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2001 police report cites increase in domestic violence

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The annual report of the Bethlehem police department for 2001 contained mixed news: a drop in the most closely-tracked categories of crime, but a continuing upward move in the incidence and severity of domestic violence and other offenses.

The report also reflected the growing pains in Albany County's fastest-growing town, as overall calls for service rose more than 7 percent last year and 30 percent in the last five.

"It's been five or six years since we embraced the community-oriented policing approach, and I see a difference in the expectations in the community of the role of police," said Bethlehem police Chief Richard LaChappelle. "I see our job changing."

"Index crime" in the town, the benchmark "Part I" offenses — murder, negligent homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft — reported to New York state for incorporation in the annual Uniform Crime Report and tracked by federal law enforcement officials, declined in 2001. Among the major Part I categories, only the rate of forcible entry burglary rose slightly last year.

"Living in a community with a crime rate like we have, this was an excellent report," said LaChappelle. "I think the most significant thing, although it's not

that big a thing, is the (decline) of the Part I offenses, the more serious offenses, down around 15 percent. That's a good thing when the national average is beginning to creep up again." The report also shows that Part II offenses — the catch-all category for all other non-index criminal activity, from kidnapping and arson to drug and alcohol-related offenses to criminal mischief — have plateaued for the past five years.

"The only thing I see taking up more of the time of our officers and becoming more of a problem in the suburban community is domestic violence," said LaChappelle. "Both the number (of incidents) and the level of violence is increasing, and that's a real concern. Behavior in these incidents is becoming increasingly

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Richard LaChappelle

assaultive."

More than 200 weapons were turned in last year to the police for impoundment or destruction — many of those, LaChappelle said, under court order in domestic-violence situations. And though LaChappelle cautioned that the numbers in many of these categories are too small to draw year-to-year trend conclusions, the upward creep in domestic violence is also reflected in increasing calls for intervention and rising investigative activity by police detectives in such areas as assault, contempt and harassment — and an uptick in sexual offenses recorded last year.

Domestic violence is often a social

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Light duty



Greg Gould and Craig Huther put up Christmas lights at their Delaware Avenue home last Saturday.

Jim Franco

4 Corners to celebrate holidays

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

For the fourth year, merchants at the Four Corners will ring in the all-important Christmas season merrily and brightly, with the observance of the Annual Old-Fashioned Four Corners Holiday this weekend.

The festivities kick off Friday, Dec. 6, with a 7 p.m. tree-lighting ceremony at the corner of the Delmar Marketplace lot, followed by community Christmas carols led

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Star-crossed lovers coming to BC

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Shakespeare's classic tale of love turned tragic will take to the stage this week, as Theater Without A Net presents "Romeo and Juliet" at Bethlehem Central High School's Studio 46.

Since September, high school English and drama teacher Jim Yeara and the cast and crew of 35 students have been hard at work on the story of Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet, who fall in love in spite of their families' blood feud.

"This is a great play to do with high school kids," said Yeara, who is directing the play. "It's a staple of the ninth-grade curriculum, and when you see it on the stage, it makes sense. Shakespeare wrote plays, not literature, and when kids perform, they're not talking about



Hannah Lewis, Juliet No. 1, and Amie Lytle, Juliet A, share will share the lead in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."

foreshadowing or irony, but expressing something by the way they say it."

With 25 roles, it's also a play that involves a maximum number of the school's talented thespians. Even at that, there were so many talented seniors that students are sharing the role of Juliet and the nurse. After the initial auditions produced the cast, the students worked together on the play before particular roles were cast in October.

"We were down to flipping coins for the roles of Juliet and the nurse," Yeara said. "We talked to the students and told them

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Deer continue to pose threat to area drivers

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The month of November brought the return of an increasingly familiar hazard for Bethlehem drivers — deer crossing area roads. Bethlehem police reported 19 car-deer collisions between dusk and dawn on town roads during the month.

"People just need to be alert to their surroundings this time of year, especially during hunting season," said police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Heffernan of the yearly surge in accidents. "I don't know that there are any preventive measures you can really take beyond that."

Rush hour — 10 of last month's accidents occurred between 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., and three more during the morning rush — is the peak time for collisions, and wooded areas near increasingly busy roads are obvious hotspots.

Four of the recent accidents occurred along River Road, two more near the intersection of Cherry Avenue Extension and McCormack Road, and two near Van Dyke Road and the Delmar bypass extension.

But residential areas are far from immune; accidents occurred on Kenwood Avenue on successive nights in mid-November, and another on Blessing Road near Mosall Drive.

Last week saw a collision near Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue and one on Hudson Avenue near Bailey, just blocks from the intersection of Delaware and Elsmere.

"By Vertandig's (on Delaware Avenue near the Bethlehem Public Library) is bad, (Route) 32 by Waldenmaier Road is bad, Route 85 anywhere," said Heffernan. "People need to keep their eyes open."

Explosives case still under scrutiny

Bethlehem police detectives are continuing to investigate, in concert with state police bomb specialists and agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Nov. 23 discovery of an explosive device in a Delmar resident's garage — but have yet to publicly name a suspect in the case.

"We have some leads. We're moving forward," said police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Heffernan of the investigation, which is being spearheaded by detective supervisor John Cox.

Heffernan declined to discuss the nature of those leads or whether there was a specific suspect being sought, reiterating instead his previous comment on the subject.

"There are still some people we'd like to talk to," he said. "But the detectives have no specific information to add right now."

The device, discovered at 4 Pine St. by a homeowner cleaning out their garage, remains in the hands of the state police Bomb Disposal Unit, who deactivated it and have examined it for evidence, Heffernan said.

The Saturday afternoon discovery of the device forced the brief evacuation of a four-block area of a residential neighborhood straddling Kenwood Avenue.

Police arrest four men for DWI over holiday

Four individuals were arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI) over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, including three in less than 10 minutes on Dec. 1 — two of those at a single accident scene.

That accident occurred at about 4:15 a.m. when a vehicle driven by Peter Donald Schron, 21, of Carstead Drive, Slingerlands, failed to stop at the intersection of Bender Lane while westbound on Oakwood Road, crossed Bender.

His vehicle struck a guardrail, ending up in a ditch — where it was spotted by police.

By the time officers arrived at the scene, a second vehicle, driven by Christopher Colm Leckerling, 20, of Rowland Avenue, Elsmere, had also arrived and attempted to assist Schron.

Both Schron and Leckerling failed field sobriety tests and were arrested for DWI; Schron was also ticketed for failure to obey a stop sign.

Leckerling was also charged with driving under the influence of drugs and was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital for alcohol and drug-related blood tests.

Another Slingerlands resident, Antonio Santaniello, 24, of

Bradhaven Drive, was arrested for DWI just minutes earlier on Blessing Road.

Officer Scott Galough, patrolling northbound on Route 85, observed Santaniello's vehicle operating at an unusually slow speed — and crossing shoulder hazard markings.

Following the vehicle onto Blessing Road, Galough stopped Santaniello near Eton Drive and arrested him for DWI after administering field sobriety and preliminary screening tests.

A DWI arrest shortly after 3 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, stemmed from another traffic accident on Feura Bush Road.

Officer Craig Sleurs, investigating a report of a vehicle in a ditch, arrived to find Tristan J. DeForest, 23, of 348 Route 406 in Greenville, later established to be the disabled vehicle's driver, climbing into the cab of a nearby pickup truck.

A search of DeForest's vehicle and administration of sobriety and preliminary screening tests led Sleurs to DeForest's arrest for DWI, unauthorized operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance and crossing hazard markings.

All four defendants were ordered to appear in Town Court on Dec. 17.

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Pulling strings



The Saratoga Mandolin Ensemble perform at Bethlehem Public Library last Sunday.

Jim Franco

Sabbatical yields benefits for BCMS math curriculum

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

"We needed to analyze the results of our students fourth and eighth grade assessment testing provided by the New York State Education Department. While our district did well on the tests we wanted to know what we were doing wrong and how to get our students more comfortable with high stakes testing," said Gail Sobolewski, middle school math teacher.

According to her former colleague Warren Stoker, currently president of the Bethlehem school board, "Gail has three loves, teaching math, her grandchildren and her golf game."

The West Sand Lake resident was granted a five month sabbatical to study the district testing results with the goal to better align district curriculum to what is being tested. Armed with a grant from the National Science Foundation, a master's degree in math from State University at Albany and years of teaching experience she began her review.

"The district was very supportive, pleased with the results and granted time for teachers to meet in workshops for

data. Uncertainty can be addressed using estimation and probability mathematically and finally the use of math to describe patterns and functions," said Sobolewski.

In analyzing curriculum in light of these key ideas Sobolewski "saw patterns where we could improve, for instance, students needed to read test questions with better comprehension."

The middle school uses a program developed by Stoker and Sobolewski eight years ago that has facilitated the use of the seven key ideas across curriculum lines in a three-day program called Math and the Civil War. Sobolewski, social studies teacher Tom Michalek combined their classes of about 40 students for an interdisciplinary project to draw conclusions about successes and failures of the Civil War using actual mathematical data from the war.

Retired social studies teacher Stoker, served as guest teacher. "Students analyzed data concerning the blockade of southern ports the number of ships and men from both sides involved in the conflict's battles and compared the results with

factual data about successes for either side. They were able to hone reading and vocabulary skills while practicing analytical skills by graphing and using computer

generated spread sheets," continued the release.

Sobolewski summarized the three days by saying, "The challenge is for students to use math facts, not their own opinions to reach conclusions about historical questions."

The exercise also fit in with Sobolewski's conclusions about assessment questions in aiding students to see practical applications for the math, read with comprehension and understand what math operations applied to data can produce, as opposed to learning rote math.

One concern Sobolewski has is that if a question is answered correctly by too many students on an assessment test, it is dropped even though it might be an important curriculum matter. "We should be testing what we want kids to learn, and be less concerned about maintaining score spread," said Sobolewski.

Gail has three loves, teaching math, her grandchildren and her golf game.

Warren Stoker

staff development in the math curriculum area. We needed to concentrate on connective math as opposed to teaching rote math. In other words instead of doing a calculation, do the reasoning around it, which means improving reading comprehension," Sobolewski said.

Sobolewski patterned her study around the seven key ideas of learning standards developed by the DOE. According to material provided by Sobolewski and the department "students will understand mathematics and become mathematically confident by communicating and reasoning mathematically, by applying numbers to real world settings and by solving problems through the integrated study of number systems."

The key for Sobolewski in her study was to ensure that the district math curriculum is built around "the seven key ideas. The first is to use mathematical reasoning as part of problem solving. Second is the use of numbers and numeration to communicate mathematically. Students need to know operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to be successful in problem solving."

"Another element is the use of modeling and multiple representation as a means of presenting, interpreting and communicating mathematical information. The use of measurement is another facet designed to compare objects and

IDA grants Klersy reduced PILOT

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Developer Henry Klersy won a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement from Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency yesterday, Dec. 3, for his Delmar Place senior facility 467 Delaware Ave. — though not quite as generous as the one he had originally sought.

The agency approved, 4-1, with member Judith Kehoe absent, a 10-year PILOT providing what amounts to a 27 percent reduction in property taxes over that period. The final agreement pares down the proposal offered by an IDA subcommittee and presented at a public hearing on Nov. 14, bringing the final PILOT closer to the agency's uniform standard, as critics of the project had urged at the public hearing.

"I know this isn't exactly what you wanted," IDA chairman Michael Tucker told Klersy after the vote. "But from our collective experience, we believe this will work."

The approved PILOT stipulates that Klersy will pay taxes on the 6.2-acre property at its unimproved valuation of \$40,000 while under construction — and then receive 75 and 65 percent tax breaks in the first two years thereafter. In year three, his tax break would drop to 35 percent, then by an additional 10 percent every two years, reaching zero by year 11.

"It's a deviation marginally better than (the uniform PILOT), recognizing that this business isn't at full speed on the day it opens," said Tucker afterward. "The agreement recognizes the fact that an assistive living facility does need the additional incentive of lower taxes in its ramping-up phase, which can take up to two years to achieve full occupancy. But it also recognizes that deviation (from the uniform PILOT) shouldn't be the rule. If we decide to deviate significantly from that, we have to say how much and why."

Only town board member Dan Plummer voted against the PILOT agreement.

"I'm not going to change my position," he said. "I have opposed this project all along. I did so because of the size of it" — but, he said, would have supported a PILOT for a facility smaller than Delmar Place's proposed 92 units.

"No one's really happy with the way this came out," said Tucker. "Which I guess is an indication that it's a good compromise."

Klersy, who has repeatedly stressed the importance of a PILOT for securing financing, expressed "appreciation to the board for the PILOT but declined to discuss its likely impact on financing."

Man likely facing deportation

A Mexican national facing felony charges stemming from his August arrest in Glenmont pleaded guilty Nov. 19 to possession of forged identification — and will likely face deportation proceedings as an illegal alien at the end of his jail sentence.

Juan Luis Garcia, 27, pleaded guilty to third-degree possession of a forged instrument, a misdemeanor, before Town Justice Theresa Egan, who sentenced him to 120 days in Albany County jail, including time

"I'd rather not comment on that now," he said. "We'll need to get back in touch with our lenders. The game has changed a little." But his attorney, John Cahill, added, "We now have the PILOT in hand, so it'll be a lot easier now to talk to lending institutions."

The IDA also approved a resolution to extend an additional \$2 million in lending authority to Daisytek International, with whom the agency entered a PILOT agreement last May to renovate a warehouse at 158 West Yard Road as a distribution center for its computer-supply distribution operations. Daisytek is considering constructing an addition on the warehouse to house a component of its office-supply division.

The IDA board also discussed in executive session ongoing negotiations with Milltowne Properties and owner George Haseotes over administering a proposed technology business park on Wemple Road.

The IDA's next meeting is set for Jan. 8, when it will conduct a public hearing on a uniform PILOT agreement sought by New Scotland Road LLC, owned by Picotte Companies, for the former Blue Cross/Blue Shield building at 1251 New Scotland Road.

already served. Garcia has been in custody since Aug. 31, when he was found sleeping in a vehicle parked on the shoulder of River Road and was arrested after presenting a Colorado driver's license and a resident alien card that were later determined to be forgeries.

The Albany field office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service disclosed that Garcia's visa had expired. Deportation proceedings would likely wait until completion of his jail sentence on Jan. 1.

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Season's Greetings, Peace on Earth, Happy New Year

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

They should begin arriving soon.

Perfectly square envelopes, some red, some green, some imprinted with pine garlands, some in the beloved color of The New York Times crossword puzzle, ecru. There will be long, thin envelopes, and a few even more outsized than wedding invitation envelopes. They will offer a respite from the bills, credit card offerings and other junk mail that too often clutter our homes.

The end of the year is fraught with nostalgia, and the holiday cards that we receive heighten that sense. For a few weeks, the dog's frenzied barking at the mailman daring to breach her sacred territory is a welcome

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sound, and snail mail briefly beats out e-mail as a way of bringing the people we love into our homes.

Writing Christmas cards is just another part of a season some already see as too commercial anyway, but my dirty little secret is that I love sending Christmas cards almost as much as getting them.

I always imagine that, starting right after Thanksgiving, I will sit down for an hour each evening and work my way through my address book, sending fond, insightful, humorous and touch-

ing notes to all the people we hold dear to our hearts.

There will, of course, be a fire in the fireplace, Christmas carols playing and a mug of hot spiced wine to slake my muse's thirst as I send warmest wishes for all good things to everyone who matters to us.

The reality, of course, is that after Thanksgiving, still sated with the turkey's tryptophan and in sugar shock from too much pecan pie, I will not rally to find the year's photos until the rest of my family is back in school and at work. Then, there's the dilemma of choosing which picture to use for the card. Should it be a Christmas-themed picture, even if the children have changed incredibly since last Christmas? What about including parents in the photo?

Some of the people who get our cards have never met our children but might be curious about what we look like all these years later. That question is quickly dealt with — better to let them remember us as more youthful and trim than to see the grisly reality of our staid, middle-aged lives.

Let the hope of the future shine forth from the Christmas card, where Christopher's high forehead can remind people of me and Cormac's easy grin can evoke Chris' sense of humor. I pause only for a minute to think how

delighted I am to see my friends in photos with their children. I don't see extra weight or crow's feet; I only see the smiles that extend to people's eyes, and for a minute, the years fall away and

voice sometimes feels a little bit awkward — a brief flurry of catching up, then a pause where once the conversation would have flowed. Sometimes, people will say of old friends that "we're down

to Christmas cards," as if that were a bad thing. In our busy lives of working, raising children, and doing just enough housework to keep the board of health at bay, Christmas cards are a miracle.

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that particular person and I are standing side by side — in high school, on a beautiful country college campus, on the streets of New York or in the local supermarket.

Is this time out of place, as I stand in my home, cluttered with the detritus of a full life and warmed against the raw December air, feeling transported to an instant never to come again? I am grateful for it, and it makes me pause in choosing the greetings that will go forth from my house.

There are people who are good at staying in touch, who can easily pick up the phone and keep the threads of friendship tightly woven in their lives. For some of us, way has led on to way, and

There are no awkward gaps in a written note, just a sustainable moment to warm us through the darkest days of the year. Whether they come with photos of the people we love and/or their offspring, or carry scenes of holidays, it is the written message that fills in the gaps that time inflicts on us.

Sometimes, we are close enough to people that a row of X's and O's before their names are all we need; from others, a longer note keeps us in touch for another year.

The messages chart our lives' trajectories, as they go from jubilant career changes to wedding plans to children's births; to the saddening loss of grandparents, even parents or spouses, or health crises to be faced and overcome; and the news of children's sporting activities and the number of musical instruments played in a household.

Perhaps some people dread writing Christmas cards because, in our society that loves perfection, we worry that our messages must be inspired; that, in fact, our lives must be inspired. While we all love to read a literary masterpiece, sometimes a dull life is our greatest blessing, and any words at all are a great delight as we prepare to seal the envelope on another year.

The words of the German writer Goethe come to mind — It's better to write nothing, than not to write at all. In spite of my week-of-writing-Christmas-cards

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fantasy, that sure becomes my reality. The fact of the matter is that I don't have any mulling spices for the red wine that we might or might not have on hand; my comfort and inspirational food of choice is really cookies of any description; and is it really worth building a fire this late?

More importantly, my Christmas-carol induced reverie will be interrupted a minimum of five times. The right colored pencil for homework remains elusive; I need to find money for school lunch tomorrow; and, once the kids are actually in bed, there will be two or three trips upstairs to make sure that the thumping noise is Cormac's feet against the wall, not a late-night brotherly wrestling match.

To balance things just a little bit, I alternate where to start in our address book. One year, I'll start at the beginning and at the end the next, so that our friends whose last names start with Y or Z sometimes get a whole paragraph instead of just that row of X's and O's.

Whether the cards go early, late or with or without a lengthy greeting, my wish for everyone remains the same. I hope that thoughts of each other can infuse the holiday season with joy, and that next year, we all have time to sit down and write our Christmas cards — hot mulled wine in hand and carols on the stereo.

Make a candy house in library program

Children in kindergarten through grade five can make some sweet home improvements in "Candy House Creations" on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

The program will be repeated on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m.

Bring a tub of white frosting and an assortment of small candies.

All other materials will be provided. Register for one session only. Call 439-9314 to register.

Sunday family swim set at BCMS pool

The town of Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department will hold Sunday family swims on Dec. 8 and 15 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the middle school pool.

The fees are as follows: Ages 5-61 \$2.50, under 5 and over 62 are free.

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An adult must accompany children under the age of 8.

Village to host meeting on new sidewalks

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Infrastructure improvements for Voorheesville — including road and sidewalk improvements planned for the coming year by the state Department of Transportation and the Albany County Department of Public Works, completion of the new sewage treatment plant and progress on the new storage tank for the village water district — dominated the agenda of the village Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Mayor Jack Stevens announced that county public works officials will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at village hall to outline plans for a \$1 million upgrade of existing sidewalks along Voorheesville Avenue, from the intersection with Maple Avenue to the D&H railroad tracks east of the Village Diner, and along Main Street as far as Prospect Street.

The county hopes to begin work this spring, pending securing of right-of-way along the route. Crosswalk and signage improvements are also planned, as well as an enlarged green space in front of the Legion Hall. The village is seeking a "spot improvement grant" from DOT to install a new crosswalk over the railroad tracks — thereby extending the upgraded Voorheesville Avenue walk to the village post office.

The county improvements will dovetail with DOT's reconstruction of Route 155, extending from

Route 85A on the outskirts of the village to Route 20 in Guiderland. DOT is moving to begin work early next year — starting with the "roundabout" at the intersection of 85A and 155 and nearby sidewalk-reconstruction work, according to Kevin Jobin-Davis, who serves as a grant-writer for the village.

Jobin-Davis, who has overseen efforts to secure partial funding for sidewalk improvements along Prospect Street, said that DOT has awarded a bid to Lancaster Development of Richmondville for the project and agreed to include the Prospect Street work within the scope of its contract. The village will be responsible for 20 percent of the cost of the Prospect improvements, but by coupling it with the state contract, the village will save almost \$37,000 on the improvements.

"We bid it out separately earlier this year, and it blew our budget (for sidewalk improvements)," he said. "It'll cost us a lot less to do it this way."

DOT is already planning sidewalk improvements along 155 and in the vicinity of the roundabout and SuperValu Plaza as part of its reconstruction project, as well as along Maple Avenue, at the intersection with Stonington Hill Road, and along Route 156, School Road, as far as the village fire hall.

The combined county and state sidewalk improvements would essentially complete about three-quarters of a village sidewalk loop

that has been under discussion for more than a year.

At the meeting, Superintendent of Public Works Will Smith said that the \$750,000 treatment plant for Sewer District No. 1, under construction since last summer, has been fully operational as of Nov. 25, with the old system to be gradually phased out.

"The project's costs were almost right on the money," said Stevens.

Final connections are being completed on a new forced main linking the elementary school and residences along Mountain-view Street to the water district.

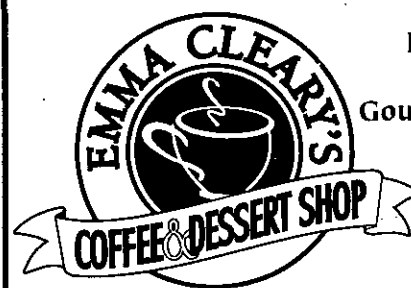
"It's good to see this job done," said trustee and former superintendent of public works Bill

Hotaling. "We've been talking about it a long time, and talking about it and talking about it."

Under discussion for 13 months, plans for the half-million-gallon storage tank near New Salem for the village water district, as well as new 10-inch mains along Route 85A connecting it to the current system, were scheduled for a public hearing before the New Scotland Planning Board last night, Dec. 3.

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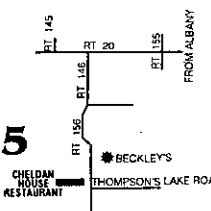
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Matters of Opinion

Be good to others

The chorus to one of the more popular Christmas songs of recent vintage, "Grown-Up Christmas List" by Amy Grant, tells of a desire to see "No more lives torn apart, and wars would never start, and time would heal all hearts. Every one would have a friend, that right would always win, and love would never end."

All are noble concepts, and all can also be embraced by those who, for religious reasons, do not celebrate Christmas.

But let's add something to the things we'd like to see this year — being nice.

Editorial

As a society, we have grown more cynical, confrontational and impatient. While driving, the standard response to encountering a slower driver ahead is not to back off or wait for an opportunity to pass, but to barrel right to the person's back bumper as if giving an order to get out of the way or else.

What's the rush? For the most part, we're all going to get where we're going anyway.

We have become so disdainful of others that we're immediately hostile to the thought of new people moving into our neighborhoods, including people in Bethlehem posting a sign near the site of a potential residential home saying, "Why here? You're NOT Welcome."

Think about what the people looking to build that home must think. They haven't done anything wrong except have the "nerve" to want to build a house where the neighbors' children once played.

Given the time of year, we should expect the malls to be crowded, but people still get huffy when aced out of a parking spot or stuck in line at a store. We need to remember that there's a lot of people for whom holiday shopping is the least of their problems, ranking well behind putting food on the table.

We now live in a world where we look skeptically at people who do not look like us — particularly if they appear to be Arab or Muslim. Most people are not worthy of our fear; they just want to be allowed to live their lives in peace. There's no need to be paranoid; they're not all out to get us.

Even little things help. Hold a door open for someone. It only takes a second, and it has a way of coming back around.

And by all means, give to one of the many local charities if possible.

Let's be nice for the holidays, but let's not drop it once the presents are unwrapped and the ball has dropped for a new year. Treating others well should not be just for the holidays and should never take a holiday.

Hanukkah is a time to celebrate

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The writer is a freelance author living in Delmar.

A miracle recently occurred in my house; I dug out our Hanukkah menorah and I found it to be wax-free! Yes, I had actually cleaned out the melted-candle remnants before putting the menorah away last December.

This was a pleasant discovery, since there's nothing more frustrating than getting ready to light the first candles and finding you must first scrape out last year's wax.

Point of View

Actually, what is more frustrating is the time we tried to make Hanukkah doughnuts. Actually, they were supposed to be more like doughnut holes, *a la* Dunkin' Donut Munchkins. Ours came out like Dunkin' golf balls. Apparently substituting whole wheat flour was not a good move. The electric deep fryer was banished to the basement.

We have had much greater success in preparing potato latkes (potato pancakes). The recipe for latkes is quite simple: combine shredded potato, chopped onion and egg, then add matzo meal to thicken the mixture. Drop scoops of batter in hot oil and fry until golden brown. Serve with applesauce.

The most difficult part of making latkes — other than overindulging and getting a grease-induced stomachache — is the shredding of the potatoes. I continue to be amazed at the amount of liquid inside a potato.

One year we boiled the potatoes before shredding. This helped remove some of the liquid and also reduced the frying time. However, the potatoes were very hot to handle, since we had no patience to let them cool, and they turned into mush in the food processor. Perhaps less boiling time might have worked better.

After years of balking at the



The writer and her daughter Rachel light the menorah.

idea of hand-grating the potatoes because of a lack of time, our primitive food processor broke with dinner company set to arrive at any moment. I ran to a neighbor and borrowed a grater.

This simple kitchen tool worked better and faster than our

for "dedication," is an eight-day celebration. Each night prayers are recited, candles are lit, songs are sung and oil-fried foods like latkes and doughnuts and chocolate gelt (coins) are consumed.

This year, Hanukkah began on the evening of Nov. 29. A week earlier, we began getting into the holiday spirit with a game of dreidel. Prior to regaining their right to pray freely, Jews engaging in religious study would quickly close their books and pretend to only be playing dreidel to

Hanukkah, the Hebrew word for "dedication," is an eight-day celebration. Each night prayers are recited, candles are lit, songs are sung and oil-fried foods like latkes and doughnuts and chocolate gelt (coins) are consumed.

avoid punishment by the Syrian soldiers.

Alas, the true miracle of Hanukkah has nothing to do with my ability to clean a menorah or hand-grate potatoes without bleeding. Hanukkah commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. More than 2,000 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek king of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods. Jewish rituals were outlawed, and the Jews' holy temple was seized and defiled.

In 165 BC, the Jews won a long battle against the Syrian army. While preparing to rededicate their reclaimed temple, they found one flask of holy oil, enough to light the lamps for just one day. However, a miracle caused the oil to burn for eight days, enough time to obtain a new supply.

Hanukkah, the Hebrew word

A dreidel is a four-sided spinning top. The four Hebrew letters on the dreidel — Nun, Gimmel, Hey and Shin — represent the Hebrew sentence "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham" or "A great miracle happened there."

At the start of the game, everyone puts in a penny. Each person spins the dreidel when it's their turn and takes a specific action depending on which side the dreidel lands.

Another fun activity is to get multiple dreidels spinning at once and see which one drops last.

My favorite Hanukkah ritual is the lighting of the menorah, a candelabra with spaces for nine candles, one for each of the eight nights, plus the shamash, the "helper" candle, which is used to light the other candles.

On the first night, the shamash and one candle are lit. On the second night, the shamash and two candles are lit, and so on.

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A total of 44 candles are needed for the eight nights.

Hanukkah candles come in a variety of colors. As I child, I favored the blue candles. I would save several for the final night when all the flames were lighted, arranging the blue candles in a special pattern with the red, yellow, white, green and occasional pink ones also found in the box.

Now I enjoy watching my 6-year-old daughter Rachel make her color selections each night. Some nights, we both pick out colors and light multiple menorahs.

Last year was the first year we allowed her to hold the shamash and light the candles on her own, with a parent's hand hovering close by. It was yet another sign of her growing independence.

When Rachel was a baby, one parent held her and the other lit the candles. In her toddler years, she stood on a chair and we took turns holding her curious hands away from the flames, admonishing "Hey, don't blow those out. This is not a birthday cake!"

Eventually, she held the candle and we guided her hand. And now we light the shamash and she does the rest.

I vividly remember Rachel's first Hanukkah. She was five months old and was suffering her first cold. Our usually happy baby sat like a sad lump on my lap. She was uninterested in the candles and had no desire or energy to even rip at the wrapping paper on

her presents.

When she was 4, I bought her a necklace with a little birthstone charm shaped like a little girl. It was very similar to a necklace I owned, and I thought she would be excited to wear "matching necklaces."

The necklace did not come with a box, so I used an empty Band-Aid box to wrap the gift. Much to my surprise, Rachel was highly disappointed when she opened the box and found no Band-Aids inside!

Sometimes when you think you have found the "perfect gift," it turns out that something much simpler would have been appreciated even more.

Even if wax drips on our menorah or we eat store-bought doughnuts or we make latkes from a box mix — which is quicker than from scratch and still delicious — we'll still be rejoicing in our right to observe Jewish rituals. This is the simple and true meaning of Hanukkah for our family.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take the time to thank the residents of the new 108th Assembly District for all of the support for my re-election to the state Assembly.

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This year was very demanding of my time. I currently represent parts of Saratoga County, most of Rensselaer County and part of the city of Troy.

At the same time, I was running for election in the newly-formed 108th district, which is about 60 percent new, including parts of Albany, Columbia and Greene counties.

I look forward to continue to represent the residents of Rensselaer County, and I look forward with great excitement to representing the residents of Albany, Columbia and Greene counties.

Pat M. Casale
Schaghticoke

Local judge receives honor

Bethlehem resident Bernard J. Malone Jr. was honored recently by the Capital District affiliate of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Malone is a Su-

preme Court justice in Albany. He received the Felix J. Aulisi Award for his respect for the rights of litigants and attorneys who appear before him.

Winter story program scheduled Dec. 7

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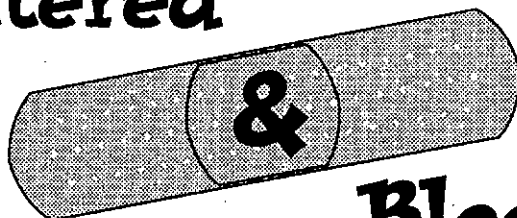
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Matters of Opinion

BC grad takes juniors to task on parking issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School's class of 2002, I have a few things to say about the recent article, "BCHS juniors berate 'unfair' parking policy."

My main reason for writing is because when the school board agreed to make that lot, it was never intended for the juniors; that was just a rumor that went around.

Many other seniors and I were quite upset last year when the school board even allowed juniors to park in a lot that was made for seniors who had earned the privilege of parking there and the main lot.

It was bad enough that you had to pay \$120 a spot for a so-called-privilege, but then to allow juniors, who should have been parking on Van Dyke like all of the other juniors before them, was a slap in the face.

Also, it said in the article that the seniors last year were allowed to have a spot by themselves, and that was untrue.

I tried to get a spot for myself, but I was informed that I had to share a spot with another senior. And of course, the juniors last year abused that privilege. Maybe the school board should have used some common sense in allowing juniors to park there because it's easy to get to without

having a hall monitor check your pass and it's a lot closer than Van Dyke.

The juniors this year should not even be complaining about not being able to park there. It's a senior lot, not a junior lot, and was intended for seniors to park there as reward for their hard work.

Another reason they made the tennis courts into a parking lot was because the senior classes keep getting bigger and bigger as the years go by. My senior class was bigger than the class of 2001, and there would have been a lot of people without a parking spot who deserved one.

If the juniors want a parking lot to themselves, maybe they should

petition the school board to pave (or paint) the lot behind the soccer fields, which juniors are allowed to park on every day on a first-come, first-serve basis.

And it would put the school board at ease too because I can tell you that you would be able to catch someone going off campus illegally a lot easier than with the front lots, and also in the winter most juniors won't want to tread through the snow to attempt to go off campus.

But at least they would have a parking lot to themselves; then they couldn't complain.

Johanna Anderson
Delmar

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Re-creating a great dish at home

Dear Chef Sarah:

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S. Scharf, Glenmont, NY

Dear S. Scharf:

Try this recipe — I think it may be what you're looking for.

~ Blushing Shrimp ~

- 1-1/2 pounds large raw shrimp (peeled and deveined)
- 1 shallot (finely chopped)
- 1 garlic clove (finely chopped)
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- fresh parsley (chopped)
- olive oil
- salt & pepper

In a large sauté pan over medium high heat, sauté shallot in a little olive oil. When it becomes translucent add the garlic and shrimp. Cook the shrimp just until they begin to turn pink. Remove from pan. Add the tomato paste and stir in the white wine. Cook gently until the mixture is reduced to about 1/4 cup. Add the cream. Bring to boil, then reduce the heat and simmer gently until the liquid is reduced to about 1/2 a cup, and is thickening slightly. Return the shrimp to the pan and heat through to complete cooking. Toss in the fresh parsley and season with a little salt and pepper. Serve over linguine or other pasta.

Dear Chef Sarah:

I see chestnuts in the grocery store, but I don't know how to cook them. Can you help?

Emma Hanson, Troy, NY

Dear Emma:

Select chestnuts that are firm with tight skins. Take a small sharp knife and make a slit through the rounded part of the nut, from base towards the tip.

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All children must be registered for planning purposes. For information on the event and for the ages allowed, call Patty Miller at 765-4552.

Christmas Festival slated for Dec. 22

The 13th annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be held on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Methodist church. All area singers are invited to join the Community Choir for this performance.

Practices will be held on Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist church.

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The New Scotland Kiwanis Club's annual Christmas Tree and Wreath sale is being held at the SuperValu on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville.

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Food Co-Op orders due Dec. 6

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Each order costs \$14, and there is no obligation to purchase every month. Anyone in the area is welcome to participate. Payment can be by cash or food stamps.

The special of the month is a 5-pound (average weight) USDA boneless top sirloin beef roast for \$12.50.

Scouts to carol on Dec. 13

The Voorheesville Neigh-

borhood Girl Scout troops will carol throughout the village of Voorheesville on Friday, Dec. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The neighborhood includes more than 20 troops of Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes.

Girl Scouts to collect for local Food Pantry

The Voorheesville neighborhood Girl Scouts will be collecting health and beauty aids at SuperValu on Maple Avenue. There will marked boxes on Saturday, Dec. 11, for any donations you care to make.

The items will then be donated to the New Scotland Community Food Pantry for local families.

Nursery school has opening

The Voorheesville Nursery School at United Methodist Church has an immediate opening for the afternoon session. The time of the class is from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

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The Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the library's Community Room from 2 to 7 p.m. You are eligible to give blood on that date if you are over 17,

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Montana Stone displays her collection of Beanie Babies in the youth services area.

Upcoming book discussions

Farm life in the early 20th century is the theme of Gary Paulsen's *Clabbered Dirt, Sweet Grass*, the topic for our next afternoon book discussion on Monday, Dec. 9, at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., Nonfictionados looks at Peter Mayle's gastronomic memoir, *French Lessons: adventures with knife, fork and corkscrew*, a 2001 Book Editors' Choice.

The Mother Daughter Book Club meets on Monday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. This classic tale is first of the famous Chronicles of Narnia.

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Louise Grieco

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Half Magic by Edward Eager is the selection for the kids book discussion group, which meets on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. for children in grades four through six. It's not too late to sign up.

Special storytimes for preschoolers will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 10 and 11, at 10:15 a.m.

Come for holiday stories and crafts.

Adults meet tonight to discuss *Honeymoon in Purdah* at 7 p.m. The book selection for January is

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks and will be available at signup.

Our "reader recommended" books are going like hotcakes. Check out the display near the CD racks and pick up some recommendation cards to take home and fill out. Use them for music and movies, as well as good books. Everyone seems interested in what others are enjoying.

The ever-popular Jean Eaton is displaying her oil paintings and prints in the hall gallery this month. Eaton is an award-winning

Voorheesville artist who is active in the Bethlehem Art Association. She also provides a valuable service for the library by keeping the schedule of artists for the hall gallery.

The library is seeking candidates for a board of trustees seat.

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December displays

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Women receives education award

Susan Ford Krajkowski of East Nassau and a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, received a Program for Continuing Education Grant from the P.E.O. Sisterhood to complete her master's degree in teaching from The College of Saint Rose.

These awards are given to women who are returning to school in order to further their education or make a career change.

Krajkowski is the daughter of Ken and Joy Ford of Glenmont.

Elks dinner set

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 will host a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Friday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the lodge on 1016 River Road.

The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for kids age 3 to 12.

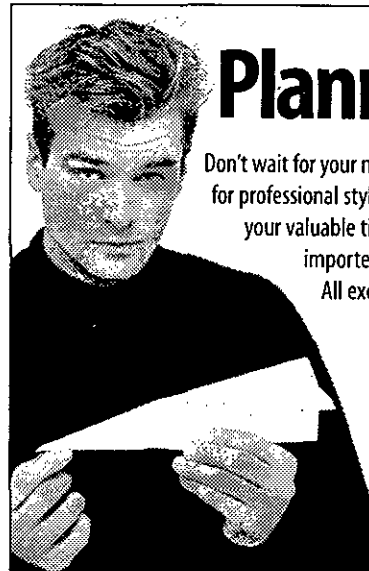
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Festival Fund begins annual holiday appeal

By KAREN HARMON

The Bethlehem Festival Fund, a local nonprofit that has helped town residents for the past 60 years, is kicking off its annual fund-raising campaign in anticipation of growing community need.

The Festival Fund, which began in 1942 as a community Christmas festival to raise funds for the needy, exemplifies the concept of neighbors helping neighbors.

The fund is comprised of volunteers who donate their time to help town residents who have suffered setbacks in their lives, and 96 to 98 percent of every dollar raised is returned to community members.

President Greg Jackson hopes

to raise \$15,000 this holiday season and anticipates that more individuals and families may need short-term assistance because of the sagging economy. All of the money raised goes directly back into the Bethlehem community to discreetly help individuals, families and senior citizens with specific needs.

The fund does not provide ongoing support, but instead fills a temporary need that is not met by traditional assistance programs.

The Bethlehem area is considered one of the most affluent communities in the Capital District, but many town residents struggle financially and experience misfortune that can turn their lives upside down in an instant.

The Festival Fund helps people struck by the death of a spouse, separation or divorce, job loss, disease or disability, as well as individuals and families who need occasional financial assistance.

Bethlehem school personnel, area clergy and local senior services department staff identify individuals and families with specific needs and make requests directly to the fund. Once a request is made, the fund provides assistance with needs that slip through the cracks of traditional assistance programs.

"Confidentiality of our clients is paramount," said fund treasurer Paul Gutman, "and we respond quickly without red tape."

The fund has provided for eyeglasses and summer school.

The Festival Fund also provides annual Christmas food baskets filled with turkeys and canned goods, serving 80 recipients last year.

Bethlehem school children also learn early about community service by helping to collect canned goods for the Christmas food baskets.

The assistance often gives not only a much-needed financial boost, but lifts the spirits of recipients who have fallen on hard times. One of last year's recipients wrote, "Thank you for the generosity shown to our family during Christmas. The thoughtfulness and generosity brought tears to my eyes. My boys were so appreciative of all they received and had a most memorable Christmas. It is

difficult to put in words the gratitude I have in my heart. It is very hard to face each new day with hope when life is as hard as it is for us. It is the thoughtfulness and generosity of people like you that make life hopeful."

Another family, referred to the fund by a local pastor, wrote, "At the beginning of this year, our family was in dire straits. I just want to take this time to thank you for helping us to pay our NiMo bill. It was greatly appreciated."

Donations to the Bethlehem Festival Fund can be sent to P.O. Box 341, Delmar 12054. Food and toiletry donations also can be

Car burglars hit local neighborhoods

Bethlehem police are investigating a series of overnight thefts from unlocked vehicles in residential neighborhoods in Glenmont and Slingerlands on two successive evenings — and a series of criminal mischief incidents in a Delmar neighborhood on Nov. 15 and 16.

Residents of three homes on Domenico Drive, near Bethlehem Center in Glenmont, reported to police thefts of loose change and, in one case, a case containing several CDs from a total of five unlocked vehicles during overnight hours of Nov. 18 and 19. The same night, the garage of a home on Anders Lane, just off River Road in Glenmont, was burglarized, and the glove compartments of two vehicles within it were rifled through, sometime before 6:30 a.m. It is unknown whether anything was taken in that incident.

The following night, Nov. 19, it was Slingerlands' turn, as unlocked vehicles parked outside three homes on McCormack Road were similarly robbed of loose cash during the overnight hours.

The weekend criminal mischief spree, on Wicklow Terrace Nov. 15 and 16, involved metal lamp posts on three separate lawns that were reported damaged.

No witnesses have yet come forward, but Bethlehem detectives are investigating all four incidents.

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Rotary Club to host Adirondack Harper

Martha Gallagher, the Adirondack Harper, will perform at Delmar Rotary Club's Annual Holiday Dinner at the Capitol House Restaurant on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

This performance will celebrate the release of her new recording, "Adirondacks."

Gallagher is a Celtic harp player and vocalist who has been performing professionally for more than 20 years.

She is the daughter of Dick and Ruth Gallagher of Glenmont.

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Sports

Teammates must step up in Robbins' absence

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys basketball team had a rough start to the 2002-03 season.

The Eagles traveled to Utica last Tuesday and lost to Proctor 76-65. In the process, senior center **Matt Robbins** fractured a wrist, and coach **Chuck Abba** estimated that Robbins will be out of action for three weeks.

"I think any time you lose a leading scorer or rebounder — any time you lose somebody with Matt's talent level — that hurts the team," Abba said. "But, I think we have several players who can step up."

The Eagles were already dealing with the graduation of several key players from last year's team — including **Bob Boughton**, **Tim Kindlon** and **Paul Stewart** — before Robbins' injury.

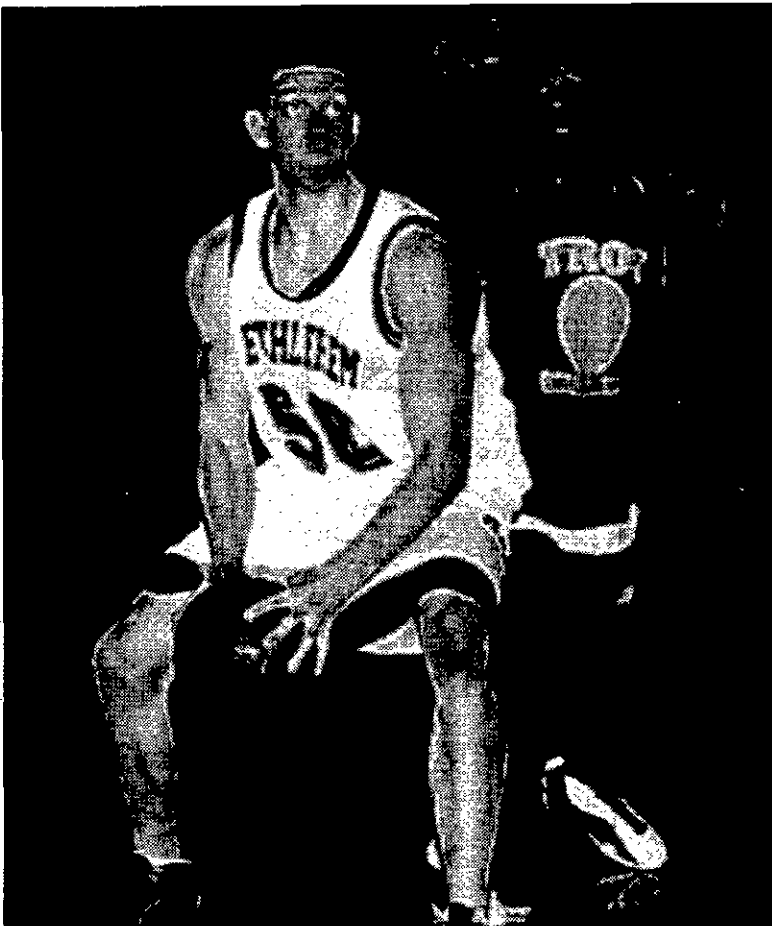
"We lost six really good seniors

(from last year), but we also have seven players returning," Abba said. "So we may not have been hurt as much as other teams (in the Suburban Council), but we still lost some good kids that will be hard to replace."

Easing the loss of those six seniors is the return of Robbins and senior forwards **John Thibdeau** and **Andrew Dolan**. While neither started on a regular basis, Thibdeau and Dolan have the most varsity experience out of the group of interior players on the team.

"I think Thibdeau and Dolan will have to pick it up a bit on the inside" in Robbins' absence, Abba said.

The Eagles are less experienced on the perimeter. Senior guards **Brendan Venter** and **Dennis Jeffers** are the only returning players that saw significant playing time last year, and they only gained that during



Bethlehem forward Greg Dwyer drives toward the hoop during a scrimmage against Troy Nov. 21.
Rob Jonas

the second half of the season.

To help Venter and Jeffers out, Abba will be looking toward two more senior guards, **Bob Barrowman** and **Tim Donohue**, as well as newcomer **Cameron Brown**.

"I think we have some outside guys who can put the ball in the basket, and I think they'll get more shots with Matt out," Abba said.

How well the players adjust to their expanded roles while Robbins is out may prove pivotal for the Eagles in their bid to win the Suburban Council Gold Division title. The two teams that finished ahead of them in last year's standings, Columbia and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, each lost several key players to graduation. That leaves a potential opening for Bethlehem to walk through, but there will be challengers.

"I think Averill Park is certainly going to be a contender. They've got just about everybody back," Abba said. "Burnt Hills always manages to field a competitive team, too."

Bethlehem got an early jump on the rest of the Suburban Council with last week's game at Proctor.

"I thought the kids played well," Abba said. "It was a bit early, but we thought it was a decent game for us to play. It's just a little bit different for us. It was the first time that we've played a regular-season game outside Section II since I became coach."

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Blackbirds split weekend games

By ROB JONAS

The Voorheesville boys basketball team may be beat up and inexperienced in key positions, but it still knows how to win.

The Blackbirds opened their season with two consecutive wins before losing to Hoosic Valley 63-52 last Saturday in the finals of the Hoosic Valley Tournament.

"We struggled early against Hoosic Valley," Voorheesville coach **Shane Clary** said. "We fought back and cut it to a three-point lead, but then they pulled away."

The Blackbirds have had to start the season without two key returning players, **Jeff Nelson** and **Frank Catellier**. Nelson is out with a broken collarbone, while Catellier is sidelined with a shoulder injury he suffered during the football season.

Without Nelson and Catellier, Voorheesville has turned to its other seniors for offense. Guard **Brian Carey** has had the hot hand for the Blackbirds early on, averaging 16 points per game, while forward **Dan Melewski** has given them point production inside with 28 points in three games. Forward **Matt Underwood** and point guard **Adam Hatch** have also contributed.

"I'm fairly encouraged" by the seniors, Clary said. "They're finally getting their shot, and they're excited about getting their shot. We're playing with a lot of energy."

Voorheesville began its season last Tuesday, Nov. 26, with a 63-60 victory over Berne-Knox.

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE

WED., DEC. 4

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem at Troy, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

WRESTLING

Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

WRESTLING

Albany Academy at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

BOYS BASKETBALL

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

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Bethlehem vs. CBA, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

BETHLEHEM TOURNAMENT

Guilderland vs. Catholic Central, 6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem vs. Colonie Central, 8 p.m.

Westerlo in the first basketball game played at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School's new gym.

"It's a beautiful facility. I can't say enough about it," Clary said. "It's a much bigger floor surface, so we can do a lot more on it."

Carey had a big performance on the new court, as he led all scorers with 20 points. Center **Mark Carson**, one of two sophomore newcomers, contributed 15 points and Melewski added 10 points.

The Blackbirds then opened the Hoosic Valley Tournament with a 54-43 win against Galway last Friday. Carey scored 13 points, Melewski chipped in 10 points and sophomore guard **Greg Delaney** added seven points to lead a balanced Voorheesville attack.

The Blackbirds didn't fare as well in the championship game against Hoosic Valley last Saturday. They fell behind 32-18 at halftime before outscoring the Panthers 14-8 in the third quarter to cut into the deficit. Hoosic Valley outscored Voorheesville 23-20 in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Carey netted 15 points, and Carson contributed 11 points for the Blackbirds. **Ben Luskin** paced Hoosic Valley with 17

points.

"Brian Carey has already shown that" he's a breakout player, Clary said. "He has 48 points in three games."

Voorheesville continued its road trip Tuesday when it opened its Colonial Council schedule with a game at Cobleskill-Richmondville. The Blackbirds return home Friday night to play Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at 7:30 p.m.

RCS struggles at Scotia tourney

The RCS Indians opened their season last weekend at the Scotia-Glenville Tournament with a pair of losses.

The Indians began the tournament with a 62-30 loss to Scotia-Glenville last Friday. RCS trailed 12-9 after the first quarter before Scotia-Glenville outscored the Indians 34-9 over the next two quarters to pull away.

Victor Bermudez led RCS with 13 points, while **Terrance Coppola** had 21 points for Scotia-Glenville.

The Indians had another offensive shortage in a 47-37 loss to Broadalbin-Perth last Saturday. The Patriots jumped out to an 11-2 lead after the first quarter and held on for the 10-point win. Bermudez had another 13-point effort to lead RCS.

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Eagles lose home opener

The Bethlehem hockey team began its season last Saturday with a 5-1 loss to LaSalle Institute at the BIG Arena.

The Cadets jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by **Jamey Colaruotola**, **Joe Evers** and **Ian Singleton**. **Joe Siniski** scored early in the third period for the Eagles off an assist by **Dan Conophy**, but **Eric Cassidy** tallied 1:16 later to thwart Bethlehem's comeback attempt. Colaruotola capped the scoring with 3:55 left in the third period.

Matt Guntner stopped 16 shots for Bethlehem. **Mike Culligan** had 16 saves to earn the victory for LaSalle.

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Dolphins scoop up awards at Ocean Blue meet

The Delmar Dolphin Swim Club hosted the Ocean Blue Invitational swim meet at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Nov. 9 and posted several award-winning performances.

The eight-and-under girls' division saw **Erica Howland** record first-place finishes in the 100-yard individual medley and 25 butterfly, as well as second-place finishes in the 50 and 25 freestyle races. **Tara O'Donnell** took first in the 25 backstroke and third in the 50 freestyle, 25 butterfly and 25 breaststroke.

Taryn Lesser was third in the

25 backstroke and seventh in the 25 freestyle, while **Samatha Ebersold** recorded a seventh place finish in the 25 backstroke. **Sarah Becker** finished eighth in the 25 butterfly.

The eight-and-under boys' division was led by **Alex Lednev**, who posted first-place finishes in the 25 backstroke and breast stroke and second-place finishes in the 25 butterfly and freestyle.

Matthew Futia finished second in the 50 yard freestyle and sixth in the 25 butterfly, and **Ryan Cheu** recorded a fifth-place finish in the 25 breaststroke.

This age group also saw **Erin Salo**, **Jill Bruggerman**, **Katie Nickles**, **Emily Ginsberg**, **Dawn Mirando**, **Alyssa Giordano** and **Evan Ginsberg** all compete successfully with personal-best performances.

The 10-and-under division saw **Sarah Wooster** come away with first-place finishes in the 50 and 100 backstroke, a second-place finish in the 100 IM and a third place finish in the 50 breaststroke. **Amber Jenkins** was third in the 100 backstroke and 50 butterfly, seventh in the 100 IM and eighth in the 50 freestyle.

Lexi Zerillo had a fifth-place finish in the 50 butterfly and a sixth-place finish in the 100 back stroke. **Greta Healy** recorded a sixth-place finish in the 50 butterfly, and seventh-place finishes were posted by **Marie Kalet** in the 50 backstroke and **Stephanie Clement** in the 50 butterfly.

Zachary Kundel completed the meet with third-place finishes in the 50 and 100 freestyle races, a sixth-place finish in the 50 breaststroke and a seventh-place finish in the 200 IM. **Sam Stern** took fifth in the 50 breaststroke and 50 freestyle.

Kevin Jacobs placed third in

the 50 backstroke and eighth in the 100 IM and 50 freestyle, and **Matthew Weber** took home sixth place finishes in the 50 and 100 backstroke.

Personal best performances were also posted by **Lilly Powell**, **Melanie Melewski**, **Nicole Betts**, **Audrey Keathly**, **Lauren DiFrancesco**, **Gina DiNapoli**, **Tori Grant**, **Erica Edlund**, **Maggie Morrell**, **Jenna Clark** and **Eric Segerstrom**.

Ashley Burns led the 11-12 division with wins in the 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke and open 500 freestyle. She also recorded a second-place finish in the 100 IM.

Katie O'Donnell finished first in the 50 backstroke, third in the 100 backstroke, fourth in the open 500 freestyle and seventh in the 50 breaststroke. **Molly Howland** posted a second-place finish in the 100 butterfly and took third place in the 100 IM, 50 backstroke and 50 freestyle.

Allie Radliff finished third in the 50 breaststroke, sixth in the 100 butterfly and eighth in the 100 backstroke. **Hana Segerstrom** posted a third-place finish in the 100 butterfly and seventh-place finishes in the 100 IM and 50 freestyle, while **Kristen Gloeckler** finished fourth in the 100

butterfly and eighth in the 100 IM and 100 freestyle. Sixth-place finishes were recorded by **Rachel Garbo** in the 50 backstroke and **Jenna Melewski** in the 50 breast stroke.

Vadim Yafayev finished first in the 100 IM, second in the open 500 free and fourth in the 100 free in the boys' division. **Gopu Kiron** took second in the 50 breast stroke, third in the 100 IM and 50 freestyle and sixth in the 100 backstroke. **Kevin Burns** completed the meet with third-place finishes in the 50 breaststroke and 50 backstroke, fourth in the open 500 freestyle, fifth in the 100 backstroke and sixth in the 100 IM. **Alex Walsh** was sixth in the 50 breaststroke and seventh in the 50 backstroke. **Jacob Van Etten** came in fourth in the 50 backstroke, and **Sam Stouffer** finished seventh in the 100 butterfly.

This age group also saw **Emily Smith**, **Kyla Walsh**, **Emily Knistion**, **Eleanor Grady**, **Emily Sciavolino**, **Mariah Kennedy**, **Ariel Ricard**, **Katrina Nakao** and **Kristen Yates** compete.

Jennifer Van Etten led the 13-and-over girls with wins in the 200 IM, 100 freestyle and 400 IM, as well as a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle. **Becca Stern** finished first in the 100 back stroke and 50 freestyle, second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 200 IM.

Martha Grady finished third in the 100 butterfly, sixth in the 100 freestyle and seventh in the 50 freestyle, while **Elise Walsh** came in fourth in the 100 breast stroke and sixth in the 100 back stroke. Second place in the 100 breast stroke was taken by **Michelle Sargent**. **Ann De Lucco** finished fifth in the 100 backstroke, and **Lauren Grady** and **Emma Walsh** were eighth in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle respectively.

Larry Gloeckler led the boys by finishing first in the 100 breaststroke and open 500 freestyle, second in the 400 IM and third in the 200 IM. **Josh Alfred** was second in the both the 50 and 100 freestyle races, and **Craig Alfred** took fifth in the 50 freestyle and sixth in the 100 freestyle. **Tim DeGroff** recorded a third-place finish in the 100 back stroke, fourth in the 50 freestyle and seventh in the 200 IM and 100 freestyle. **Pat Dolan** completed the meet with a second-place finish in the 100 backstroke, a fifth-place finish in the 200 IM and an eighth-place finish in the 50 freestyle. **Sean Kennedy** was fifth in the 100 butterfly and sixth in the 200 IM.



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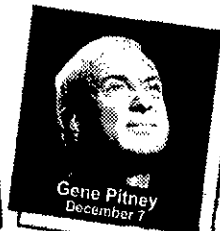
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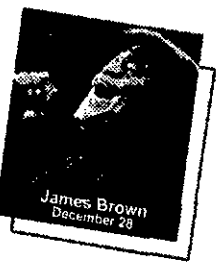
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Lovers

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that only one could get a really great role, or they could share the parts." Hannah Lewis and Amie Lytle have shared the role of Juliet, something that has brought them closer as friends and actors.

"Having two Juliets has been amazing," Lytle said. "Hannah's very mature and supportive, and it's been a great stress reliever to have somebody to bounce things off of."

"It's amazing how differently the same role can be played," Lewis said. "Amy and I are close friends, and I was anxious that we would be competitive. But we play Juliet so differently, it can't be compared. It's been a wonderful experience."

"It's probably been hard on Matt Balluff," Lytle said of the student playing Romeo. While both Juliets and Romeo agreed that it has made rehearsal time longer, Balluff said it has worked out well to have two Juliets. "I thought it would be hard," Balluff said, "but they both play Juliet so differently, it's interesting to see how they do it."

All three students are Shakespeare veterans, having performed in "Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Macbeth." Balluff was also in "Twelfth Night" and said he couldn't have imagined not doing the Shakespeare play this year.

"The role of Romeo has been challenging," he said. "It has a lot of ups and downs and a lot of different emotions. I thought I was better at comedy, but this has forced me to work with different emotions."

"I want to act for the rest of my life," Lytle said, "and Shakespeare is the most intense acting experience." Performing Shakespeare, she said, adds a new dimension to studying it in school.

"When I focus on one role and am part of it, I learn more about myself," she said. "Playing Juliet, I look for the motive for doing something, and think about when I might have felt this pain, or this anger."

Lewis started acting with the Young Actors' Guild when she was 7 and agreed with Lytle that Juliet is a very strong character. "She's so blindly in love," Lewis said. "She's very strong, and has real demands. She knows what she wants and goes to get it."

"Romeo and Juliet" will be staged in Studio 46 at the back of the high school, used for the first time in a year, since it served as a

fire escape during recent building construction. "It's very personal there," Lewis said. "The audience is like another member. We react to the audience." Working in the smaller space posed a unique challenge to the crew who created the play's backdrops. "There are several references to fate and fortune in the play," Yeara said, "and the kids have painted 4' x 8' Tarot cards based on a 15th-century Swiss deck. There's a different spread of Tarot cards for different scenes."

For Yeara, overcoming the challenge of limited resources is worth it when he sees the kids perform.

"It's been wonderful to watch

someone like Matt Balluff do four years of Shakespeare plays, and grow and blossom," Yeara said. "We have one of our best swordfighters in a long time in Dave Schwab as Tybalt. And the two Juliets have called themselves 'Juliet 1' and 'Juliet A.' This is a neat play to do, the kids are a lot of fun, and Romeo and Juliet ties in to the classroom."

"Romeo and Juliet" will be performed at Studio 46 at the Bethlehem Central High School on Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 at 7 p.m. On Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15, there will also be 2 p.m. shows.

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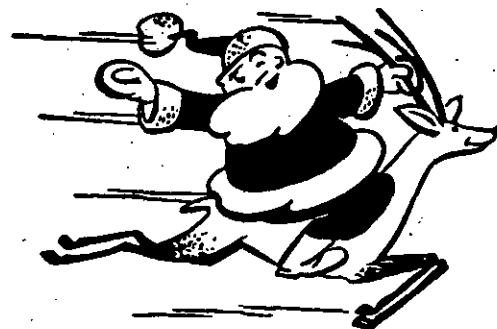
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Celebrate

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the hometown Friendship Singers, back after a one-year hiatus.

"We couldn't get them last year, so we had one of the singers lead us, but this time we'll have a lot of them to lead us in song," said Marlene Brookins, proprietor of the Little Country Store and a coordinator of the holiday event.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be on hand for Friday's observance, and Santa is also scheduled to put in an appearance astride a fire truck provided by one of the local fire companies. Santa will also be on hand Saturday and Sunday as the holiday event continues, with local merchants offering special holiday hours, specials and refreshments throughout the festivities.

Participating stores extend from the Floral Garden on Delaware Avenue to the Stephen A. Roehl jewelry shop, adjacent to the *Spotlight* offices on Adams Street.

"We have much broader participation this year," said Brookins. "Each store is having their own (activities), and we've left them pretty much to do as they want. But there will be specials in every store." Horse and buggy rides through the neighborhood, confined to Saturdays in previous years, will operate on an expanded schedule,

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Ghost of Christmas Past will also turn up for the festivities — in the form of a charitable undertaking by a former long-time Four Corners tenant, the Delmar Bootery.

The store now relocated to Stuyvesant Plaza will once again sponsor Shoes for the Shoeless, a collection drive to gather used footwear for the needy. Shoes rubber-banded or tied together can be dropped off at Delmar

Reformed Church, across from Delmar Marketplace on Delaware Avenue, or at any of the participating stores.

Brookins said the Four Corners Merchants, sponsors of the holiday fest, also hope to use the occasion as a kickoff to fund-raising to erect a four-sided Victorian-style village clock at the intersection, but details of that fund-raising campaign are still being worked out.

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Sixth-grade merit roll

Rachel Albano, Derek Betts, Brittany Bliven, Madalyne Boomer, Joseph Boomhower, Briana Borger, Cornelius Bradt, Angelina Brown, Evan Bullis, Michael Byerwalters, Liam Carroll, Amanda Caswell, Justin Civill, Danielle Darlington, Meghan DeGraff, Roger Decker, Jeffrey Deso, Brittany Ecklund, Christina Fisher and Nikki Goldberg.

Also, Elias Hammann, Courtney Heywood, Keith Hoyt, Laura Koonz, Collin Krueger, Shaun LaMay, Danielle Lambert, Matthew Lambertsen, Alyssa Leonardo, Austin Libby, Zachary Lisa, Erik Livingston, Brianna Markel, Angela Mineau, Lindsey Montini, Nicole Mooney, Roxanne Neumann, Jessica Northrup and Kari O'Halloran.

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Smith, Frankie Spence, Travis Vega, Brandon Vigliante, Mikayla Vigliante, Lisa Waters, Ashley Wilson and April Zwack.

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Also, Jamie Paeglow, Meghan Patterson, Amelia Persico, Andrew Philpott, Mindy Rivers, Jennifer Rosen, Gregory Russ, Jamie Sanderson, Paige Scott, Emilie Searles, Christopher Snyder, Tara TenEyck, Erica Wagner, Amanda White, Ashley White, Nori Williams and Brianna Yurek.

Seventh-grade merit roll

Lynsey Ackert, Lea Agans, Caitlyn Albano, Dylan Arnett, Amber Berbiglia, Thomas Boehm, Ashley Burns, Maureen Cinque, Megan Corsi, Lauren Dawson, William DeGraff, Emily DePaula, Jared Fortier, Andrew Fuller, Erin Gilmore, Joshua Goldberg, Melanie Griffith, Corinn Haker, Rebecca Herrington and Kasha Higginbotham.

Also, John Hillmann, Westley Hoskins, Khloe Houlihan, Karl Hunter, Kalika Jenkins, Laura Kissel, Justin Knowles, Joseph Lisa, Alyssa Losee, Lisette Luna, Briana Macaione, Jared Margiasso, Juan McQueen,

Chelsey Miller, Lauren Miller, Tamara Millious, Matthew Morse, Laura Obernesser, Brian Paeglow, Brock Palmatier, Philip Papas and Christopher Parker.

Also, Jessica Payne, Danielle Rudolph, Jill Scalzo, Ariel Searles, Arthur Shutter, Benjamin Smith, Karmen Smith, Amanda Stalker, Christopher Stead, Kristin Sterling, Vicky Tiberia, April Tompkins, Tarang Vakharia, Jacob VanEtten, Jourdan Vatalaro, Samantha Viviano, Christopher Walters, Alyssa Williams, David Winne and Hannah Winzenread.

Eighth-grade honor roll

Shannon Brisson, Jeffrey Britton, Zachary Collins, Nathan Doane, Stephanie Fansler, Veronica Foley, Jennifer Gannon, Julianna Glassanos, Susan Grutza, Matthew Lundquist, Julianne Maynus, Philip Meacham, Taylor O'Brien and Brendon Palmer.

Also, Kimberly Poetzsch, Dillon Ruxton, Desiree Sagendorf, Breanna Spence, Andrea Starks, James Sutton, Patrick Teetsel, Kathleen Tice, Janaki Vakharia, Victoria Vasto, Daria Whalen, Richard White and Sarah Yanni.

Eighth-grade merit roll

Amanda Appleby, Douglas Asam, Meagan Boomer, Amanda Brady, Dean Brady, Corey Brooks, Jessica Byerwalters, Lisa Cross, Cory David, Jessica Delamater, Kristin Deso, Patrick Filkins, Alyssa Finke, Cory Gregory, Andrea Griffin-Bordis, Abigail Hafensteiner, Danielle Harmaon, Dominique Harris and Charlee Ingraham.

Also, Maureen Keller, Jacob Latter, Jordan Lemley, Allison Leonard, Ashley McMullen, Jennifer Mine, Eric Norris, Rebecca Northrup, Ashley Pelletier, Jamie Pelletier, Julie Persico, Ryan Principato, Carol Pry, Mandi Rios, James Rivers, Renee Rohl and Meaghan Sanderson.

Also, Lindsey Shields, Richard Slater, Samuel Slingerland, Megan Smith, Samantha Sofologis, Amanda Spring, Brittany Stillwell, Adam Stott, Jeremy Terrill, Royce Thompson, Larissa Townley, Cody Wilson, Michael Wing, Brett Winne and Joshua Wolfgang.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge slates pasta dinner

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge is holding a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Friday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the lodge on Route 144.

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

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 at 1 McGuffey Lane.

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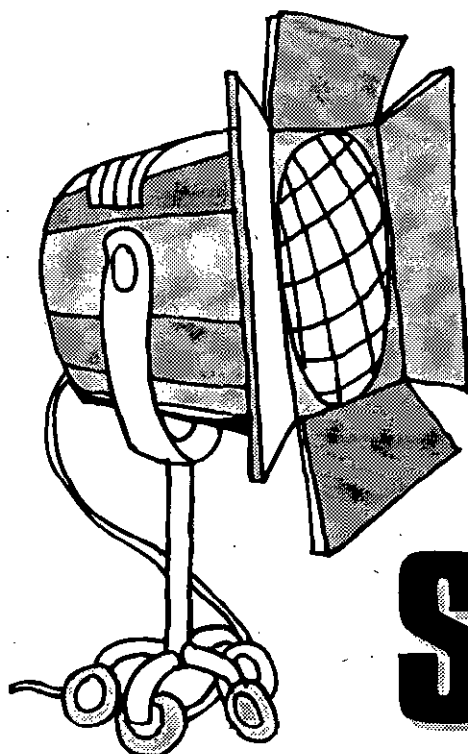
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Brian and Erin Reeve

Alonzo, Reeve marry

Erin Alonzo, daughter of Maureen and Dominick Alonzo of Voorheesville, and Brian Reeve, son of Carole and James Reeve of Easton, were married last year on Dec. 28.

The Rev. James Daley performed the ceremony at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Megan Smith was maid of honor.

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

Jeffrey Scanlon was best man. James Carroll, Joseph Beauregard, Kevin Flynn, David Klingebiel, Adam Sutton and Kyle Gannon were ushers.

A reception took place at the

Crooked Lake House in Averill Park.

The couple took a wedding trip to Disney World and Jamaica.

The bride is a graduate of 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 groom is a graduate of Greenwich High School, University at 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 Cossackie-Athens Middle School.

They reside in Voorheesville.

Delmar church hosts holiday concert, Dec. 10

The Friendship Singers will present their annual holiday concert on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The concert is free and open to the public. Now in their 21st year of existence, the local women's performance group specializes in old favorites, show tunes, some inspirational and humorous numbers. Most songs are in three-part harmony, and many are choreographed.

The Friendship Singers will also present their 2002 holiday program in December for many community groups and area nursing homes. Marie Liddle is the group's director, and Muriel Welch is the choreographer.

Other members are: Kitty Murphy, Iva Zornow, Eleanor Haverly, Joan Graber, Janice Manning, Stephanie Bollam, Pat Dolder, Linda Farrell, Ann Treadway, Pam Bolton-Engelhardt, Dodie Seagle, Kristy Reynolds, Mary Ellen White and Maria Spooner.

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.

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Thomas McGowan and Bridgette Adams

Adams, McGowan to wed

Bridgette Adams, daughter of Patricia and Richard Adams Sr. of Altamont, and Thomas McGowan, son of Barbara Tucker and the late Thomas McGowan Sr. of Warwick, R.I., are engaged to marry on Aug. 16 at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Voorheesville High School, SUNY


Plattsburgh and the University at Albany. She is a special education teacher at Sand Creek Middle School in Colonie.

The future groom is a graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School and the Community College of Rhode Island in Warwick. He is a manager at Builder's Kitchens.

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By W.A. Frankonis



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Slingerlands church slates art auction

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Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital
Girl, Megan Grace Burke, to Wendy and Steven Burke of Voorheesville, Nov. 21.

Girl, Emily Christine, to Karen and Henry Meier of Delmar, Nov. 12.

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Obituaries

Mary Ballantyne

Mary Ballantyne, 75, of Coburg Village in Clifton Park and formerly of Slingerlands, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at her home.

Born in Newark, N.J., she was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Peekskill and Bennett Junior College.

She worked at Macy's in Colonie for 11 years, retiring in 1990.

Mrs. Ballantyne was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Clifton Park.

She was very active in the Coburg Village community.

Survivors include three sons, Wilson Ballantyne of Columbia, S.C., and Christian Ballantyne and Lewis Ballantyne, both of Clifton Park; a brother, Dr. Thomas Guthrie of New York City; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. George's Episcopal Church, with burial in Jonesville Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home in Clifton Park.

Contributions may be made to St. George's Episcopal Church Building Fund, 912 Route 146, Clifton Park 12065.

Ellen Pangburn

Ellen J. Pangburn of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Gunderland.

Born in Ansonville, Pa., she lived in Delmar since 1933,

moving to the nursing home in September.

She worked briefly for the state of New York, then was a partner with her late husband in an oil business and a restaurant.

She was also a cashier at McCarroll's, The Village Butcher, and a waitress at Tool's Restaurant, both in Delmar.

She was a member of Third Reformed Church in Albany.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, baking and traveling to Maine.

She was wife of the late Kenneth Pangburn.

Survivors include a son, Robert Pangburn, and a granddaughter, Heather Pangburn.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany 12209.

Josephine Vitillo

Josephine A. Vitillo, 37, of Glenmont died Friday, Nov. 29, at Community Hospice at Albany Memorial Hospital.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany College of Pharmacy. She returned to school and was in the first class to receive the PharmD degree in 1991.

She was clinical pharmacy coordinator at Albany Memorial Hospital for 10 years.

In 1996, she received the Albany Memorial Hospital VIP Award.

She was a member of numerous pharmaceutical organizations.

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

She enjoyed gardening, swimming, golfing and playing the piano.

Survivors include her parents, Ralph and Marie Stagnitta Vitillo of Glenmont, and two sisters, Maria Vitillo and Lisa Vitillo, both of Glenmont.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Arrangements were by Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions for a stained glass window to be placed in the hospital chapel may be made to Albany Memorial Hospital, c/o Father Kelly, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany 12204.

Margaret Foster

Margaret G. Foster, 81, of Delmar, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Chicago, she had been a Delmar resident since 1964.

She earned bachelor's and master's in art education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and did further study at the Fine Arts Center of Colorado Springs and in London on a grant from the Carnegie Foundation.

She taught art for 20 years in Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky, and at Maria College in Albany for two years.

She then worked for the state Office of Higher and Professional Education for 12 years, retiring in 1991.

Her award-winning artwork has been included in many collections. Her other interests included reading, playing the dulcimer, gardening, playing bridge and, until recent years, tennis and folk dancing.

She was an organizer of the Bethlehem Art Association.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Arnold Foster; two daughters, Janet Foster of Albany and Ruth Foster of Schodack; a son, David Foster of Liverpool, Onondaga County; and three grandchildren.

A memorial exhibition and service was held at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany.

Contributions may be made to First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany 12206.

Bernard Vane

Bernard J. Vane, 86, of Voorheesville, died Friday, Nov. 22, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, he had lived in Voorheesville for the last 45 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 926th Signal Battalion in Northern France, Belgium and Germany.

He worked as a steamfitter for the General Electric Co. in Schenectady for 30 years.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association, the National Trappers Association and the New York State Trappers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Marion L. Vane; two sisters, Kathryn Lipinkas of Albany and Jean Daniels of Colonie; and a brother, Leo Vane of Latham.

Service were from Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont, with spring burial in Rensselaerville Cemetery.

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

Breakfast with Santa at Normanside club

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Modern masters exhibit soon to leave Glens Falls

By DUNCAN CAMPBELL CRARY

At one time they were scorned, but, today, artists like Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali and Wassily Kandinsky are household names. From now until Dec. 8 is your last chance to see the works of these and other great artists at The Hyde Collection of Glens Falls in *Modern Masters: from Corot to Kandinsky*. The traveling exhibition presents 50 paintings and watercolors from the private collection of Juntos Actuando por la Superación in Mexico City.

"It's unusual to see such a range of styles in one show," said June Leary, Hyde Collection Museum Educator. "These artists were all working within decades of each other, and yet their styles are so variant."

While the names of the featured artists are familiar, their works in the show are not. Since the paintings come from a private collection, they are not the images we recognize from postcards, posters and museums.

Modern Masters is a rare opportunity to see Picasso's 1949 oil painting *Young Girl on a Sofa*, a lesser-known depiction of his lover François Gilot than his 1932 *Femme a la Fleur*.

Just a few feet away from the Picasso hangs Kandinsky's 1926 oil painting *Pressure (Druck)*, an abstract work of form and color. In the piece, the Russian artist explores the tension created by juxtaposing angular and circular forms. Dominating the painting are two red circles within each other, staring the viewer in the face like a watchful eye or an ominous eclipse.

The 1918 painting *Spoon and Bowl*, by Spanish painter Juan Gris, also appears in the show, enabling viewers to walk between the works of Kandinsky, Picasso and Gris, comparing and contrasting the styles of three painters who were well aware of each other's experimentations.



This 1871 watercolor *An Exedra*, by Lawrence Alma-Tadema, appears at the Hyde Collection in *Modern Masters*.



This circa 1884 oil painting *L'Esthetique au Louvre*, by James Tissot, appears at the Hyde Collection in *Modern Masters*.

The Hyde Collection teaches hands-on arts appreciation

By DUNCAN CAMPBELL CRARY

Though some works of art fetch extremely high prices, like the Picasso currently featured at the Hyde Collection, the true value of art is not always tangible.

Museum Educator June Leary works every day to enrich the lives of



Museum Educator June Leary instructs students in the Hyde Collection workshop studio.

children and their families with hands-on art education in the Hyde studios and galleries. The museum and art gallery hosts weekend workshops for children, ages 2 and up, and their families. The Hyde also hosts special school vacation and summer programs, as well as school group tours and art sessions. While some of the programs are free, many cost a nominal fee of \$2 or \$3 for non-museum members, with a few exceptions that run upwards of \$40.

"The bottom line in teaching about art is encouraging freedom of thought, which enhances one's ability to grasp all kinds of situations," Leary said.

As a teacher, Leary said she helps people to look into the elements of art in the same way they approach a math problem.

"You have to see everything in front of you before you solve the question," she said.

Though the benefits of art are not always obvious, Leary said that an understanding of aesthetics enhances the basic functions of life.

"Art enlightens and inspires in many ways that carry over into all aspects of life. You can't always measure that," Leary said.

While the art and culture scene of the Capital District does not rank with that of New York City, the area contains many cultural gems, like the Hyde Collection, that afford people the

opportunity to enhance their lives with art, said Leary.

"You typically expect to find a museum on the caliber of the Hyde in a city of 300,000," said Leary. "Glens Falls is a community of 30,000."

Glens Falls may seem far away from the Capital District, but it's really only a 45-minute drive, said Hyde Public Relations Coordinator Stacey Mattison. Many school groups from the Albany area make the trip regularly, she noted.

One of the more curious artists to appear in the show is French painter Gustave Moreau. While people might not recognize the artist's name, many know the H.G. Wells character Doctor Moreau, who was probably named after the painter. Like Wells' doctor, who performed ghastly operations on animals to create half-human monsters, much of Gustave Moreau's work focused on animal-man metamorphoses of mythology.

In *Modern Masters*, Moreau's 1867 watercolor *Persiphaë* depicts the moment before the monstrous coupling of woman and bull that resulted in the birth of the Minotaur.

Dali's 1965 *Study for the Tuna Fishing*, also in the show, is another mesmerizing look at the beautiful and bloody clash of man and animal. The watercolor, which Dali considered his most ambitious work, depicts a cobalt blue sea running red

with the blood of spawning fish as they are speared by fishermen.

Less controversial, but still enchanting, are works like the 1907 watercolor *Landscape near Florence*, by American painter John Singer Sargent

and the earliest piece in the show, *Three Cows at the Pond*, a circa 1855 oil painting by French painter Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot.

Modern Masters is a walk through modern art, from realistic landscapes and portraiture to abstract shapes and colors. Together, the works illustrate the evolution of modern art. But the exhibition also shows how style, form and taste do not change or grow linearly.

"Sometimes we are guilty of talking about style and artists in terms of a

recipe," said Leary. "These styles are not necessarily building on each other, but co-existing, with each artist approaching style on (his) own ground."

Getting there

The Hyde Collection is located at 161 Warren St., Glens Falls.

Take I-87 north to exit 18. Follow hospital signs to downtown, straight through the light onto Warren Street. The museum is five blocks down on the right.

Parking is available on Warren Street and behind the museum. Handicapped parking is in front of Hyde House.

Museum hours are Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (until 7 p.m. on Thursday) and on Sunday, from 12 to 5 p.m. The Hyde is closed on Mondays and national holidays.

For information, call 792-1761 or visit www.hydeartmuseum.org.

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

Music

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ROBERT RANDOLPH

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

JESSE COLIN YOUNG

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Dec. 6, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$20. Information, 381-1111.

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.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

and the E Street Band, Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., \$75. Information, 476-1000.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

performing works by Stravinsky, Harbison, Dorothy Chang and Mendelssohn, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 13, 8 p.m., \$17, \$29 and \$36. Information, 465-4755.

MENDELSSOHN CLUB

"Songs of a Sentimental Season" concert, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. in Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, \$16. Information, 456-5129.

NOWELL SING WE CLEAR

Old Songs holiday concert at Altamont Masonic Hall, Route 146, Dec. 14, 3 p.m., \$15, \$5 for children. Information, 765-2815.

A ROYAL CHRISTMAS

orchestra, singing and ballet performance, Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$36, \$56 and \$76. Information, 476-1000.

Dance

THE NUTCRACKER

presented by Northeast Ballet, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., Dec. 8 at 2 p.m., \$27, \$15 for children under 13. Information, 346-6204.

THE NUTCRACKER

presented by the Malta Ballet Company, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 6 at 12:15 p.m., \$7, Dec. 7 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$22.50, \$19.50 for seniors, \$14.50 for children under 12. 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.

VICTORIAN STROLL

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

SANTA'S LIST

holiday children's play, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 14 and 15 at 1 and 4 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response, Great American Circus, through Jan. 5, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

"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.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Spirit of Schenectady and Collection Highlights, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Albany-Shaker-Road, Colonie, "Show Off," artwork and ephemera from 57 upstate museums and historic sites, through Feb. 16, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Information, 242-2241.

YATES GALLERY

of Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, portraits by John Hampshire, through Dec. 19. Information, 786-6557.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Cool Views," through Jan. 31, Wednesday to Sunday, reception on Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 786-6557.

OTTER HOOK GALLERY

121 Adams St., Delmar, holiday show, through Dec. 24, Thursday to Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., reception Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 439-4339.

Call for Artists

SCHENECTADY LIGHT OPERA COMPANY

auditions for actor/singers for March production of "Zombie Prom," 826 State St., Dec. 9 and 10, 7 p.m. Information, 374-9566.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

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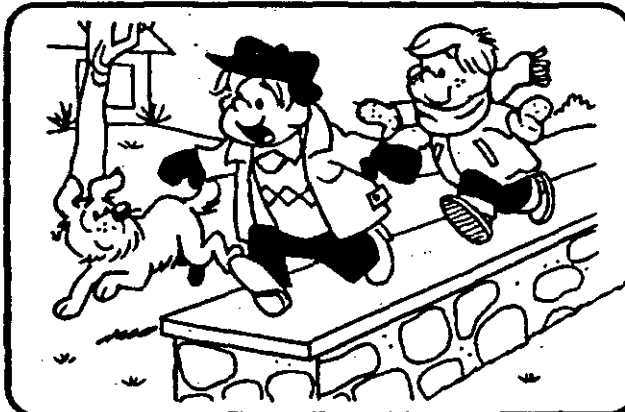
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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The Super CROSSWORD

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19 Kansas city
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21 Comfort
22 "Middle-march" author
23 Butcher-shop buy
25 Modern Mesopotamia
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28 Director Michael
30 Satyrical trait
32 Vim
33 Bond rating
35 Neapolitan song
38 Work over?
39 Tamish
44 PBS benefactor
45 Mrs. Nick Charles
47 ABA member
48 Shipshape
50 Standard
52 Court cry
56 Start of a Nash verse
60 Maestro Arturo

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8 Thalia's sister
9 Albert and Victoria
10 Mile High Center architect
11 Boathouse item
12 Sacred song
13 Costume sparkler
14 Kid
15 Castilian cry
16 Hefty herbivore
17 Short messages
18 Stick 'em in your ear
24 Actor Morales
29 Singer Summer
31 — Canals
34 Composer Thomas
36 August one?
37 Big revolver?
38 Holstein's home
39 Rome's — of Caracalla
40 Lucy's landlady
41 Marker
42 "Aladdin" frame
43 Grapefruit serving
46 Way
49 Deck of destiny
51 Dewy
53 Pickling herb
54 Baseball's Slaughter
55 Puerto —
57 City on the Allegheny
58 Reply to the Little Red Hen
59 One who no's best?
61 Smug smile
62 "The Color Purple" character
65 Kirsch kin
68 Sgt. Bilko
69 Campus digs
71 Designer Lapidus
73 Bronte's "Grey"
76 Tom, Dick, and Harry
76 Skater Cohen
77 Franco of "Camelot"
78 Cougar
79 Landed
80 Gets hitched
84 — Gay
85 Big rigs
86 Choppers
88 Deal with a dragon
89 Newsboy's shout
91 Kamm or Kristofferson
94 Contradict
95 Harnessed the oxen
96 Bird of prey
97 Abbreviated address
100 Sodom escapee
104 JFK abbr.
105 Fine fiber
108 Compassion
109 Moved like
116 Down
110 Woodworking tool
111 Postulate
112 Nile feature
114 Mysterious
115 Iron clothes?
116 Animal that roared?
119 Convent cubicle
121 Namu or Willy
122 Bloomsbury buggy
124 Roy Rogers' birthplace
125 Bruce or Laura
127 "Agnus —"
129 Journalist Tarbell
130 Roller-coaster unit
132 — longa, vita brevis
133 Brew barrel

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

To update or correct calendar listings, call 439-4949, ext. 28.

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.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Info, 439-2512.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND

LIBRARY STORY TIME

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

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

One public hearing scheduled. Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Signup necessary. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 12/5

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Albany County Public Works meeting concerning sidewalk replacement program for Voorheesville Avenue and Main Street; Village Hall, Voorheesville Avenue, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

For Community Choir to participate in Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival, Dec. 22. Practice session 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Also Dec. 12, 19. Information, 765-4442.

Fri. 12/6

BETHLEHEM

PASTA DINNER AT ELKS

Spaghetti and meatballs dinner, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 children ages 3-12, under 3 free. Bethlehem Elks' Lodge, 1016 River Road, Selkirk, 6-9 p.m. Information, 767-3080.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

Grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45-5 p.m. Info, 765-3390.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Info, 765-4410.

Sat. 12/7

BETHLEHEM

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Including bake sale and auction; lunch available. sponsored by PTA. Hamagrael Elementary School, 1 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sponsored by Newcomers and Friends of Bethlehem; registration required by Thursday. Normanside Country Club, 165 Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 9 a.m. Information, 439-3170.

'TALES IN DECEMBER'

Winter stories and a craft for grades 1-3. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

'ADVENT ADVENTURE'

Weekly for children, ages 3-6, offering child-free shopping time for adults. Register by Friday; through Dec. 21. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. \$5 registration fee. Information, 439-9929.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 12/8

BETHLEHEM

SUNDAY FAMILY SWIM

Sponsored by Parks and Recreation Dept. \$2.50 ages 5-61; under 5 and 61 free.

Adults must accompany children under 8. Bethlehem Middle School pool, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-3:30 p.m.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Contact churches for any special Advent observances.

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.

Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.

Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.

Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.

Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.

Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.

King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.

Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.

Normanside Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.

Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.

St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.

St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.

Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Contact churches for any special Advent observances.

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.

Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.

First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.

Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Mon. 12/9

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. Info 439-9929.

'AFTERNOON WITH BOOKS'

"Clabbered Dirt, Sweet Grass" by Gary Paulsen; copies available at reference desk. New members welcome. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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.

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

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

QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Info, 765-4410.

Tues. 12/10

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

DEER HIDE COLLECTIONS

To benefit hospitalized veterans; drop off at rear of lodge. Bethlehem Elks Lodge, 1016 River Road, Selkirk, 6-8 p.m. Also Dec. 17. Information, 767-3080.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

BINGO

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMM.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

BOOK DISCUSSION

"Half Magic" by Edward Eager, for grades 4-6 and parents. Signup necessary. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Wed. 12/11

BETHLEHEM

NONFICTIONADOS'

"French Lessons" by Peter Mayle. Copies of book available at reference desk; new members welcome. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 12/12

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

For grades K-5, make a Candy House; bring a tub of white frosting and an assortment of small candies. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2:30 p.m. Repeated Dec. 18, 4 p.m.; register for one session only. Info, 439-9314.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624.

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Deadlines for issue of Dec. 25, 2002

PROOF AD DEADLINE: Wed., 12/18 at noon

AD DEADLINE: Thurs., 1/19 at noon

All ad copy including all e-mail ads in by 5 p.m. (No exceptions)

AT YOUR SERVICE DEADLINE: Wed., 12/18 at noon

LEGALS PUBLISHED: Thurs., 12/19 at noon

Deadlines for issue of Jan. 1, 2003

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AD DEADLINE: Thurs., 12/26 at noon

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Purpose: school bus transportation services.
(December 4, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: T WILSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/02. 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 of process to the LLC, 3054 New Williamsburg Drive, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(December 4, 2002)

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(December 4, 2002)

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(December 4, 2002)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION of TW Flyers, LLC, a Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State and effective on November 4, 2002. The name of the Limited Liability Company is TW 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.
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(December 4, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VFM DEVELOPERS, LLC

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Liability Company Law
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THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 1, 2055.
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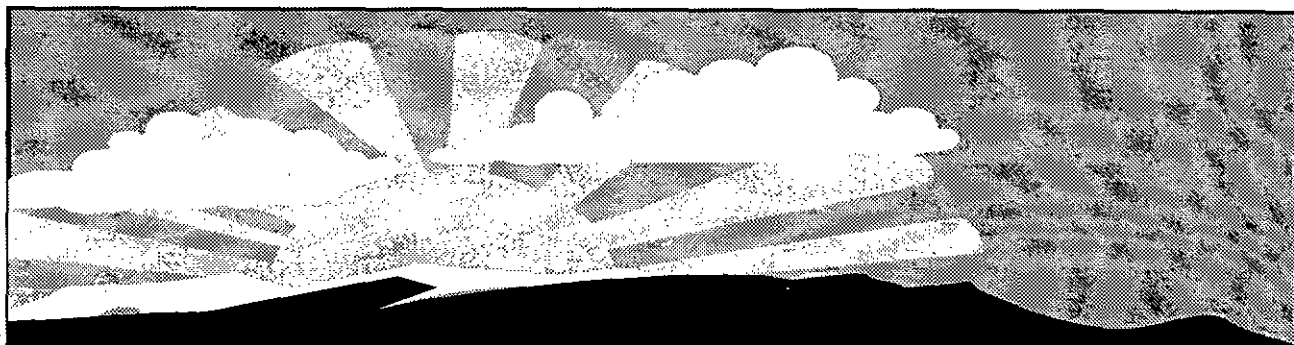
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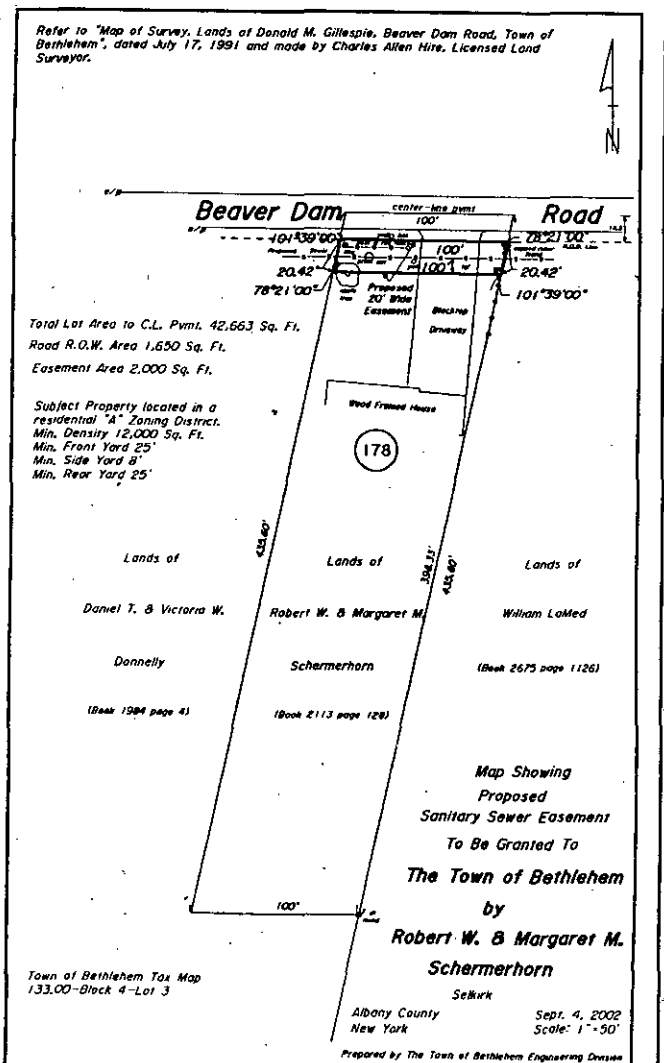
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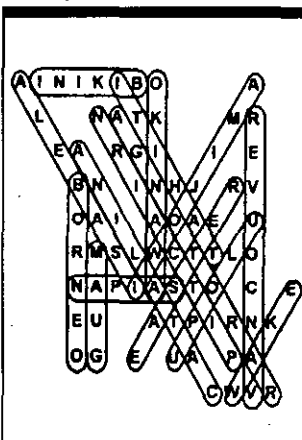
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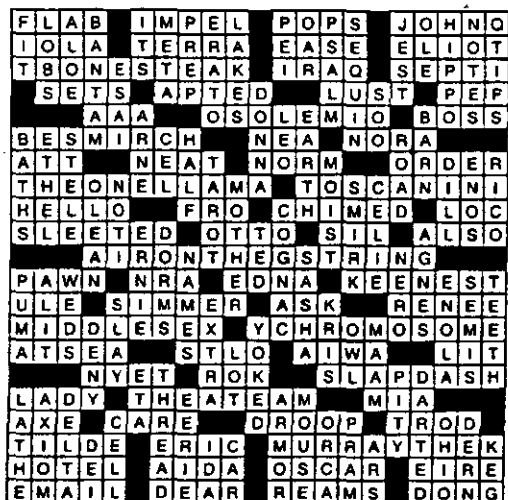
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Keep your car in top condition this winter with regular professional washing and waxing.

Regular professional washing and waxing will help maintain your car's appearance as well as retain the value of your vehicle, according to the International Car Wash Association (ICA).

"Most car owners understand the value of changing motor oil regularly to protect the engine," explains Mark Thorsby, Executive Director of ICA, "but if they forget and instead choose to replace the engine, the car could still be as good as new. However, a car with oxidized paint and a rusted-out body can never be economically restored. The best prevention is regular washing and waxing at a professional car wash."



Keep your car in top condition this winter with regular professional washing and waxing.

With more than 22,000 professional car washes around the world offering a wide range of services to protect a car's finish from deteriorating and the body from rust, there's no excuse not to keep your vehicle in great shape. Professional car washes offer a range of services, from basic to extensive, to suit all of your car care needs.

For starters, try an exterior only tunnel wash to automatically provide applied protective waxes and undercarriage treatment. Also consider detailing or custom polishing while at the wash for more extensive protection. By applying a premium polish and buffing it, you can restore the shine of your car. On

the detail side, you can have everything done from vacuuming under the rugs in the trunk to swabbing air conditioner vents to get your car looking like new.

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If you are running short on time, but need your car professionally cleaned, try a self-service car wash. Self-serves offer a variety of effective, self-cleaning services to choose from. For best results, be sure to follow the instructions posted in the self-service bay. First, you will start with a pre-soak to loosen road grime. The second step is the high pressure soap wash. For gentle scrubbing, use

the foaming brush next, followed by the fresh water rinse. Remember to take advantage of the application of special tire and wheel cleaners. For maximum protection and shine, the wax application is a must. Finally, many self-serve washes offer a spot-free rinse. All the solutions are specially formulated to protect and shine your car and to clean tough road dirt.

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V'ville board makes changes

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Last week's Voorheesville village board meeting was the first at a new, earlier meeting time — just one of several procedural and personnel changes in village government.

A new trustee, Bob Conway, has replaced Camille Jobin-Davis, who stepped down from the board to accept appointment as village attorney in the wake of the September resignation of Don Meacham, who served in the post for 29 years. Jobin-Davis, who has served a year and a half on the board, previously served as counsel to the village planning and zoning boards.

She was appointed town counsel Oct. 1, and Conway was named by Mayor Jack Stevens to replace her at the board's Oct. 22 meeting. A special election in March will be required to fill the remaining three years of Jobin-Davis' unexpired term, to which

she was elected last spring; the next regular village elections are not scheduled until 2005.

Conway, who is Albany County's commissioner of human resources, is a 15-year resident of the village and has served on the village Sewer Commission. He will take on Jobin-Davis' portfolio as liaison to the various village regulatory bodies including zoning and planning as well as the village conservation, sewer and water commissions.

Meacham stepped down in a disagreement with the board about whether he was eligible for health insurance coverage as a long-time employee. He surrendered his own benefits when he retired from the post five years ago. He was immediately asked to return to the post but did so without benefits — covered instead by the policy of his wife, Lauren Hatch, then the village clerk. Meacham lost that coverage when Hatch was

replaced as village clerk by Derris Tidd in July.

The new meeting time for the village board was part of a realignment of meeting schedules by the trustees and the village Planning Commission that went into effect in November, to standardize monthly meeting times of several government bodies, according to Tidd.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will continue to meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., but the planning body shifted its meeting to the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The village board moved its start time on the fourth Tuesday of the month to 7 p.m., with its pre-meeting workshop session now scheduled for 6 p.m.

At last week's meeting, the village board set a public hearing for its next meeting on Dec. 17 — a week earlier than normal, in deference to Christmas Eve — on Local Law No. 4, which will codify those changes.

RCS students to perform in Melodies of Christmas

Four members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School Chorus have been selected by audition to sing in the annual "Melodies of Christmas" performance at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady on Dec. 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Senior soprano Janelle Bechdol, junior tenor Price Goosby, junior soprano Casey Bridgeford and sophomore alto Kerry Baxter were among 70

high school singers selected from more than 250 who auditioned.

The students will perform with the Empire State Youth Orchestra in a program of Christmas music which raises thousands of dollars for children with cancer.

In addition, to the four live performances, they will appear in taped viewings on WRGB Channel 6 on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Church festival set Dec. 22

The 13th Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

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