as I re-read Harry Potter to them in the evening.

I am grateful for my husband, who makes us all laugh and who provides me with an amount of love and security I never imagined possible.

I am grateful for my grandmother, whose shock at "the price of things these days" reminds us that there wasn't always what is easily available nowadays.

I am grateful to my mother for setting a no-nonsense example of to just shut up and do it when I feel overwhelmed by daily life.

I am grateful for the generosity of my husband's family in sharing their hearts and homes with us.

I am grateful for all of the people who have shared my life and shown me many of life's different permutations.

I am grateful that we are all still here this year and offer a prayer with my thanks that we may all stay safe in the days to come.

As we pour the gravy over our rich dinner, it is easy to take a moment to realize how rich we are in the blessings of our land, our friends and the families that gather to share each other's company on this day.



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Matters of Upinion

Foul language

A very upset reader called us recently about what we hope is a rare occurrence in the town of Bethlehem. In a quiet, established residential neighborhood in Elsmere, a lot was being cleared for what was presum-

ably a new home. But that wasn't his concern.

The problem was two handmade signs that proclaimed a clear message to the soon-to-be occupants of the new residents: You're not welcome here.



Evidently, someone in the neighborhood viewed the lot as an extended playground for children who enjoyed playing in the once-wooded area. But that doesn't change the fact that the lot belonged to someone else who paid taxes on it and has every right to build a home

We hope the owner doesn't view the unwelcome signs as typical of residents in Bethlehem. We want the newcomers to know that we do welcome them with open arms and invite them to share the many fine things our community has to offer.

Many, perhaps most of us, view Bethlehem as caring community where people look after their neighbors, not a place that shunned newcomers before they even moved to town.

Posting negative signs anonymously is a cowardly and mean-spirited act. If the perpetrators were so enamored with the wooded lot, they should have tried to

We hope that this was an isolated incident and one that won't happen again. Let's all practice the good neighbor policy.

Happy holidays

Thanksgiving's tomorrow and Hanukkah and Christmas are just around the corner.

Let us hope for a safe and happy holiday season for all. Let us try to keep the spirit of the holidays as it was intended and not get too caught up in the commercialization of a season that is really meant to celebrate sciritual and religious symbols and events.

Giving thanks means giving

By SUE ZICK

The writer is a volunteer and former board member for Equinox.

Every year on Thanksgiving, flip on the television and get a touching look at the Equinox Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner — a tradition that began in 1969 when we prepared a festive turkey dinner for 200 college students who had no place to go for the holidays.

seed for what has become the running Thanksgiving tradition of its kind. The numbers are history with more than 1,000 volunteers coming together to prepare, deliver and serve over four tons of turkey and ham with all the fixings to nearly 5,500 elderly, disabled and home-bound people throughout the Capital District. Another 500 guests will come to First Presbyterian Church of Albany for a sit-down dinner.

But for me, the real story takes place beyond the cameras. The real story is found in the many individual acts of generosity, the inspirational efforts of each volunteer and the very real need for companionship and food that. is voiced by each caller who requests a meal or joins us for the community dinner.

It is this potpourri of memories that keeps me coming back each year, enriching my Thanksgiving to the fullest.

I first got involved 11 years ago when I volunteered to help answer the dinner hotline. After less than a week answering the phones and listening to the loneliness and neediness of the callers, I was hooked.

I particularly remember an elderly woman who tearfully described the lovely young couple who had delivered her meal the vear before and how they reminded her of her own children who lived far away.

Point of View

The next year, I worked with a you can open any local paper of friend in the kitchen of Westminster Church, cooking turkeys all day. The kitchen was located deep in the bowels of the church, and as it grew dark and the other volunteers headed home, we still had a lot of birds to cook!

It was close to midnight, and I truly thought we were going to That first dinner planted the drop when we began to hear an eerie tapping noise. With concountry's largest and longest siderable apprehension, we checked the doors to find a family of volunteers who had followed certainly impressive, a 33-year the smell of the turkeys and had come to provide much needed

> Another time, we were loading donated birds into a refrigerator truck. After a while, I knew I couldn't lift another frozen bird with my equally frozen fingers when the magic of an Equinox Thanksgiving kicked in. A couple of guys came to drop off turkeys and offered to finish loading the birds for us.

And when I think of the magic, I remember years when the calls for meals far exceeded the donations. It was three days before Thanksgiving, and we had only 75 birds out of the 400 that were needed! But amazingly, the donations came in, one by one and by the truckload. There has always been enough.

The spirit of sharing is so alive at this season, and some of the most touching examples come from those who have so little to share. I opened a donation envelope that held a tattered dollar bill and some change with a scrawled note that said, "I'm sorry that this isn't much, but it's all I have. God bless the volunteers.'

While those we serve capture our hearts, our volunteers inspire us. The people that come together to prepare the feast are a diverse and colorful group, to say the

One of my first years, I greeted a small, hunched, unshaven man who had arrived with a small grocery tag-along cart that held some sort of small appliance.

"I'm Joe," he said. "I'm here to slice the onions. I go where they make the stuffing.'

Joe was an 83-year-old butcher who came every year to slice onions for as long as there were onions to slice.

Other regulars included a young man who, after a terrifying bout with cancer, took a week off from work each year to help transport donated products. In this way, he celebrated his health.

There are the youth groups that we depend on year after year - the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, confirmation classes that help to decorate the church dining room with handmade centerpieces and holiday banners and the Key clubs that play such a significant role in packaging the food for take-out dinners.

We hope through this involvement we are preparing the next generation to carry on the tradition.

There are several local companies whose corporate volunteers have come to our aid. They say that working together on a community project such as this does great things to build team spirit. and how grateful we are for their support.

I cherish the opportunity to reunite with the Thanksgiving Dinner Steering Committee each fall, as we begin to organize the meal for that year. This is an amazing and diverse group of individuals that would rarely encounter each other aside from their involvement and commitment to the dinner. We share this commitment to the Thanksgiving tradition that transcends our different backgrounds and

As the need for food and companionship has increased, our committee has grown.

A meal that was formerly prepared in two days now requires five, and many more chefs have been recruited. To provide 5,500 take-out meals on Thanksgiving Thursday, the cooking must begin the Sunday before.

For the sit-down meals on Thanksgiving Day, the cooking will begin on Tuesday.

People ask, "How do you know when you have enough food? Does anything ever go to waste?" We tell them we've gotten pretty good as estimating quantities needed over the years. Like at home, when unexpected guests arrive, you adjust portions or run to the store, both of which we have done.

Leftovers are never a problem, as they are packaged as takehome diners for our guests who may need food for the week. In addition, Equinox operates two emergency shelters, and there are a host of others throughout our community. They are always happy to receive Thanksgiving dinners, and we have the volunteers to deliver them!

Uncooked turkeys go to the Regional Food Bank, canned goods to holiday food baskets to be distributed to clients for Christmas. In this way, donations to Equinox Thanksgiving extend throughout the holidays.

While my Thanksgiving is a multi-faceted collage memories, most people will still remember the images that are captured on the front pages of newspapers and TV.

Images of people whose faces are etched by unimaginable hardships. Yes, they are very much a part of the Thanksgiving experience. But the bigger picture, the brighter picture, is one of donors, volunteers and guests joining together in an incredible experience of shared humanity.

The Equinox Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner has come to define all that each of us is capable of being — caring, supportive and thankful.

We won't always know whose lives we touched and made better for having cared. What's important is that you do care and you do act." - Charlotte Luns-

Happy Thanksgiving.



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Matters of Opinion

Klersy should donate land for town center

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a 25-year resident of Bethlehem, always I've considered our library to be one of our town's stellar assets.

In addition to providing the traditional library services and all its wonderful children's and adult programs (thanks to the efforts of a competent and dedicated staff), it also serves as a community center for book discussion groups, photography clubs, garden clubs and a host of other leisure and civic activities.

The library building was originally integrated into the surrounding landscape, providing a natural, green, leafy mini-oasis, an ideal environment for families to enjoy "Evenings on the Green" musical programs on balmy summer nights.

Naively assuming that our library's serene landscape would be enjoyed in perpetuity by Bethlehem's residents, I was appalled when I first viewed the chainsaw-ravaged moonscape beyond the library parking lot.

devastation from the Delaware Avenue vantage point, but I didn't realize it extended all the way back to the library property.

I have a proposal to alleviate this situation: Henry Klersy

should donate this land to the town, the town should build a new library on this site and the current library building should be converted to a town community

The advantages of this plan are numerous: Henry Klersy gets a tax write-off for donating the land to the town. This solves the problem of trying to finance a questionable project (with the collapse of the post 9/11 stock market, I understand that many assisted-living facilities are sustaining high vacancy rates).

The town gets free land for a new library, instead of trying to retrofit the present building.

The site can be very nicely landscaped for the new library, the community center and the adjacent neighbors.

If Henry Klersy donated the land to his town, it would be a fitting legacy to show his gratitude to the community that has been the source of his income over the past several decades.

To show its appreciation, the I had observed this clear-cut town could even name the community center after Henry Klersy. "The Henry J. Klersy Jr. Community Center" has a nice ring to it, don't you think?

Jim Cornell

Coach deserves kudos for season

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations to coach Dave Banas and his BCHS boys cross country team on a gratifying season.

As parents of a team member, we keenly appreciate the hard work, determination and coaching skill that contributed to the team's success.

Coach Banas developed a team unranked by preseason prognosticators into one that finished ranked 11th statewide in Class A. They succeeded through steady effort, mutual support and encouragement leavened with good humor and understanding. Their success did not emerge on the strength of spectacular results

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characterized by a remarkable consistency among their runners in finishing close together with solid times.

The development of these young runners has not been accidental. In the past three years, we have observed a continuing sense of initiative, caring and responsibility on the part of the varsity level runners - not merely toward their own performances and those of their immediate teammates, but also

achieved by one or two toward the development of the exceptional individuals, but was younger members of the team who will someday succeed them. These attributes have not been instilled solely by the wise words of guidance offered by coach Banas at practices and meets, but. most importantly, by his actions at those and other events.

> The BCHS cross country and outdoor track teams are truly fortunate to have a coach with the integrity and character of Dave Banas.

> > Denis and Elizabeth Dineen Elsmere



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Matters of Upinion

Public input needed on Stewart's proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for your recent A corridor. editorial that underscored the keeping

character along the Route 85/85- input in order to secure a proposal to the east side of the property.

I am writing to update readers need for the town of New Scotland on the status of the Stewart's more carefully plan project currently before the commercial development in planning board and to highlight with community the need for continued public

in keeping with the rural and scenic character of our town.

A crowd of nearly 50 people, away from Route 85. gathered at the New Scotland planning board meeting on Nov. 12 to voice their concerns regarding Stewart's proposal for a convenience store and eight gas pumps with accompanying 118foot canopy. Unfortunately, prior to the Stewart's discussion, a power outage brought the meeting to an abrupt halt.

While a convenience store is an appropriate business for this gateway commercial zone, Stewart's current site plan threatens to irrevocably diminish the rural character of the Route 85 corridor. While Stewart's has recently published building design improvements, numerous issues remain.

The current Stewart's site design locates eight gas pumps and a massive 118-foot canopy up front along the Route 85 road frontage. Pumps, canopy, parking and asphalt will provide the dominant look and feel of the site.

This site plan can be improved by making the following changes:

- Reduce the number of pumps from eight to four, or ideally to two.
- Reduce gas pump canopy
- Shift the pumps and canopy

- Shift the entire footprint of the store and parking further
- Incorporate a single point of entry/exit, rather than the dual entrance/exit currently proposed.

Relocation and reduction of the gas pumps and canopy will allow the building design improvements proposed by Stewart's to be more clearly seen by travelers and customers. Shifting the building site back from the road allows for increased greenspace in front of the store and could potentially allow the site's one mature tree — a defining element of the existing property — to remain the centerpiece of a shaded picnic area.

Moreover, these changes are essential if this proposal intends to contribute to New Scotland's community cha-racter, rather than detract from it.

In addition to these aesthetic and design issues, signage, landscaping, nighttime lighting, safe pedestrian access and storm water and septic management issues remain concerns.

The planning board will take up the Stewart's issue once again at their meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3. I welcome fellow New Scotland residents and travelers of the Route 85/85-A corridor to join efforts to encourage the idea that commercial development, thoughtful planning and good design can go hand-in-hand in New Scotland.

Daniel Mackay Slingerlands

Progress Club is grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Delmar Progress Club's "Dollars for Scholars" card party, hèld Nov. 12 at town hall, was a big success, raising money to be used toward a \$1,000 scholarship for a Bethlehem High School

For more than 30 years, Progress Club has offered scholarships based on community service, academic standing and

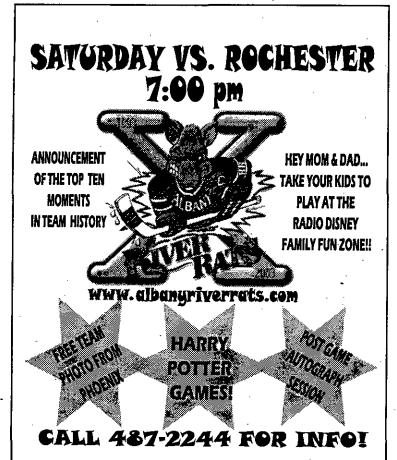
The Progress Club wishes to thank the many local businesses who supported this effort by generously providing prizes and gift certificates for the evening. Over 110 ladies gathered to play cards, enjoy refreshments and win these prizes donated by Town of Bethlehem businesses.

The 100-year-old Delmar Progress Club is a member of both the New York State Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Its activities include working toward civic betterment, providing community service and remaining aware of environmental and conservation issues.

The club also provides opportunities for members to participate in antique studies, gardening activities, creative arts, and f book and travel reviews.

> Liz Matterson Delmar



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Matters of Opinion

Reader has more to say about history of Schoharie

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was very glad to see the article by Bill Fonda about Schoharie, the village where I attended 12 years of public school, being guests at the "Late Show." I appreciate it being printed.

I also found it interesting that he was reared in the same township (Wright) in which I was and also that six or seven generations of my ancestors were. Even though the article was well done and took up quite a bit of space in your paper, I can add a couple of things and perhaps Parsonage dating back to 1743, is question a thing or two.

He said, "Don't ask me where the village of Schoharie is." I have always wondered just where the village of Colonie is, but I think that there are road signs at each end of Schoharie indicating one is entering the village.

Schoharie is the county seat of Schoharie County. Its history, as | Thomas H. Abele, D.M.D. well as that of the Old Stone Fort, goes back to the 18th century or before. Bill mentioned the Old Stone Fort, but its only significance in his article was that the parades ended there. Actually, it was the "lower fort" at the time of the American Revolution, protecting some of the residents from Tory and Indian raids on the Schoharie Valley, which is often referred to as the "Breadbasket of the Revolution."

The fort is associated with the Revolution's 15th Regiment of the Albany County Militia, Towns of Duanesburg and Schoharie (in which an ancestor of mine served). The fort was built as a church and on its outer sides are engraved names of charter members and/or those who assisted in its construction. One such name is that of one of my ancestors, Jacob Zimmer, who was on the Revolution's Committee of Safety and Correspondence. Stone Fort Days are usually held in October every year and normally feature Revolutionary War skirmish reenactments.

Another building right on the north edge of town that dates back to Revolutionary times, just a short way from the fort, is the George Mann Tory Tayern. It has been restored and is now a very fine restaurant with servers attired in colonial costume. You should go there sometime, but be prepared to pay much more than you would at McDonald's or the Old Country Buffet. Yet, I think you would agree that you get your money's worth if you value quality and style. Also, I think Schoharie might be considered the birthplace of open air movies. For most or all of the 1930s and the first part of the 1940s, the merchants of the village sponsored free outdoor movies. On Thursday nights during the summer, a screen was hung in front of the court house, a mobile projection booth was wheeled into place, Main Street was blocked off and people could set up their own lawn chairs or folding chairs rented from the fire company to view feature movies. Street dances followed the movies.

involved in engineering this activity, Ed Scribner, is still alive and is still somewhat active in putting in sound systems such as that at the Fonda Fair just a few years ago.

He is in his 90s and participated in the Veterans of Foreign Wars ceremony at the fort this past Veterans Day.

What is claimed to be the oldest existing building in Schoharie County, the Palatine House, an old Lutheran

Also in the village is the home of the Schoharie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Lasell Hall, which was at one time a tavern dating back to the end of the 18th century — 1795, I believe.

Also, when going from Rotterdam to Schoharie, it would be out of the way to go to Esperance, which was one of the ways Bill mentioned.

The Route 7 way to Route 30 near Central Bridge is OK, but I think to take I-88 west to Exit 23,

3 miles or so to Schoharie is best. One could also leave Route 7 at route, which is on Route 20, not Quaker Street, turn south and go. Route 7. over the hill to Schoharie via Gallupville or Barton Hill, but these alternatives are not as good

One of the main people also in the village of Schoharie. then take Route 30 south for about as the other ways mentioned but still better than the Esperance

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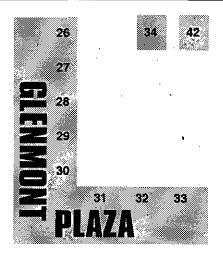
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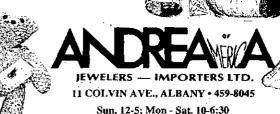
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The menu will include chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll, beverage and dessert.

The cost of the dinner is \$8 for adults, \$8.50 for barbecue pork spareribs dinner.

Chicken only will be sold for \$6, and barbecue pork spareribs only will be sold for \$6.50.

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Schools in the district will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving

of trustees meeting will be

Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Thacher Nature Center to hold geology walk

Explore lesser-known areas of Thacher Park today, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. and learn about limestone landscapes, known as karst topography, with Thom Engel.

Kiwanis tree sale begins at SuperValu

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club's annual Christmas Tree and Wreath sale begins on Monday, Dec. 2, at the SuperValu parking lot on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville.

Prices for the trees are \$25 to \$30 depending on size, and wreaths are \$10 for plain and \$13 for a decorated wreath.

Proceeds will be used to support numerous Kiwanis Club community service projects.

Kids group to discuss Half Magic

Half Magic by Edward Eager is the selection for the children's book discussion group which will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library. The program is for children in grades four through six. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Eager mingles reality with fantasy and delights the reader with witty wordplay and a warm, funny, original adventure.

"Half Magic" refers to a coin that the children find and discover is magic — well, not totally magic it's only (you guessed it) half magic. That means there's a certain logic to the wishes one must make to generate a desired outcome.

Imagine the results emerging from inaccurate efforts: half invisible, half rescued, half everything. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk.

The library is seeking candidates for a board of trustee seat due to the resignation of Ellen Bidell.

Any person over the age of 18 who resides in the Voorheesville Central School District is eligible to apply. Individuals who would like to serve should send a letter of interest, including a résumé or description of their qualifications, to James Reilly, president, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville 12186. Applications received prior to Dec. 15 will receive ful! consideration.

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Adults will meet to discuss Honeymoon in Purdah at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

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Happy Thanksgiving from the staff.

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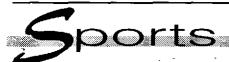
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BC girls set their sights on a Sectional title

By ROB JONAS

Here is the breakdown of the 2002-03 Bethlehem girls basketball team.

On a 13-player roster, there are 10 returning players — including four of the five starters from last year's Suburban Council Gold Division championship team and seven seniors.

Factor in the graduation of key players from some of Section II's other top Class A programs from last year, and the result is clear; Bethlehem is a leading candidate to win the Sectional title.

"It's a new season; everybody's older and has hopefully set new goals for themselves," Bethlehem coach Kim Wise said. "Obviously every year, you want to be the best, and I think that's our goal this year."

The Lady Eagles had the Class A title in their sights after running through the regular season with a 12-1 Suburban Council record, including a victory over 2000 state champion Colonie Central. But starting with the league tournament, things went downhill for Bethlehem. First, the Lady Eagles lost to Guilderland in a semifinal game, and then they were beaten by Shenendehowa in the thirdplace contest.

The kicker came in the Section II tournament, though, when Bethlehem was edged by Saratoga in the quarterfinals.

"After we played and beat Colonie, we stopped and I think they realized that their goal last year was to beat Colonie and

Kaitlin Foley, left, does some cardiovascular work while Jamie Mooney braces the chair during last Thursday's Bethlehem girls basketball practice.

nothing more," Wise said. "This will make it harder for teams to year, I think they have loftier goals.'

Whether the Lady Eagles achieve those goals depends not on how dominating center Kaitlin Foley will be this year, but on how well the rest of the team plays around her.

"If our guards do their job, it

collapse on our inside players,"

Wise said. Bethlehem's backcourt will be Kelly, Emily Bango, Vanessa Jamie Mooney — to play for the Patry and Katie Rowan. Bango was one of three Lady Eagles —

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Adirondack region scholastic women's basketball team at the Empire State Games, while Patry and Rowan spent the summer working on their games.

"I think they've come back a lot stronger, and they're ready to step up and contribute more to the program," Wise said of Patry and

Still, the Lady Eagle the rest of who led the Suburban Council in scoring last season. The senior lurking in the wings.

has worked on her strength during the off-season, not only to help her to handle the doubleteams she is likely to draw from opposing defenses this year but Division I level of college ball next year at Holy Cross.

"I would say she's gotten better at being able to pull (the ball) up through arms, if the ball comes in low to her," Wise said.

With a veteran lineup, Bethle-Section II is concerned with is hem will be favored to win the Foley — a 6-foot, 4-inch center Suburban Council, but Wise sees some traditional challengers

"Colonie will be back on top," Wise said of the Garnet Raiders, who are returning only four players from last year's team. "Shen was young last year, and also when she moves on to the they've got just about everybody back.'

> Bethlehem opens its season Dec. 4 against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. The Lady Eagles then host their annual Tip-Off Tournament Dec. 6 and 7. Other nonleague games include a weekend tournament in Poughkeepsie after Christmas against two state powerhouses, Ursuline and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Jones leads UAlbany to bowl title

By ROB JONAS

In three years, Gary Jones has gone from local wonder to collegiate record breaker.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduate capped his first football season at the NCAA Division I-AA level with a 194-yard performance for the University at Albany in its 24-0 victory over nationally-ranked Duquesne in last Saturday's ECAC Bowl at University Field,

During the season, Jones set school and Northeast Conference records for most rushing yards in a season (1,509) and points scored (138). He also set school marks in seven other categories, including all-purpose yards (1,949) and touchdowns (23).

"I had no clue," Jones said when asked if he thought, he ped up. "I just wanted to come in Division I-AA level. and help out as much as I can. The offensive line did a great job all season."

Jones and the rest of the Great Danes had a rough start to the season, as they opened with a loss to defending Division I-AA champion Montana. But Jones said the outcome couldn't outweigh the benefits of playing the Grizzlies.

"Once we played them, we knew that we wouldn't see another team with that much speed," he said.

Once they got back from Montana, the Great Danes got into a good groove. Albany won seven of its next 10 games, including five of its six league ECAC Bowl game.

Jones was a big part of Albany's success. He rushed for more than 100 yards in eight of the 10 games leading up to last Saturday's contest against Duquesne to become one of the top

would have the season he wrap-running backs in the nation at the

Jones saved one of his best performances for last, though. Despite a muddy field at Albany, he sped his way through the Duquesne defense for nearly 200 yards and a touchdown.

"It was pretty slick; you couldn't cut that well," said Jones, who was named the ECAC Bowl's most valuable player. "But our offensive line made some big holes, so I didn't have to cut that much. I just ran straight ahead."

Jones has no plans to break the records he set this year when he takes the field for Albany next year. Instead, his focus is on bringing the Great Danes to the next level.

"Next year, we're going to games, to earn its way into the hopefully top this off by not losing any games in the conference and hopefully make the playoffs," he said.

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Seniors lead Bethlehem field hockey team

By ROB JONAS

The presence of a dozen seniors helped the Bethlehem field hockey team have a good season this fall.

The Lady Eagles finished with an 8-8 overall record, which put them in the middle of the highlycompetitive Suburban Council.

"It was very close between all of the teams and very wide open," Bethlehem coach Kat Cunningham said. "We were in every game. We played well the whole season.'

The Lady Eagles were led offensively by Sarah Horn, who was the team's top goal scorer for the second consecutive year.

'She was nominated as a firstteam all-star by the other Suburban Council coaches, which is a tremendous honor," Cunningham said of Horn. "She's also been to the World Scholar-Athlete Games and more recently the Interna-

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tional Scholar-Athlete Games in Ireland. So, she's tremendously dedicated to the sport."

Also receiving first-team All-Suburban Council honors was senior midfielder Bridget Griffin. Forward Sue Kelly and defender Emma Strachman earned second-team honors from the league's coaches, while defender Jen Marro and goaltender Sarah Lackner received honorable mentions.

Of the group of all-league honorees, Strachman and Lackner will be the only ones to return next year, along with six other underclassmen. The rest of next year's squad will be made up of players from a successful junior varsity team.

"Obviously, we're going to miss the seniors, but our JV team finished with an amazing undefeated record," Cunningham said. "So, we're looking forward to having some of those players up with us next year."

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Bethlehem school board member Lynne Lenhardt, left, assistant superintendent John McGuire and Lynn Horn display the new scoreboard for the Bethlehem field hockey team. Hannaford and General Electric helped purchase the scoreboard, which was used at all home games during the season.

Cross country runners earn league honors

Two members of the Bethle- the top 10 runners in the Subur- Bethlehem boys cross country hem girls cross country team and one member of the Bethlehem boys cross country team were named to the Suburban Council All-Star teams.

On the girls' side, Emily Malinowski and Katie Parafinczuk were two of 21 runners honored by the league.

Malinowski was ranked among

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ban Council this season, while team on the all-league list. Parafinczuk was in the top 20.

Saratoga's Nicole Blood topped the All-Star list after winning the league and Section II, Class A titles this year. Blood also won the individual championship at the Federation meet Nov. 16 at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls.

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Saratoga's Mike Foley, who won the Suburban Council meet title, was the top-ranked runner on the all-star list. He was followed by three Shenendehowa runners - Jacob Gurzler, Ryan Gaedje and Scott Mindel.

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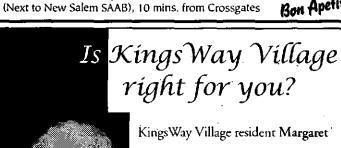
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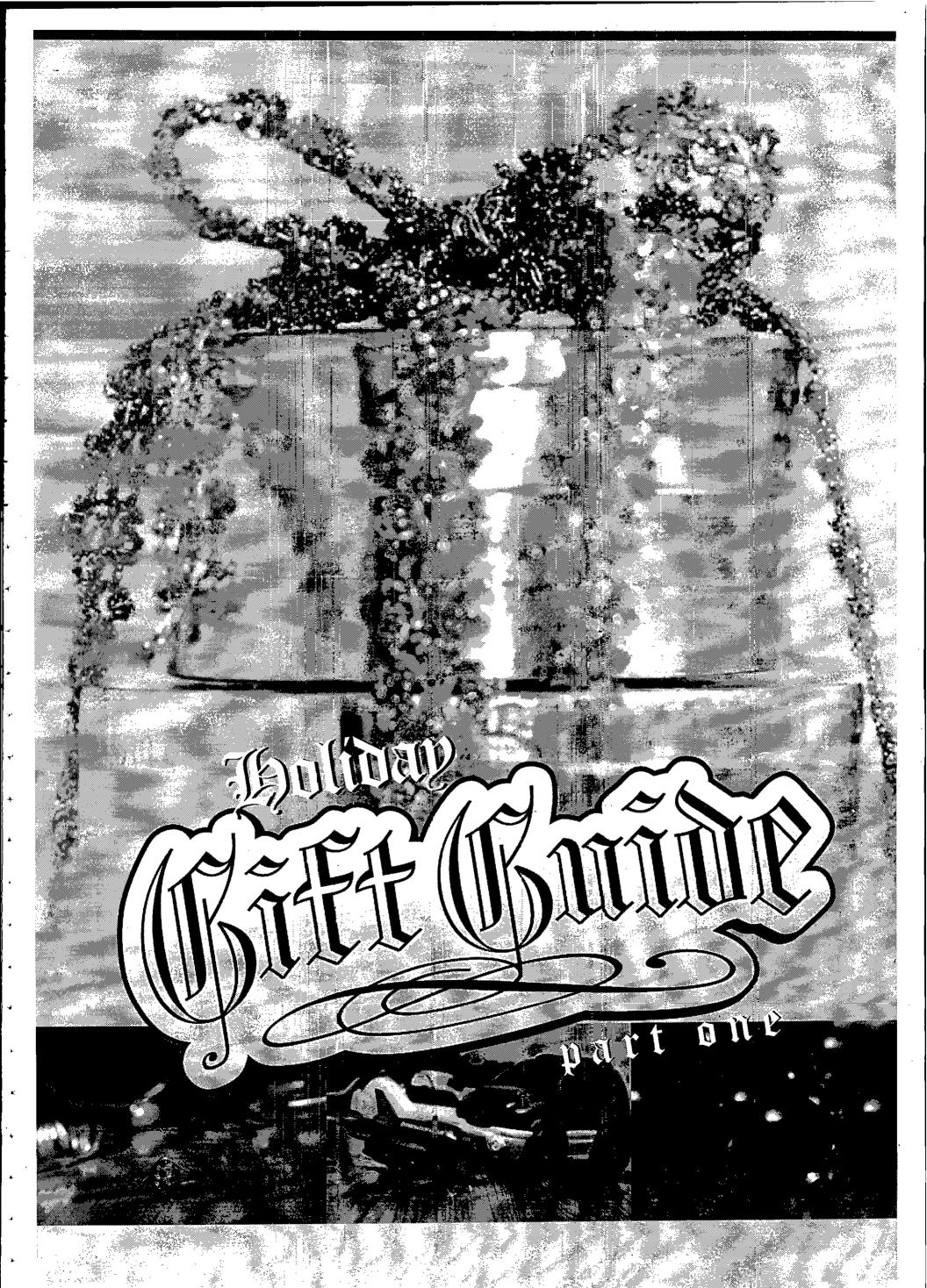
Guilderland-Voorheesville's Lindsey McKenna finished fourth in the 100-yard freestyle at last Saturday's state swim meet in Buffalo, McKenna placed 13th in the 200 freestyle.



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with others, goes outside and walks. happy."



More than stars are twinkling this season

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

If you want to see your loved one's eyes shine bright this holiday season, give her something shiny and bright from a local jeweler.

Tucked away at Normanskill Blvd. in Delmar, John Fritze Jr. is continuing a

started when he was a jeweler current location 20 years ago. to the king of Denmark.

United States, the first Fritze opened Van Heusen Charles in downtown Albany — where today's parking lot for the are full during the holidays." Crowne Plaza Hotel is located. Fritze worked in his father's antique jewelry, often shop on Central Avenue, Fritze

"I do manufacturing and After immigrating to the repairs," Fritze said, "sell wholesale to other jewelers, and have some clientele that purchase things here. My cases necklaces, bracelets and

Fritze repairs a lot of creating a "marriage" by blending old with new on people's treasured jewelry, or stones that haven't been set.

He also does contract work, where he and a client might work together to design a special piece of jewelry.

Currently, Fritze said that white metals - silver, white gold, and platinum

– are popular. Diamonds and colored stones, like rubies, amethysts and emeralds, are favorite holiday choices, but Fritze also offers more esoteric stones.

"There's red spinel," he said, which looks like a ruby. Or blue lively. It has more dispersion the way it catches the colors of the rainbow — than a diamond."

earrings that glitter in the light. ring surrounded by diamonds

In general, people are a little more price-conscious this year. The positive side to this is that people will spend the money if they're getting quality.

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Pink sapphires, amethysts, ruby and sapphire bracelets are some of the other shiny baubles Fritze has now.

"This is tavalite," he said, showing off a blue stone. "It's a manufactured stone, white

tradition that his grandfather Jeweler, before moving to his zircon, which looks like blue topaz coated with a rare earth topaz, but more vibrant and metal used for aerospace manufacturing."

Fritze also had a man's ring made with a giant fire agate, its Fritze produces boxes full of warm brown color seeming to swirl in the light. An old pearl

> was attached to its band by a peg drilled through the pearl, and topped off with a diamond.

> Fritze is proud of the quality of his work, be it repair or custom design.

> "Most jewelers don't sell quality, they sell a look," he said. "It can be poorly cut or poorly set. I buy stones for their color and clarity. I also make things that are tailored, and classic, so they never go out of style."

Fritze can be reached at

Joseph Lewanda of LeWanda Jewelers at 246 Delaware Ave. in Delmar is also carrying on a family tradition. LeWanda has been in business since 1959, and quality is what LeWanda sells.

"In general, people are a little more price-conscious this year," Lewanda said. "The positive side to this is that people will spend the money if they're getting quality.'

Lewanda said he tries to debunk the myth that the difference between what you need to spend to go up in quality is often not as high as you might think.

For instance, a customer might buy a hollow gold chain for \$60, but a solid one would be \$100. In addition, when things are made poorly, they often break.

Lewanda repairs jewelry and frequently has customers say that things they buy elsewhere break, but jewelry from LeWanda lasts forever.

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"If any professional is doing their job properly, they'll tell you the advantages and disadvantages of a product, Lewanda said. "Since we do inhouse repairs, we know how jewelry is put together, so we know what to buy and sell in our shop."

One thing Lewanda insists on is upgrading the earring backs that go out of his store.

"It's often the difference between losing or keeping the in earring," he said.

As they enter the holiday season, LeWanda, a full-service retail jeweler that sells items from classic to cutting edge, will be open extended hours. There's also still time to place karat, three-diamond special orders.

Lewanda agreed that white gold is still popular, but yellow gold has its place, too.

"Gemstone rings are popular that is the most popular. now, and bracelets are always a good category for us."

Currently very popular are diamond," Lewanda said. "The three-stone rings.

pendants, or earrings. "The three stones symbolize past, present and future," Lewanda said. "Young people

relationship are buying them, and older people are giving them as anniversary gifts."

one-quarter pendant costs about \$300, Lewanda said.

Like Fritze, Lewanda is jewelry that will shine beyond seeing a lot of increase in "We'll sell a lot of gold converting old jewelry to new.

season," Lewanda said, there's one unpredicted item cost goes to benefit breast

"Last year, it was a split said. bangle bracelet with a

> year before that, it was colored gemstone bracelet."

> > this year's choice will be, Lewanda is sure to have it.

T h e magic of the self-exams. holidays always shines through," he said. Debbie Knight of Addie's **Trinkets** offers a unique kind of

the holiday season.

"We sell unique pins and earrings with some accent this Also, every Christmas season, brooches, and 20 percent of the

cancer organizations," Knight

This year, Knight has earmarked Delmar's To Life!, Northeast Health's Women Centers at Albany Memorial Hospital and Troy's Samaritan Hospital.

These are organizations that Whatever are very involved in education," Knight said of her choice.

> Last year, for instance, Knight arranged for an educational program at the Academy of the Holy Names, teaching the high school seniors how to do breast

"They weren't too keen on it, to be frank," Knight said, "but the sooner we can teach people how to detect breast cancer, the better. My daughter is only 31 and she has a friend with breast cancer. We need to start contact Knight at 439-6539. teaching girls young."

Addie's Trinkets are varied some are the breast cancer ribbon in pink crystal, and others are designed in themes.

"There are snowmen and sleds, or garden ornaments for the springtime," Knight said.

All of them come on a pink informational card, which are immediately identifiable in the stores. The pins range in cost from \$8 to \$28. They can be purchased at Roberta's Gifts in Glenmont, Persnickity in Clifton Park and Latham; Sutton's in Glens Falls; at the St. Peter's and Samaritan Hospital gift shops: and Aurora's Willow Creek in

Knight also attends craft shows, and will be at the Hamagrael Elementary School craft fair in Delmar on Dec. 7.

For more information,

Men, Women De-Stress Differently

as much stress as they are fun? Do you cringe at the thought of obligations untangling yards and yards of overwhelming. So, if you're holiday lights before you muster up the energy to string them on the tree?

If so, a new poll of 1,013 pit stop at the pub. Americans by Sam Adams and RoperASW can give you some advice on how to relax and escape the stress this holiday season. According to the poll, men like to beat holiday stress by kicking back with their Boston-based beer company. friends over a bottle of beer. Fifty-one percent of the men prefer to lose themselves - and polled indicated that a bottle of the holiday hubbub - in a good

Do you find the holidays are brew and a friendly chat is just read. As many as 71 percent of what they need when holiday become

shopping with your boyfriend, husband or brother, don't be surprised if they need to take a

"I've always found that the best way to ease into the holidays is by enjoying a good beer with a couple of close friends." said Iim Koch, founder and brewer of Sam Adams, the

Women, on the other hand,

women admitted that, over the holidays, a good book is a great way to soothe their frayed nerves.

Male or female, though, only 35 percent of the respondents said that working out at the gym helps them deal with holiday tensions. Apparently, when it comes to the holidays, a beer or a book beats a barbell every

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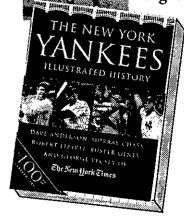
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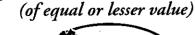
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"Books are such a great gift there is always a book for

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"We order our books months in advance so it becomes a big guessing game as to what will become popular and sell during the holiday season," Steen said.

"The Harry Potter books have become classics," she said, "and they are often purchased by, or for,

our younger customers. But people of all ages, including grandmothers, enjoy reading Harry Potter as well."

Traditional Christmas Books sell well, also.

"One classic with a new twist is 'The Night Before Christmas' with pop-up illustrations by

Books are perfect gifts and we love helping customers select the right one. Many publishers release new books in the fall by wellknown authors like Danielle Steele and Tom Clancy to catch the holiday sales

Donna Rose

artist Robert Sabuda. It is beautiful and complex art that would appeal to all ages from 1 to 100," said Steen.

Sabuda has wonderful pop-up book called "The Christmas Alphabet" out this year, Steen said.

Best-seller "John Adams" by David McCullough, "is now out in paperback and selling well," Steen said.

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"The Chicken Soup series also make wonderful gifts," Steen noted. "There is Chicken Soup for the Soul, for The Sister Soul, for the Golfers Soul, and the Mothers Soul," she said.

Donna Rose, a manager in the Friar Tuck Bookstore in Delmar Plaza, agrees with

"Books are perfect gifts and we love helping customers select the right one," Rose said.

new books in the fall by well- Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'

another known authors like Danielle Steele and Tom Clancy to catch the holiday sales," Rose said. "Also religious books for holidays like Hanukkah and

Christmas, plus Bibles, sell very

"Many new releases of holiday classics are out with wonderful new illustrations and fresh interpretations," Rose noted. "And classics like 'The Night "Many publishers release Before Christmas' and Charles

well as

always sell well.

"We are also seeing renewed interest in coffee-table books with patriotic themes about the heroes of our country and the Sept. 11 attack," Rose said.

During the holiday season, Friar Tuck hours, starting with Thanksgiving, are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the same opening time for the weekend but closing at 7 p.m. on Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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Hutchinson's book buyer Lily Bartels said "We have books on every subject and we do our best to hook the right book up to the right person. We are all readers, know books and can help."

Rose, Like Bartels commented on "enormous interest in books of a patriotic theme, plus those related to 9/ 11 and celebrating New York City."

She added, "There are coffee table books covering these themes and are available for adults as well as children."

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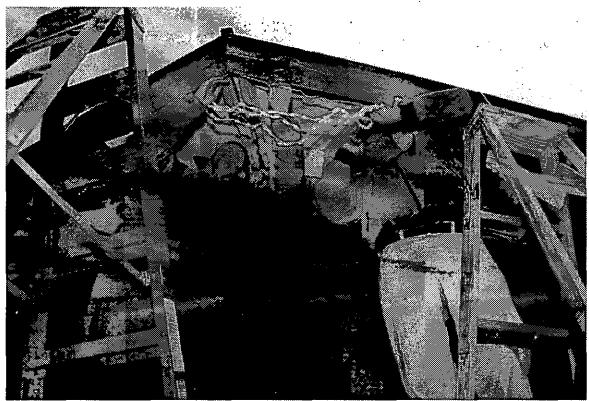
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If the prospect of Christmas shopping leaves you curled in a ball in the corner, it might be time to get a copy of Helen Volk's 1999 booklet, "Organize and De-Stress the Holiday Season."

The local organization guru offers tips to balance the stress of shopping during the holiday season. Creating "Shopping Central," for instance, can help track the shopping lists, catalog ordering information, receipts, credit card slips, and all the paper that comes with the season.

The owner of Beyond Clutter also offers advice on . . . when to shop - and when not to - and how best to pay for the gifts of the season.

Volk is also the author of "Organize Your Photographs" and "Behind Clothes Doors."



Mike Jarvs and Rich Gallager, members of the Helderview Garden Club, decorate the gazebo at Hotaling-Evergreen Park in Voorheesville.

Holiday Shopping: Is a Sale Price a Deal?

bombarded with ads for precoupon-savings days, and, before the last package is Everyone wants to save money, but how do you decide if the deal is real? The Federal Trade Commission offers some tips to help you get the most for your

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Eating the traditions of the season

How Santa gets around the globe in just one night may be the season's biggest mystery, but the foods we eat this season contain their own secrets.

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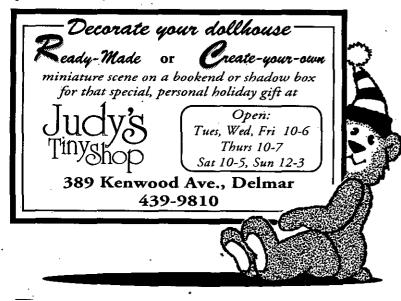
Art Ginsburg's cheery style and you-can-do-these-at-home ideas give viewers the inside scoop on some sweet holiday traditions.

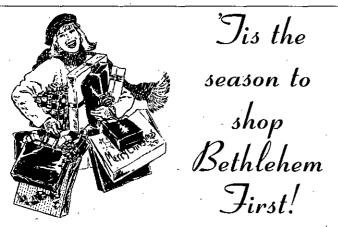
Ginsburg will take viewers on a tour of the largest candy cane factory in the world, and offer unique tips for using these redand-white-striped confections in their Christmas baking.

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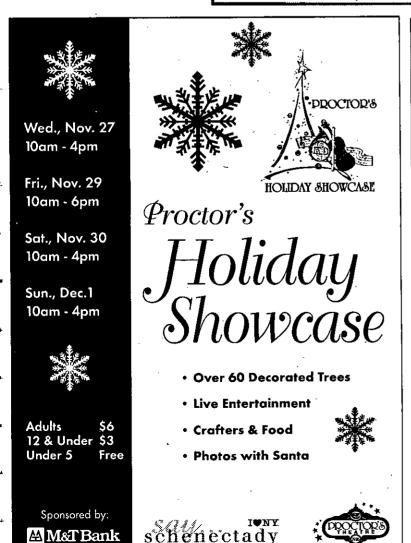
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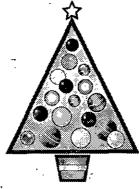
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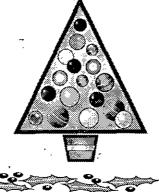
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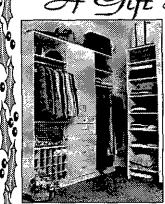
> > -Ask the retailer about recycling Christmas trees in your community.

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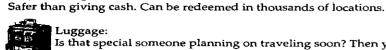


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Growth

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Superintendent Les Loomis said the result has been classes meeting on stairway landings and, in some cases, loss of art and music rooms. There is also a safety concern in the high school with unlocked exterior doors since students need to pass to classes outside the building to avoid crowded hallways.

The data regarding new housing starts in the district projects a range of growth projections over the next eight years of from 375 to 625 new students. To accommodate the current overcrowding and projected growth, the district calculates it needs to build 21 to 31 new classrooms and renovate existing space to improve or create 29 additional functional classrooms.

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generally conservative with developed to get necessary enrollments exceeding projections.

Loomis read actual projection figures used by the district in the last eight years and based on this data, the committee indicated it was inclined to work with the high end of projected ranges and not the more conservative figures.

Support for this conclusion was a chart prepared by Loomis which was developed after meetings with town planners. The chart shows buildable lots in the town for which developers have received all approvals and can be built at the discretion of the builder. Most reflect availability in subdivisions already partially built. So new housing in the next three years could reach 284 units in the district.

Town planner Jeff Lipnicky said, "There is still a lot of developable land in the district, projections in recent years have but it is unlikely engineering and been relatively accurate but architectural plans could be

approvals to start building in the three-year window."

Loomis said, "The committee should work with three-year housing growth estimates since we need to concentrate on what we know."

Regarding the need for more classroom space, Loomis said: "The renovation numbers are very preliminary and need a lot more work. It costs nearly twice as much to build new space as it does to upgrade existing space."

Loomis said he was concerned about three rumors about conclusions already reached by the district concerning the Enrollment and Facilities Planning.

The first is "The district will be cheap and conservative in addressing the space situation." Loomis said, "There is no price ceiling on the process, we are looking for the best thinking of this committee in developing options for the board to consider.'

The second rumor was the high school will not get much attention in the process. Loomis said, "Our projections show the high school is slated to grow more than any other building in the district, and our chart of building capacity calculations show the high school needing 21 to 25 new classrooms, nearly half of the 50 to 60 projected need in the district."

The final rumor was that Clarksville will be closed and a parents with the committee new elementary school will be process and get input from the

built on Van Dyke Avenue.

Loomis denied this was a consideration: "The school presently has 245 students, well below the 500 student per elementary facility that is policy in this district. A geology study is under way at the Clarksville property to determine what will be required to put an addition on that facility.'

According to the data provided the committee, Clarksville has the smallest student population of the five elementary schools in the district at 245 and Glenmont is the highest with 494 students.

Yet the Glenmont area is slated for the greatest growth in new housing of any of the five elementary districts. An enlarged Claksville school would probably have to take students who are currently in the Glenmont

Loomis noted, "In addition to my previous comment on a new facility costing twice that of cost of renovations, state aid is better for renovating existing facilities than building new ones.'

Architects and administrators will meet with all of the PTAs in the district and have already done so with Clarksville, Hamagrael, Elsmere and Slingerlands. The remaining meetings scheduled for Glenmont at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4, the middle school on Dec. 3 and the high school on Dec. 10.

parents that the committee can factor into its deliberations.

"We are doing everything we can to make the process open and participative. After all we are dealing with the district's children and district residents' tax dollars. In addition to the PTA meetings the planning committee's meetings are public, and people with concerns should attend,' Loomis said.

The Monday planning meetings will continue at the district office at 90 Adams Place until early May and final report to the board is scheduled for May

Parking

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On Thursday, Nov. 14, Principal Michael Tebbano held a meeting to clear up the misconceptions concerning parking. At the meeting, which was attended by about 40 students, he explained that very few juniors had left the front parking lot against school rules in the last year, and that juniors will be allocated the remaining spaces through a lottery. The meeting had a powerful effect on juniors' feelings about the situation.

Junior Kate Maddenfelt that "The meeting cleared up a lot of misconceptions."

Luke Sullivan, also a junior, The purpose is to acquaint had been upset that juniors had lost parking because of the actions of the current senior class and had been involved in an effort to increase the number of cars that could be parked on Van Dyke Road without violating traffic laws, said after the meeting, "I realized that the administration's in a tough position. They did the only thing they could do."

> Even though the misunderstanding about parking has .. been settled, problems still remain. Few juniors are likely to get parking this year, since there are only 29 spaces available and 46 seniors might gain parking privileges. It is also uncertain whether juniors will be able to park in later years, since the student population is increasing and other needs, such as expanding class space, need to be taken into account. In addition, some juniors are not happy with the administration's handling of the situation.

"I was disappointed that they didn't tell juniors what was going on," said Madden, while junior Abby Stambach said she was confused why they didn't say this in the first place."

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Explosive

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and to cause concussive damage on the surrounding streets if detonated.

The resident of 4 Pine St. was cleaning her garage at about 3:30 p.m. Saturday when she discovered the device and alerted police, who in turn summoned the bomb disposal team. A section of Kenwood Avenue and blocks on either side were sealed off and evacuated — including Pine Street, Werner Ave-nue, and Alden Court From Kenwood to Werner; on the north side of Kenwood, most of Greenleaf Drive and portions of Hawley Court and Maywood Drive between Ken-wood and Greenleaf.

"We evacuated per (the bomb disposal unit's) recommendation," Heffernan

Units of the Elsmere Fire Department and Delmar Volunteer Ambulance, as well as Albany County Sheriff's. paramedics, were on the scene while the bomb team removed

reopened at about 7 p.m.

Heffernan said.

The homeowner's name is being withheld by police. "At this point, she's been ruled out. She is not a suspect," Heffernan said.

The initial police report filed Saturday indicated that she suspected a former boyfriend of her daughter, but Heffernan declined to discuss that possibility. He confirmed, however, that the planting of the device appeared to be intentional.

"We don't have any reason to believe there are any other devices, but there are no guarantees," he said. "Whether or not (the victim) is random or a target we're not able to determine

Book group slates Mayle's newest work

Library to close for Thanksgiving

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving.

The library will reopen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29.

Patrons may access the catalog and other online services via the library's Web site, www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Regular hours will resume on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Elks schedule pasta dinner

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge is holding a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Friday, Dec. 6, from 6. to 9 p.m.

Prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, free for childeren under 3.

The Elks Lodge is on Route 144 in Selkirk.

Call 767-3080 for information.

Hamagrael sets annual craft fair

The Hamagrael Elementary School PTA in Delmar will host its annual craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on McGuffey Lane.

Lunch will also be available, including a bake sale and an auction.

Admission is free.

Businessman is delegate to Vietnam

Ray Houghton, owner of Cyber Haus in Delmar, has been selected as a member of a People to People Ambassador Program to Southeast Asia.

The purpose of the delegation is to promote international understanding and professional exchange.

the device. No injuries were reported, and the area was

By Monday, state police investigators "have rendered the device safe, and they are now processing it for ID, for evidence,"

until we identify a suspect."

State police public information officials declined to comment, deferring instead to Bethlehem

The Bethlehem Public Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. to Library's book discussion group discuss "French Lessons: "Nonfictionados" will meet on Adventures With a Knife, Fork and Corkscrew" by Peter Mayle, author of the best-selling "A Year

> New members are welcome. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk. Call 439-9314 to register.

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BC board reviews advanced programs

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

School Principal Michael Tebbano updated the school board on the Advanced Placement and other advanced track programs at the board's meeting last week.

"The district's offerings compared favorably with other similar suburban school districts in the state," Tebbano said.

Three factors compel students to enter advanced course tracks, he said, "First a drive to enrich their knowledge in subject areas of interest beyond the regular curriculum, second to gain mastery in a subject area and finally to earn advanced credit for college."

Requests to add new courses to the curriculum can originate with a faculty member, a student or parent, Tebbano noted.

The appropriate department head develops a proposal to be reviewed by the district Curriculum Committee. If approved by the committee, the course requires final approval by the board of education. Once space and staffing considerations are resolved, a course is then offered and can be implemented if 17 students register. Registration in Advanced Placement courses requires students to have completed all prerequisites.

According to Tebbano, 308 students are in the Advanced Placement program, and there are over 1,200 registrations in advanced track courses.

"This figure may include Bethlehem Central High students registered for several courses," he noted.

> Johanna Friedman, assistant principal at the high school, then discussed student parking. The lot in front of the school "contains 244 student spaces, 36 visitor spots and nine handicap spaces, and there are also 70 spots along Van Dyke Avenue," Friedman

> "There is a shortage of spaces for visitors. As some of the 244 seniors lose parking privileges due to academics or disciplinary matters, it had been our practice to allow juniors to occupy spaces as they open up," she said. "We will no longer be able to accommodate juniors because of the need to provide more visitor parking."

> Friedman also said, "The lot will be repainted with new striping and be equipped with new signs to make the lot more efficient."

> In other business, the board approved amendments to the health service policy and the district purchasing policy to align the policies with new state requirements.

> Also approved was a new policy, required by the state, to acquire automated external defibrillators for every school. Purchase of equipment, plus cost of training, is estimated to create

an initial expenditure of \$40,000. There will be ongoing training and maintenance expenses, also.

The board authorized district officials to negotiate a construction management contract with Sano Rubin Construction of Albany. The firm will oversee the construction and renovation of whatever facilities improvements are adopted by the board and approved by voters next year.

Board members Richard Svenson and Stuart Lyman reviewed responses to five requests for proposals and interviewed the firms before recommending Sano Rubin to the board.

'Sano Rubin has completed many school projects and has worked on school construction with our architectural firm, Collins & Scoville," Svenson said.

Superintendent Les Loomis said: "The enrollment and facilities planning process is continuing, and last Monday the committee looked at preliminary enrollment projections and a calculation of available space in district buildings. Our architects members of administration will be meeting or have met with all PTAs to get input from parents. Our newly appointed construction management firm, Sano Rubin, will be participating in the remaining PTA meetings."

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George Bleezarde

George Edward Bleezarde. 87. of Ravena died Wednesday, Nov.

Born in Ravena, he was a lifelong resident of the village.

He was a graduate of Ravena High School and Syracuse University.

Mr. Bleezarde was publisher of The News-Herald of Ravena, a community weekly founded by his father.

He also published weekly newspapers in Greenville, Athens and New Lebanon.

He was an active member of Congregational Christian Church in Ravena, serving as a deacon and superintendent of the senior department.

He was also a member of the Coeymans zoning board of appeals for 20 years and a member of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board at the time the district was centralized.

The journalism lab at RCS High School is named in his honor.

He was a member of many business and civic organizations in Ravena and Coeymans.

He enjoyed traveling, singing, bowling, golfing and crosscountry skiing.

He was wife of the late Beatrice Ramsey Bleezarde, to whom he was married for 58 years.

Survivors include two daugh-

ters, Linda Carpenter of Little Egg Harbor, N.J., and Joanne Vilaghy of Philmont; a son, Richard Bleezarde of Glenmont, current publisher of The News-Herald; two sisters, Ruth Babcock and Marion Roberts; and five grandchildren.

Services were from Congregational Christian Church, with burial in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery in New Baltimore.

Arrangements were by Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St., Ravena 12143; Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054; or the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Marie VanValkenburg

Marie E. Van Valkenburg, 96, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Nov. 13, at her home.

Born in Pennsylvania, she lived in Selkirk for 58 years.

She was the widow of William C. Van Valkenburg.

Survivors include a son, Richard A. Van Valkenburg of Ravena; two daughters, Joan of Delmar died Saturday, Nov. 16, Leonard of Selkirk and Marie at her home. Schwarze of Washington; 12 grandchildren; and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Charles Waldenmaier

Charles J. Waldenmaier Sr., 89, of Feura Bush died Sunday, Nov. 17, at his home.

Born in Feura Bush, he was husband of the late Virginia Elmendorf Waldenmaier.

Survivors include three sons, George Waldenmaier, Michael Waldenmaier and Charles J. Waldenmaier Jr.; a daughter, Trudie Waldenmaier; a sister, Sarah Mattick; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were private, with burial in Jerusalem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush 12067.

Madeline Farrell

Madeline V. Cook Farrell, 84,

Born in Albany she was raised in West Springfield, Mass., where she attended Cathedral High

Mrs. Farrell was a secretary in the city of Albany treasurer's Burial was in Mount Pleasant office for 17 years before she

retired.

She was a communicant of St. James Church in Albany.

She was a member of the Zaloga American Legion Post auxiliary in Colonie.

She was the widow of James C. Farrell.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley A. Farrell of Decatur, Ga., Margaret Sapel of Schenectady, and Theresa Wahl of Delmar; two brothers, Aloysius Cook of Springfield and Alfred Cook of North Dighton, Mass; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. James Church.

Contributions may be made to Capital City Rescue Mission, 259 S. Pearl St., Albany 12202 or St. James Church, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany 12209.

Robert Walsh

Robert J. Walsh, 71, of Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 17.

Born in Boston, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

He was a veteran of the Korean

He was a food broker for Merkert Enterprises in Albany for more than 30 years.

Mr. Walsh was a member of the Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Survivors include two daughters, Doreen J. Walsh of New York City and Dianna J. Reagan of Slingerlands; three brothers, Patrick Walsh, Matthew Walsh 12209.

and Stephen Walsh, all of Cape Cod; a sister, Mary Baker of Cape Cod; and a grandchild.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was private.

Florence Klahn

Florence Stevens Klahn, 98, of Queensbury and formerly of Glenmont, died Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Landings in Queensbury.

Born in Michigan, she was educated in Ohio and Indiana.

Mrs. Klahn worked as a secretary to the chief clerk at the Indiana State School in the 1920s.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Grange, the Bethlehem Home Bureau, the Fort Orange Chapter of AARP and Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Albany.

She also volunteered at the Samuel Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center and the Lutheran Home in Albany.

She was the widow of Clarence L. Klahn.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha Shangraw of Queensbury; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery in Glenmont.

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Alfred Austin Pope Sr.

Alfred Austin Pope Sr., 72, of Reeders Memorial Home in Boonsboro, Md., and formerly of Manassas, Va., died Thursday, Nov. 14, at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Phoenixville, Pa., he was the son of the late Alfred Leonard and Bessie Mae Willauer Pope.

Mr. Pope was a 1948 graduate of Spring City High School and a 1952 graduate of Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in

He served in the Army Reserves.

He was a career employee of the U.S. Geological Survey, retiring in 1985 after 33 years of service. He retired as chief of the Eastern Mapping Center in Reston, Va.

Mr. Pope was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Ann Pope of Hagerstown.; two daughters, Vicky Forando of Delmar and Lisa A. German of Martinsburg, W.Va.; two sons, Alfred A. Pope Jr. of Catlett, Va. and Jeffrey S. Pope of Hagerstown; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Contributions may be made to Reeders Memorial Home, Lincoln Terrace, 141 S. Main St., Boonsboro, Md. 21713.

Death Notices

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

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

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



Elizabeth and Kenneth Halvorsen

Hendron, Halvorsen wed

Elizabeth Anne Hendron, daughter of Jane and Jim Birch Hill in Schodack. Hendron of Selkirk, and Kenneth Anders Halvorsen, son of Audrey and Carl Halvorsen of Glenmont, were married on Aug. 10.

performed the ceremony at Delmar Reformed Church.

Erin Hendron, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Christy Halvorsen, sister of the groom, Heather Rich, Kim Durant and Sue Degiacomo were brides-

Kevin Fournier was best man. Kevin Beregron, Andy Stanek, were ushers.

The reception took place at

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

She is an eighth grade science The Rev. David Corlett teacher for the Framingham School District in Framingham,

> The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson University.

> He is currently enrolled in the master/doctorate program at Boston University.

> Following a wedding trip to Nova Scotia and Acadia National



Albany Medical Center

Girl, Alexis Skye Bruno, to Jill Nasko and Kevin Bruno Jr. of Delmar, July 5.

Girl, Allison Marie Lockhart, to Pamela and Brian Lockhart of Delmar, July 7.

Twins, Hannah Linda Qu and Rachel Lucia Qu, to Jianhui Lu and Hongguo Qu of Glenmont, July 17.

Girl Allie Bruggeman, to Cherie and Brian Bruggeman of Delmar, July 23.

Boy, David Vincent Talone, to Patricia and Vince Talone of Slingerlands, July 24.

Boy, Joshua Emmanuel Chajon, to Elisabeth and Angel Chajon of Delmar, July 26.

Girl, Kylianna Renae Moon, to Stephanie Wright and Michael Moon of Delmar, July 28.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and George Orsino of Ravena, a free double occupancy room at imately \$3,000.

Orsino was accepted into the yet enrolled.

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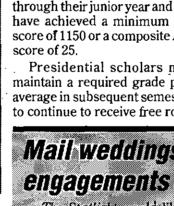


senior Joseph Orsino, son of Pat was awarded the Presidential Scholarship to attend Alfred State College. The scholarship entails the college, valued at approx-

mechanical engineering technology program, but he has not

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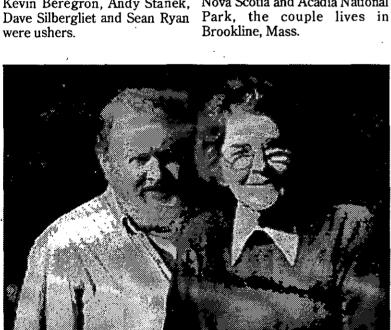
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Emile and Patricia Therrien

Selkirk couple celebrates 51 years of marriage

wedding anniversary on Nov. 3. a snowstorm in Albany.

The couple was married at Fort Dix, N.J., on Nov. 3, 1951. At Agway in Guilderland. the time, Emile was a corporal in

Patricia and Emile Therrien of off for the wedding and a Selkirk celebrated their 51st honeymoon, which they spent in



Brian and Erin Reeve

Alonzo, Reeve to wed

Erin Alonzo, daughter of Maureen and Dominick Alonzo of the Crooked Lake House in Voorheesville, and Brian Reeve, Averill Park. The couple plans to son of Carole and James Reeve of Easton, Washington County, were married on Dec. 28.

perform the ceremony at The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Megan Smith will be maid of

Bridesmaids will be Linda Owens and Laura O'Brien, the groom's sisters, Colleen Allard, Andrea McAssey, Sheila Morrissey and Kimberly Carioto.

Jeffrey Scanlon will be best

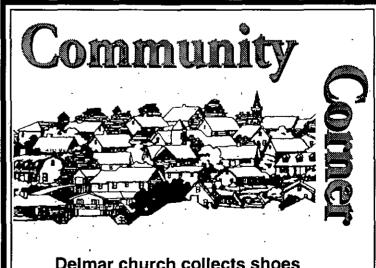
Carroll, Joseph James Beauregard, Kevin Flynn, David Klingebiel, Adam Sutton and Kyle Gannon will be ushers.

A reception will take place at take a wedding trip to Disney World and Jamaica.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of The Rev. James Daley will Voorheesville High School and the College of Saint Rose, where she earned a bachelor's in special education and a master's in educational psychology. She is a special education teacher at Public School 19 in Albany.

> The future groom is a graduate of Greenwich High School, SUNY Cortland, where he earned a bachelor's in education, and the College of Saint Rose, where he earned a master's in educational psychology. He is a social studies teacher at Coxsackie-Athens Middle School.

They reside in Voorheesville.



Delmar church collects shoes

Delmar Reformed Church will be collecting shoes for the shoeless until Dec. 25. A collection bin is located inside the main entrance in the rear of the building. Donors should remove the shoes from their boxes and tie or rubber band them together. The church, located at 386 Delaware Ave., is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and all day on Sunday. For information, call 439-9929.

By BILL FONDA

isitors to this year's Festival of Trees at the Albany Institute of History & Art, located at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany, will notice something different from the moment they walk in the door.

In previous years, visitors had to pay to see the festival separately from the rest of the museum, but this year, the \$8 for adults, \$6 for museum members and \$3 for children ages 5 to 12 includes the festival and all museum galleries. Children under 4 will be admitted free to the festival, which runs from Friday, Nov. 29, through Sunday,

Furthermore, trees will be on display in two of the museum's galleries as well as the Rice House, their primary home last year.

Hanukkah starts Dec. 29, and the festival will include a display from the Jewish holiday for the first time. Williams said the museum is hoping to recruit a student who can teach children how to make dreidels, and that the point of the Kwanzaa and Hanukkah additions is to show that there are other important ceremonies this holiday season.

As for the trees themselves, there will 51 on display, decorated by various businesses and nonprofit groups, including one adorned with nothing but lead crystal ornaments.

"We get a wide range of people," Williams said. "Some of them are done by children. Some are done by adults."

Visitors will vote for their favorite trees, and the winners will appear in the museum's 2003

program book.

The trees are always a surprise,' Williams said. "They give us titles, but they really don't mean anything.'

The museum will also display an upside-down Christmas tree, a replica of the first Christmas tree from around 1680. It is being decorated with apples and white wafers that resemble communion wafers.

They hung them upside down because there wasn't space for a Christmas tree," Williams said. "We did that years and years ago, but we thought we'd bring it

This is the second year that the festival has been back at the museum since its renovation, and some other changes have been made. The café was so popular last year that it is being exhibits, including a Christmas train, will be available; and 17 gingerbread houses will be on display.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 29 The last entries will be 30 minutes before closing. For information, call 463-4478.

The Albany Institute is not the only organization holding a Festival of



Children examine some of the decorations at the Festival of Trees last year at the Albany Institute of History and Art.

Trees; Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties will present the seventh Saratoga Festival of Trees Wednesday, Dec. 4, through Sunday Dec. 8 at the Saratoga Springs City Center.

Hundreds of trees, wreaths, centerpieces and other holiday items will be available for viewing and sale, and Santa Claus will be available for pictures at special times each day.

The activities begin with a reception Dec. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is a \$35 donation to Catholic Charities, and reservations are required by calling 587-5000.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and entertainment will be provided by pianist Christine Rocco and guitarist Forrest Jenkins.

On Dec. 5, the trees will be available for viewing from 2 to 10 p.m., coinciding with the Saratoga Downtown Business Association's Victorian Street Walk from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children over 10 and free for children under 10.

Items will be on display from 2 to 8 p.m. Dec. 6. The Saratoga Central 4 p.m., and the Dorothy

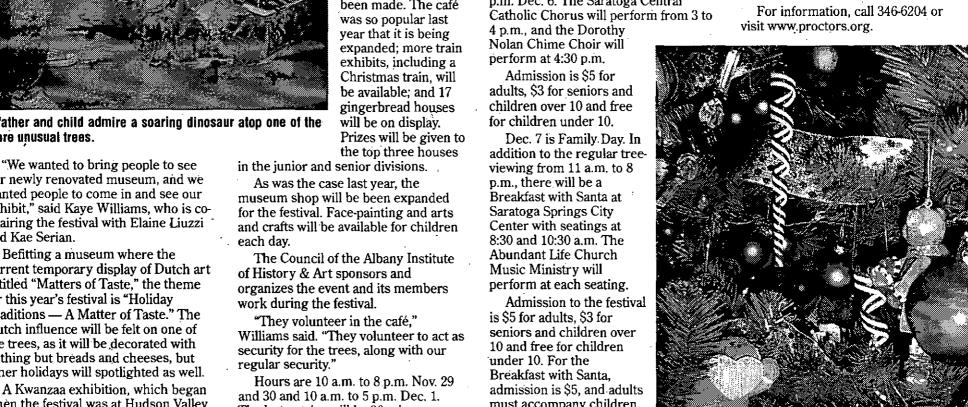
is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children over 10 and free for children under 10. For the Breakfast with Santa, must accompany children. Reservations are required for the breakfast, and can be made by calling 587-5000.

The city center will also host Santa's Workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 10 a.m., storyteller Barbara Garro, dressed as Mother Goose, will read "Hermie's First Christmas" by Brian Gardner, Mrs. Claus will read "The Night Before Christmas" at 11:30 a.m., and Homemade Theater will perform excerpts from "The Masque of Beauty and the Beast" at noon.

Star 101.3 FM will broadcast live from noon to 3 p.m., and the Student Art Contest Awards will be announced at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free, and tickets to the craft booths are \$1.

The event concludes Dec. 8 with viewing from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Schuylerville High School band will perform at noon, and raffle winners will be announced. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children over 10 and free for children under 10.

Proctor's Theature in Schenectady will host Proctor's Holiday Showcase through Dec. 1, featuring more than 60 decorated trees, live entertainment, crafters and food and photos with Santa. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 29 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.



Some of the ornaments at last year's festival.



more unusual trees.

"We wanted to bring people to see our newly renovated museum, and we wanted people to come in and see our exhibit," said Kaye Williams, who is cochairing the festival with Elaine Liuzzi and Kae Serian.

Befitting a museum where the current temporary display of Dutch art is titled "Matters of Taste," the theme for this year's festival is "Holiday Traditions — A Matter of Taste." The Dutch influence will be felt on one of the trees, as it will be decorated with nothing but breads and cheeses, but other holidays will spotlighted as well.

A Kwanzaa exhibition, which began when the festival was at Hudson Valley during the museum's renovation, will return this year, consisting mostly of items used in the observance and African garments.

Theater

FULLY COMMITTED

holiday comedy, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Dec. 1 to 22, \$28 and \$38. Information, 445-

THE CIRCLE OF CHRISTMAS

new holiday play based on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," New York State .Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Rüssell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 5 to 19, \$19, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children. Information, 274-3256.

IT HAD TO BE YOU

Renée Taylor-Joe Bologna comedy, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Dec. 6 to 22, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Nebraska Theatre Caravan production, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., \$22, \$25 and \$29. Information, 381-1111.

NOMADE

by Cirque Éloize, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 3, 7 p.m., \$18, \$22 and \$25. Information, 381-

Music

MOTOWN CHRISTMAS

with LaLa Brooks, etc., Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., \$15 and \$29. Information, 381-

· JOE BONAMASSA

Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Information, 371-0012.

THE BEACH BOYS

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St. Schenectady, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., \$35, \$42 and \$48. Information, 381-1111.

ROBERT RANDOLPH

Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, Dec. 6, 8 p.m., \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Information, 371-0012.

HERDMAN, HILLS AND MANGSEN

Proctor's Theatre Arcade, 432 State St.; Schenectady, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., \$17. Information, 381-1111.

ACOUSTIC HOT TUNA

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 8, 7 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

LOS STRAITJACKETS

Savannah's, 1 S. Pearl St., Albany, Dec. 8, 7 p.m., \$12. Information, 426-9647.

CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND

with Tony Kenny, Mac O' from Tipperary, dancers, etc., The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 473-1845.

GEORGE WINSTON

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., \$26 and \$28. Information, 273-0038.

Comedy

JOE PISCOPO

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Nov. 29, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 473-1845.

<u>Dance</u>

THE NUTCRACKER

presented by the Capital Ballet Company, The Egg at Émpire State Plaza, Albany, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m., Dec. 1 at 1 and 6 p.m., \$30, \$22.50 and \$12.50. Information, 473-1845.

Family Fun

PINOCCHIO

Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 7 and 14 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Dec. 8 at 3 p.m., \$12, \$10 for students and seniors, \$2 discount for advance purchase. Information, 438-5503.

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variety of free entertainment throughout downtown Troy, Dec. 8, noon to 5 p.m. Information, 274-7020.

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Oisual Arts

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"Matters of Taste: Food and Drink in 17th-century Dutch Art and Life," through Dec. 8, Delft Tiles, through Jan. 12, "Albany Underfoot," through Jan. 12, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

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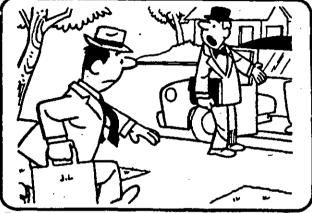
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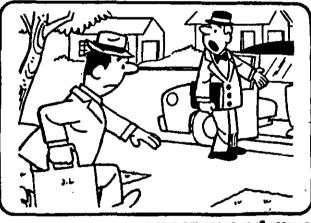
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TOWN BOARD

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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NEW SCOTLAND

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 11/28 provided at both services. 201 Elm A Information, 439-3135. Happy Thanksgiving! south BETHLEHEM UMC Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETINGS

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Welcome Home LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/17/02. Office location: Albany

County. LLC formed in Delaware

(DE) on 5/22/02. 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_Sys-

tem,111 8 th Ave.,NY,NY 10011.,registered agent upon whom process may be served.

Principal office of LLC: 309 D

LEGAL NOTICE.

LEGAL NOTICE RaleighSt, Wilmington, NC 28412. DE Secy. of State,401 Federal St.,Ste 4 Dover,DE. 19901. Purpose:retail home accessories and gifts. (November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

"Woolley LLC" was filed with the SSNY on 10/30/02. Office:Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against, may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, vespers 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

Fri. 11/29

BETHLEHEM

LIBRARY WEEKEND HOURS

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware

Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem,

Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush

at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information,

Sat. 11/30

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm

Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Sun. 12/1

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church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive

and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-

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11 a.m., followed by coffe

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women's Bible studies and youth group,

292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

school and nursery, home groups,

65 Willowbrook Ave. Information, 767-

Sunday School through 5th grade

p.m. with child care and children's

Ave. Information, 439-9929.

worship. Sunday School and Bible

class for developmentally disabled, second and fourth Sundays of each

month. Information, 439-4328.

Måsses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and

439-8280.

Public library to close early, 5 p.m.;

resume normal hours Saturday.

FAMILY OF GOD COMM. CHURCH

Church of the Nazarene; Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Krumkill Road at Schoolhouse Road, North Bethlehem.

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

KING'S CHAPEL

Traditional Baptist Bible service, 10 a.m.; 434 Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-9955.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF **JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

Bible fecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, Information, 439-0358

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service. 10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

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Services Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mill Road. Normansville, beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-5710.

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, Information, 765-2805

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, Information, 765-2895.

mail, any process against the LLC

served upon him: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543.

The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the

same address. Purpose:any law-

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Thor

Treatment Technologies, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/6/02. Office

LEGAL NOTICE

(November 27, 2002)

ful purpose.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship

service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse

Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-

UNIONVILLE REFORMED Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship

service, 10:30 a.m., followed by

fellowship, Delaware Tumpike.

Information, 439-5001

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided. Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship service, 10:30 a.m., fellowship following worship service; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided: 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

JERUSALEM REFORMED

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2021.

Mon. 12/2

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

LIBRARY STORY TIME

Story Time for preschoolers. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

LEGAL NOTICE.

location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/ 02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St. Albany,NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 720 Park Blvd., Boise,ID 83712. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 federal St. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity (November 27, 2002)

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

Board of fire commissioners meeting, North Bethlehem firehouse, 589 Rusself Road, 7:30 p.m.

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,

BLANCHARD LEGION POST

Information, 439-9819.

meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple;

421 Kenwood Ave.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

New writers welcome. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-

Tues. 12/3

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m.

Information, 767-2930.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

INTERNET WORKSHOP

"How To Search On The Internet," handson workshop for adults with prior computer experience. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 1:30 & 3 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

PLANNING BOARD

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

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

PLANNING BOARD

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Historian Tim Albright on "Early Tourism of the Indian Ladder Region." New Scotland Historical Association, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, Route 85, New Salem, 7:30 p.m.; museum display open 7 p.m. Free. Info, 872-1606.

Wed. 12/4

BETHLEHEM

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED Board meetings first Wednesday of each

month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m. **BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN**

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m.,

program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233 Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098. ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

NEW SCOTLAND

Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple,

421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information,

439-2181.

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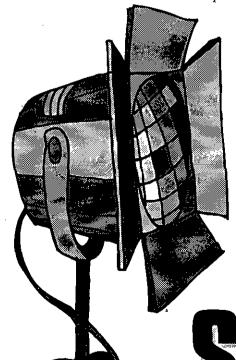
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LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of ACI Electronics, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/18/02. Office location: Al-bany County, LLC formed in Dela-ware (DE) on 10/8/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Co.,80 State St., Albany,NY 12207,registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd.Ste 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. Of Corps., P.O. Box 898,

(November 27, 2002)

lawful activity.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW

SECTION The name of the professional ser vice liability company is ANDER-SON HOLDINGS,LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was November 15, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly & Gable ,255 Washington Avenue

Extension, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability compánies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law.

(November 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A **REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

The name of the LP is BBL TECH-NOLOGY L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 17,2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. (November 27, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

APPEALS **BOARD** 445 DELAWARE AVENUE DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 4, 2002 at 7:30 pm., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Brenda Warner, 1734 Route 9W, Selkirk, New York 12158 for Area Variance under Article XVII, Side Yards, Section 128-73, Required Depths of the Code of the own of Bethlehem for construction of a porch addition which would encroach into the Side Yard setback requirement at premises 486 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals

(November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

BST ADVISORS, LLC Notice of formation of BST Advisors, LLC, a limited liability com-pany (the "LLC"). Articles of Or-ganization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 9/ - 25/02.

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 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to provide tax, financial and management consulting services to individuals as well as business entities.

(November 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Elite Landscaping & Property Maintenance, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October **LEGAL NOTICE**

24,2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of 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 Elite Landscaping & Prop-erty Maintenance, LLC, 264 Waldermaier Rd., Feura Bush, NY 12067. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (November 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA DATA CENTER LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 17, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 26 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12210. (November 27, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is MAPLE DRIVE APTS.,, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were with the NY Secretary of State on October 17, 2002. 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 39 Maple Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

(November 27, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is MP AD-VISORY SERVICE.LLC The Articles of of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 8,2002. 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 15 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (November 27, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM **PLANNING BOARD**

445 DELAWARE AVENUE DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on TUESDAY, December 3,2002 at the Town Offices ,445 Delaware Ave, Delmar, New York at 7:30 pm on the application of Norman W. & Kathleen L. James, 4 Mansion Blvd, Apt 4, Delmar,NY 12054 for approval of a three (3) lot subdivision located on Wemple Rd as shown on map entitled, "Minor Prepared for Subdivision NORMAN W AND KATHLEEN L. JAMES, 595 Wemple Road, Glenmont, New York 12077" dated 05/02/02, revised to 10/22/2002 and made by William J. Hartley, PLS, Delanson, NY. Douglas Hasbrouck

Chairman, Planning Board NOTE; Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact the Parks Dept. at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested.

(November 27, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: OLD WORLD COFFEE CO., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/ 02/02. 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

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of process to the LLC Post Office Box 274, Glenmont, New York 12007. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

(November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Phoenix TelNet,LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/21/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/16/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to:c/o Corporation Service Co. 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of 526 Superior Ave., Ste 540, Cleveland, OH 44114. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St. Dover ,DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(November 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: SENNETT REALTY LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/06/02. Office location: Schenectady 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, 141 Freemans Bridge Road, Scotia, New York 12302. Purpose: For any lawful purpose (November 27, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

BOARD OF APPEALS 445 DELAWARE AVENUE DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 4,2002 at 7:45 pm at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Shaun Buffo, Bufo-Matic Transmission Services, 1172 Grovernors Corner Road, Central mission Bridge, New York for Area Variance under Article XVII, Side Yards Section 128-75, Side Yard Required Depths, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition to an existing building which would encroach into the Side Yard Requirement at premises 26 Plank Road, Glenmont, New York

Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

(November 27, 2002)

Sixtus Pictures, LLC, has filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) ón 07/16/02. Office Location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as the agent upon whom process against it may be served. A copy of the pro-cess shall be mailed to: 80 University St., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity.

(November 27, 2002)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTH MALL TOWERS ALBANY, L.P.

Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act 1) The name of the limited partnership is South Mall Towers Albany, L.P. (the "Limited Partner-

ship")
2) The office of the Limited Partnership is to be located in Albany

3) The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Partnership served on him is South Mall Towers Albany, L.P. 101 South Pearl Street, Albany. New York 12207, Attention: Gen-

eral Partner. 4) The name and street address of the general partner is: Name

Towers Housing Albany, Inc.

101 South Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207 5) The latest date upon which the Limited Partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2052 unless sooner terminated at a prior time in accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement but in no event shall the partnership termi-

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nate prior to December 31, 2022. The effective date of the Limited Partnership shall be upon fil-ing of this Certificate with the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned consisting of all of the general partners of the Limited Partnership, have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership this 8 th day of October, 2002.

Towers Housing Albany, Inc. By: Barkley H. Berry As its: President (November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

SRK ENTERPRISES,LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of SRK ENTERPRISES.LLC ("LLC" were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 6,2002. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to SRK Enterprises,LLC, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Law Office of Kara Conway Love 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203 Albany, New York 12205-3898 (November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Stock Transportation LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y (SSNY) on 10/30/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/2/02. 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,registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC 9011 Mountain Ridge Drive, Suite 200, Austin,TX 78759. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Rm 105, Austin,TX 78701. Purpose: school bus transporta-

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED

tion services

(November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is THE CROSSING, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 30.2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The ffice of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom pro-cess 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 116 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. (November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION of TW Fivers, LLC, a imited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State and effective on November 2002. The name of the Limited Company is TW Liability Flyers, LLC. The Principal office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purpose of the company is to do all things to the extent permitted by New York State and federal law. Management of the Limited Liability Company shall be vested only in a manager or managers and shall not be vested, either express or implied, in any member or members of the Limited Liability Company. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this State to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 73 Henderson Road, Glenmont, New York 12077, Attention: Manager. (November 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VECO LEASING,LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/5/01. 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: Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, 80 Exchange Street. 700 Security Mutual Bldg., P.O. Box 5250, Binghamton, NY 13901-5250, Attn: John G. Dowd, Esq.

Purpose: any lawful activity. (November 27, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VFM **DEVELOPERS,LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is DEVELOPERS,LLC" SECOND: The county within the

State in which the office of the limited company is located is Albany County. THIRD: The latest date on which

the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 1,2055. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. he post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: VFM Developers, LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. FIFTH: The effective date of the

Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these

Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 28th day of October 2002 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

Victor Gush, Órganizer (November 27, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of WalMart.Com USA,LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/02. Office Iocation: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 9/27/ SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Corporation Service Co.,80 State St.,Albany,NY 12207: Principal office of LLC: 7000 Marina Blvd., Brisbane, CA 94005. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State 1500 11th St. State 1500 Sacramento,CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activity. (November 27, 2002)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF **INTERESTS IN REAL** PROPERTY BY EMINENT **DOMAIN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Bethlehem has peti-tioned the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at an IAS Term thereof, to be held in and for the County of Albany, at the Albany County Courthouse, Eagle Street Albany, New York, in the Third Judicial District on December 6, 2002 at 9:30 AM, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard for the acquisition of the following interest in real property by the exercise of the power of eminent domain:

PERMANENT ROBERT FROM SCHERMERHORN AND MAR-GARET M. SCHERMERHORN All that parcel situate in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany and State of New York described

as follows: Beginning at a point in the common division line between lands of William LaMed lying on the east as conveyed by deed recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 2675 of Deeds at page 1126 and lands of the parties of the first part lying on the west, said point lying distant 398.33 feet as measured northerly along said common division line from southeasterly corner of lands of the parties of the first part: thence running from said point of beginning westerly through lands of the parties of the first part along

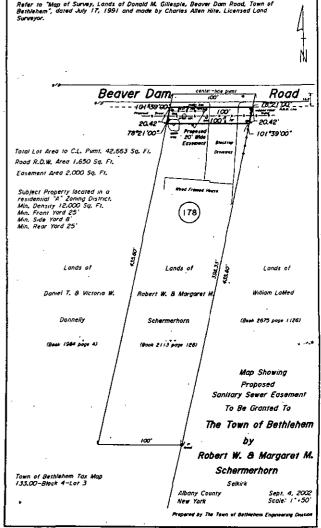
parallel to and 20 feet southerly of the southerly right of way line of Beaver Dam Road (33' wide row), 100 feet to a point in the common division line between lands of Daniel T. and Victoria W. Donnelly lying on the west as conveyed by deed recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 1984 of Deeds at Page 4: thence northerly along said common division line with an interior angle of 78 degrees-21'-00",20.42 feet to a point in the southerly right of way line of Beaver Dam Road: thence easterly with an interior angle of 101 degrees-39'-00", 100 feet along said southerly right of way line to a point in the first men-

tioned division line between lands of LaMed and lands of the parties of the first part: then southerly with an interior angle of 78 degrees-21'00", 20.42 feet along said common division line to the point and place of beginning Forming an interior angle of 101 degrees-39'00" with the first mentioned course. Containing 2,000 square feet of land, more or less. Being a portion of lands conveyed to the parties of the first part by

deeds recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 2113 of Deeds at page 128. Dated: Delmar, New York November 13,2002

JOSHUA J. EFFRON Attorney for Petitioner 425 Kenwood Avenue Delmar, NY 12054 (518) 439-0733

(November 27, 2002)



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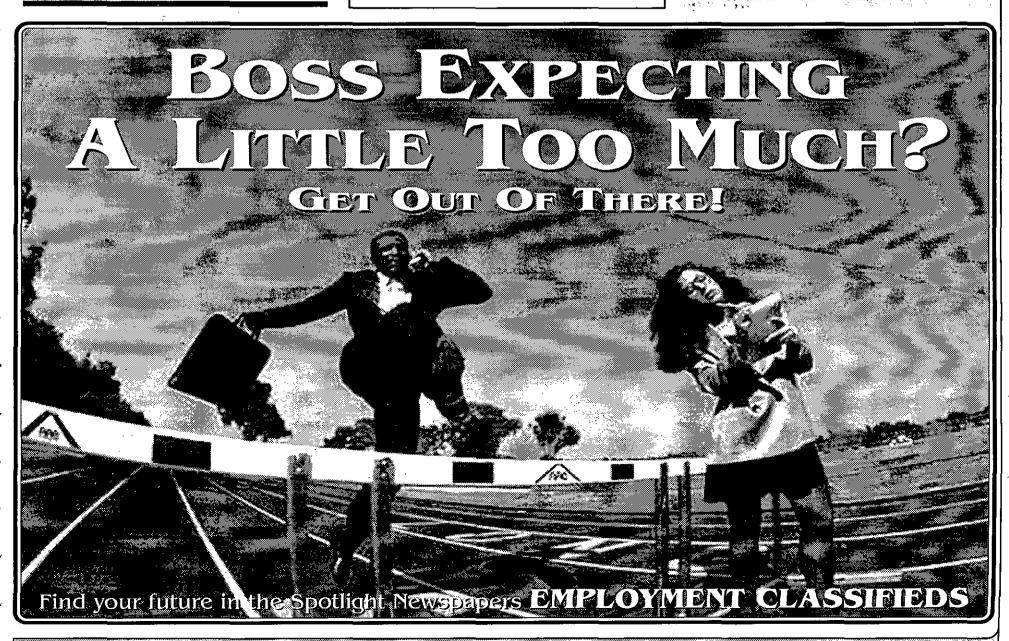
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Brakes: What's all the noise about?

When it occurs, brake noise may be irritating.

However, some sounds are a very normal part of brake operation, while others may indicate a problem. How can you know when noise from your vehicle's brakes are something to ignore or a problem to investigate?

Know the Answers to **Key Questions:**

- Where does the brake noise seem to originate?
- At what speed does the noise occur?
- Does it happen when the brakes are cold, or when you have been driving for a while?
- Does it happen after many stops, or only after the first few stops?
- Does it happen in wet conditions (such as rain, humidity or after a car wash)?

Until recently, asbestos was a common material used in producing brake linings.

However, today environmental concerns with asbestos have prompted automobile manufacturers, including Nissan, to significantly reduce the amount of asbestos used in brake products. For example, Nissan has adopted semi-metallic brake linings that provide excellent brake performance. However, because of the metal-tometal contact between semi-metallic pads and the brake rotor, these pads may sometimes produce more noise than pads with asbestos linings. As a result, some people may think that the noise they hear indicates a problem with the braking system. To further reduce noise, especially for disc brakes, manufacturers such as Nissan have begun introducing nonasbestos organic (NAO) pads. Nevertheless, a cer-

tain amount of noise from brake components is not unusual.

The following are generally considered characteristic of all braking systems. These noises do not generally indicate any malfunction of the braking system or improper operation, but may as noted below indicate it is time to perform normal brake service.

• Loud squeal noise -For disc brake pads with wear indicators, an audible continuous noise is made when the pads need replacement. The wear indicators do not damage the discs, although the pads should be replaced as

soon as possible. • Grinding noise – This noise is common primarily during the first few stops on rear drum brakes and on some front disc brakes due to the formation of trace corrosion if the vehicle has not been driven recently. If the noise disappears after a few stops, it does not indicate a problem.

 Trace squeak/squeal noise - Front semi-metallic brake linings may emit a soft squeak or squeal noise at medium speeds under light-tomedium pedal force. It also can occasionally occur on rear brakes during the first few stops with cold brakes (especially in the morning), or in conditions of rain or high humidity.

• Groan noise - On vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions, a slight groan may be heard when coming to an abrupt stop or when allowing the vehicle to creep forward slowly from a stop.

• ABS self-check – If you hear a small click and feel slight brake pedal movement when you reach 3-6 miles per hour after first starting to drive, this is most likely the Anti-lock Braking system properly performing a selfcheck to ensure that the system is functioning properly.

What Should You Do?

If your vehicle develops brake noise, and you feel unsure about it's meaning, you should always take your car in to a qualified technician. Factory trained technicians are best qualified to inspect and offer an accurate diagnosis of specific makes of vehicles.

Some manufacturers offer a choice of genuine factory replacement parts. For instance, all Nissan vehicles are equipped with Nissan Original Equipment (OE) brake pads. They use a nonasbestos organic (NAO) compound that provides state-of-the-art resis-

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continuation of water-use restrictions imposed by the board last March. Those were initially put in place to stave off the near-restrictions. disaster conditions at the reservoir, which reached its lowest level on record in January, barely a quarter of its capacity. That formal emergency eased in April and, a month later, the board partially relaxed the most severe use restrictions.

But some remained in effect all summer, including alternate-day and limited-hour lawn watering, a gallons a day from the Hudson. ban on nonessential uses like

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hosing down driveways and sidewalks, and prohibitions on new water extensions and use of water-sprinkler systems installed after the imposition of emergency

Though the high-use period has passed with the arrival of cold weather, restrictions remain on the books. They will continue to do so as a condition of the 18month emergency permit, obtained in May from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, permitting the town to draw up to 3 million

That emergency draw boosted

Road water plant, insuring that the town's industrial users would have an adequate supply of water without drawing upon Vly Creek Reservoir for their needs. Secon said the town will continue to utilize that permitted draw until a more permanent source for two or three weeks that all of this Clapper Road is in place.

The engineering firm Earth Tech Environmental has completed design and testing of a system of diagonally-drilled wells penetrating an aquifer along the Hudson, under an agreement with the town to settle litigation over the performance of the

Tech still awaits a final permit from DEC to begin drilling; the firm was due Monday to file responses to comments by DEC officials on their permit application.

"We're hoping within the next will be finalized," Secor said Friday. "If they get the permit right away, they plan to get down there right away to start drilling." Those new wells could be completed by June, barring any weather-related or regulatory delays.

"Until those new wells are on

production at the town's Clapper Clapper Road plant. But Earth line, the restrictions are still in effect," he said.

> The ban on new water extensions is already having an impact on residential development. McCormack's Hollow, a 17unit subdivision off North Street in Delmar, won conditional final approval from the Planning Board last May, but was denied approval to proceed by the Albany County Department of Health - because part of the proposed development lies outside the existing bounds of the water district and, under the current restrictions, has no available source of water.

> In October, Ed Kleinke obtained from the board a 90-day extension on submission of his final plans, while he prépares a phasing plan that will allow the portion within the water district to proceed while the rest remains on hold. According to town planner Jeff Lipnicky, other subdivisions, nearing final approvals, that lie outside the district's bounds, like 90-unit Carriage Hill off Jericho Road, could face similar delays until water district extensions can again be considered.

In the meantime, the water district continues to supplement its reservoir supply with purchases from the Guilderland water district under the terms of an emergency agreement reached last spring, and from the Albany water district under its standing purchase contract, effective through 2007. With the seasonal drop in demand and the rebound of the reservoir, purchasing from Albany, the more expensive of the two supplemental options, "is cut back to almost zero at present," Secor said. "I would say by Dec. 2 we'll no longer be buying water from either of these sources for the rest of the winter. Then we'll ride this winter out and see where we are next spring."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said she was encouraged by the improved condition of the water district, which may permit the . town to install its traditional skating rink at Elm Avenue Park this winter, a casualty of last winter's drought.

No formal request from the Parks and Recreation . Department to flood the parking Not used for this purpose has yet been made to the town board, but Fuller said she anticipated one soon. In the meantime, she urged continuing conservation by town residents.

Higher residential water bills that begin arriving in January, as a result of the new rate structure adopted by the town board in August, should serve as a brake on consumption.

In the meantime, Secor said, a long-term study of supply and demand for the water district is ' still in the works.

"We're starting to draft up some options and getting together some cost figures," he said. "We'll probably have that together and ready to present to the town board in late January or early February."

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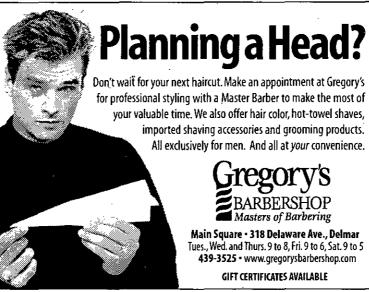
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