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Bethlehem's big-box era to commence in January

By KRISTEN OLBY

With construction nearing completion and crews hurriedly working to prepare for customers, Bethlehem Town Center in Glenmont will become a reality by the start of the new year.

The Route 9W plaza, comprised of a Wal-Mart Superstore, Lowe's home-improvement store, Applebee's restaurant, Wendy's and a Charter One bank has been under construction since March.

Developer Nigro Cos. underwent a three-year planning board re-view process before receiving final approval to construct the complex.

Applebee's was the first plaza tenant to open its doors, officially welcoming customers on Tuesday, Dec. 16. The Charter One bank branch is scheduled to open by the end of the month.

Shelves are still being stocked at the Wal-Mart Superstore, after 80 trucks of store fixtures and 30 trucks of merchandise arrived throughout December. The superstore will include a grocery, bakery, vision center, hair salon, portrait studio, arcade and nail

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Todd Vaughan

salon. It will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To date, 325 employees have been hired with another 63 positions still available, according to store manager Todd Vaughan.

"We are still hiring; we hope to be fully staffed by Jan. 5," said Vaughan, who estimates full-time employees comprise 80 percent of the workforce, while another 20 percent work part-time.

Cashiers, sales associates and grocery clerk positions are still available. The store is slated to open Jan. 21 with a series of customer promotions. The retail giant missed the busy holiday shopping season by choice.

"If we were to open up before Christmas, associates wouldn't be as trained," said Vaughan. "We have found when we open stores in January, we actually do better because the associates don't get as frustrated."

Many of the employees hail from the immediate area; in fact, most live within 15 miles of the store, said Vaughan.

Lowe's has limited positions available

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Two funeral directors complain about high bid

By KRISTEN OLBY

It appears the controversy over reburial of three partial skeletons unearthed more than a decade ago on Elsmere Avenue has not been laid to rest just yet.

Two Bethlehem funeral directors are questioning why the town board opted to award interment of the bones to the most expensive bidder.

Earlier this month, the town board passed a resolution to proceed with burial of the bones, which were discovered in the summer of 1992 by an electrical crew working on Elsmere Avenue. Passage of the resolution was delayed earlier this year, when questions arose about the identities of the deceased.

No conclusive identification was ever reached, but anthropologists determined the bones are those of African-Americans who died at least 150 years ago.

The resolution calls for Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar to buy three plots at Bethlehem Cemetery and rebury the remains at a cost of \$2,365. Both Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar and

Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont submitted bids to do the job for several hundred dollars less.

Meyers Funeral Home submitted bids to inter the bones at three different area cemeteries, with the least expensive

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Pastor reopens Normansville church

By KRISTEN OLBY

Each time the Rev. William Bosch passed over the Normanskill Bridge while working his part-time job delivering blood for a local lab, he'd glance down below at the quaint, white church sitting on the banks of the Normanskill.

After years of eyeing the church from afar, Bosch's curiosity eventually got the best of him.

"Finally one day I said, 'I'm going to go down to see what it's all about,'" recalled Bosch, who anticipated he'd find a fully operational church with services he and his wife Patricia could attend.

He took the turn down Old Delaware Avenue, and the winding path led him to the bottom of the hill, where the Normansville Community Church sits between two dead end roads, with a creek flowing at full speed beside it.

"Lo and behold, there was a sign on

the front door that said 'For Rent,' he said with a smile.

To Bosch's surprise, the one-room church built in 1889 hadn't housed a congregation in more than two years.

The 76-year-old former gospel pastor had left the ministry 20 years earlier after preaching throughout New England for decades. Sitting on one of the church's wooden pews on a wintry afternoon, Bosch reflected on the timing of his find.

"It's always been in the back of my mind," he said. "I wanted to get into ministry again." He believes the discovery of the vacant church was a message from above, and that it's time for him to resume spreading the word of God.

In January, Bosch will return to the

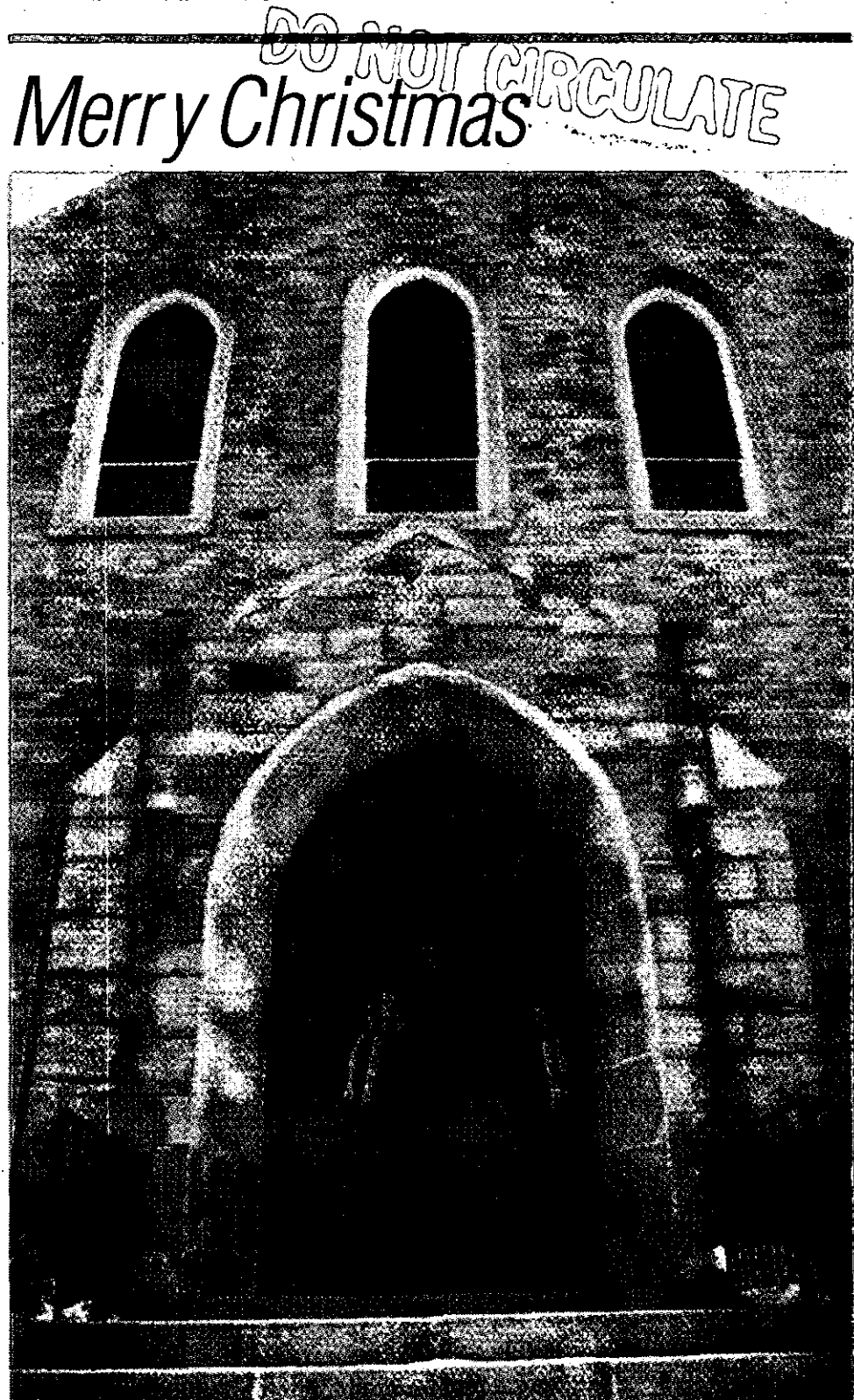
pulpit, when he will open the doors of the nondenominational Normansville Community Church once again.

It will be a family-friendly church, said Bosch, welcoming those of all faiths and financial backgrounds. While many gospel traditions will exist — such as plenty of praise and song — one tradition will be decidedly absent.

No Sunday collection will be taken to help support the church, said Bosch. Instead, a wooden box on a small table in the foyer has a slot cut out for parishioners to deposit a handful of change or even a dollar bill. Bosch believes giving is strictly between parishioners and God.

Even though he doesn't yet have a

□ CHURCH/page 17



Recently renovated First United Methodist Church in Delmar welcomes worshippers with wreaths and bows.
Jim Franco



Bethlehem police arrest two for DWI

Bethlehem police recently arrested two individuals for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Kendra Weber, 43, of 5 Standish Drive, Glenmont was arrested on Dec. 12 for DWI, following a property damage auto accident on Plank Road in Glenmont around 9:11 a.m.

Police said Weber denied drinking alcohol, though she admitted to drinking the night before.

Christopher Paul, 27, of 17 Western Ave., Ravena, was stopped by police on turning onto Wemple Road in Glenmont without signaling on Dec. 17 at 12:14 a.m.

Police said Pauly failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI and operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs.

Big-box

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with 130 employees hired. Another 20 workers are needed before the home improvement store opens Jan. 9.

Wendy's will begin serving customers Jan. 27.

As stores begin greeting customers, traffic is sure to increase along Route 9W, a two-lane highway.

Nigro Cos. is still working to complete roadway improvements to ease traffic congestion in the area. Turning lanes have been added and a traffic signal has been installed in front of the shopping center. An additional light will be installed just south of the plaza, at the intersection of Feura Bush Road and Route 9W, according to company Vice President Steve Powers.

The light is expected to be operational by the end of the week. A stretch of Route 9W will be repaved this spring, said Powers, and sidewalks will be installed along the highway to facilitate pedestrian traffic.

Happy helpers



Cub Scouts from Pack 23, Den 11, decorated the dining hall at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home for Thanksgiving last month. They are, back row, from left, Nick Viviano, Andrew Napierski, Nicholas Canovas and Danny Miner; and, front row, Michael Clarke, Charlie Kalet and Conor Armbruster.

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Baby dies in accident

An 11-month-old Albany boy was killed Sunday after he was ejected from a vehicle that overturned on the Thruway just south of Exit 23, according to State Police.

The driver of the car, Jin Bin Liu, 54, of Albany, lost control of the southbound vehicle after a tire apparently blew out. The car crossed two traffic lanes and entered the median, where it flipped over.

The baby, Michael Zheng of Albany, was ejected from his car seat, suffering fatal injuries. Police said the baby was not properly restrained in the seat.

Liu suffered head and wrist injuries, but did not seek treatment. Another passenger, Yi Bi Cao, 51, suffered head and facial injuries and was treated at Albany Medical Center.

State Police said Liu would not face charges.

RCS drama production seeks period clothing

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk high school drama troupe is asking for the community's help in staging this year's theatrical production of the 1946 comedy, "Come Over to Our House."

"The cast is in need of 1940s period clothing, lamps, telephones, hats and a record player, as well as other period props to be used in the production," said Drama Club adviser Josephine Prozik.

The students will use the props in their Feb. 6 and 7 production of the three-act comedy in the high school auditorium.

The items can be dropped off at the high school office during school hours. Please place a note directing the item(s) to Prozik or

fellow club adviser Marge Sugrue, and they will be returned.

Written by Marijane and Joseph Hayes, "Come Over to Our House" tells the story of the Elbridge family, specifically son Jay, a serious person with a talent for performing classical music who falls in love. Through the love affair, he winds up in a school play where he learns he has a flair for swing, "boogie-woogie" and "musical patter," which leads him to offers from his mother's suitors of a musical scholarship and an audition in Hollywood.

The 90-minute production details how Jay he tries to figure a way out of his dilemma while his siblings try to ruin their mother's many romances.

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School program helps strengthen family ties

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

In busy families, mornings can be a really tough time, as kids and parents try to eat, assemble the necessary items for the day and get to school and work on time.

One day each month at St. Thomas School in Delmar, though, breakfast is a time for kids and parents to connect. The pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school started a new program this fall, "Doughnuts with Dad" one month and "Muffins with Mom" the next, about 40 minutes before school starts the last Friday of the month.

Principal Thomas Kane heard of a similar program listening to the radio one day and thought it would work well at St. Thomas.

"We started 'Doughnuts with Dad' because even in the 21st century, far too frequently, the mother is the main connection with the school," said Kane. "Having 'Doughnuts with Dad' starts a dialogue among fathers and connects them to the school

working, we thought this might be a good program," Weidman said. "We usually have it on the last Friday of the month, and when we started in October, we didn't know how many dads would show up."

It quickly became apparent that the gallon of orange juice on hand wouldn't be enough.

"We went out for five more gallons of orange juice, and served 12 dozen doughnuts and two canisters of coffee," Weidman said.

At December's "Doughnuts with Dad," the doughnuts had green and red sprinkles. Mike Knight was on hand to enjoy some time with his kids and the community.

"This is the second time I've come," Knight said. "It's a good opportunity to spend time with the kids. We've had a great response, and I give a lot of credit to Maureen Bernstein and the PTO."

"I'm usually at work now," parent Paul Buehler said. "I really enjoy the opportunity to have breakfast with my kids."

Buehler said the breakfast was typical of St. Thomas, a school that's very family-oriented.

"This school is why I moved here," Buehler said, pointing out that his own father was on hand for the event, too.

First-grader Gabriella

Buehler also had praise for the program.

"I really like it," she said. "We bring doughnuts and muffins, and have a little extra time with Mom and Dad."

Sixth-grader Kelly Weidman also named the doughnuts as one of the program's highlights.

"I get to spend time with my dad, too," she said.

"We get about 80 parents each time," Bernstein said. "That's more than half the families in the school. It's a steady stream for about 20 minutes."

"The whole school benefits from this very casual program," Kane said, adding the response to the program indicates that it will just keep growing.

"We've already had requests for 'Goodies with Grandparents,'" she said.

Community Christmas Dinner scheduled

The 16th annual Community Christmas Dinner for Bethlehem residents and members of community churches will be held Christmas Day from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the hall at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 2 p.m.

This festive occasion is made possible through the help, coordination and gracious donations from town churches, individuals and the town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department.

Festive spirits



Bethlehem Festival Fund volunteers, including Lynn Horn, left, and Joann Menrath, are busy bringing holiday cheer to families in the community. The fund thanks Bethlehem businesses and residents for their support.

It gives parents 20 minutes with their children. It's a social and fun time, maybe a moment to say hello to other families.

Maureen Bernstein

in a non-traditional way."

"Muffins with Mom" seemed like a natural extension of the program, and provides more connecting time in a school population which Kane said primarily has families with two working parents.

"Muffins with Mom" gives the mothers a break and still brings the fathers in, since they prepare the coffee and put out the muffins," Kane said.

Likewise, moms are on duty when fathers and children sit down to eat their doughnuts.

Kane credited the school's PTO with making the breakfast program happen.

"It gives parents 20 minutes with their children," PTO president Maureen Bernstein said. "It's a social and fun time, maybe a moment to say hello to other families."

John Weidman is a parent who's been involved with the program since it began.

"With so many parents

Delmar man receives Guard award

By JIM FRANCO

William F. Howard, first deputy secretary to the governor, was awarded the Patrick Henry Award last Tuesday by the National Guard Association of the United States.

The award — the highest given to a civilian other than governor, member of Congress or state legislator — is designed to provide recognition to civil leaders and public officials who distinguish themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the military.

"I want to thank the governor for the opportunity to deal, on a daily basis, with the security issues confronting the state and be able to go home at night and feel like we made a difference," said Howard, a Delmar resident. "And I thank you once again for

what will go down in my career as an amazing event."

As the governor's chief liaison to the military forces in New York state, Howard works directly with

state employees who serve in the guard.

He also played a role in developing the Patriot Plan, which provides a comprehensive set of new benefits and protections to assist troops and their families.

His genuine concern for the care and welfare of our soldiers and families balanced with the needs of the many missions the National Guard faces today makes him a leader worthy of our recognition.

Richard Alexander

Adjunct Gen. Tom McGuire to develop policy on national guard issues, monitor the status of deployed units and coordinate future deployments here at home and abroad.

Gov. George Pataki said in 1994, New York state was last in the nation in recruiting and retaining people to serve in the guard, and they were rarely deployed.

"We since have turned it around," Pataki said. "And now the guard is one of the finest in the America, and we have called on them time again for ice storms and fires. And on Sept. 11, literally within hours, we had guard deployed all over lower Manhattan, and the country and the world saw the quality of the New York's National Guard."

Howard spearheaded a number of initiatives to beef up recruitment, including raising the minimum state active duty pay for member, securing health coverage for families of guards on extended periods of active duty and providing military leave for

McGuire, who nominated Howard for the position.

The NGUAS is comprised of nearly 50,000 National guard officers and Warrant officers in 53 states and territories. They presented just 26 Patrick Henry Awards in 2003.

"Mr. Howard has distinguished himself by exceptional meritorious service to the state of New York and to the United States," said NGAUS President Maj. Gen. Richard Alexander. "His genuine concern for the care and welfare of our soldiers and families balanced with the needs of the many missions the National Guard faces today makes him a leader worthy of our recognition."

Howard received a bachelor's degree in American studies from Manhattanville College and a master's degree in political science from the Nelson Rockefeller Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University at Albany in 1984.

He joined Pataki's administration in 1995.

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Maybe we just have to look for the goodness and mercy

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The most important accessory I've owned this past month has been the miniature Advent wreath pinned onto my coat. Every time I've bundled up to go about the business of Christmas, that wreath has been a quiet reminder that Dec. 25 should be about a great deal more than business.

There were always Advent wreaths at Christ the King School in Burlington, Vt., and we children watched with anticipation as the nuns lit one of the four candles that counted down the

weeks till Christmas. We used to sing, too, starting out with "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" as one candle was lit each Monday: purple, purple, pink, and when the final purple one was lit, we knew the great day couldn't be too far away.

We got to sing Christmas carols, too, reading the words from a small booklet with pictures of white-robed choirboys on the cover. We sang more as we got closer to Christmas, probably as the teachers attempted to diffuse the Christmas energy that no amount of making paper

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snowflakes and manger scenes in shoeboxes could ever disperse.

That singing came to mind a few years ago when I was at my children's elementary school just as the morning bell rang on the last day before Christmas break. All the teachers stood in the hallway at the main entrance, ringing bells and singing secular winter songs like "Jingle Bells" and "Frosty the Snowman."

The kids were delighted, and the hopes and fears of all the years shone in their great big grins and shining eyes.

We adults don't sing enough, too often regarding the Christmas season as one with too many obligations and precious little joy. The closer we get to Christmas, the more likely the children are to stay in rooms where Mom is not, and Dad realizes that really the only good answer to any question, suggestion or direct order from the mother unit is, "Yes, of course, dear." It's not at all in the spirit of the season to have your family regard you as the Christmas commandant. In the desire to create Christmas magic, it's too easy to become the Grinch instead.

In the week that actually contains Christmas, I drew a deep

breath, and tried to relax enough to feel some Christmas magic.

I sought it by listening to the quiet, and in a moment away from work, and away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas, a line usually heard at funeral services popped into mind. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life," part of the 23rd Psalm, wrapped itself around me one evening, as

of her favorite books. He calls her on his cell phone and reads bedtime stories to her.

At Target, two young men with sideburns and baggy jeans bought three carts full of toys and paid for them from a sack full of \$1 bills. They were from a fraternity, they said, and the toys were going to children in need. Those random acts of kindness made me look closer at the things

I take for granted every day.

Our family life has a kind of steadiness that 20 years ago would have been abhorrent to me.

Surprisingly, I found some of that goodness and mercy where I least expected — in stores.

darkness fell outside the kitchen where ground beef for a taco dinner simmered on the stove.

It's rare that I think of Bible verses, and I wondered if I'd gone so far over the edge that the verse that had come to mind was one meant to give comfort to those bidding farewell forever to a deceased loved one. Maybe this was my wake-up call to look for the good in the world while I'm still among the living, so I started to pay attention to more than sale prices and where on earth the matching napkins to the Christmas tablecloth might be.

Surprisingly, I found some of that goodness and mercy where I least expected — in stores. Where I feared I'd find only people pushing, elbowing, sighing and bemoaning their fates, I met people living the generosity that belongs to this season. At Dick's Sporting Goods, a woman in the checkout line offered me the 20 percent off coupon she wasn't using.

In a rare moment of quiet at Price Chopper's deli department, one clerk told me about the bedtime routine he has with his 3-year-old daughter. Although he works as she's going to bed, he takes his break then and heads for his car, where he keeps some

After losing loved ones and seeing illness and tragedy strike without warning, a calm life feels like a blessing.

The constancy of my husband is a gift that cannot be overvalued. His humor, his intelligence and his hard work make our family a fun and safe place to be.

Our children are healthy and mostly happy, even if they still know exactly which buttons to push to send us into orbit. Still, as they move into their teen years, I notice that we've gone from the young parent mindset of needing a break from them, to seeking them out to spend time with.

We remain close to the families we grew up in, and we will be blessed to gather with many of them on Christmas Day. When we go to church together, the memories of the past will join with hopes for the future when we all begin to sing "Silent Night."

The waiting will be finished then, and I will put my Advent wreath pin away for another year. I hope that some of the Christmas spirit will remain with me, and that the biggest Christmas gift I received this year — finding goodness and mercy all around me — is one that I will be able to pass on to others throughout the coming year.



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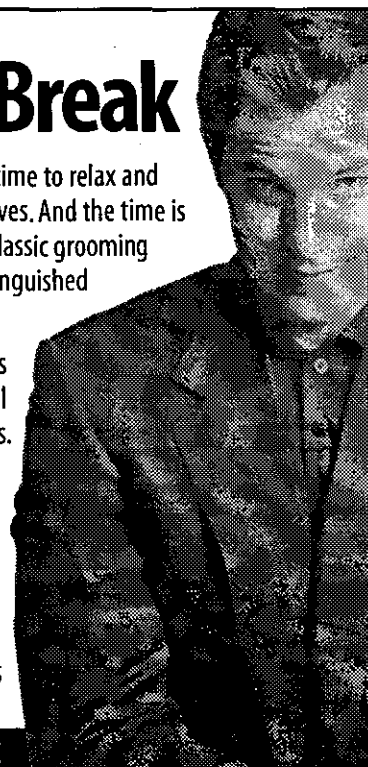
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Delmar man buys continuing ed company Knowledge Network

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Looking to learn a new language? Or to lose your accent? Maybe you'd like to become a better cook or get rid of the clutter that makes you afraid to open your closet door. You might want to make a little money in the stock market, finally write that novel you've been talking about all these years or learn to Rollerblade or golf.

You can do all those things — plus many more at the Knowledge Network, which bills itself as "the Capital Region's Network for Learning."

"We offer 180 classes now, with 150 instructors," said Delmar resident David Gill, who bought the Knowledge Network in 2002. "Our classes are mostly night classes, an adult-education thing. They're geared for beginners, offering how-to pointers or an introduction to a lot of different things. The classes can be serious or fanciful."

Leonard Barry started the Knowledge Network in 1982, basing it on The Boston Learning Program, which started in 1975. Gill is only the third proprietor of the Knowledge Network, having purchased it from Kathy Thiel, who ran it for 13 years.

"We do a lot of research on the instructors and their programs," Gill said. "This is a safe place for students to try something new."

Taking a class with the Knowledge Network isn't a huge time commitment, since most of



David Gill

the classes are one or two evenings.

"Our longest class only runs six sessions," Gill said.

The average cost of a class is \$45, and Gill said a Knowledge Network class is a good place to take a date or for a husband and wife to spend time together. Sometimes, Gill said, groups of friends take a class together.

Many of the Knowledge Network teachers come through friends who've taught there, and the Knowledge Network recruits new teachers. Many of the teachers are locally and nationally known, and Gill said he looks for teachers who have put the time into their field.

Teaching at the Knowledge Network gives instructors more exposure, and since the Knowledge Network mostly offers beginner's courses, provides teachers with a chance to build their own businesses.

Diane Campion, owner of Organize This, has taught with The Knowledge Network for nearly five years.

"Fifty percent of my business comes from teaching here," Campion said. She has taught classes like "Organizing Your Home," "Scrapbooking and Photo Album

Design," "Project Management" and "Simplify Your Life."

"I like the variety and mix of students here," she said. "I really like the staff, they're very receptive to new ideas and let you design your own courses. This is a great idea, and I wish more places had something like the Knowledge Network."

Gill, 43, said buying the Knowledge Network was a lifestyle choice for him.

"At age 40, you finally learn what you don't want to do, and I wanted to get out of traveling," he said.

Gill had worked for Coffee Pause, a coffee-roasting business based in Agawam, Mass. He had started as a salesman and worked his way to the second highest position in the company. Covering a territory that took him from Atlanta to Portland and Buffalo to Boston left him little time with his sons, 14-year-old Eli and 11-year-

old Alex.

"What's the point of having kids and living in a nice community if you're coming home on Friday night, and leaving again Sunday?" Gill said.

Gill had been familiar with the Knowledge Network, having taken its class, "Running A Successful Business" in the '80s. "It was for sale when I was ready for a change, I'd done well financially, and the numbers were right," he said of his decision to purchase the company.

Gill graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1978, and went into the family sporting goods business, Taylor & Vadney, eventually running his own branch at Delmar's Four Corners. Gill also worked as a sales rep for Outdoor Sports Headquarters, a sporting goods wholesaler.

Now, he's putting his energy into the Knowledge Network, which just moved from its Aviation Road location to 1510 Central Ave. in Albany, just west of Northway Exit 2. Gill's sole employee is David Holst.

"He's been here for five years and treats the business like his own," Gill said. "He does the Web site, uses Quark to create the brochure and is a good editor."

Gill would like to continue the progression he's seen on the catalogue's cover, going from something cartoonish to a design that appeals to a broader audience. He's also looking to expand the Knowledge Network's offerings, and with the winter

months looming, is looking into more cooking and wine classes.

Even as he seeks to expand, he's confident of the Knowledge Network's offerings.

"We've got a long reputation, and this is a good place to get into a basic program and to learn in a safe environment. We offer a short, well-informed program," he said.

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Friends of Five Rivers elects officers

Friends of Five Rivers recently held its annual meeting. During the business meeting, the following people were elected to the board of directors: Miles Garfinkel and Debra Renner, both of Delmar were elected to their first term; Thomas Bailey of Slingerlands and Kieran Johnson-Lew of Albany were elected to their second term; and John Smolinsky of Delmar was elected to his third term.

Also, Daniel Lewis was elected president, RoseAnne Fogarty was elected vice president, and Guthrie Birkhead was elected treasurer.

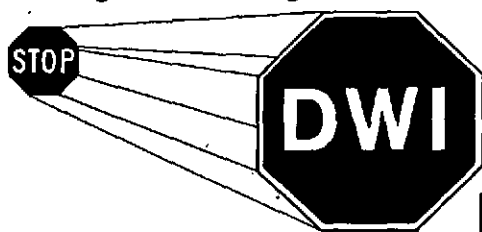


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Matters of Opinion

Family matters

Part of the Christmas story most of us can relate to is the story of a family getting started.

The birth of the baby Jesus made Joseph and Mary into a family. And that family starts out in the lowliest of places and faces a remarkable series of trials, including having to flee their homeland for a time.

While not on that level, today's families face a variety of contemporary stresses, which are amplified in December by having to perform shopping duties during unpredictable winter weather.

And, it seems there's something new for parents to worry about every day — the past week's additions to the family stress list include a Capital District flu death, an elevated terror alert and an attempted pedophile's plea bargain.

With more than two-thirds of American families headed by two working parents or one unmarried working parent, and with most American workers under constant pressure to produce more, parents have less time than ever to spend with their children.

So the whole concept of quality time has evolved, to describe active interaction with children, as opposed to watching TV with them. Of course, this concept just adds to the level of parental guilt as they collapse on the couch after a day of work and family-related chores.

For many parents, two incomes are now necessary to maintain a middle-class lifestyle. The basic reason is that incomes for most working people have not gone up any more than inflation for decades, but expenses are another story.

Over the past 20 years, many typical family expenses have gone up at a rate far exceeding the official rate of inflation.

For example, the cost of a suburban single-family house has more than doubled; the price of providing health insurance to families has skyrocketed (with parents having to pick up more and more of the tab); college tuition (private and public) has become a serious mid- or late-career burden for all but the most wealthy; local property taxes have come close to hitting the breaking point (and not just for fixed-income seniors); and consumer debt has grown to unprecedented levels.

Credit cards have helped keep many people nominally in the middle class, but a family, like a company or a government, cannot go on year after year running in the red without facing the day of debt-repaying reckoning.

It would be nice if governments at every level could find a way to help families more comprehensively than just raising the dependent tax deduction by a few hundred dollars.

Editorial



Traditions bring families together

By DONNA J. BELL

The writer is editor of Capital District Parent Pages.

As the end of another year approaches millions of people are choosing to celebrate December in many distinctive ways. From Kwanzaa to Hanukkah, and from a Christmas filled with Santa and elves to one focusing on the birth of Christ, families and friends are gathering to remember their past, to create new memories and rejoice in the many ways they are different and unique.

While retailers would like us to believe that this is a time to show our love by purchasing bigger and better gifts, deep down we all realize that the opportunity to be together, in person or in spirit, is what keeps the season alive year after year. Whether you are lighting a candle on a menorah or stringing popcorn and cranberries, the familiar rituals and traditions that bind us bring comfort as we take one last opportunity to say goodbye to 2003.

Point of View

For many, this will be an exciting year as they gather to embrace a newborn into the family circle, or perhaps sadly, it won't seem as joyous, as some families face the first season without a relative who has passed on.

As the decades add up, I've come to realize that each year we don't really celebrate a new and separate holiday, but a continuation of the celebrations of the past. Like the rings on a tree, the traditions, expectations and memories we share with our family grow one upon another — separated by time but still part of a whole, building each year upon the one before.

And as we grow older and wiser, the meaning of the season changes, even though we sing the same songs, eat the same foods and bring out the same decorations time after time. The thrill of toys, glittery lights and special food gives way to the happiness of being with people you cherish, the warmth of giving and the true understanding of why we commemorate this time of year. We don't forget the joys of our childhood, but the layers of experiences make the memories even more extraordinary.

I still remember the enchantment of waking up in the still-dark hours of Christmas morning to creep out to the tree that my mother kept lit overnight and to truly believe in my heart that Santa had judged me "good" and found his way to my house yet one more year.

Late on Christmas Eve, my parents would bundle us up in coats and mittens and whisk us off to midnight Mass. The church, lit only by candles and scented by incense, seemed a mystical haven. I remember one year when I was about 9, kneeling

down to pray and looking up just at the moment a shaft of moonlight, filtered through the stained glass, encircled the chalice that the priest held over his head with a glowing halo. That one second has remained with me, tucked into a quiet corner reserved for magical moments.

And now that I have assumed the role of "Keeper of the Family Holiday Spirit," I have firsthand knowledge of what it takes to recreate those special memories each season and understand why my mother took the time to do it so well each year. As an adult with my own children, I know exactly what the shining of tears in her eyes, caught by the flame of church candles or the glow of Christmas lights, meant.

Each year, as I pass on the same childhood rituals, there is a nostalgic longing for the cherished memory of what was, and a keen sense of responsibility to give back to my children warm reminiscences that they can hold in their hearts. Now I am the one who tears up as I glimpse the expressions on their faces as they pour out their wishes in a letter to Santa, or listen to an a cappella "Silent Night" that softly fills the church aisles.

While I do try to live in the moment, I recognize that I am, even now, storing up these memories to keep when my children are grown and gone. One year, not too long into the future, the feel of a mittened hand in mine as we search for the perfect tree on a frosty afternoon will be just a ghost of the past. The giggles and excitement of early Christmas mornings will be an echo a decade or two from today.

And, as it has been with so many years past, I know that I will be strengthening and enriching the core of our seasonal tree with each cookie we bake, each chorus of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" we sing and with each chance we get to hold tight and whisper "I love you so much."

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Your Opinion Matters

Family gives thanks for community support

Editor, The Spotlight:

It seems as though as we get older, our lives continue to change.

Your children go off to college and you slowly lose touch with the friends that you made over the years. You drift away from the people that you spent countless hours with at soccer games, school events and graduation parties. Your world gets smaller. You become cynical.

Then something happens in your life that changes all of that, something that opens your eyes again.

Something that makes you realize that you are still connected to the world. There are people that care. There are people that mean something to you.

For our family, there has been a tremendous outpouring of help and concern from this community. This help has come from friends, neighbors, teachers, co-workers and people that we

don't even know. The support that we have received has been phenomenal.

There are a few in particular to which we can never come close to expressing the depth of our gratitude. I do not want to begin to list names because I am afraid of omitting the name of one of the many that have come to our aid.

Although I haven't seen Clarence and I don't necessarily believe that an angel receives its wings every time a bell rings, I have found that there are those friends who care. I have realized that there are many people whose lives we have touched (and some that we haven't) that want us to know that we can count on them. It is obvious that we have many that we can call true friends.

To all of you, please accept our hopes that you have a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

The Swiatowicz family
Delmar

Oil firms help people in need

Editor, The Spotlight:

For the sixth year, Citgo Petroleum Corp., which has a storage terminal on River Road in Glenmont, has teamed up with the town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department to identify the lowest income elderly families in the town that heat with fuel oil or kerosene and then arrange for the delivery of a set amount of free fuel oil or kerosene to each family.

Bethlehem Senior Services, which initially identifies the individuals and families in need, provides the coordination and forms assistance needed prior to fuel delivery. Main Care Energy, which has been a part of our community for more than 70 years, and Persico Oil Co. arranged the delivery of the fuel oil and kerosene.

On behalf of all the elderly persons who benefited from this wonderful program during this past December, many thanks to Main Care Energy, Persico Oil Co. and Citgo Petroleum Corp. for their generosity.

For more information about programs serving low-income residents of the town of Bethlehem, call Bethlehem Senior Services Department at 439-4955, ext. 173.

Karen Pellettier
Director
Bethlehem Senior Services
Department

For healthier holidays, forsake the meat

Editor, The Spotlight:

The year-end holidays are upon us: Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, winter solstice. They conjure visions of families gathered by a warm fireplace, opening presents, sharing their love, and ... feasting on ham and turkey. It's the happiest time of the year — for some.

But, for the millions of factory-farmed pigs and turkeys our holiday season portends only agony, despair and death after a lifetime of caging, crowding, deprivation, drugging and mutilation.

Each of us can refuse to subsidize such wanton violence and cruelty during this holiday season by choosing plant-based foods that abound in every supermarket. There are fresh fruits and greens and soy-based deli slices in the produce section, veggie burgers, soy nuggets and ready-to-eat dinners in the frozen food section, and a variety of soy-

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Opinion

Businesses support St. Thomas party

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Wednesday, Dec. 17, St. Thomas School held a Christmas concert followed by an old-fashioned Christmas party open to our community.

On behalf of the PTO of our school, we would like to thank the following businesses in town for their very generous donations toward this exciting event, The Floral Garden, Hewitt's Garden Center, McDonald's, Price Chopper of Slingerlands and Verstandig's.

These local businesses should be commended for "giving back" to the community.

Their participation helped to make this a very special night for the school and community.

Maureen Bernstein

Lisa Drake

Co-presidents

St. Thomas PTO

Editorials are on target

Editor, The Spotlight:

Just a note to congratulate you and your staff on the fine quality of your editorials.

I wish I knew who wrote the one about energy costs that appeared in the Dec. 17 issue so I could write them.

What a fine piece that was, full of the sharp, concise, articulate analysis that marks good writing.

And that editorial was just one in a string of editorials that are consistently better quality than daily papers around the Albany area produce.

Robert Page

Latham

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Five Rivers sets annual bird count

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold its annual New Year's Day Bird Count at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1.

In 23 years of the annual survey, more than 66 different species of birds have been recorded. Bring binoculars and dress warmly.

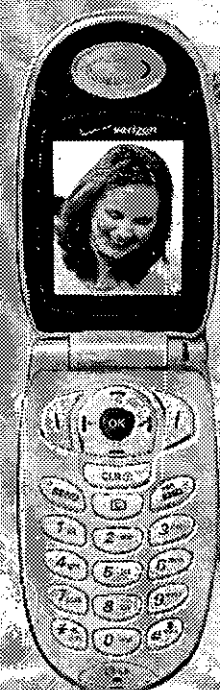
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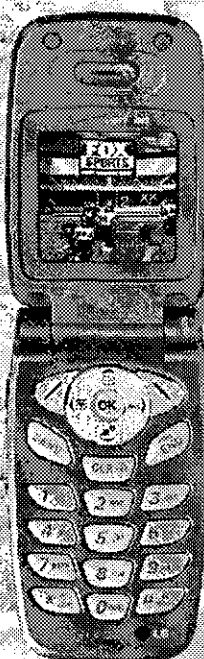


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Area churches set Christmas services

The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland will hold a special Christmas Eve service of candle lighting, communion, scripture lessons and carols on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on New Scotland Avenue and is handicapped accessible.

Regular Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and a fellowship hour follows at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Holly S. Cameron, pastor, extends an invitation to all.

Christmas Masses at St. Matthew's Church are set for 4, 6, and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve and 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day.

The 4 p.m. Mass will feature the children's choir. The youth choir will perform at the 6 p.m. Mass, and the holiday choir will sing at the 9 p.m. Mass.

Faculty to play FLY-92 DJ's

The faculty at Clayton A. Bouton High School will play the DJ's of FLY-92 in a basketball game on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the high school.

The event is sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America. The time will be announced later.

Church plans family New Year's party

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Upcoming events

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There will also be a fund-raiser for Dollars for Scholars with McDonald's on Wednesday, Jan. 21, between 5 and 7 p.m.

School board to meet

The next regular school board meeting is set for Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the commons area at the high school. Everyone is invited to attend.

Community Caregivers seek assistance

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New York City trip rescheduled

It's a pre-New Year's party for teens on Dec. 29 when Tony Califano and Dan Peters will entertain from 7 to 9 p.m. at a cabaret-style concert at the library. Performing alone and as a guitar duo, this talented pair will play a variety of covers, instrumentals and original songs.

Teens are invited to drop in with friends (parents optional) for good listening and refreshments.

The library Friends extend their admiration to the small, but hardy crew who showed up to go on the bus trip to New York City.

Unfortunately, it seemed to be safest to not try and battle the elements for the long drive. In the case of cancellations such as this, it is the policy of the bus company not to refund money, but they were willing to negotiate another date for the same trip.

Therefore, the Friends group is relieved and happy to announce a "Springtime in the City" trip for Saturday, April 24. Carriage rides through Central Park, walks through SoHo, lunch in Chinatown, shopping (of course), Ellis Island, world-famous

Voorheesville
Public Library



museums and galleries — all to be enjoyed in the warm blush of spring. Everyone who paid to go on Dec. 6 is paid for the spring trip. If you cannot or do not want to go, contact the library and the Friends will refund your money.

There should be some additional seats available on the spring trip as well, so if you are not signed up, you can do so. The price is the same, \$25 for members and \$30 for non-

members. The time has changed slightly — the bus will leave earlier, at 7 a.m. Hope to see you all on April 24.

The library closes for the New Year's holiday at 1 p.m. on Dec. 31 and reopens at 10 a.m. on Jan. 2. If you are celebrating at home, let the library help out with a good movie on tape or DVD or some music CDs.

Exciting things are on the horizon. Don't miss Food for Fines Jan. 2 to 31. Regular story times resume Jan. 5.

Wishing you all peace and joy in the New Year.

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at 410 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Lunch and beverages will be provided. Midweek volunteers are also needed.

Spackelers, scrapers, wallpaper strippers, sweepers, rakers and folks who want to run errands are needed.

To volunteer, e-mail or phone To Life staffers the date you're planning to help out at 439-5975 or info@tolife.org.

Bring any tool you would use to do anyone of the above chores or come to help out.

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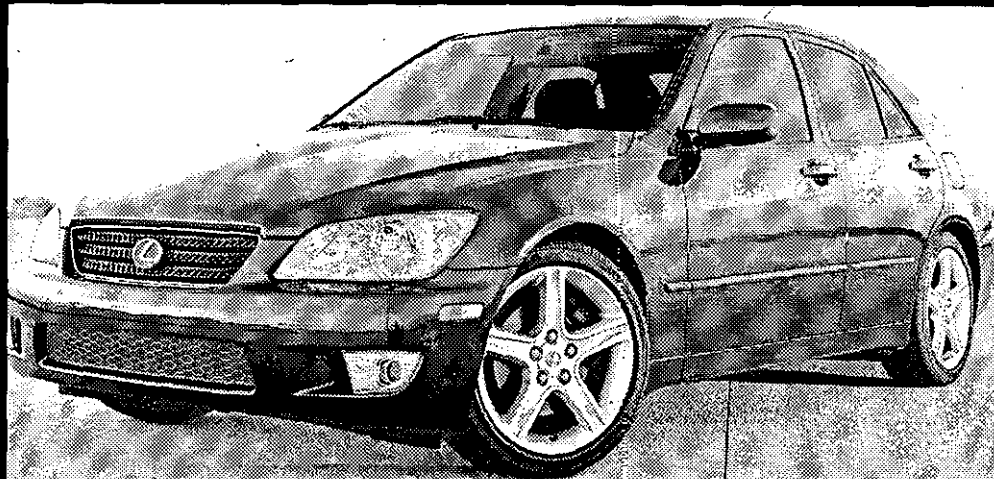


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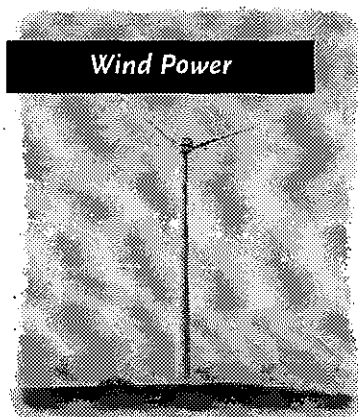
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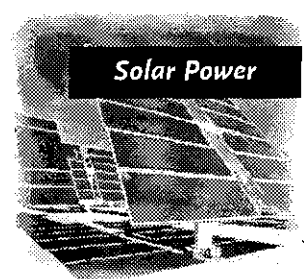
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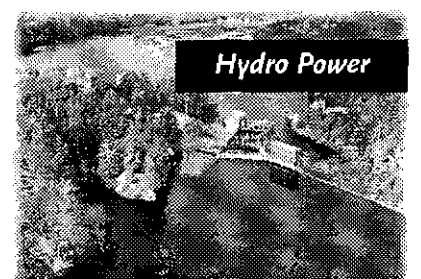
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Subdivision neighbors note slope instability

By KRISTEN OLBY

An Albany developer's proposed plan to build more than a dozen homes in an Elsmere neighborhood is drawing safety concerns from surrounding homeowners who claim the property isn't stable.

John Stephens of Beverwyck Development presented his plan to construct 15 homes on Leonard Place at the Dec. 16 planning board meeting. The single-family homes would be built on 30,000-square-foot lots, utilizing town water and sewer lines.

"This is generally a high bluff that looks over tributaries of the Normanskill," Stephens told the board. "This high bluff is pretty much entirely pine trees."

The subdivision known as The Pines at Normanside, would border Salisbury Road to the east and overlook Normanside Country Club to the north.

The plan drew fire from neighbors, many of whom have lived on surrounding streets for decades. At least six of the new homes would border a ravine that drops down to tributaries of the Normanskill. Neighbors claim high volumes of storm water

flowing from Delaware Avenue, combined with erosion occurring from the creek, make the soil unsuitable for building.

"When we moved there it was 6 inches wide and 6 inches deep," said Steve Einhorn of the creek. His home on Morningside Drive borders the creek and erosion has cost him nearly \$40,000 in

foundation repairs.

"That stream is getting wider and wider and deeper every year. With additional weight of houses, there

With additional weight of houses, there could be some serious, serious problems.

Steve Einhorn

could be some serious, serious problems," he said.

Neighbor Jonatha Carroll said she has watched the creek grow into a small river over the course of 30 years.

"When I used to walk with the kids, we'd jump over muddy areas and now there are waterfalls," she said. "That's how far it has dropped down. It's very unsafe."

Stephens has agreed to conduct more studies on the stability of the land. The project, he said, would require management of storm water, actually reducing the flow of water from Delaware Avenue onto the properties.

The planning board tabled the matter for further discussion.



Clarksville students listen attentively to the presentation about the Heifer Project recently.

Students enjoy Hungry Heifer Banquet

On Dec. 11, third, fourth and fifth grade students at Clarksville Elementary sat down to a feast of soup and bread. It wasn't just any feast, it was a celebration of the idea that one small act can make a difference to many and that the choices we make can have far-reaching effects.

Students from five classrooms donated one item each to make a soup that would feed everyone in the group. To dine at the banquet,

donations were accepted that will be used as seed money to support the Heifer Project, in which animals are purchased and donated to families in parts of the world where owning one animal could make a big difference.

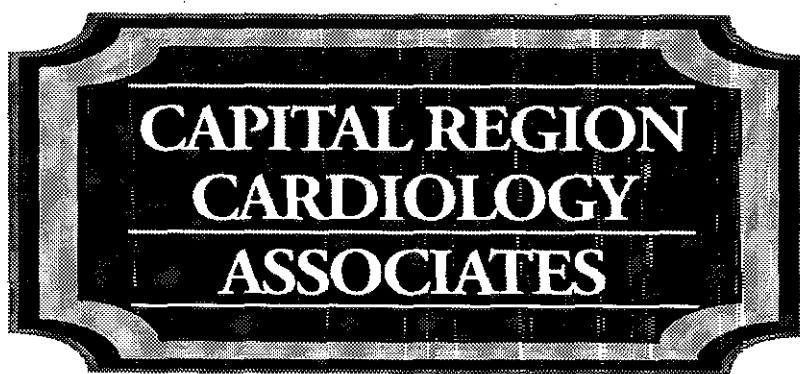
Students would like to purchase each animal offered by the Heifer Project — a goat, a sheep, chickens, pigs, bunnies, llamas, a hive of bees, oxer, a heifer and a water buffalo.

Clarksville students are also participating in a Read to Feed program, where books they read from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day will result in pledges collected from friends and family members at the start of the program.

Price Chopper and the Honest Weight Food Co-op donated supplies and bread for the feast. Leftovers were donated to St. John/St. Anne's soup kitchen.

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Sports

Abba takes flight at Williams

By ROB JONAS

Chuck Abba Jr. loves the fact that every NCAA Division III men's basketball team is gunning for him and his Williams College teammates this season.

"I think it's fun to go in and have people want to beat us," he said.

That hasn't happened to Williams in nearly a year. The Ephs own the nation's longest winning streak at 24 games, including their victory in last year's Division III championship game.

Abba, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, said that he and his teammates try hard not to focus on extending the streak.

"The season's gone pretty well so far, but we're concentrating on each game," he said. "We've got a tough month coming up."

Abba has been one of the focal points of the Ephs' offense this season. The 6-foot, 1-inch senior guard averages 12.5 points per game and is coming off a 21-point performance in Williams' recent 78-71 victory over Holy Cross, a Division I school.

"It was probably unexpected by everybody except for the guys on the team," Abba said of beating Holy Cross on the road. "Here at Williams, we expect to beat everybody."

Abba was not always an integral part of Williams' offense. In his first two seasons with the Ephs, he said he was used primarily as a defensive guard.

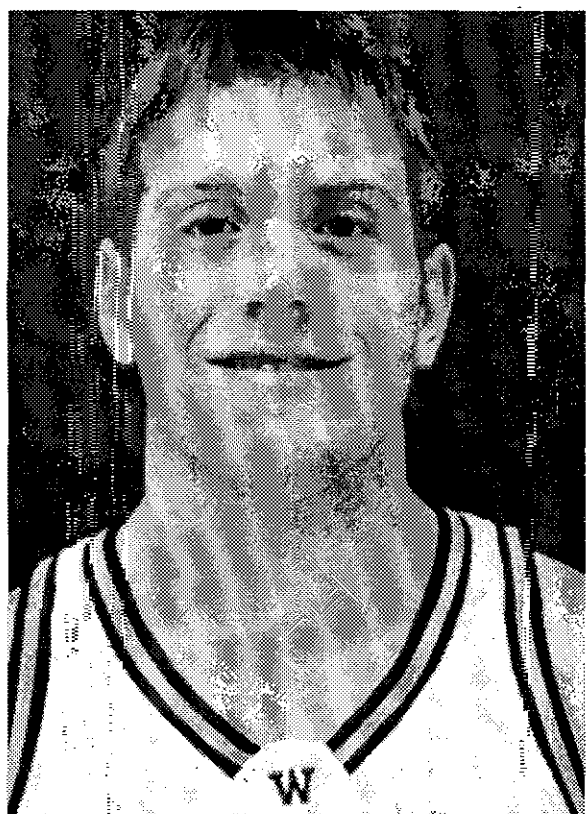
"Now, I'm getting more shots within the flow of the game and taking better quality shots," Abba said.

Abba said it also helps that he doesn't have to shoulder the scoring load for the team.

"Our team is balanced in terms of scoring," he said. "Each guy within the flow of the game has a chance to come in and score."

Williams coach Dave Paulsen admires how Abba has transformed himself into a well-rounded player.

"Chuck Abba has probably gotten more out of his natural ability than any player I've ever



Chuck Abba Jr.

been associated with," Paulsen said. "He embodies intensity, toughness and work ethic."

Abba would like to close his college career with another NCAA title, but regardless, he said he's enjoyed his time at the western Massachusetts school.

"The four years at Williams have been a fantastic experience," he said.

Balanced attack helps Bethlehem beat Nisky

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys basketball team put together its best all-around effort of the season in last Friday's 54-40 Suburban Council victory over Niskayuna.

The Eagles (1-4 league, 1-7 overall) jumped out to a 14-5 lead after the first quarter and outscored the Silver Warriors 18-9 in the third quarter to put the game out of Niskayuna's reach.

"We got off to a good start, which helps," Bethlehem coach Jeremy Klugman said. "We hadn't won many quarters this year."

Guard Cameron Brown led the Eagles with 16 points, nine of which came during the decisive third quarter. Center Josh Lewis contributed 12 points, and forward Brendan Venter added 11 points.

"We need a low post presence from Josh (Lewis) offensively and defensively," Klugman said. "If he can do that, then we can compete."

The victory over Niskayuna followed a 70-65 loss to Mohonasen last Tuesday which marked Bethlehem's highest point total in a single game this season.

"We had balanced scoring against Mohonasen and Niskayuna," Klugman said. "We just

didn't rebound as well against Mohonasen as we did against Niskayuna."

Brown poured in 21 points, while Lewis chipped in 14 points for the Eagles against Mohonasen. Venter and Marcus Kaplan each added 12 points.

Bethlehem wrapped up its pre-holiday schedule Tuesday with a league game at Shenendehowa. The Eagles return to action Monday, Dec. 29, when they play in the Dutchmen Classic at Guilderland.

"We've had a rough time of it, partly because of our early schedule, but we're looking to make some noise in the second half" of the season, Klugman said.

Lady Eagles edge Niskayuna at home

The Bethlehem girls basketball team improved its league record to 3-2 with a 39-38 victory over Niskayuna last Friday.

The Lady Eagles (3-4 overall) built a 13-6 lead after the first quarter and held on to keep pace with Averill Park and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in the battle for first place in the Gold Division.

Kaity Conklin scored 18 points and pulled down 18 rebounds for Bethlehem, which hosted Blue Division co-leader Shen Tuesday in its final game before the Christmas break.

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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 15-21

Tuesday, Dec. 16

BOYS BASKETBALL

**Mohonasen 70,
Bethlehem 65**

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 21 points, Josh Lewis 14 points, Marcus Kaplan 12 points, Brendan Venter 12 points.

**Ravena 59,
Lansingburgh 54**

Ravena leaders: Ricky Rider 20 points, Joe Fisk 15 points, Zach Mayes 13 points, Victor Bermudez 11 points.

**Albany Academy 55,
Voorheesville 45**

Voorheesville leaders: Mark Carson 12 points, Greg Delaney 10 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Bethlehem 51,
Mohonasen 36**

Bethlehem leaders: Katie Rowan 18 points, Liz Casline 9 points.

**Holy Names 45,
Voorheesville 38**

Voorheesville leaders: Brittany

Baron 18 points, Jackie Markert 8 points.

**Ravena 49,
Lansingburgh 24**

Ravena leaders: Molly McGuire 11 points, Katelyn Matousek 8 points, Lauren Sebert 8 points, Laura Persico 8 points.

BOWLING

Bethlehem 27.5, Burnt Hills 4.5

HOCKEY

Shen 10, Bethlehem 2

Bethlehem scoring: Chris Riccio 1-0, Andrew Kelleher 1-0.

Bethlehem saves: P.J. Pittman 21, Tim Crowley 12.

Thursday, Dec. 18

GIRLS BOWLING

Ravena 27, Cohoes 5

WRESTLING

**Saratoga 45,
Bethlehem 26**

Bethlehem winners: Tolin Sharlow (103 pounds), John Whitbeck (125), Dave Denio (160), Shawn Conway (215).

Friday, Dec. 19

BOYS BASKETBALL

**Albany Academy 71,
Ravena 39**

Ravena leader: Ricky Rider 9 points.

**Bethlehem 54,
Niskayuna 40**

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 16 points, Josh Lewis 12 points, Brendan Venter 11 points.

**Mechanicville 45,
Voorheesville 40**

Voorheesville leader: Mark Carson 9 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Bethlehem 39,
Niskayuna 38**

Bethlehem leader: Kaity Conklin 18 points.

**Holy Names 66,
Ravena 24**

Ravena leader: Molly McGuire 9 points.

**Voorheesville 44,
Mechanicville 21**

Voorheesville leader: Jackie Markert 8 points.

HOCKEY

Bethlehem Tournament

Queensbury 10, Bethlehem 0

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem 100, Saratoga 86

Shen 100, Guilderville 61

INDOOR TRACK

League meet 2C

Boys Class B team scores: Burnt Hills 130, Averill Park 128, Ravena 74, Glens Falls 10.

Girls Class B team scores: Burnt Hills 151, Averill Park 125, Ravena 103, Glens Falls 2.

Saturday, Dec. 20

HOCKEY

Bethlehem Tournament

Consolation game

**South Glens Falls 6,
Bethlehem 4**

Bethlehem scoring: Andrew Kelleher 3-1, David Farber 1-2.

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BIG Arena hosts hockey tournament

The fifth-annual New York International Hockey Cup takes place Dec. 27-30 at four Capital District arenas, including BIG Arena in Delmar.

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All squirt division and some

pee wee division games will be played at BIG Arena's Bast Rink, while the majority of pee wee division games take place at the complex's Guntner Rink. The tournament starts Saturday and concludes next Tuesday with championship games being played at 8 a.m. (squirt) and 1 p.m. (pee wee).

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Notice of Formation of HATF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/21/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9228
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Axis Point LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/4/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9227
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Articles of Organization for 1648 WESTERN AVENUE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 4, 2003.

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Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 1648 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.
LD-9229
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Articles of Organization of Free Stick Productions, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 25, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, One Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.
LCD-9223
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Elmira Apartments LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 16, 2003. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Elmira Apartment LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
LD-9077
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
TOC, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 15, 2003. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to TOC, LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
LD-9075
(December 24, 2003)

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW 206
(1) The name of the Limited Liability Company is: MPM PROPERTIES, LLC
(2) The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on July 15, 2003.
(3) The limited liability company is located in Albany County.
(4) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the following is the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her:
PMB: 175
1971 Western Avenue
Albany, New York 12203
(5) The character and/or purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in Real Estate Management.
LD-9066
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elixir Columbus Circle, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-I, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9210
(December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Elixir Church Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-I, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9211
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC). Name: Black River House, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LCD-9217
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.)
The name of the L.P. is TUPPER LAKE OF ALBANY, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of the L.P. was filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 20, 2003. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
LCD-9208
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of All American Homes of Ohio, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 12/19/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LexisNexis Document Solutions, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. OH address of LLC: 4005 All American Way, Zanesville, OH 43701. Arts. of Org. filed with OH Secy. of State, P.O. Box 670, Columbus, OH 43216. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9204
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
EAST HARLEM DEVELOPERS, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 47 LEE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-9207
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
DURYEA PLACE REALTY, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 119-15 257TH AVENUE, FLUSHING, NY 11354 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LCD-9206
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NAMCO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/19/03. Fictitious name in NY State: NAMCO (DE), LLC. Office Location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/22/03.

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Pullman & Comley, LLC, 90 State House Square, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn: Eric J. George, Esq. Principal office of LLC: 100 Sanrico Dr., Manchester, CT 06040. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9200
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAXANCE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 234 Hudson Ave., #3036, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-9202
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Barbera Associates, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-9201
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SERENA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12241. Term: until 4/1/2103. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-9195
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Core Wealth Management, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/19/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/28/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 740 State St., Ste. 202, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9193
(December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of HAF Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/6/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-9192
(December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MNR REAL ESTATE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/03. 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, 66 Madison Avenue, Apartment 5J, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
LD-9190
(December 24, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: KIRBY BURNT HILLS REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/03. Office location: Al-

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bany 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, 66 Madison Avenue, Apartment 5J, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9189 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of ACS IT Solutions, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County, LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/25/03. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LP: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purposes. LD-9186 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Chat LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/20/03. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 3724 Carmen Rd., Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9183 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Paypoint Electronic Payment Systems, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/24/2003. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/15/1994. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 11207; registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: Mailstop M23A6 12500 E. Mt. Belford Ave., Englewood, CO 80112. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9182 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication DIPLOMATIC INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 STATE STREET, 3RD FLR, ALBANY, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA CORPORATE SERVICES INC. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9181 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of TexPar Energy, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Wisconsin (WI) on 10/3/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. WI address of LLC: 920 10th Ave. North, P.O. Box 189, Onalaska, WI 54650. Arts. of Org. filed with WI Dept. of Financial Institutions, P.O. Box 7846, Madison WI 53707. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9175 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of ACS Business Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/12/03. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/21/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2828 N. Haskell, Bldg. 1, Fl.-10, Dallas TX, 75204. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-9172 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Home Run Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 13, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 34 Princess Taylor Lane, North Bethlehem, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-9160 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Pet Wellness Clinic, LLC, a foreign professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/2/03. Office location: Albany County, PLLC formed in Ohio on 9/13/01. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Susan Sanders, 1 Bay Club Dr., #1400, Bayside, NY 11360, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: practice the profession of veterinary medicine. LD-9155 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of CH Realty II/Amboy, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/17/03 as amended. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/14/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 2100 McKinney Ave., Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9152 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of 98 Fourth Street, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/9/03. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Bernard Dillenberger, 320 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: to deal in real estate and any other lawful purpose. LCD-9151 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of James M. Gaughan, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/3/03. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Box 102, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9150 (December 24, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Westminster Holdings, L.L.C. Fictitious name in NY State: Westminster Holdings Realty. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/10/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Office address of LLC in jurisdiction:

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tion of organization: 18 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, Div. of Rev., 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9144 (December 24, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law New Scotland Florist, LLC (LLC) articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 24, 2003. New York office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 263 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. LCD-9143 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ALBANY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/30/03. 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, 23 Glenda Drive, Deer Park, New York 11729. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9141 (December 24, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TECH VALLEY REAL ESTATE L.L.C. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/06/03. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sheldon Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9140

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TECH VALLEY PARTNERS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/18/03. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sheldon Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9139 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

PINETREE Mgmt., LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. 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 any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9147 (December 24, 2003)

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Real Property Options, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/09/2003. Office location, County of Albany. Spiegel & Utrera, P.A., P.C., 45 John Street, Suite 711, NY, NY 10038 has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: The LLC, P.O. Box 1251, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful act. LCD-9135 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

ROCKMORE, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office

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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 any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9148 (December 24, 2003)

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SELLNOW REALTY, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. 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 any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9149 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ALBANY, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS, Index No. 3012/03. ORIGINAL SUMMONS FILED: May 15, 2003. INDYMAC BANK, Plaintiff, - against - GEORGE BURCHELL A/K/A GEORGE BURSHELL, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes, of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal

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delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Albany County is designated as the place of trial on the basis of the fact that the real property affected by this action is located wholly within said County. Dated: Westbury, New York, November 19, 2003. MARIA SIDERIS FRAZIS, ESQ., DRUCKMAN & SINEL, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Office and P.O. Address, 242 Drexel Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590, (516) 876-0800. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. Joseph R. Cannizzaro, A Justice of the Supreme Court of Albany County entered Nov. 24, 2003, and filed with complaint and other papers in the Albany County Clerk's Office, Albany, NY. THE OBJECT of the above-entitled action is to foreclose a mortgage dated in the County/City Register of the County of Albany on January 24, 2001 and recorded February 14, 2001 in Liber 3910 at page 462 covering premises described as follows: 792 Livingston Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The relief sought in the within action is final judgment directing the sale of the premises described herein above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against any defendant in this action EXCEPT GEORGE BURCHELL A/K/A GEORGE BURSHELL, DRUCKMAN & SINEL, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff. LD-9264 (December 24, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of LADP New York LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/18/03. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/12/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: c/o LA Digital Post, Inc., 11311 Camarillo St., Toluca Lake, CA 91602. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9219 (December 24, 2003)

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The Rev. William Bosch gets ready to reopen the church in Normansville for Christmas. *Kristen Olby*

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congregation, the pastor has faith that God will provide.

"I feel if God has called me back into the ministry, that he'll provide the people," said Bosch, who is scheduled to begin renting the church, owned by the hamlet of Normanskill, at the start of the year. "God will take care of the income that the church needs to survive."

Bosch's beliefs seem to be coming true, for one local unnamed benefactor has paid the

first month's rent in an effort to help Bosch launch his ministry.

Bosch's first sermon will be delivered during a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Prayer group and Bible study will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 6. Sunday morning worship will be at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 4.

With a storied past stretching back more than one hundred years, the Normansville Community Church is moving on to its next chapter.

For information, call 482-2132.

Bid

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burial costing \$1,600 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Durant Funeral Home submitted a bid to bury the bones in Bethlehem Cemetery at a cost of \$1,800.

"I just don't know why they went with the highest proposal when town officials are supposed to save money," said Stephen Meyers, owner of Meyers Funeral Home.

Under town law, Bethlehem is required to inter bones found in abandoned cemeteries and absorb expenses associated with reburial. The town board was not required by law to accept bids.

"Professional services under \$5,000 are not subject to bid," said Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

The board opted to accept

Applebee's offer, Fuller said, because owner Peter Applebee was initially consulted in July, when an Albany County coroner requested the bones be reburied. Up until now, the bones have sat in a cardboard box in Albany Medical Center's morgue.

The resolution calls for burial at Bethlehem Cemetery because it's closest to the initial shallow grave where the bones were discovered, despite costing slightly more than other cemeteries, said Fuller. Interment is expected to occur sometime next year. Fuller added the town board has no plans to revisit the issue.

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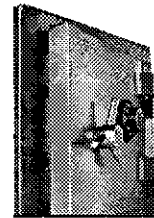
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Obituaries

Donald Brandon

Donald G. Brandon, 76, of Bethlehem, died Friday, Dec. 19, at his home.

Born in the Bronx, he attended SUNY Plattsburgh and was a graduate of Russell Sage College.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Brandon had a 36-year career with the State Police, retiring as deputy superintendent in 1984.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Anne Ellis Brandon; seven daughters, Patricia Anene of Lawrenceville, N.J., Mary Brandon of Albany, Christine Brandon Luckett of Cicero,

Kathleen Chevalier of North Greenbush, Jeanne Ryan and Nancy Chevalier, both of Guilderland and Ellen Brandon of Delmar; two brothers, William Brandon of Franklin, N.C., and Robert Brandon of San Jose, Calif.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie and St. Madeleine Sophie Church in Guilderland.

Burial was in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Niskayuna.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

Joe Burke

Joe "Banjo" Burke of Delmar died Thursday, Dec. 18.

He was from Canal Road in Johnstown, Killkenny, Ireland.

Survivors include his wife, Bridget Burke; a daughter, Siobhan Burke; two sons, Finbarr Burke and Roryall Burke; a sister, Phyllis Phelan of Urlingford, Killkenny, Ireland; and a brother,

Tom Burke of England.

He will be missed by his many friends in the music world in Ireland, England, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Alaska.

Services were from the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211 or the American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205.

Benjamin Schaible

Benjamin Edwards Schaible, 85, of Mill Rose Lane in Slingerlands, died Thursday, Dec. 18, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Troy, he was an Army veteran of World War II. He received a Purple Heart for wounds sustained in the Battle of the Bulge.

He retired from the former New York Telephone Co. after 35 years and was an active member of Communications Workers of America.

He was an avid woodsman, who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Before he went into the Army, he was an accomplished baseball player.

He was husband of the late Marian Schaible.

Survivors include three sons, Daniel Schaible, Timothy Schaible and Christian Schaible, a daughter, Jill Wooten; a sister, Mary Schaible of Altamont; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be from the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont and Altamont Reformed Church.

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Altamont Reformed Church Good Samaritan Fund, Altamont 12009.

John Conway

John E. Conway, 68, of Glenmont, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Albany Medical Center.

Born in Syracuse, he was a graduate of LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

He was a Marine Corps veteran.

He started his career with the Department of Public Works in Syracuse. He retired as director of the acquisitions management bureau in the real estate division of the state Department of Transportation after 45 years.

He was involved in the establishment of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law.

Mr. Conway was an avid golfer. He was a member of Normanside Country Club for 20, serving on the board of governors and as club secretary for the past 10 years.

He was husband of the late Joanna B. Conway.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Conway; a son, Tim Conway of Albany; a brother, the Hon. George Conway of Cazenovia; and two stepchildren, Traci Scalzo and Craig Scalzo.

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

Burial will be private.

Contributions may be made to the National Emphysema Foundation, 15 Stevens St., Norwalk, Conn. 06850 or EFFORTS (Emphysema Foundation For Our Right To Survive), Claycomo Plaza, 411 NE US Highway 69, Claycomo, Mo. 64119.

Glenn Van Ravensway

Glenn Van Ravensway Sr., 63, of Clarksville, died Saturday, Dec. 13, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Van Ravensway was a member of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn Van Ravensway Jr. of Delmar and Michael Van Ravensway of Stockton, Calif.; three sisters; and a grandson.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department, Box E, Clarksville 12041.

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

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Rotman, Staff engaged

Stephanie Rotman, daughter of Johl and Jayne Rotman of Coral Springs, Fla., and Bryan Aaron Staff, son of Charlotte and Jeffrey Sperber of Delmar and Michael and Ruth Staff of Niskayuna, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Florida.

She is director of recruiting for UBS in Stamford, Conn.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cornell University and the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester.

He is an associate in the investment banking group of Bear Stearns in New York City.

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Fuglein, Matera to wed

Courtney Elisabeth Fuglein, daughter of Robert and Deborah Fuglein of Altamont and Frank and Betsy Chandler, of Eagle, Idaho, and Keif Aaron Matera, son of Ralph and Helene Matera of Brooklyn, are engaged to be married.

The bride's mother is formerly of Voorheesville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Carmel High School and Wagner College.

She is a freelance wardrobe stylist in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of Brooklyn College.

He is a producer for MTV in New York City.

The couple plans a Dec. 17, 2004, wedding.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Cristina Sofia Grigas, to Aranzazu Martinez and William Grigas of Delmar, Nov. 21.

Boy, Landon J. Kinnear, to Lorraine and Geordie Kinnear of Delmar, Nov. 23.

Boy, Gianluca Anthony Mele, to Anna and John Mele of Slingerlands, Sept. 22.

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By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

You know you don't want to just sit home on New Year's Eve. There's no better place to finish up the old year and start the new than at Albany's 17th annual First Night celebration.

More than 30 indoor sites, located in a five-block radius and accessible by a shuttle bus, will be the venues for a wide variety of performers.

"First Night has become an Albany tradition," Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings said. "An evening shared with family, friends and the community, and filled with fireworks, music and entertainment is the perfect way to begin the New Year."

The theme of this year's First Night is Family and Friends, and for the second year in a row, festivities will begin at 2 p.m.

"We're trying to dispel two myths about First Night," said Susan Cleary, spokeswoman for the city Office of Special Events. "People often believe that their kids are too young, but last year's afternoon program was so successful, we're repeating it this year."

"The other myth is that everything's outdoors," she added. "Ninety percent of the events take place indoors, everything's in a five-block area, and the shuttle bus runs nonstop."

Afternoon activities will kick off with a kids' fun run — the "Jingle Jog." Kids 5 to 11 can participate in the run through Academy Park, receive a goody bag, and be entered in a prize drawing. Registration for the run is \$2 per child.



The von Trapp Children

Kid-Tivities begin at 3 p.m. with puppet shows, music, storytelling, and a new kind of face painting.

"Transformation! Face Painting has performed at the Bronx Zoo," Cleary said, "and it's a theatrical performance, there's audience interaction and they paint kids' and adults' faces." Transformation! Face Painting will be presented in the afternoon and again in the evening.

So will the high-energy juggling act Two. Matthew and Jason Tardy combine juggling, fire-eating, and physical comedy to create an act that fits their talent, and has led them to bill themselves as "born to be rock stars, but destined for juggling."

Headlining this year's show are the von Trapp Children, great-grandchildren of the Austrian couple made famous in the beloved movie, "The Sound of Music." Sofia, 15, Melanie 13, Amanda 12 and Justin 8 started singing together when they made a Christmas CD for their grandfather, Werner, one of the original immigrants to the Stowe, Vt., area.

The von Trapp Children have since performed at music festivals, sung for relief workers at Ground Zero, and acted in a revival of "The Sound of Music" in Raleigh, N.C.

In Albany, they'll sing a variety of folk songs and classical music — plus a few numbers from the movie that made their family famous.

They'll perform from 4 to 5 p.m. at Capital Repertory Theatre and from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, after which they will meet and greet members of the audience.



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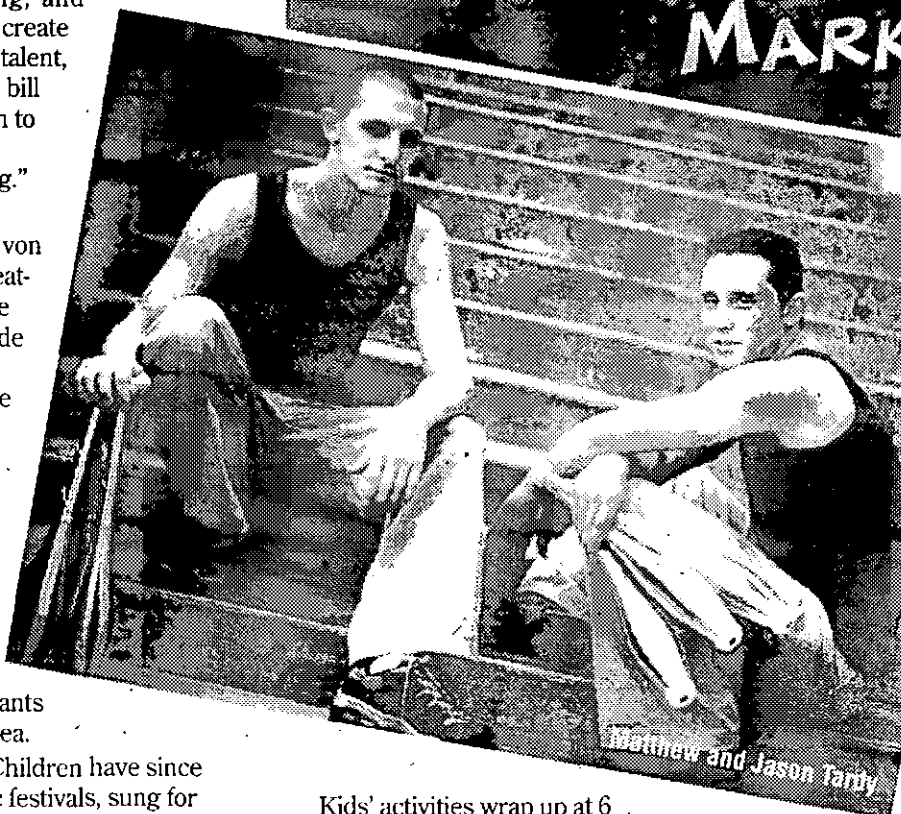
Admission to First Night activities is with a button available at area Price Choppers, Albany City Hall, and online. A program of the night's activities comes with the button, and a schedule of events is available online at www.albanyevents.org.

Buttons are \$10 per person until Dec. 25, and \$12 after that. Children 5 and under are free.

"There's something that will appeal to everyone at First Night," Cleary said. "For a small price, you can attend a wide variety of performances."

Nothing finishes off one year and starts another like fireworks, which will go off at midnight at Albany's Riverfront Park. You can take the shuttle — or get there in the conga line.

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Matthew and Jason Tardy

Kids' activities wrap up at 6 p.m., and the Haitian dance and drum troupe Bambache Lakay will usher in the "Midway to Midnight" celebration in front of City Hall.

At 6:30 p.m., the 5k road race "First Night Last Run" takes off in Washington Park. The run is \$15 for registrants by Dec. 25, and \$20 after that.

No celebration is complete without music, and First Night has a myriad of diverse offerings, including the



Maria Zemantowski

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The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 11, 7 p.m., \$22. Information, 473-1845.

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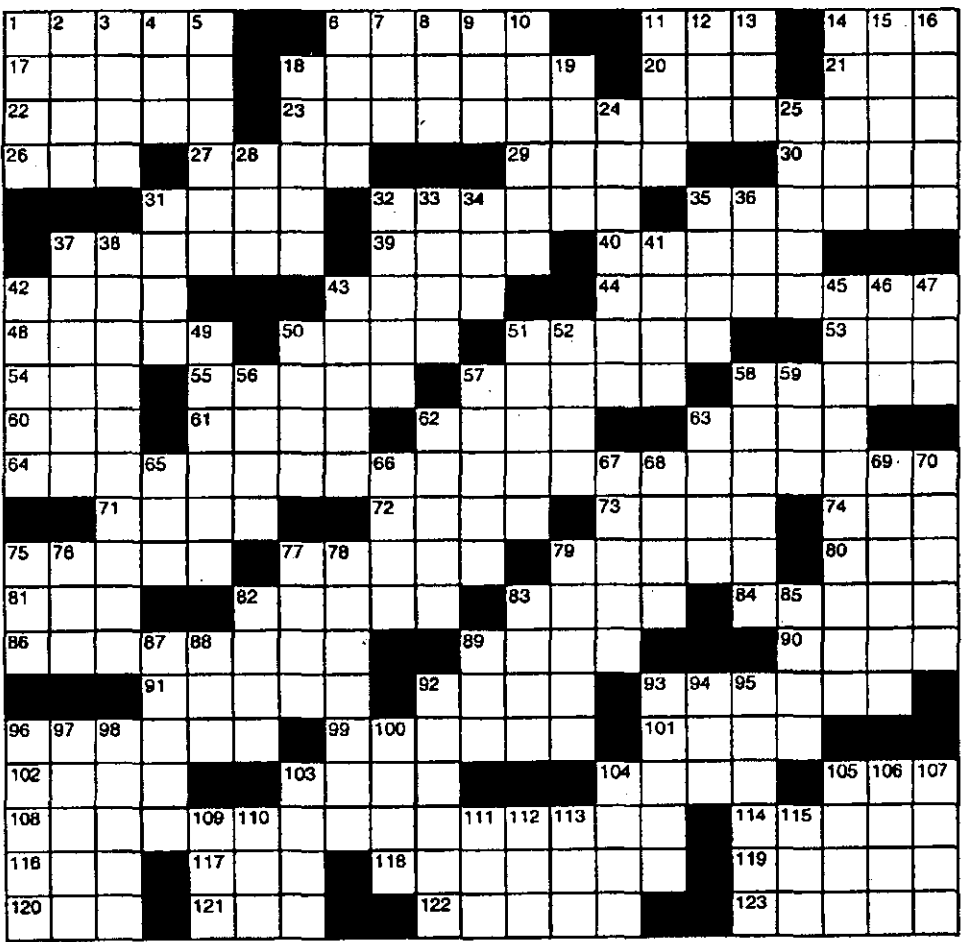
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 - 45 Like some suits
 - 46 Godfrey's instrument
 - 47 Contemporary
 - 49 Janine of "Northern Exposure"
 - 50 Chastity's mom
 - 51 Checker move?
 - 52 Muslim pilgrimage
 - 56 Mock
 - 57 Whiff
 - 58 Surrounded by
 - 59 Bar supply
 - 62 Ward off
 - 63 Perched on
 - 65 Soissons
 - 66 Fateful 15th
 - 67 Novelist
 - 68 Job opening
 - 69 Dissent
 - 70 Wield
 - 75 Address abbr.
 - 76 Winter woe
 - 77 Landed
 - 78 Pithy
 - 79 Warning
 - 82 Wild child
 - 83 Sitarist
 - 84 Shankar
 - 85 One of the Brontes
 - 87 Cantaloupe or casaba
 - 88 Literary preposition
 - 89 "What's up, —?"
 - 92 — ladder
 - 93 Run in the wash
 - 94 Caviar
 - 95 Sock for sis
 - 96 Fiery felony
 - 97 Substantial
 - 98 Marry
 - 100 "... Dinka Doo" ('33 song)
 - 103 Utah National Park
 - 104 Feds
 - 105 Boot out
 - 106 Pro bono
 - 107 Thin layer
 - 109 Attempt
 - 110 Peeples or Long
 - 111 Monk's title
 - 112 Playground game
 - 113 Journalist
 - 115 Bustle

The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed., Dec. 24

BETHLEHEM

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Normansville Community Church, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m., 482-2132.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs., Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Fri. Dec. 26

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. Dec. 27

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun., Dec. 28

BETHLEHEM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, youth education 9 a.m., church school 10 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., coffee/fellowship following worship. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices. Bible class for developmentally disabled, second and fourth Sundays of each month. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED

Worship services, 9 & 11 a.m., with child care, Sunday school through grade 7, T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with child care and children's program through grade 6. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929 or INFO@DRCHURCH.ORG.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worship service 10 a.m.; nursery and Sunday school through grade 5 provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, 65 Willowbrook Ave. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

Church school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information 767-2243.

FAMILY OF GOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

Sunday school 9:30, Worship service 9:30 & 11 a.m. (in chapel); adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

KING'S CHAPEL

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

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at

8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information 765-2805.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information 475-9086.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information 439-5007.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

JERUSALEM REFORMED

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

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

In the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Carols and Christmas program presented, free, 6 to 8 p.m., Family Worship Center Church, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information 768-2021.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Voorheesville American Legion, all-you-can-eat buffet, 8 a.m. to noon, 31 Voorheesville Ave., Information 765-4712.

Mon. Dec. 29

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5-6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

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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.

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. Information, 765-4410.

TEEN CONCERT

Guitar concert with Tony Califano and Dan Peters for teens, 7 p.m., free, Voorheesville Public Library.

Tues. Dec. 30

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

BINGO

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

Wed. Dec. 31

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

Information, 767-2930.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

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. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

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AA MEETING

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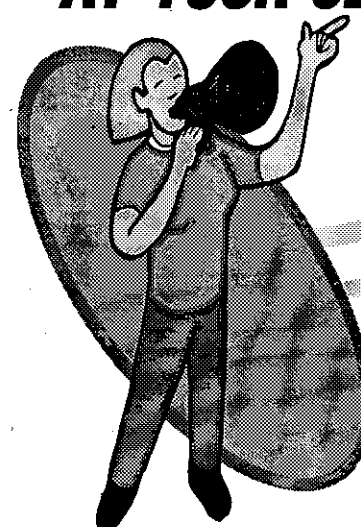
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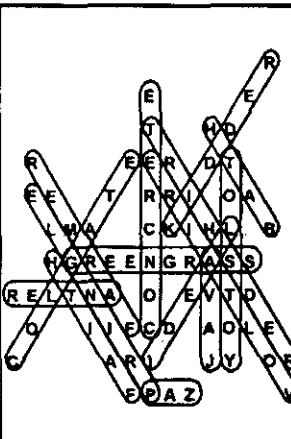
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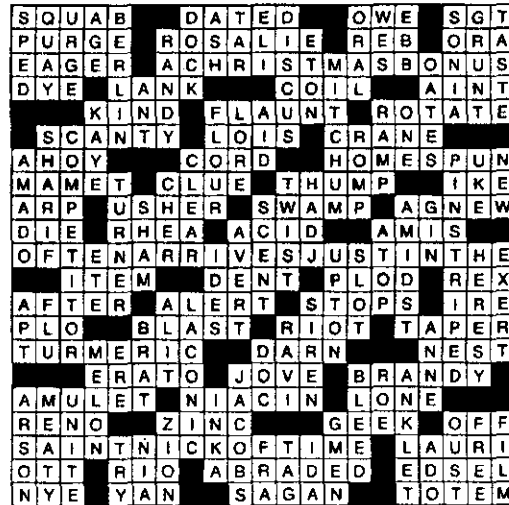
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Winter tips from NAPA's top tech

Old man winter is coming. In his weathered luggage he's carrying cold, snow and ice, and he's rarely just an overnight guest. If you and your car aren't ready for his arrival, you may want to start thinking about the handful of tools and tasks that can keep his patented brand of frozen corrosion at bay.

Having lived and worked in Buffalo, New York — winter's unofficial U.S. residence — Jim Piraino knows a thing or two about the freezing season. As the 2002 NAPA/ASE Technician of the Year, he knows a thing or two about car care, as well, and offered his top-five tips on getting your vehicle ready for winter regardless of the climate in your community.

Whether your winter is more mild than wild, your car's cooling system deserves a seasonal assessment. Keeping your engine coolant from freezing in the wintertime is the job of the antifreeze. Keeping this vital fluid up to snuff requires an annual flush and regular maintenance, according to Piraino. He also warns those with aluminum radiators to keep an eye out for oxidation. That flaky white crust can form on the outside of the radiator and slowly erode its effectiveness.

Tire care is the second item on Piraino's list of top tips.

Severe conditions in your area may require a tire change for winter. In most cases, though, proper maintenance of your all-season tires is all that's required to ensure safe travel, worry-free wear and optimum mileage. Keeping your car properly aligned and your tires inflated to the recommended pressures are the best exercises. Refer to your owner's manual or the sticker inside your doorsill for the manufacturer's suggested tire pressures.

Windshield wipers and washer fluid are two tools that keep the road in plain view. Their proper operation is imperative if you expect to keep the windshield clean and free of ice and salty residue. Piraino suggests replacing your wiper blades every two years if wear and tear doesn't demand it sooner. Keeping your washer fluid reservoir full is the best way to make sure you don't lose visibility at critical times this winter.

While it may not be something you think about in terms of winter car care, Piraino says brake maintenance is among the most important upkeep items this time of year. Because braking efficiency declines when roads and brake systems get wet, winter is when you can expect troubles to turn up. Now is the ideal time to get your

brake parts and brake fluid inspected and, if necessary, replaced. Piraino also suggests getting familiar with your anti-lock braking system (ABS) before a risky winter situation demands it. Applying your ABS brakes in a safe place will allow you to re-familiarize yourself with the feel and function of the system before you have to employ it in earnest.

Piraino's fifth tip is to check your battery. This simple test can be performed by your local car care specialist in a matter of minutes and save you from being unnecessarily stranded for hours out in the cold.

Taking these few simple steps today can make all the difference in the world when old man winter arrives. If time is short, see the friendly folks at your neighborhood NAPA AutoCare Center for a simple preseason inspection. Their ASE-certified technicians can help with all of your winterizing needs. If you're a do-it-yourselfer,

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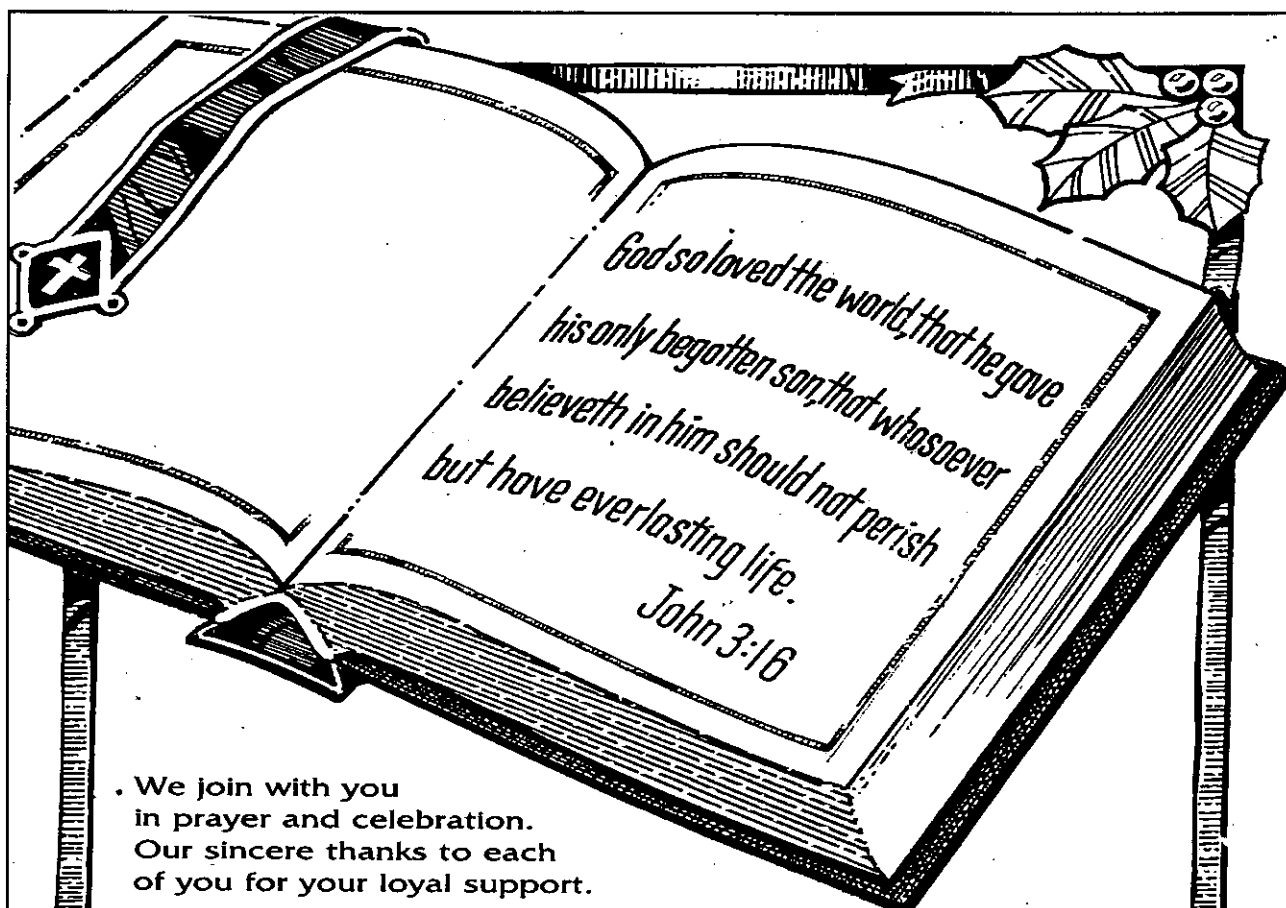


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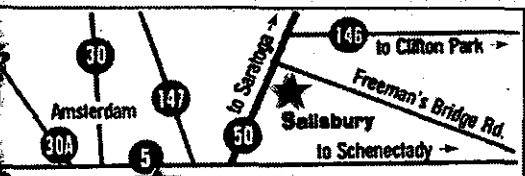


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