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Slingerlands hostage prays for captors

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Claire Sellitti is not angry. She is grateful.

Sellitti, who was tied up and held hostage for four hours in her New Scotland Avenue home Nov. 9 along with her husband, Vince, said the terrifying ordeal served to renew the couple's faith.

"Maybe the anger comes later, but so far I'm just thankful that God has erased the anger," she said. "It's his job to judge those people, and I've been praying for them, and asking God to soften their hearts so they won't do this again."

Being thankful, however, did not make the ordeal any less terrifying. Two men held the Sellittis hostage, and communicated with a third man by cell phone.

Sellitti said when she came home on the rainy night of Nov. 9, she just knew something was wrong. Entering her home, she saw dirt on the stairs. She called for her husband, who answered that he was upstairs.

"Just as I was thinking, 'you are not alone,' one of the men came down the stairs, threw me on the floor and put a gun in my face," she said.

After tying her up, the bandits proceeded to search the house from top to bottom, emptying drawers and closets, purses, pockets, and becoming irate when the Sellittis told them they had no cash on hand. They were not allowed to look up, and were told to keep their hands in front of them.

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Claire Sellitti

Most difficult for Claire was being separated from her husband, who was kept in a different room during much of their

captivity.

"I didn't know what would happen," she said. "In 40 years of marriage, we shared so much. You just can't believe that you are sharing this. It's surreal."

Her husband, Vince, has been recovering from the ordeal slowly. A truly devoted couple, Sellitti said her husband was most upset because he could not protect her, and had no control over the situation.

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Orange County judge defers Porco bail decision

Neighbors reflect on safety

BY STEPHANIE LUBIS

Nearly three weeks after his indictment, Christopher Porco will find out this week if he will be allowed out of Albany County Jail on bail. After almost an hour of arguments from the defense and prosecution at last Wednesday's bail hearing, Judge Jeffrey Berry of Orange County deferred his decision until this week.

Porco's lawyer, Terence L. Kindlon of Delmar, continues to insist that Porco is innocent and would not be a flight risk. In an impassioned argument at the hearing, Kindlon once again pointed out that Porco has stayed in his hometown since the attacks a little over a year ago.

"He has not budged from this community," said Kindlon. "He could have lawfully moved anywhere in the last year, but he has stayed. He knew he was under suspicion and wanted to clear his name. His actions have clearly stated that he is not going anywhere."

In Porco's defense, Kindlon produced

letters from people in the community vouching for Porco's good character and e-mails from Peter Porco to his son that indicate that their family life was normal and loving, despite rumors and published correspondence to the contrary. He also continued to stress that the prosecution has no clear evidence against Porco for murdering his father and attacking his mother.

However, Albany County Assistant District Attorney Michael McDermott asserted that despite the outpouring of support from Porco's friends, family and the community at large, Porco is two-faced and has a history of forgery, burglary, fraud and now, murder.

"People can see that he has no formal interaction with the system, but we have proof of uncharged criminal conduct," he said.

According to McDermott, the prosecution has evidence that Porco forged a transcript from Hudson Valley Community College, which he attended during the spring of 2004. McDermott said Porco sent the transcript, which he changed to show he had aced his courses, to the University of Rochester, where he had hoped to be reinstated for the Fall 2004 semester.

McDermott said also they have proof the Porco staged a burglary in his home

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By DAMIAN PAGANO

It may be better to give than receive, but apparently mid-November is too soon. Alan Carnes, a Salvation Army volunteer bell ringer, said on Nov. 17 that people tell him now is too early to donate money.

"They say, 'It's not even Thanksgiving yet,'" he said as he shook a set of jingle bells outside of the Price Chopper supermarket in Bethlehem. "But there's a lot of people out there who need help all year long."

Carnes and fellow volunteer Ricky Cooke were some of the first bell-ringers to hit the streets in advance of the holiday season, according to Capt. Charles Roberts of the Salvation Army. In the coming weeks, more will be out with kettles and bells to solicit donations that will be

used to feed the hungry, clothe the cold and shelter the homeless.

The holiday season is traditionally the time of year when people donate to charitable causes. People are moved by the holiday spirit or pressed by the end-of-the-year

deadline to receive the tax benefits for their charitable donations. Many local nonprofit organizations make fundraising pushes during November and

December and see an influx of money, goods and volunteers.

"A lot of giving goes up this time of year," said Beth Herschenhart, a professional fund-raiser who is president of Innovative Resources Group in Saratoga Springs. "And a lot of organizations increase their efforts this time of year too."

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Beth Herschenhart

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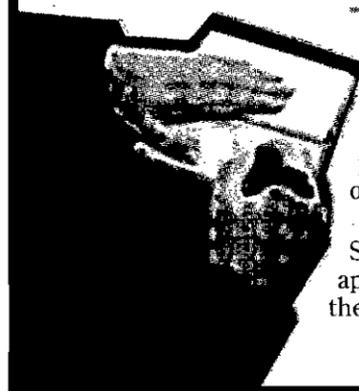
By STEPHEN PAUSE

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For most people, Equinox is synonymous with Thanksgiving dinner. Less known but equally important is its independent living program, which helps teens who are homeless or parents maintain a normal life.

Just one teen that the program has helped is Seth, an 18-year-old living in an Equinox apartment on Dongan Avenue in Albany. It was with the help of staff members that Seth was able to turn

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Accused murderer given bail after 7 months in jail

By STEPHEN PAUSE

A Rensselaerville woman who is accused of murdering her mother was set free on \$100,000 bail last Thursday.

Corianna Balashek Thompson, 45, had been in jail since her arrest in April following the March 13 murder of her mother, Jean Balashek, at her home in New Scotland.

Richard Arthur, spokesman for District Attorney David Soares, explained why the hearing had been delayed for so long.

"The whole issue here is that

from the beginning, her defense counsel had waived her right to a speedy trial," he said.

He also said the reason the bail hearing had been delayed so long was because the prosecution had issues and developments that needed to be resolved.

"In order to maintain the status quo, it was in the best interests of both parties to grant bail," he said.

Had Thompson's attorney, E. Stewart Jones, not originally waived his client's right to a speedy trial, the district attorney's office would have been forced to indict Thompson within 45 days

of her arrest.

Jones pointed to the fact that the credibility of some witnesses had been called into question and new information suggested that they had been found unreliable.

He also said that some witnesses might now be considered suspects in the case.

One accusation that Jones said

was false was witness testimony that his client was a drug addict.

He said that his client at one time had a substance abuse problem, but said that her previous time in jail helped to straighten her out.

The bail of \$100,000 was agreed on by both sides and was posted with land that Thompson and her sister own jointly.

Thompson will be under supervision of the Albany County Department of Probation, which this week will come up with the terms and conditions of her release.

In 1981, Corianna, then Corey Wayne Balashek, was convicted of manslaughter for the strangling death of a friend whose mother was also strangled to death. Corey Wayne Balashek was released from prison in 1990 and subsequently had a sex change operation.

Jones said that his client will try and find a job and do some volunteer work.

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Richard Arthur

Price Chopper Ski Any 3 Passbooks now available with more choices

Price Chopper is bringing its popular Ski Any 3 Passbooks back for a fourth run, at the same price and with more choices of ski

areas. Price Chopper's ski passbooks are available in two versions. The Family Mountain Passbook for \$99 includes three

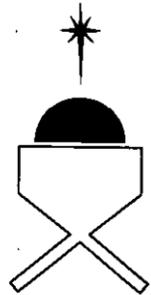
vouchers, each good for a full day lift ticket Sundays through Fridays at a choice of Gore Mountain, Pico, Jiminy Peak and Belleayre.

The Big Mountain Passbook for \$129 includes three vouchers, each good for a full day lift ticket Sundays through Fridays at a choice of Killington, Whiteface,

Smugglers Notch and Mount Snow. Holiday periods are excluded.

Both passbook plans include two "Weekday Tag-Along" coupons, good on any non-holiday weekday with a saving of \$15 off on an adult lift ticket or Learn-To-Ski or Snowboard ticket when a Ski Any 3 Pass is redeemed. Numerous other value added coupons and discount offers at the mountains and Price Chopper supermarkets are included with the purchase of each passbook.

The passbooks are available until Jan. 7 or while supplies last.



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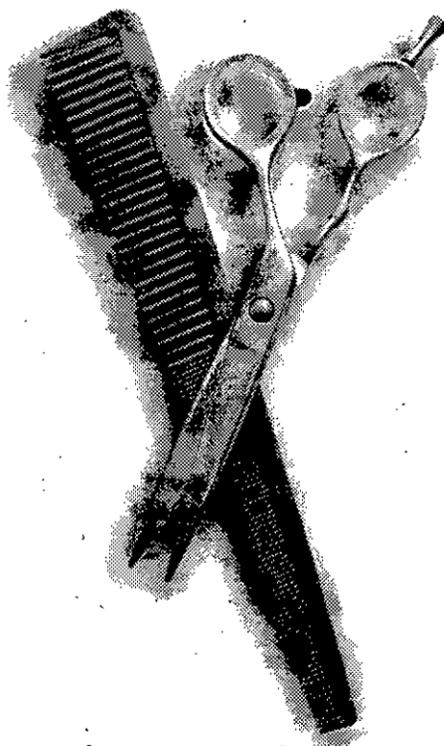
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Van Dyke elementary school gets board ok

No new construction at Slingerlands

By JIM CUOZZO

After nearly two months of debate and discussion, it's essentially back to the drawing board for the Bethlehem Central School District. At last week's meeting, the Bethlehem school

board voted 6-1 in favor of a new 16-classroom school to be built on Van Dyke Road. The vote puts an end to discussion about the possibility of a new early learning center at the same location. The ELC will remain at Slingerlands School. No new classrooms or additions will be built at Slingerlands at this time.

"I think the board has taken into consideration with great sensitivity the issue of the early learning center," said board president Richard Svenson. "I don't think there is a wrong decision here. There are no winners and losers."

The final vote was not without an hour's worth of debate, including a motion by James Lytle to build an early learning center on Van Dyke Road.

"One of the things that's great about the ELC is that it is one of the innovations of the school district, and I think we can expand on that," he said. That motion received a second for discussion purposes but not another vote.

Board member James Dering

gave an impassioned plea for a new 12-classroom school on Van Dyke Road with added classes at Slingerlands. This motion was part of the original school construction plan voters approved in a \$93 million bond issue in 2003.

"If we don't add four classrooms to Slingerlands, the needs of the ELC will increase. I don't want to back ourselves into a corner," said Dering.

"Slingerlands will be smaller with a new 16-room school, but there is room for growth," said Superintendent Les Loomis. "The intent would never be to split the ELC program. It has never been a part of my thinking."

Board member Warren Stoker sponsored the motion to approve

a new 16-classroom school. He urged members to support the decision after a lengthy debate on the other two remaining options.

"We've talked this thing to death, let's vote," said Stoker.

Dering was the only board member who voted against the new 16-room school.

Taxpayers in the Bethlehem School District will see operating expenses increase annually by \$450,000 with construction of the new \$7.8 million dollar school expected to be complete by 2008. Art and music rooms will be furnished at all six elementary schools when the project is finished.

Work approved by the bond issue is already under way at the middle school and high school.

Town mourns passing of archeologist, author

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

By all accounts, Floyd Brewer was a diligent, hardworking, and dedicated man. In fact, he was considered a pillar of the community.

Brewer's death on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the age of 84 has left many in the community deeply saddened. Many remember him as a patient and gifted teacher, as well as an inspiration to work with, but he was also a dedicated family man.

"He was a wonderful father and grandfather, and he always kept in touch with his children," said his widow, Coleen Brewer. "He was the glue that kept this family together. I still haven't quite accepted that he's gone."

Brewer is best known in Bethlehem for his quarter century of volunteer service as the town's archeologist and as the editor of *Bethlehem Revisited-A Bicentennial Story 1793-1993*. In addition, he worked to put together the town's bicentennial celebration in 1993.

"He had a vision of the bicentennial back in the late '80s," said Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, which awarded Brewer the Community Spirit Award in 1995.

"He did all the research for the book, and went after most of the funding for it," she said. "I give him a lot of credit. It's very well organized with a lot of pictures and a great index, so anyone can find whatever they are looking for."

Brewer also affected DeLaney in a personal way, paving the way for her interest in the town's history, taking her on archeological digs and talking with her about history.

"He would be teaching me

without me even realizing it," she said. "He looked at everyone as a pupil, and he got me hooked on history. He shared his passion with everyone he met, and that's what kept him going. There was no sitting in a rocking chair for Floyd."

Planning board chairman Parker Mathusa knew Brewer for many years, and worked with him and the town's historical association trying to save historical homes and accompanied him on archeological digs. Brewer was also an advocate for Delmar Place, an assisted living facility.

"He was a visionary and committed to historical preservation," said Mathusa. "He also had a dry sense of humor. He was knowledgeable and modest at the same time. He had a Ph.D., but he still wanted to know people's thoughts and opinions. His leadership will be sorely missed. He was a very unselfish, special person."

Jack Cunningham, vice chairman of the town's Democratic committee and member of the Albany County Legislature, knew Brewer for only a few years, but is still saddened by his passing.

"He was really smart, but kind and gentle," he said. "He really knew how to bring people together. He was truly a pillar of the community."

Cunningham worked with Brewer on creating a historical district in town, something Bethlehem currently does not have. Brewer's vision was to find ways to raise funds to purchase and preserve historical buildings, something that Cunningham is still working on.

"Hopefully there will be a historic district someday," he said. "I have no specific plans just yet."

Cunningham said Brewer also had a vision of a museum-like area, something like Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts.

Town Supervisor Theresa Egan met Brewer a few times, she said, but knew him as a hard working, diligent person.

"He wanted to do anything he could to preserve history," she said. "His interest was from the heart. He worked with residents who had historic sites and he was a very sweet and unassuming guy."



Floyd Brewer

Talkin' turkey at Indian Ladder

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Everyone has a favorite Thanksgiving dish, but, really, it's all about the bird.

In an effort to make sure Thanksgiving doesn't get lost between the early fall excitement of Halloween and the shopping mania of Christmas, Laura Ten Eyck of Indian Ladder Farms hosted "Let's Talk Turkey" on Saturday.

From turkey hunting and calling to tips on vegetarian dishes for the Thanksgiving table, the day was all about the uniquely American holiday.

Not content to just offer recipes, though, Ten Eyck enlisted the expertise of Brian Van Wormer, a local turkey expert and past president of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Van Wormer came to Indian Ladder to lead a turkey walk and talk. About 15 people came, Ten Eyck said, but the humans were more cooperative than the turkeys, who were just not that interested in being called.

"Brian found the flock feeding on apples, and he called them but they didn't respond," Ten Eyck said. "It's not mating season, so they were just concerned with eating and were not interested in being called."

Turkeys mate in spring and typically lay about 10 eggs each. The incubation period is about two weeks. In the wild, they live to be about 9 years old.

Van Wormer grew up in a hunting family, and now promotes safe and ethical hunting, with an emphasis on conservation.

"Conservation is different from preservation," he said. "You can't just keep killing. Conservation means habitat reconstruction and restoration,

and that benefits many species."

Van Wormer has also been the habitat restoration chairman for the National Wild Turkey Federation. He has hunted turkeys in over 25 states, including Hawaii, and in Mexico. He has also spent much time doing fish work with the state Department of Environmental Conservation in Kinderhook Lake and the Hudson River. He fell into turkey hunting after meeting other turkey hunters.



Brian Van Wormer demonstrating the turkey call.

Stephanie Lubis

"I met people who created me into a sick turkey hunter," he joked.

Now retired, Van Wormer is an international hunter and fisherman. As well as hunting turkeys, he is an avid turkey call maker, and even invented several devices for calling turkeys, which can be hunted with a gun or bow.

Turkey hunting must be done in appropriate areas and a turkey-hunting license is necessary. Posted lands cannot be hunted, and shooting a turkey with a gun must be done in an area that allows guns.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, Van Wormer definitely thinks fresh turkeys are best.

"There's nothing like it," he said. "All those Butterball turkeys are sold because they are supposed to be the juiciest, but a wild turkey is the juiciest."

Deep frying is the way Van Wormer recommends cooking

a wild turkey, as most people who hunt turkey wind up butchering the bird and because the feathers are more than most people are able handle without a plucking machine.

"Deep frying sears the outside of the turkey so the juices stay in," he said. "Most hunters carve away the breasts, because wild turkeys run so much that their legs are very tough."

A turkey can run up to 25 miles per hour, Van Wormer

said, and when they fly through brush, "they sound like a B-52 bomber," he said.

"They can fly about 300 or 400 yards," he said.

A typical wild turkey weighs from 18-22 pounds.

Wild turkeys are abundant at Indian Ladder and in the Capital District. Ten Eyck said she thought it would be interesting to feature both domestic and wild turkeys for the program, including a pair of Eastern wild turkeys that are inside the barn next to the store, where patrons can visit them close.

Twelve turkey chicks were ordered two years ago from a hatchery, but TenEyck said only two survived. Bilbo, the male turkey, and Arwin, the female, are now living in the barn.

They're two turkeys not dreading Thanksgiving, since their job is to provide people with an up-close and personal look at the creature that almost became our national bird.

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It takes prayers, work to keep family together

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Some things are so sweet that their taste lingers for a long time. In the run-up to the holiday season, I've finally gotten around to tending to the broken things that have lingered useless in the house for a long time. A chair and a coffee table recently headed off to furniture repairman Kingsley Greene, who last year restored our dining room table to the original glory my father had intended when he built it. This year, Kingsley will work his magic on a coffee table and a wooden chair. It was Cormac's comment that plucked at my heartstrings as he stood in the living room looking bigger after the furniture left and grinned. Cormac is a man of big emotions and when he grins, the whole world looks a little bit brighter.

"I know it's just Thanksgiving," he said as I chased away the early evening dark by turning on the floor lamp my brother had made out of warm cherry wood to match the dining room and coffee table, "but when we take furniture out of here, I feel like we're going to bring a tree in." His constantly growing teenage feet did a little happy dance across the red "faux-rug" rug that covers the hardwood floors of our cozy bungalow. As we did our impromptu "We love the holidays" jig, I knew the moment would go into the

Commentary:



mental photo album that holds the most precious moments of my children's increasingly fleeting time with us. Cormac and I spend so much time going toe-to-toe over so many issues that it was a gift to dance to the same tune for a few minutes. Thank goodness, for his early teen years too often make me think that I was absolutely not cut out to be a mother (so imagine what he must think!) and make me reiterate my fervent prayers for patience and perspective. I know that the job of mother means that I don't always get to be my children's best friend. In the interest of raising people who can function well in the world without constant reminders to put socks in the hamper, do homework and speak in a respectful tone always, I'm willing to be the bad guy sometime. I cling to something that psychologist Kate Kennedy said when I wrote an article about teens claiming their independence. Their job is to separate from their parents, she said, and they can't do that if they actually like the people who brought them into the world. I

bear that in mind and try to give Cormac space to be himself and not take it personally when he's Mr. Furious. But what I want to do is engage in an argument with him, then issue edicts. Instead, I must bite my tongue to model the quiet, reasonable behavior that will serve him better in the long run. Sometimes it's tempting to avoid the arguments and just give in completely, and I totally see where the whole cult of the indulgent parent comes in. After a day of work, putting a meal on the table, picking up the house just enough so the dust bunnies can't breed, and making sure that homework gets done, it's hard to keep on being The Enforcer. Life is so short that it sometimes feels easier to just ignore everything and let things go. But where would that lead? If we don't take the time at home to teach our children what's right and what's wrong, how will they ever cope in the outside world? How will they ever learn to overcome adversity if everything is always too easy for them? What sort of bullies will they become if we never tell them "no?" But just as we stand firm in the face of what's right and what's wrong, and teach them to think of their dirty socks in the hamper so Mom doesn't have to track down the mountains of laundry that come with being a family, it's also important to celebrate what's good about each other. That's what this Thursday is for, even if getting the house cleaned, the groceries being cooked feels like the kick-off to six straight weeks of work that will only end after everyone has eaten Christmas dinner. But look how lucky we are to be

able to do that. Thanksgiving is the best holiday ever: it's about food and family. The thought of those two elements make some people groan, and brings about discussions that invoke one of today's overused buzzwords: Issues. So, OK, some of us have food issues. If I had my choice, I'd have a Thanksgiving dinner of just Oreos cookies, but for one day, I will marvel to the fullest extent possible that my health is good. Instead of

for patience and gratitude for the bounty at my table, I always add a prayer for the people celebrating a holiday without a beloved family member for the first time. We are lucky to have my 89-year-old grandmother still with us. She is a reminder of the people who brought us to this Thanksgiving table, and I love having somebody to tell my boys about when she first got electricity and when she first got central heat. She keeps a time alive for us that we otherwise forget in today's online, powered-up world. Tears catch in my throat every holiday as I look around the dining room and think of my father, my father-in-law

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whining about the extra calories of Thanksgiving dinner, I will be grateful that I can eat so much turkey that I have to be rolled to the living room couch to let the effects of the tryptophan carry me off to dreamland. Thanksgiving's a great day to just grin and bear the things that other family members say; just for today, we'll believe that they aren't calculated to hurt or slight us. It's a good day to accord one another the kindness and indulgence we give our teenage children when we see that the changes happening to them are hiding the best people they can be. As we travel over the river and through the woods this week, maybe we can leave the grudges and attitudes behind. Maybe instead of keeping a watchful eye out to see where somebody might slight us, we can keep an eye out to make sure we don't slight the people who share our genetic code. At a minimum, we should be able to look at a sibling and say, "Damn, you're good-looking." For really, we're lucky to have one another. With my prayers

and my brother-in-law, all taken too young from us. The chairs at our Thanksgiving table may be full, but how I wish we were digging around in the basement, the guestroom and the kids room for a seat to accommodate them. Somewhere between the gray and grace, I want to feel their spirit around us as we gather together. It's been a tough year in a lot of places. The tsunami, the hurricanes, and the continuing war on terrorism have taken too many people and too many homes from us. News from the political front continues to widen the ideological rift in our country, making us lose sight of the fact that we all tread on the same soil. We have a chance this week to pause for a minute and think about what really matters to us. When my repaired furniture comes back again, the house will feel more like a home. As we gather around the Thanksgiving table this week, my prayers of gratitude will be mingled with a request that my family always be as solid as it feels right now.

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AVERAGE HIGH 43°	AVERAGE LOW 27°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, November 23	72°/1931	5°/1972
Thursday, November 24	69°/1979	7°/2000
Friday, November 25	64°/2004	2°/1938
Saturday, November 26	67°/1979	-11°/1938
Sunday, November 27	66°/1896	8°/1957
Monday, November 28	68°/1990	6°/1951
Tuesday, November 29	61°/1941	3°/1875

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
41.58 inches as of Friday, November 18th
7.15 inches above average

This week in weather
November 23, 1989 Thanksgiving Day brought record-breaking snows with 5 inches in Newark, New Jersey, 5 inches in New York City for the Parade, 4 inches in Boston, 8 inches in Providence and over a foot on Cape Cod at Chatham and South Weymouth.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:57am	4:26pm
Thursday	6:58am	4:26pm
Friday	6:59am	4:25pm
Saturday	7:00am	4:25pm
Sunday	7:01am	4:24pm
Monday	7:02am	4:24pm
Tuesday	7:04am	4:23pm

Moon Phases
Nov 23^d Last Dec 1st New

Planets	When	Where
Venus	Evening	Bright, SW
Mars	Evening	High, SE
Saturn	Late Eve	Low East
Jupiter	Dawn	Low East

Rivers & Recreation

Tides at Albany		
Day	High	Low
Wednesday	10:14am, 10:20pm	4:37am, 4:48pm
Thursday	11:09am, 11:14pm	5:27am, 5:44pm
Friday	-----, 12:04pm	6:17am, 6:40pm
Saturday	12:09am, 12:56pm	7:06am, 7:34pm
Sunday	1:03am, 1:47pm	7:54am, 8:27pm
Monday	1:55am, 2:34pm	8:41am, 9:17pm
Tuesday	2:44am, 3:19pm	9:26am, 10:06pm

Factoid
This year, 24 named tropical storms broke the all time record of 21 in 1933. That hurricane season was followed by one of the coldest and snowiest winters on record in New York.

River Levels

Hudson River		Mohawk River	
Location	Level	Location	Level
North Creek	6.1	Tribes Hills	219
Hadley	7.4	Schenectady	223
Fort Edward	23.6	Cohoes	14.7
Troy	19.5		
Little Falls	11.6		

Levels as of November 18th, 2005

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Planning board takes action on Bethlehem plaza project

Grants Panera Bread parking-space waiver

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Parking space requirements for Bethlehem Center II were waived before the planning board at Tuesday's meeting, even though the requirements are listed in the town's comprehensive plan.

This action is one of the first times the planning board used its discretion on whether to follow the plan's recommendations.

The 77,000 square-foot plaza will hold a Staples, Panera Bread, and other merchants. Current zoning requires one parking space for every 50 square feet of a restaurant, but Panera Bread requested a waiver from the planning board, citing that they would not need that many spaces.

While the board has the right to waive certain requirements in the comprehensive plan, members of the board discussed at length whether the request had legitimate grounds.

Most felt that the spaces should not be built if they were not going to be used. If parking spaces are not built now, the code requires an area within the project to be reserved for them to be built at a later date if needed. However, after completion the only area on the site suitable for more parking spots would be on the side of the plaza near Route 9W, and greenery would have to be paved over.

"The comprehensive plan should be a working document," said board member Howard Engel. "I don't want to see more blacktop just because the code says so."

However, board member Brian Collier, is concerned about following the code.

"I'm concerned that we have a code that states one thing, and a relatively unjustifiable case as to why we should apply the waiver," he said. "We've worked to make this an attractive project, but if we need more parking spaces in the future, it will no longer be attractive."

"There is no demand for all those spaces. If Panera Bread thought there weren't enough spaces, they'd be screaming by now."

Jeff Lipnicky

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky said most people who go to the plaza would visit more than one tenant.

"There is no demand for all those spaces," he said. "If Panera Bread thought there weren't enough spaces, they'd be screaming by now."

Peter Giovenco of Bergmann Associates, who presented the project, said that making the project

smaller, thereby reducing the amount of parking spaces required by the zoning code, would create a financial hardship.

In another matter, a progress report on renovations to the Bethlehem YMCA, which will include new locker rooms, an ice rink, a track on the upper level, a gym on the east side and a pool on the west side, was presented to the board.

One of the main concerns of the planning board is not the renovations, but traffic on Delaware Avenue. If the renovations increase membership as planned, then a turning lane into the facility from Delaware Avenue would become necessary for safety,

according to the members of the planning board.

A traffic study provided by Creighton Manning Engineers indicated that a turning lane could be a necessity by 2009, and the YMCA is considering building a traffic light at the the Delaware Avenue entrance. However, the light, and also signage on the road warning motorists of the intersection, is at the discretion of the New York State Department of Transportation.

"That's a bad stretch of road there, especially when they are looking to increase their membership," said Howard Engel. "That's a key issue right now."

Architect Tom Andress of ABD Engineering agreed and said funds to build the light may mean giving up plans to build the pool.

Sidewalks around the area will be built, as well as a new drop-off area.

Authors Edson, Lea at University of Albany

Russell Edson, widely considered to be America's leading author of prose poetry, and Sydney Lea, Pulitzer Prize finalist for the poetry volume, "Pursuit of a Wound" (2001), will read from their works Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. in the recital hall, performing arts center on the University of Albany's uptown campus.

The events are sponsored by the NYSWI, and are free

and open to the public. 'Man Who Came to Dinner' to be shown

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" (1942), is being shown on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Page Hall, 135 Western Ave. on the University at Albany's downtown campus. Sponsored by the NYSWI as part of its fall 2005 Classic Film Series, the screening is free and open to the public.

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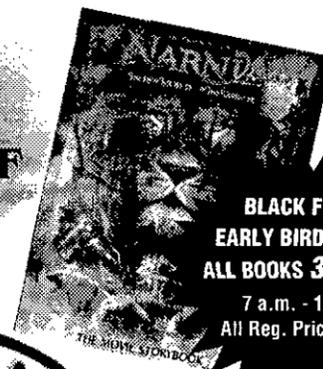
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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Let the frenzy begin

It'll be here in a heartbeat — Black Friday, just one day after Thanksgiving, probably the most sedentary holiday of the year.

But Black Friday requires real stamina and determination. Tracking down bargains galore, shoppers try to get a jump on Christmas and Hanukkah and flood the malls. Merchants look at Black Friday sales as a kind of barometer for the holiday season overall.

Zealous shoppers try to get the best bang for their buck despite the obstacles of heavy traffic, finding a parking place or waiting in long lines.

Not bad if you're a shop 'til you drop sort, but Black Friday is murder for mall haters or those who resent spending money for guilt-related reasons.

What a hectic way to begin the holiday season.

But many people fall into the Black Friday routine like clockwork. Rule No. 1: take the day off in order to get an early start. Later on in the day things will be picked over, and heaven forbid, sold out. Rule No. 2: map out a plan of action, following a mall-to-mall route. No. 3: Be sure to check the papers to see where the best sales will be. No. 4: Grab a leftover drumstick to munch on in the car. That means you won't have to waste time thinking about lunch or dinner.

And if crowds appear to be thin on Friday, consider coming back on Saturday and Sunday to ferret out even more sales. This is serious business, and there are folks who claim to get all of their holiday shopping done in one fell swoop over Black Friday weekend.

And then there are the rest of us: last minute shoppers looking pathetic at small shops and bookstores and still hesitant even though it's down to the wire. Some of us simply were not born with the shopping gene, but you rarely see "Born to not Shop" T-shirts. It's probably anti-American.

Even the idea of a list can be daunting to a nonshopper. Does the list mean you have to buy what you put on it, even if it costs too much or is ugly?

Buying for children is impossible, since they already have everything imaginable. Plus, you'd need a rocket scientist to guide a hapless shopper down the aisle just to find the latest must-have items. Of course, to add insult to injury, the cost of these items for kids is outrageous.

And even with the super sales on Black Friday, the cost of most gifts is budget-prohibitive.

Suddenly, we've lost that warm, fuzzy holiday feeling.

Editorial

Bearsie's home is now in my heart

By DAVID KVAM

My dog, Bear, passed away this past Columbus Day. My daughter jokingly asked if I was going to submit an obituary to the local papers to note his passing. At first I laughed, but then I started to think, why aren't pets afforded the same courtesy as humans in that regard? Are their lives any less noteworthy simply because they're a step or two further down on the evolutionary ladder? Not that I expect the papers to publish the lives and times of every goldfish that's flushed down the toilet to the gentle humming of "Taps." But dogs are different, and Bear... well, Bear was a better person than a lot of people I know.

I never had a dog growing up. My mom was right. She knew if we got one, that she would be stuck with its upbringing. And with four kids, she didn't need a dog added to the mayhem that was her everyday routine. What she didn't know was that even though dogs are definitely a responsibility, they're pretty easy to figure out and a lot easier to please than four screaming kids, each with different needs.

Bear greeted me at the door as a surprise from my wife when I returned from Woodstock II. Perhaps it was her way of getting even for my weekend of freedom, because from that moment on, I knew Bear would be my responsibility. He didn't like the basement where we had tried to keep him the first night, so I curled up next to him on the floor in the living room for the first few nights while he got used to his crate. I'm sure that's where we bonded.

Bear was a good-looking dog, a chocolate lab mix but without the matted coat. They said his mother was a border collie, but we always joked that she looked more like a borderline collie. Fortunately for Bear, he inherited most of his father's looks. Whenever anyone asked what kind of dog Bear was, our standard reply was "He's a

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brown dog."

I never liked his name. It was much too common for my liking. I wanted something like "Doug" so I could say, "This is my dog, Doug." Or "Hugh" so I could shout "Hey Hugh! Gef over here!" Unfortunately, he was named before my wife brought him home. As he grew, of course, his name evolved to a more suitable moniker that fit his personality, and "Bearsie" became the preference for most of the neighborhood. Regardless of what name we used, we quickly learned that you could call him just about anything, as long as you didn't call him late for dinner.

Over the years, Bear grew to near celebrity status. It was difficult to go through Mrs. Kvam's second grade class at Elsmere School without hearing her collection of Bear stories; how this big goofy 80-lb. dog would try to park himself on your lap to get your attention as you watched TV; how he loved to go "leaf surfing" when we took the kids around on Halloween; how we often tried to figure out the extent of his vocabulary by using words like "treat" and "dinner" in normal conversation to see if his tail would wag; how he would refuse to enter the bathroom upstairs from too many bad memories of being bathed; how his head would cock to one side the minute the phrase "do you want" was spoken; and how he would charge the door howling when you excitedly asked "who's that?" At the annual Memorial Day parade, I always felt so honored to be in his presence as the throngs of Brownies, Cub Scouts and Little Leaguers passed by us waving and yelling "HI BEARSIE!"

What they never told me about dogs, however, is how difficult it is to lose them. The kids had had hamsters galore growing up, and when they kicked the bucket, that was it. The cage went up in the attic until an uncle would decide that it had been too long since the kids had a pet, and we'd start the whole two- or three-year cycle all over again. In fact, when we woke up to the realization that we were in for the long haul with this puppy that would howl whenever you were out of his sight, we were originally horrified. And long after he had won our hearts, we would continue to joke about his ultimate demise, never dreaming how it would knock us for a loop

when it actually happened. Bearsie, we'd laugh, was one of our mistakes — like the white linoleum kitchen floor that was impossible to keep clean, or the 1967 Mercedes that would only turn left.

Well, like I said, that "mistake" died in my arms the other night, and I am still amazed at how profound a loss it was and is for me. Not unlike the loss of any other family member, you tend to punish yourself remembering the times you took them for granted when they were alive. How you should



have taken him for a walk the night before, even though it was pouring rain. How you yelled at him for getting too close when he'd position himself at the dinner table. How you reprimanded him for ignoring your calls as he went over to say hello to the other dogs walking past your house.

But you also remember the great things about him you'll never forget. Like how, of all your family members, he was always the happiest to see you come home at the end of the day. How he'd offer you his chewy as some meager unworthy gift to honor your presence as you came through the door. How this graying old mutt would roll over on his back, looking as cute as the day you got him, so that you'd rub his tummy. How he needed to be everywhere you were, no matter how mundane and boring the task was at hand. How he would watch you rake leaves for hours patiently waiting for the rake to drop and the leather gloved "Mr. Hands" to come up for the inevitable wrestling matches. And how, in the end, half of the neighborhood turned out for his impromptu memorial service.

Bear managed to leave a huge hole in our household, one that's not liable to be filled for a long time. And it's not like I expect the newspapers to start running pet obituaries. But if the passing of a being like Bear, who was such a source of such happiness and was so full of unquestioning love and selfless devotion, isn't worth noting, then I don't know what is.

Someone once wrote that the best place to bury a dog is in your heart. Bearsie will always be deeply buried in mine.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Dem team appreciates support

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing this letter together because from Day One we ran as a team, and we believe it is right for us to thank you together.

There are many reasons to offer our thanks and to express our gratitude.

To our families — thank you for your confidence in us, your dedication and ability to show humor and forbearance during the rigors of the campaign.

To our friends, volunteers, the Democratic and Independence party committees and our campaign organizers and staff — thank you for giving whatever

and whenever you could. Your efforts were invaluable to our success. We appreciate it all!

To the other candidates — for your effort, acknowledging that all candidates took the high road, and knowing that loss is difficult to deal with, we offer our best wishes. Beyond that, we hope that you will stay involved with the community and Bethlehem town government.

There are many ways to serve, and we want you to know that your past and continued service is valued and appreciated.

To the people of Bethlehem — thank you for your confidence and support. We will do our absolute

best to live up to our commitments and your expectations to make Bethlehem the best possible community it can be.

You have our promise that we will be diligent and trustworthy in serving you. We will listen to you, communicate with you often, and we will always respect and be thankful for the confidence that you have vested in us. Thank you.

*Terri Egan, Kyle Kotary and Sam Messina
Democrat/Independence
Town of Bethlehem*

Candidate thanks voters

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank all of the voters who took the time to come on election night to vote for me for town board. I realized it would be a challenge when I first entered the race to run a five-week campaign.

I am, however, grateful for the thousands of people who voted for

me.

Your support has encouraged me to continue to be involved in town government and to seek elected office in the future.

*Mary Hammond
Conservative/Republican
Town of Bethlehem*

Write-in candidate grateful

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and all those who volunteered on my behalf. I assure you that all the votes that I received were not wasted. I will continue to work to make Bethlehem a better place for everyone.

Although I did not win, what mattered was the fact that I gave people choice. Even though the political parties attempted to take that choice away from the voters, I made sure to provide that option. Democracy is all about choice, even if that choice is not in my favor. The important thing is that the democratic practice prevailed. In the future, I will continue to

work to ensure that the voters are given the chance to choose whoever they want to vote for.

I congratulate everyone who won on Nov. 8, and also thank all the candidates who chose to participate in the political process. I also thank all who signed my petition and donated to my campaign.

In the future, as Voter Rights Party chair, I will work to make the ballot more accessible to the average citizen. I will work to bring good ideas into the mix.

*Victor M. Rodriguez
Voter Rights Party
Committee Chairman
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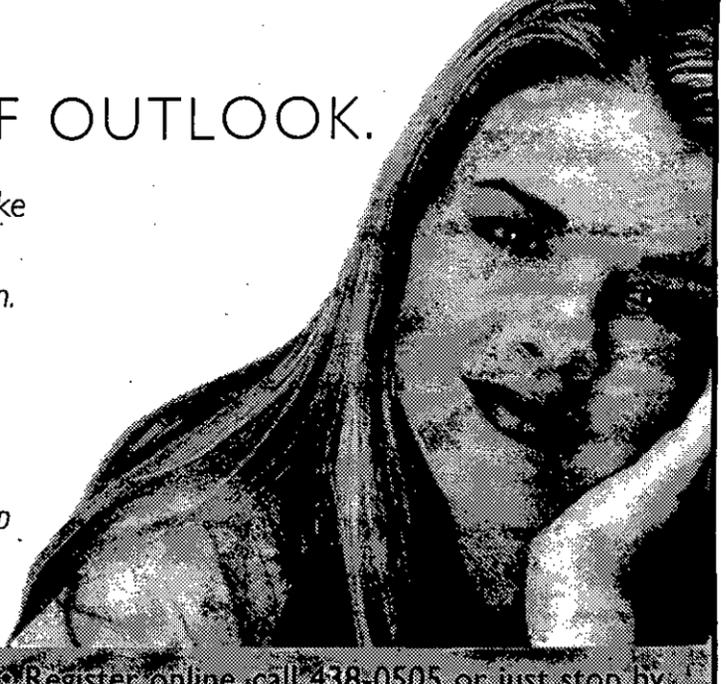
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available for sale at Bethlehem town hall and at Bethlehem parks department at the Elm Avenue Park. They're sold courtesy of Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety with the support of the town of Bethlehem.

Frances Stevens
Bethlehem Citizens
for Pedestrian Safety

Victimized couple thanks community

Editor, The Spotlight:

Over the past few days, we have received a great deal of support from friends, neighbors and even strangers. We only ask that you join us in our prayers for the blessing and protection of all the people in our community.

The people of this town have, through kind words and acts, touched our hearts so deeply that we have been overwhelmed with thankfulness for the love we have received and continue to receive and therefore have been spared feelings of sadness and anger. As

a result, we have not dwelt on what was lost or taken, but rather on what we have been given. For this we are exceedingly grateful.

Our blessings to everyone,
Vince and Claire Sellitti

Fix broken nomination process

Editor, The Spotlight:

President Bush believes that judges should strictly and faithfully interpret the law, rather than legislate from the bench. He has appointed judges to the federal courts who share his judicial philosophy, and his appointees have been rated the best qualified of any recent administration by the American Bar Association.

No nominee to the federal courts of appeals had ever been filibustered prior to the Bush administration, but a minority of Senate Democrats has conspired to filibuster 10 of President Bush's judicial nominees. President Bush will continue his efforts to end this obstructionist behavior.

Timothy D. Wolfe
Colonie

Auxiliary thanks community

On behalf of the Elsmere Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to thank the members of our community who came out to support us at our recent spaghetti dinner and for all the support you've given us over the years.

It's great to be part of this community!

Thanks also to the members of the Elsmere Fire Co. who always seem to be there to lend us a hand when needed.

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Businesses: Shop local and win

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Take a stroll through Delmar's Four Corners this week, stop into the shops, and take advantage of the great deals that local businesses are offering between Nov. 26 and Dec. 3.

The stroll is brand new this year, and is part of the Four Corners Association's 7th annual open house, which will take place Dec. 2 and 3.

"Mark from Island InkJet had the idea of getting people to go into all the stores," said Marlene Brookins, organizer of the stroll and owner of The Little Country Store on Kenwood Avenue.

The association has also put together an incentive to draw residents into the local shops.

"At each store, you get a sticker to put on the stroll sheet, and you submit the sheet to get a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree at the Four Corners,"

Brookins explained.

Participants can collect stickers from Nov. 26 until Dec. 3.

The annual open houses help promote Bethlehem businesses.

"It's a lot of fun," said Brookins. "It's called open house because there are a lot of retail shops but there are other kinds of businesses too."

On Dec. 2, there will be caroling, and Santa will arrive by fire truck at 6:30 p.m. Brookins said it's a great event for the kids. Santa will be accompanied by his elves, and will hand out candy canes. On Dec. 3, there will be free horse and buggy rides and a horse drawn carriage, provided by the Four Corners Association, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Santa will also be visiting businesses at the

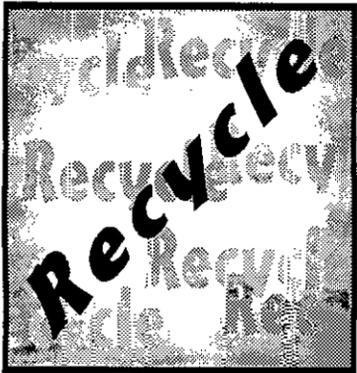
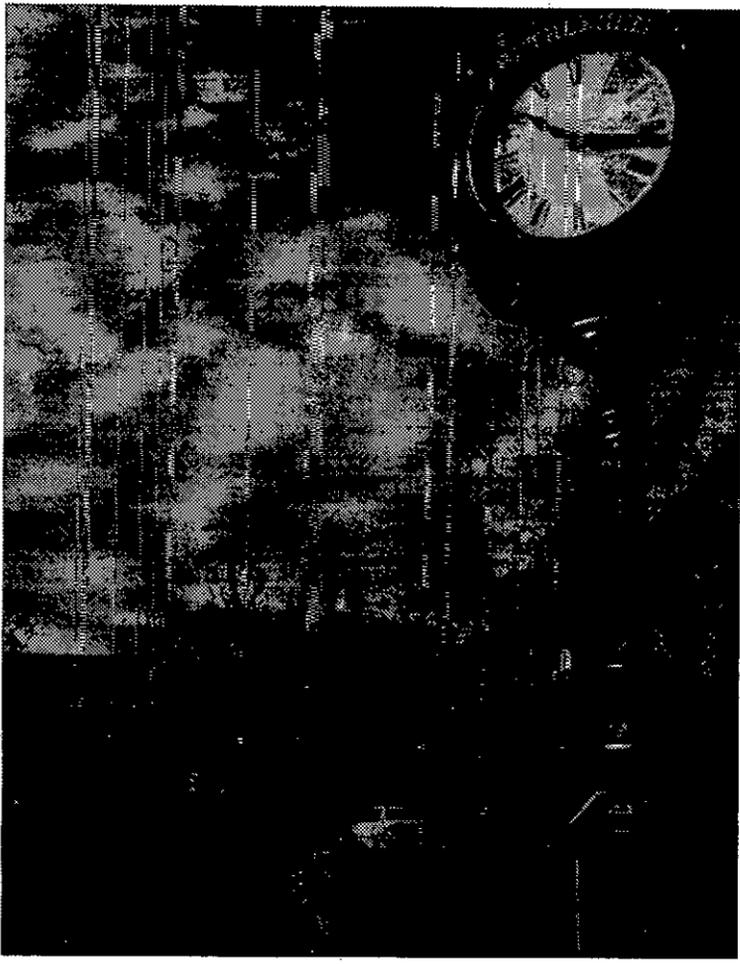
Four Corners from noon to 3 p.m. that day.

"All the stores will have activities, and there will be special parking to get people to come out," said Brookins. "The only cost is what you spend in the store to get a sticker."

The Four Corners Association works with the Chamber of Commerce to promote businesses so they can give back to the community, Brookins said.

"The stores are all decked out and we get lots of people, especially if the weather's good," she said. "It's grown a lot, and each year we get more and more people. It's a lot of fun."

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Fisher wins New York Times award; reception to be held

BY BARBARA VINK

When the New York Times recently announced the names of the 27 winners of the 2005 New York Times Librarian Awards, the most important name to the Voorheesville Public Library was of Suzanne Fisher from the Voorheesville Public Library.



It is considered a tremendous achievement to be singled out for the award which honors librarians from around the country who have provided outstanding public service and have had a strong and positive

impact on their nominators.

Fisher was nominated by Dennis Sullivan, a community member and library enthusiast, who wrote a glowing recommendation. Sullivan calls Fisher "the jewel in the library's crown." The nomination was one of 1,200 nominations received from 48 states.

Sullivan raved about her abilities to find information and answer questions.

"This librarian can talk with authority not only when she assisted me with a difficult reference question on Peter Stuyvesant, but also when she offered information about a good restaurant in Portland, Maine. She is the true civil servant, the person who is dedicated to meeting the needs of the public."

Over the years, hundreds of people have come to programs she has developed at the library or to get their answers to questions.

Fisher, who has master's degrees in both French and Library Science from SUNY Albany, joined the Voorheesville Public Library (VPL) team 17 years ago.

"I feel fortunate to have a job I love," Fisher says.

Within a short time of joining the library, Fisher began her practice of encouraging the community to read and to integrate learning, books, and the world by organizing an

outstanding speakers' series, where authors and film scholars came together to share their views with community residents. Most recently, she led her popular monthly book discussion on Jeff Shaara's *The Glorious Cause* and then with the aid of grant money from the New York Council for the Humanities, took her group on a scholar-led discussion and tour of the Saratoga Battlefield. Fisher is a very successful grant writer, who has obtained funds for a number of author visits and writing presentations, including the recent appearance of Archer Mayor.

As head of information services, Suzanne orders all the new books for the VPL collection, ordering both unique and traditional offerings for our shelves. She is the planning force behind the annual classical music concert and the college prep courses for teens and parents.

"Reference work is my first passion, and I am also devoted to my library book discussion group. I enjoy sharing my love of books," says Fisher.

Besides loving books, Fisher also loves gym workouts, discovering good restaurants and traveling. She is a regular traveler to France where she visits her daughter, Hannah, who is a teacher. Her son, Josh, is a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

On Nov. 16, the Times held a reception in honor of the winners. Fisher received \$2,500 from the New York Times and a commemorative plaque. A separate plaque featuring Fisher's name and title will be sent to the Voorheesville Public Library. Best-selling author Alice Hoffman was guest speaker at the ceremony.

"We are very proud to be celebrating the fifth anniversary of The New York Times Librarian Awards," said Alyse Myers, vice president, marketing services, The New York Times. "Such (their) enthusiasm clearly demonstrates what a vital role librarians play in all our communities. We take this opportunity to congratulate our 27 honorees, but also to salute librarians everywhere and to applaud the enormous contributions they make to our society."

Fisher concludes her interview by saying, "I don't think anyone goes into librarianship expecting great monetary reward or national recognition, so the New York Times award is a wonderful and unexpected surprise. Receiving this award is the nicest thing that has happened in my career."

A reception is being planned at the library at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, for patrons and friends to greet and congratulate Fisher on this well-deserved honor. All are welcome.

Book ends

Youth book discussion

"Horrible Harry and the Christmas Surprise" is a very funny book by Suzy Kline, which grades two and three students will talk about and enjoy with an activity Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. It's not too late to sign up at the reference desk and pick up a copy of the book to read. (The library will be closed except for program.)

Adult book discussion

Talk about "Case Histories" by Kate Atkinson. Fast readers can still sign up and pick up a copy of the book to read for the Dec. 7 discussion at 7 p.m.

Don't forget the Mitten Tree

The Tree is looking very attractive with colorful hats and scarves. Particular thanks go to the Mountain Treadlers who donated a passel of items to be distributed to the kids at Phillip Schyler School. Bring your donations of cold weather warmers to hang on the Tree before Dec. 16.

Bad-weather closings

Remember library closings due to weather or emergency will be reported on your local news stations.

Paintings by Diane Wozniak

Paintings by Diane Wozniak are on display in the library through the month of November. See them in our hall gallery.

Eat well, say thank you

The library will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving.

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Nature center offers weekend activities

• Saturday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. to noon: Trail Hike at Thacher Nature Center. Walk of some of that holiday feast on a morning hike with Fred Schroeder. Fairly level hike of about five to six miles to the escarpment. We'll spot cars and return in time for a picnic lunch and some gift shopping at the nature center.

• Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Holiday Gift Bazaar at Thacher Nature Center. For those of us who hate Black Friday and the mall scene, here's a nice alternative. Local artisans and crafters will offer their wares. Take a drive in the country and find handmade and quality gifts without all the hassle.

New manager cooks up healthier school lunches

By JIM COUZZO

The lunch is getting longer in the Voorheesville Central School District, as students gobble up the revamped nutritious school lunches now being offered, and the benefits are paying off.

"The new school lunches are great, and more people need to know about the change," said parent and teacher Kathy Fiero.

Tim Mulligan is the new cook manager who has held the position since January. Mulligan is the man behind the Voorheesville school lunches that are being prepared according to new strict nutrition guidelines. Students and teachers say the meals are healthy, affordable and taste good. The district is working hard to ensure the program is running in the black and not at a deficit.

"The increase in the amount of meals is phenomenal. There are more kids buying lunches and it's great," said school board member David Gibson at the most recent board meeting.

"Both of my kids want me to compliment you on the changes," stated board member Thomas McKenna.

"We had to start from square one," said Mulligan. "It's great that the kids are appreciating it. Any kid who wants anything at all, all they have to do is ask for it."

An audit recently conducted on behalf of the district showed the school lunch program to be running a deficit. Mulligan is the man who has been asked to turn the program around.

"There is more participation, more Type A lunches being sold, and portions are very carefully controlled," said District Business Official Sarita Winchell. An example of a Type A lunch would be turkey sub, with salad, fruit and milk. Pizzas and grilled cheese are other popular items on the daily lunch menu.

"We make 800 grilled cheese sandwiches a day when they are served," said Mulligan.

"Tim is experimenting and soliciting student input for a district-wide wellness plan to be implemented in June of 2006," Winchell said. The school board approved the new school lunch budget for the coming year with stated goals to closely monitor participation, serve better tasting food with eye appeal, and to serve the food in a pleasant atmosphere.

"This program has come a long way, and I want to publicly

commend Sarita and Tim for the job they have done," said board member Paige McDonald.

The district is also instituting other cost-saving measures. The inside temperature of school buildings will be turned down to 55 degrees at night and weekends when the buildings are not in use. This comes as a recommendation from new energy

auditors hired by the district. "How do you bring the temperature all the way down to 55 and back up to 70 degrees during the day without using a tremendous amount of energy?" asked board

member C. James Coffin. District Operations Manager Michael Goyer said this is a test program that is will be under review. District officials are concerned that energy costs this

winter will increase. Coffin urged parents to educate their children regarding proper clothing attire in the winter.

"There has to be some common sense on how kids dress, and it sure isn't in shorts in the winter," he said.

"Both of my kids want me to compliment you on the changes."

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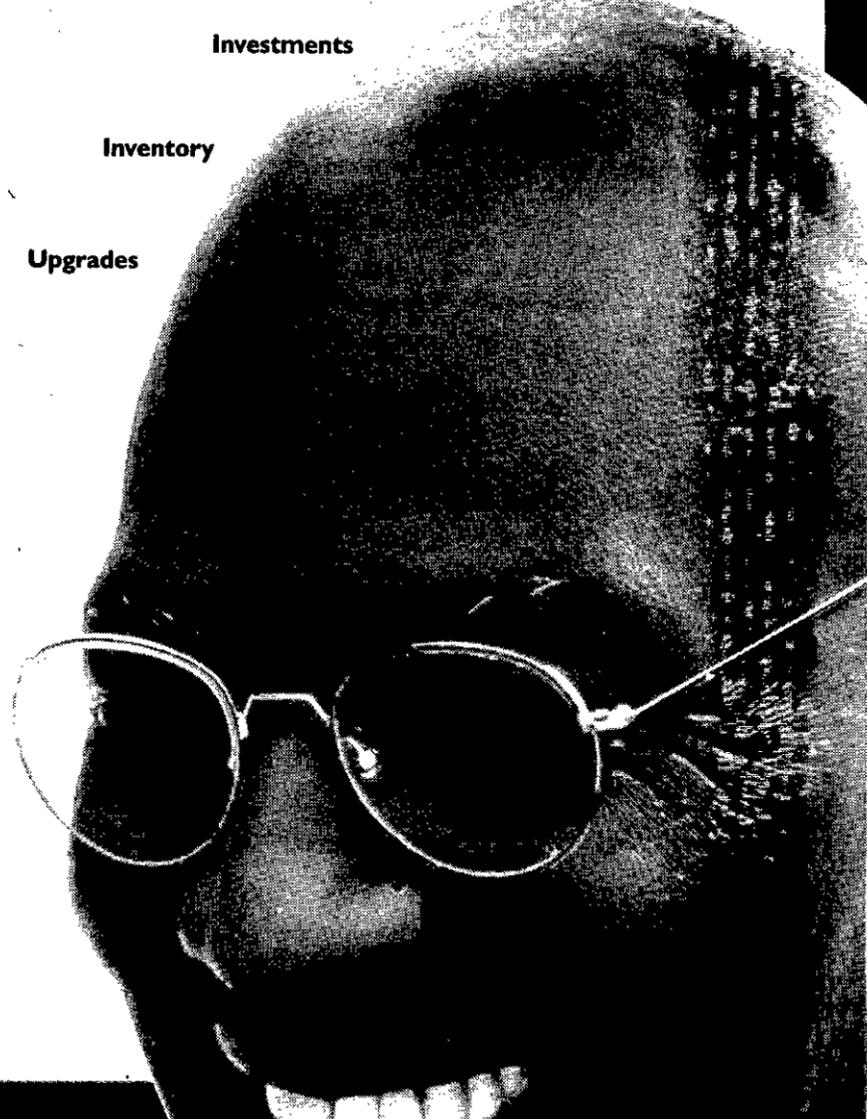
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Friends of the Library group heading to the Big Apple

The Friends of the Library (FOL) group is planning a trip to New York City Saturday, Dec. 3. Space is limited so sign up now with your paid reservation at the library circulation desk. The price is \$25 for FOL members and \$30 for non-members.

Holiday Gift Bazaar

Green Saturday "Country Holiday Gift Bazaar" is planned for Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local artisans and crafters will be selling original handcrafted items and vendors will be offering such items as homemade soaps, pottery, paintings, folk-art, basketry and more. Visitors also may stroll around the nature center and browse through the nature center gift shop. For information,

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Tree-lighting planned

The Helderview Garden Club will be lighting the holiday Christmas tree Sunday, Nov. 27, in the Voorheesville Hotaling Park at 5 p.m. The Voorheesville First Methodist Chorus will be singing holiday songs and everyone is welcome to this special event. For information, call Bev MacMillen at 765-2889.

Movie night

The Town of New Scotland

Recreation Committee presents a Movie Night featuring Madagascar (PG), Friday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be sold by the Voorheesville Methodist youth group. Admission is free. For information, call 475-0385.

Schools to close

Schools in the Voorheesville School District will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Breakfast with Santa

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will hold its All-You-Can-Eat Hungry Man Breakfast with Santa Sunday, Dec. 4, from 7 to 11 a.m. The menu will consist of eggs, toast, pancakes, sausage, French Toast

and beverages. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children for ages 6 to 12 and free for those age 5 and younger.

"Tarzan" on Broadway

The Voorheesville Community Preschool is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City to see the new Disney Broadway Musical "Tarzan," Saturday, Sept. 9. The performance features the music of Phil Collins. There is a "bus only" option for those who may not be interested in the performance. Reservations must be paid by Dec. 9. The cost is \$92 per person. Bus only is \$35. For information, call Peg McQuade at 872-9035.

Scrapbook class

Anyone interested in scrap booking - experienced or

beginner - are welcome to attend a scrap booking night Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew's parish center. For information, call Wendy at 765-9115.

Wreath workshop

The Thacher Nature Center is holding two holiday wreath-making workshops Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Participants should bring a pair of garden sheers for cutting greenery. The workshop is appropriate for age 14 and older and the fee for the workshop is \$10 per wreath. For information or to register, call 872-1237. In the event of inclement weather, the workshop will be rescheduled to Dec. 4.

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at 2 p.m. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Dec. 17. The theater is located at the Hilton Center for the Arts, Russell Road in Albany. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children under the age of 14. For information and tickets, call 356-3197.

Milne reunion set for June

The 50-year reunion of Albany's Milne School Class of 1956, is scheduled to be the weekend of June 9, 10, and 11.

All members and friends of the class are asked to contact Carl Eppelmann at 489-6352 or Ron Killelea at 459-1832 for detailed information and reservations.

Although the school is gone, the spirit continues.

Local attorney published in journal

Local attorney Jeffrey R. Armstrong was recently published in the Florida Journal of International Law.

The article titled, "A Seat at the Table: A Critical Analysis of the Right to Foreign Nation Parents Patriae Standing," was published in the fall 2005 issue that is published by the University of Florida Law School. The official citation is 17 FLA. J. INTL. LAW 39.

The article concerns a claim by the Country of Mexico that it should be entitled to intervene in U.S. courts for the purpose of protecting the rights of its citizens, in this case migrant farm workers, from what it considered predatory employment practices by American business as well as an indifferent U.S. government. The court denied the claim on federalism principles.

Armstrong is a member of the Albany County, New York State and American Bar Associations.

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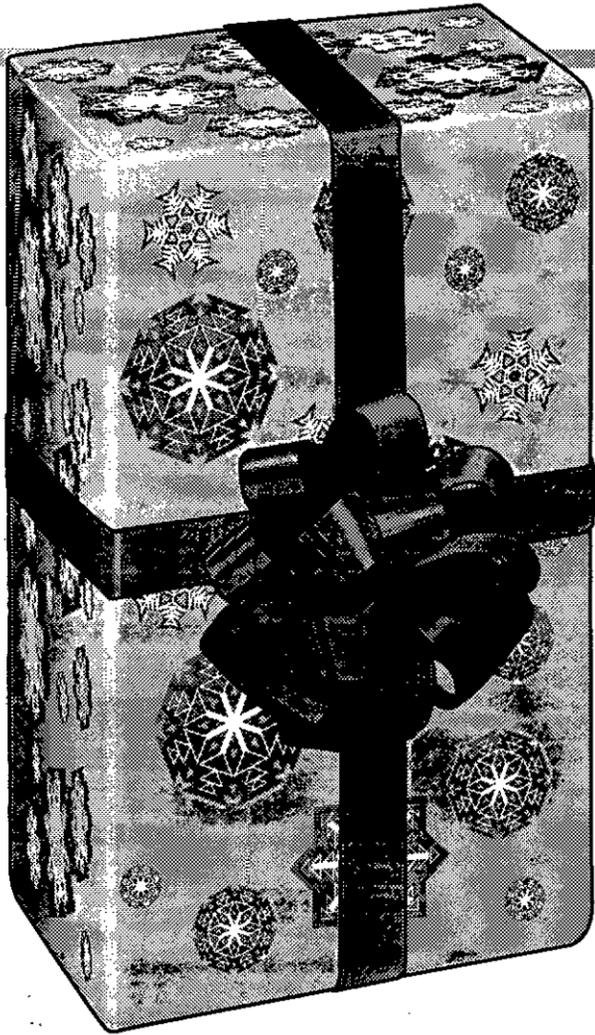
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Volunteers needed for holiday light event

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Hostage

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"It's important for him to feel normal and in control," she said. "It's the hardest thing when you are violated this way. Home has to have meaning again."

The Sellittis' three grown daughters came to stay with them after the ordeal, and for the first few nights, Claire said she was lucky to get an hour of sleep. While not exactly fearful, she said it's going to take some time to feel normal again.

The bandits entered the garage just after Vince Sellitti drove in, and by the time he had quickly closed the garage to keep out the wind and rain, he was captured. Sellitti said her husband was afraid to press the panic button on their alarm system, because he knew she was coming home soon and was afraid police sirens would startle the robbers.

"He was afraid they would kill one or both of us," she said.

Although their home is protected by Protection One, a security company based in Menands, the Sellittis are adding to their system, including the addition of outdoor floodlights.

"There was no way we could conceive this would ever happen, and there was really no way to

protect ourselves more," she said. "But there are still things you can do."

A representative of Protection One said it was against company policy to speak with media. Attempts to contact ADT Security public relations staff, which also installs alarm systems in the area, were unsuccessful.

After the ordeal, many neighbors told Sellitti they noticed that the house had been dark on the night of the attack, which it usually never is. But, like many people, their neighbors didn't think something like this would happen. Sellitti said she has seen many more security trucks in the area since that day, and people have been calling her about security.

"They said that they will no longer be so cavalier and naive," she said.

Deputy Chief Tim Beebe of the Bethlehem police department said the investigation is still pending and they are following up on leads.

Beebe said in a robbery situation, police are careful to turn off sirens that may startle robbers.

"We may use sirens to get across town, but once we get to the proximity of the residence, we shut them off," he said.

Home invasion is not very common in this area, he said, but people should know about

preventative measures to be taken. One key aspect to staying safe is planning ahead.

"If you've thought about this ahead of time, then at least you get some of the thought process and you're not caught totally unaware," he said.

In general, people should be aware of their surroundings at all times, keep their home well-lit and keep bushes and shrubs trimmed and away from entrances. Security systems are also helpful.

"Security is a personal choice, and families should communicate openly and think ahead about what may happen," he said.

Safety tips and other information can be obtained by calling the police department at 439-9973.

One thing that has helped the Sellittis through this time is the outpouring of love and support from the community (see today's letters page). Cards, flowers and food baskets have been arriving daily from friends, acquaintances, and people they don't even know. Most of them had the same message, extending prayers and support.

"My husband and I really feel the love from this community, and we are so thankful," she said. "We could never let this ordeal destroy us, because the outpouring of love far surpasses the fear and terror we felt."

Porco

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in 2002 and sold a laptop computer on eBay to a customer in San Diego. The computer, given to Joan Porco by Schalmont School district where she was a speech therapist, has been recovered and shown to staff at the school, which vouched that it was hers.

McDermott said there is also proof that Porco has stolen from his employers, Elaine LaForte and John Kearny, who own Bethlehem Animal Hospital in Glenmont, and that he has forged his father, Peter's, identity to obtain a \$31,000 loan and also a loan for his Jeep.

"While he is uncharged, he is not the person his friends and family believe he is," said McDermott. "He's obviously unconcerned about breaking his family's trust."

McDermott argued against bail, reasoning that Porco probably stayed in town because fleeing the area would only confirm the suspicions of police.

"Now that he has been indicted, and looking at a sentence of 50 years to life, that is sufficient reason to flee," said McDermott.

He argued that things are

different for Porco now that his life is not what it once was.

"His father is dead, his mother is living with relatives in Rochester," he said. "His ties here are tenuous, and he has no financial resources. A life sentence is very real."

Both sides of the courtroom were filled with friends and supporters of the Porco family.

During his argument, Kindlon read some of the letters he has received in which people have defended Porco's character and asked what they could do to help. Several letter writers stated that they would post bail for Porco.

"This is unprecedented, and in my 32 years as a lawyer, this has never happened," said Kindlon. "It is a compelling argument for why bail should be granted."

He also rebutted the prosecution's argument of uncharged criminal activity. In an impassioned statement, Kindlon, nearly shouting, said the rumors and innuendo surrounding Porco are outrageous.

"If he has engaged in criminal activity, then prove it," he said vehemently. "Charge him or cut it out."

Kindlon further stated that the prosecution's assertion that Porco only stayed in town to avoid suspicion "makes no sense."

"What can he do or say to convince the District Attorney's office that he won't flee?" asked Kindlon.

Several of Porco's former neighbors on Brockley Drive in Delmar have mixed reactions to Porco's indictment and about the attacks.

Charlotte Meyer, who lives across the street from Porco's former home, said she and many of her neighbors have become much more cautious in the past year.

"I double lock my doors now, and I even lock my car," she said. "It was a terrible shock when the attacks happened. This is a pretty quiet neighborhood, and it was really overwhelming. At first we all thought there was an ax murderer on the loose, but now, I'm not so sure. I just hope they have enough evidence to put him away."

Another neighbor, who didn't want to be named, said he and his wife have lived on Brockley Drive for 40 years, and they are not afraid and they are not going to consider moving. His wife agreed.

"I have never felt afraid or threatened while living here," she said. "I think this was an isolated incident, and I hope the prosecution has a good case against (Porco). We don't like this kind of thing, but this area has changed, and expanded."

Another neighbor, who also didn't want to be named, said she just recently moved to Brockley Drive last May, but despite hearing about the attacks, it did not sway her and her family's decision to move to the street.

"I'm from New York City, and I know that bad things can happen," she said. "I don't feel threatened. Until recently, no one I knew really talked that much about it. I just hope they get the right person."

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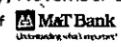
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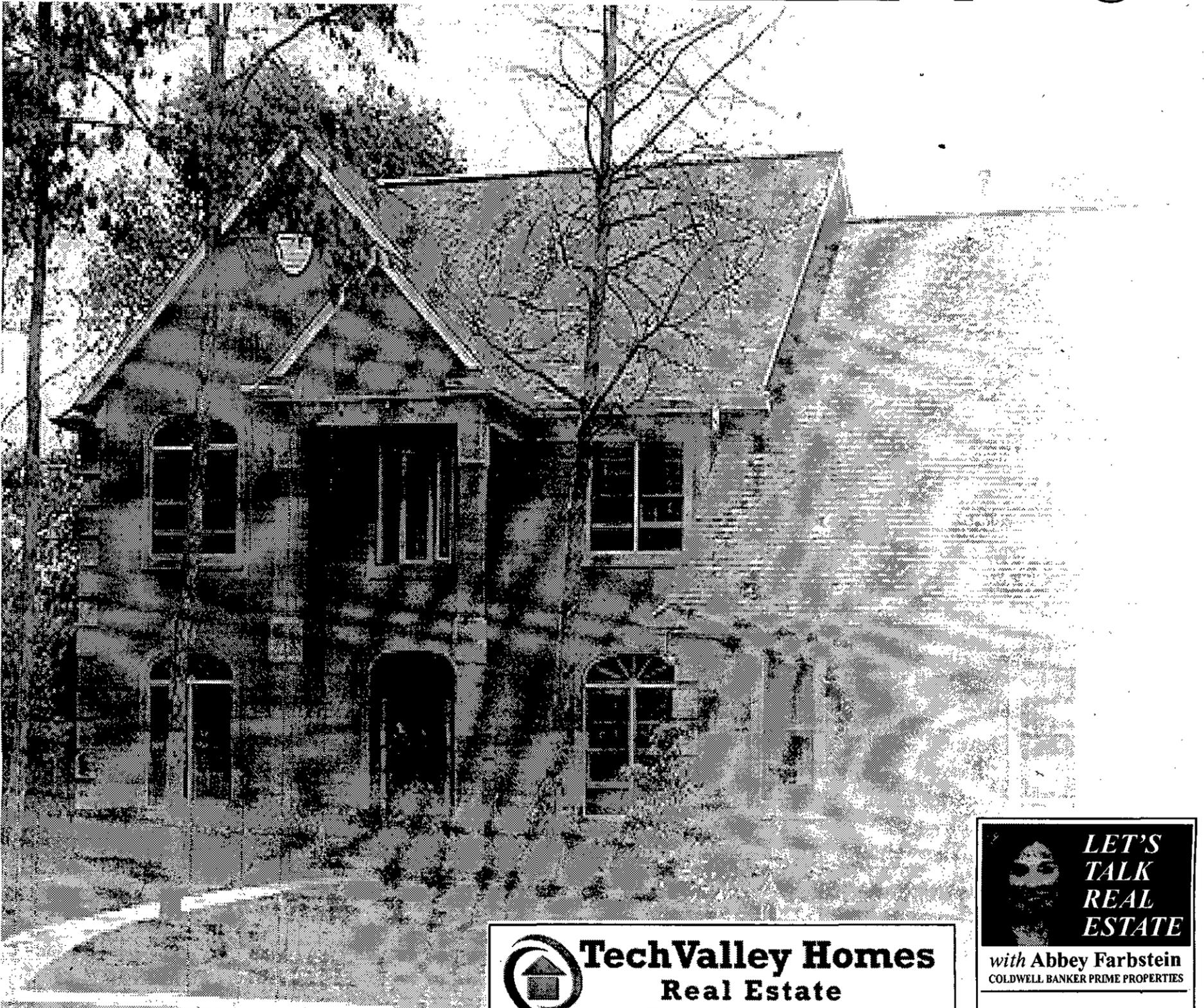
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It is organized in a "round robin" style, where each person playing music (and sometimes the audience) takes a turn selecting tunes and setting the pace.

All levels of skill on any acoustic instrument are welcome.

For information, call Patricia Kernan, 486-2024, pkernan@mail.nysed.gov.

A second music jam, "Songs from the Piano Bench," occurs on the last Wednesday of each month from noon to 2 p.m.

This is primarily for singers, although instrumentalists are also welcome, and it is loosely based on the more than 35,000 pieces of sheet music in the state library collection. Music and words are provided. It also is organized in a "round robin" style.

For information, call Kate Storms, 474-2274, or e-mail kstorms@mail.nysed.gov.

Organizer helps ease breast-cancer fight

Fighting breast cancer can be draining, but Slingerlands resident Lynda Shrager has created an organizational binder titled, "Otherwise Healthy" that can help patients keep track of records, treatments, and appointments at a time when it

can be difficult to focus.

Its pages are worksheets that can help the patient gather and document the right information. There's also text consisting of specific advice, anecdotal stories, humor and encouragement.

For information visit, www.otherwisehealthy.com.

Coats for Kids campaign under way

Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno recently announced the launch of the annual Capital Region Coats for Kids Campaign and urged people to donate new and used coats for area children in need.

More than 90 cleaners and 30 regional distributors are involved in the Coats for Kids Campaign. Participating area dry cleaners will collect the coats and clean them for free before they are donated to the children. Counties participating are: Rensselaer, Saratoga, Albany, Columbia, Fulton-Montgomery, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren-Hamilton and Washington. To make donations in Saratoga County, contact the County

Coordinator, Debra Coichman of the Economic Opportunity Council.

Museum celebrates Chinese heritage

The New York State Museum continues its celebration of Chinese heritage with a series of programs planned in conjunction with Beijing: Ancient City, Modern City, a photography exhibition in the Museum's Terrace Gallery that depicts the ancient and modern life of that capital city.

All programs are co-sponsored by the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association. The Beijing exhibition, open through Dec. 31, includes 34 photographs that define Beijing as an ancient city and modern metropolis.

The program schedule includes:

Dec. 4, 2 to 5 p.m. A Chinese dance performance will be followed by a Chinese movie. Soft drinks will be served.

Dec. 11, 2 to 5 p.m. Asian expert Steven A. Leibo, a professor of International History

and Politics at Russell Sage College in Troy, will speak about world events with an emphasis on China. His talk will be followed by two dance performances and a presentation about costumes from several Chinese dynasties.

Information will be available on the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association Web site: www.uscpfany.org.

The state museum is located on Madison Avenue in Albany. It is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is free.

Information about programs and events can be obtained by calling 474-5877 or visiting www.nysm.nysed.gov.

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Trustees call for applications to fill vacant seat

Bethlehem Public Library is soliciting applications to fill a vacant seat on its board of trustees. The appointee will serve until the end of June; the seat will be up for election in May. Interested individuals may send a resume and a letter of interest, no later than Dec. 9 to Nancy Pieri, library director, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 12054. For information, call Nancy Pieri at 439-9314 or e-mail pierin@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Property acquisition

The library has purchased the property at 53 Borthwick Ave. in Delmar for \$167,500. The property borders the library on the north side, adjacent to its entrance drive. The sale was finalized on Nov. 9. The property was purchased primarily with funds from a charitable bequest.

"We are most appreciative that the homeowner expressed a wish that the library purchase this property, and that a generous bequest has made it possible. This transaction supports the library's obligation to plan responsibly for its future in the community," said President Paula Read, who spoke on behalf of the trustees.

Holiday hours

Library hours for the



Thanksgiving holiday are as follows: today, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 24, closed; Friday Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org for online services including the library catalog, reserves, renewals, online research tools, downloadable audiobooks, and many selected links to sites of interest to adults, teens and children.

Library staff and trustees wish our patrons a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Louise Grieco

Book ends

Use the internet to dig into your past

Learn how to research your roots online in "Looking for Your Ancestors? Try the Internet" at the library Thursday, Dec. 8, at 2:30 p.m. Learn about online genealogical reference tools the library has purchased, and other free online sources for genealogical and local history research. Benefits and limitations

of Internet genealogy will also be discussed.

Library tour

The library is offering a tour of the facility Friday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. See where your favorite materials are located: large print books, mysteries, medical information, DVDs and videos, music, magazines and more. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Call 439-9314 to register.

Holidays around the world

People in our community celebrate in different ways, but food, family and fun are common to all. Drop in and sample the sounds, tastes, costumes and crafts of many lands at the library's festival for children and families Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

Build a candy house

This year's confectionary construction project for children in grade K and up is for Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 4 and 7 p.m. Bring a container of frosting and an assortment of small candies to make your own holiday decoration. All other materials provided. Register by calling 439-9314. Registration is limited to one session.

Evening book discussion

The novel, "The White" by

Deborah Larsen, is the topic of the library's After Dinner Book discussion Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk. New members welcome.

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Each People's Law School lecture will last approximately two hours and will feature respected legal experts who will use real-life examples and anecdotes to demonstrate how the law really works in easy-to-understand, interesting and informative sessions. Volunteer attorneys from the Association will lead the sessions.

Every People's Law School attendee will receive an updated version of the bar association's popular handbook, "Understanding the Law — a Practical Guide for New York State Residents."

The program is free for those who pre-register. A \$5 fee will be charged for those who register at the door. No prior legal education or knowledge is required.

To register, contact the New York State Bar Association Department of Continuing Legal Education at 463-3200.

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Infant traveling to Boston for rare bone marrow transplant

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

The phone rang about 10:30 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 17.

Sarah Carey of Watervliet had been waiting since late October to learn whether a potential bone marrow donor would match her child and ultimately save her life.

The Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital in Boston had found a match for three-month-old Carlee.

Carlee was born on Aug. 13 with infantile osteopetrosis, an extremely rare congenital disorder that causes bones to grow overly dense. Carlee is Sarah and Kevin Carey's second child.

"She was diagnosed on Oct. 21 or 22," Sarah Carey said. "We

were in the hospital for two weeks. They gave her two blood transfusions to get her platelet count up and gave her steroids and a vitamin D supplement to slow the progression of the disease. It's a fast-moving disease and that is why she is on the urgent list for donors."

That was 17 hours before the phone call from the hospital.

Osteopetrosis is characterized by the lack of the body's production of osteoclasts, the cells responsible for the formation of bone marrow. Without bone marrow, bones form without cavities, and become dense, distorted and brittle.

Bone marrow is also one of the body's main producers of red blood cells. The infantile form of the disease is characterized by blood conditions such as anemia,

a low red blood cell count.

When unchecked, the disease can cause bones developing around the eyes to compress cranial nerves, which can lead to blindness.

An immediate bone marrow transplant is needed to subdue the progression of the disease.

Without the bone marrow transplants, infants with this form of this disease generally die during the first 10 years of life.

"It's extremely rare," said Dr. David Clark. "Since being here for seven years I have seen three cases."

Clark is chairman of the pediatrics department at Albany Medical Center. On average, there are 18,000 births per year in the area that Albany Med covers. That incorporates New York, southern Vermont and western Massachusetts.

In Clark's 30 years as a pediatrician, he has seen five to six cases of osteopetrosis in four to six states, he said.

After her birth, Sarah noticed that Carlee cried uncontrollably, and appeared to be in discomfort. She brought her to the family doctor for what she thought may be an ear infection. Carlee's pediatrician initially thought Carlee might be suffering from leukemia. The Careys were sent to Albany Med, where a sample of Carlee's



Carlee Carey was born with infantile osteopetrosis, an extremely rare congenital disorder that causes bones to grow overly dense.

bone marrow confirmed that it was osteopetrosis.

While Carlee was undergoing tests, the couple celebrated their three-year anniversary in the hospital.

The Careys are thankful for the short time it took for doctors to diagnose the rare disease, but are astounded about how long it took to find a matching bone marrow donor. The bone marrow transplant will be the beginning of another journey for the family. Their lives will revolve around a strict regimen to make sure their infant daughter isn't exposed to sickness she may encounter through exposure to other people. And, every sign of distress can mean that Carlee isn't accepting the donor marrow.

"Her body could reject the transplant," Sarah Carey said. "We will be in the hospital for three months or more. And after that, for six months to a year we will have to wash up when we come home and we will have limited access to her."

It's that time spent in the

hospital, and afterwards, that worries the Carey family. Sarah Carey is a stay-at-home mother. The family has good health insurance, Sarah Carey said, but as Carlee undergoes treatment, both Sarah and Kevin will be by her side, which means the family will have no source of income.

"The road is long, but we have to take it day by day," said Sarah. "It is a scary thing. You see and hear things, but it never hits home until it actually happens."

As the Careys prepare to make their way to Boston for Carlee's transplant, a local organization has scheduled an event to help raise funds for the family.

The Knights of Columbus Council 3394 on Troy-Schenectady Road has scheduled a covered dish buffet on Sunday, Dec. 4 beginning at 1 p.m. The event will feature raffles and a 50/50 drawing with entertainment provided by Nick Coluccio. Registration is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For tickets, call the Knights of Columbus at 783-0572.



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Signs of strife: CBS 6 workers stage boycott

By MARTY BANNAN

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As political campaign signs disappear from the landscape, a curious lawn sign that reads "Turn Off CBS 6" is sprouting up throughout the region.

The complaint behind the sign is not aimed at the network, nor does it stem from programming. Instead, it's a plea from unionized WRGB employees looking for a contract favorable to their terms.

The dispute is between 44 members of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians/Communication Workers of America Local 21 and CBS 6 management, including the station's parent company Freedom Communications of Irvine, Calif.

Representatives with the union complain that Freedom Broadcasting management has been demanding contractual concessions from Local 21 members including changes to the pension plan and wage re-

ductions of up to 15 percent over a three-year period.

"We're sending a message to viewers and advertisers telling them to boycott CBS 6 until they give us a fair contract," said Peter Hutchins, a broadcast engineer and head union steward at the station. "They're asking for these concessions despite the fact that Freedom Communications declared in their annual report that 2004 was a 'fantastic year' with growing audiences and growing profits."

Currently, members have taken out billboard advertisements, passed out leaflets and, most recently, set up lawn signs.

"We have asked people to send letters to the station saying they will stop tuning in until we reach an agreement," Hutchins said, adding that the Local 21 has the support of the Public Employees Federation (PEF) and local elected leaders including U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty, D-Green Island, Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and Schenectady Mayor Brian Stratton.

Jennings, for instance, ran no advertisements with the station during his recent campaign for reelection. In addition, PEF pulled advertising, as did Harold Finkle Jewelers.

NABET-CWA represents 44 photographers, engineers, operators and editors at WRGB.

The boycott campaign kicked off at Albany's Sept. 17 Labor Parade after contract talks between NABET and the station failed to produce a new contract. The previous agreement, extended from June 22, expired that week.

"The company stated at the bargaining table that they were able to pay raises to our employees, yet were proposing wage cuts," Hutchins said. "Their proposed wage cuts were based on a National Association of Broadcasters survey of television salaries across the country in similar-sized markets, without taking into consideration the cost of living in the Capital Region."

Hutchins said that CBS 6 management is telling the union that the national average salary for workers it represents is \$33,000. He said that a ballpark average salary for his union at CBS 6 is \$40,000, but stressed that salary depends on the job and experience.

According to Hutchins, the union is willing to accept a wage freeze to avoid wage cuts, but would like to retain incentive bonuses.

Management, he said, maintains that salaries at the station far exceed industry averages for markets of

similar size and those at other stations owned by Freedom.

Members, he said, received letters at home from management telling them that the television business is changing and that new technology and increased competition resulting in lower compensation from networks requires stations to cut costs across the board.

"Typically, you get this type of wage proposal from companies on the verge of bankruptcy," he said, using the airline industry as an example.

"There is nothing to justify what they are asking for. The trends are there but the problem will take care of itself in time. They want those profits now."

Hutchins said that when the station was privately owned, contract talks proceeded smoothly.

"Negotiations had worked like a family gathered at the table," he said. "Today investment firm managers occupy seats on the board of large communication firms and dictate only the bottom line."

Freedom Newspapers, Inc., purchased WRGB from Unicom, a subsidiary of New York City investment firm Forstmann Little & Company, in March 1986 after that firm bought the station from General Electric, the original owner, in 1983.

In addition to pay cuts, Hutchins said members also worry about keeping their full-time status with the station.

"Management plans to reduce full-time staffing in favor of hiring more part-time employees," he said. "There are currently 39 full-

time employees here who belong to this union, a number the station wants to reduce to 32. "We have agreed to allow management to reach that target through attrition, but they want to accelerate things by unilaterally stripping workers of their full-time status and thus deny them company benefits and union protection."

Hutchins further said that after some reporters left the station after refusing to revert to part-time status, managers boasted about it because they could hire less experienced people for lower wages.

In a letter to CBS 6 general manager Robert Furlong, PEF President Roger Benson pledged support for Local 21.

PEF launched a quarter-million dollar media campaign this month that includes both print and TV ads. We chose not to advertise on CBS 6 in support of NABET-CWA Local 21 and its "Turn Off CBS 6" campaign. PEF is encouraging its more than 15,000 members who work in the Capital District to stop watching CBS 6," Benson said in the letter.

"As a union we are standing behind local 21 and not advertising with the station until their management is willing to reach a fair agreement, after which we would look forward once again to doing business on CBS 6," said Darcy Wells, spokeswoman for PEF and a former CBS 6 reporter.

Furlong declined to comment saying that that negotiations are still under way.

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Around the County

Coalition announces new plan to fight homelessness

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

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Dozens of public and private organizations looking to make homelessness in Albany County a thing of the past recently unveiled a 10-year plan that could make it possible.

A little more than a year ago, federal and local leaders outlined the need to address a growing homeless population. They called on homeless service providers to step back and refocus their efforts and collectively formulate a community-based initiative.

"It is a county plan, but we talk about it as a community plan," said Mary E. Breslin, director of homelessness services for CARES Inc., based in Albany. "That plan is meant to be something that is implemented."

State and town leaders joined area representatives of homeless advocacy groups in the unveiling of the plan on Friday, Nov. 11 at Siena College.

Titled the Albany County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness, the plan recognizes that the task of decreasing homelessness in

the area isn't a task a handful of service providers can do alone. The plan calls on those providers, landlords, local businesses and religious groups to focus their efforts on key elements of homelessness that need to be addressed immediately.

The plan identifies the need for more affordable housing and earlier detection of issues like substance abuse and mental illness that can lead to chronic homelessness.

Ira Mandelker, executive director of the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society of the Capital Region (HATAS), said chronic homelessness refers to

people who have been without a home several times in the same year. Those numbers are on the rise, he added, and the 10-year initiative is looking to put an end to that.

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Mary E. Breslin

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One of the major obstacles facing the homeless is a shortage of affordable housing, he said. From 2000 to 2004, the number of episodes of homelessness rose by 27 percent, he said. Nearly 2,500 families, youths and adults

were without a home in 2004 alone.

Those numbers, he said, came through his organization alone, and how many more there are, he doesn't know. The 2005 numbers haven't been compiled yet.

With the 10-year road map in hand, advocates for the homeless and homeless service agencies will be able to focus

their efforts on the issues outlined in the plan, he said.

He stressed that past homelessness prevention and care hadn't been ineffective, but the plan seeks to involve municipalities and businesses surrounding the city of Albany.

The problem affects everyone, he said, not just those without a home.

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Hamagrael students trot to help others

By JIM CUOZZO

Hamagrael Elementary School students are keeping fit and making the holidays brighter for those in need.

At Hamagrael's first turkey trot held last week, students were asked to bring in at least one nonperishable food item to contribute to a local food pantry.

Last Friday, 233 students participated in the run, an event that principal David Ksanznak helped devise to continue students' participation in the state-mandated Healthy Steps program.

"We really focus on health and fitness in this school," said Chris Berschwinger, one of two physical education department teachers who also worked on the event.

Students, teachers and parents all met outside in the field designated as Hamagrael's cross-country course last week. Each of the five grades ran either a quarter mile or a half mile in separate heats. When the race concluded, healthy snacks including oranges and juice, were available for students.

"Almost half of the kids in the

school signed up for the event," said Katie Charvat, Hamagrael's other pphys-ed teacher who worked on the turkey trot. "Our kids really do like to run."

Hamagrael students flexed their muscles in October when they logged 9,033 miles and placed second statewide in a 10-day fitness and mileage club walking event sponsored by Healthy Steps.

"The school will receive a \$200 stipend which will go toward more fitness equipment," said Berchwinger.

This year's turkey trot co-chairs, parents Colleen Ksanznak and Veronica Armbruster, enjoyed the perfect fall afternoon as well as watching the students traverse the course.

"This is really exciting, encouraging kids to get out there and enjoy themselves and run to help the needy," said Armbruster. At the end of the day, 22 boxes of nonperishable food items were collected for the Center City Food Pantry of Albany. The mission will use the food to make holiday gift baskets for the needy.

"The people in need are the same folks as you and me," said Friar Greg Stuhler of the food pantry. "I am really flattered the students of Hamagrael School are thinking of others, and I want to thank them for their generosity."

More than 250 households will be served by the food pantry in Albany this holiday season.



Students Maddie Andrews, far right, and Andrew Wollner, second from right, prepare for the start of the turkey trot at Hamagrael Elementary School.

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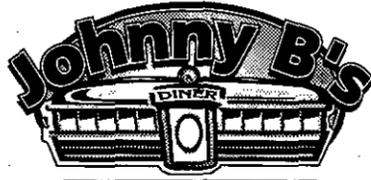
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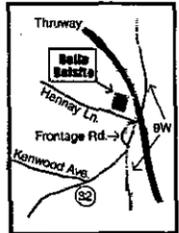
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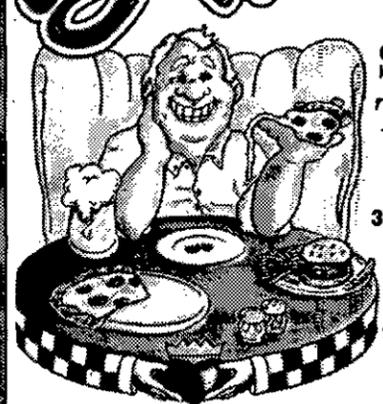
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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

George Carpenter

George Carpenter, 76, of Delmar, died Thursday, Oct. 20.

He was a graduate of St. George School in Cohoes, the former Vincentian Institute and Albany Business College. He served in the Korean Conflict and in the U.S. Army Singal Corps in Fort Monmouth, N.J. and in Germany. He graduated from Siena College. He retired in 1990 after working for New York State for over 36 years, most recently in the Office of Mental Health as a mental health specialist.

He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. He was a longtime member of Normanside Country Club,

Delmar Community Orchestra and the American Legion Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #140.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; two daughters, Noreen M. Conte of St. Louis, Mo. and Joan E. Pritchard of Niskayuna; two sons, Kevin C. Carpenter of Ballston Lake and Mark F. Carpenter of Saratoga Springs; eight grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Services were from Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Entombment was in the mausoleum of St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands. Contributions may be sent to Community Hospice of Albany,

445 New Karner Rd., Albany 12205 or St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

James Cerone

James Cerone, 74, of Selkirk, died Friday, Oct. 21 at St. Peter's Community Hospice.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, having received two Bronze Stars. He was a shop steward representing Local 294 for 35 years and was a member of the American Legion Post #1493. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Shirley Bailey Cerone; two sons, Joseph Cerone of Guilderland and James Cerone of Delmar; two daughters, Donna Kenney of San Antonio, Fla., and Janice Behuniak of Guilderland; a sister, Marilyn Grace of Saratoga; five grandchildren; one great-grandson, and many nieces and nephews. Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home and St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, Glenmont. Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

a World War II Army veteran, serving in the Pacific Theater. Following his discharge, he worked with his father in the automobile repair business. In 1963, the business moved to 329 Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Mr. Gochee was the president of Gochee's Garage and Gochee's Auto Sales. In 1970, he co-founded Shady Harbor Marina in New Baltimore, N.Y. He was a member of the Wadsworth Masonic Lodge, Albany; the American Legion Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040; and Normanside Country Club. He was a life member and past commodore of the Awenke Yacht Club, New Baltimore.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Cooley Gochee; a son, Harry O. Gochee III of Delmar; two daughters, Barbara Samuels of Hyde Park and Susan Tiemann of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Ethel R. Duchna of Albany and Dorothy A. Gochee of Delmar; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Services were from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Rensselaer and burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar. Contributions may be made to the Wildwood Program Residential Services, 1202 Troy-Schenectady Road,

Latham 12110 or the Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Dora Negris

Dora R. Negris, 85, of Slingerlands, died Sunday, Nov. 13.

She was wife of the late Arthur L. Negris.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Hacker of River Edge, N.J. and a son, Bob Negris of Glenmont; three grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Services were from St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in River Edge, N.J. and entombment was in Fairview Cemetery in Fairview, N.J. Donations may be made to the Making Headway Foundation, 115 King St., Chappaqua, NY 10514.

Richard Bailey

Richard J. (Bud) Bailey, of Voorheesville, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005 at home. Born in Albany, he was educated in Albany and Bethlehem Schools. He was a tech sergeant with the 3809th Truck Company attached to the 82nd Airborne, taking part in the Normandy landings at Utah Beach in World War II. He later earned several commendations, including the Bronze Star. He and his family owned and operated Bailey's Garage in Delmar until his retirement in 1985.

He was a trustee for the village of Voorheesville, its mayor from 1964 to 1970, a fire department and ambulance squad volunteer and a proud member of the Voorheesville American Legion Post #1493 for 55 years.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Helen J. Bailey; three sons, Richard, John and Paul; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were from St. John's St. Ann's Church in Albany and burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. John's St. Ann's Church Building Fund, 88 Fourth Avenue, Albany 12202 in memory of Richard J. Bailey.

Eileen Kiernan

Eileen M. Kiernan, 89, of Delmar died Thursday, Nov. 17, at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Schenectady, she graduated from Mont Pleasant High School and the Albany Hospital Russell Sage College of Nursing.

She was a member of the Normanside Country Club and an avid bowler. She was also a member of the Cocoa Beach Golf Club in Florida. She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include her husband, Henry P. Kiernan, and many nieces and nephews. Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home and St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

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Harold Mead

Harold D. Mead, 88, of Voorheesville, died on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Rita V. Delapp

Rita V. Delapp, of Delmar, died Friday, Nov. 18 at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

She did post-graduate work at The College of Saint Rose and Siena College.

She was a longtime employee of the former New York Telephone Company, first in New York City, Westchester and Albany.

She was an active volunteer in many organizations.

She was a communicant of Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar where she served as lector and was active in parish activities for many years. She went on mission trips to Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Tucuman, Argentina.

Survivors include a sister, Eleanor McGowan of Lady Lake, Fla., and many nieces and nephews.

Services were from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Yonkers.

Contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany 12203 to assist the homeless.

Howard Dunn

Howard J. Dunn, 50, of Selkirk, died at home on Monday, Nov. 14.

He was husband of the late Bonnie Smith.

Survivors include a daughter, Nichole L. Dunn; two grandchildren; and special friends, Jo Puckett and Patty Tatum. Services were from Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena, and burial was in Ballston Spa Village Cemetery.

Parade ushers in holidays, honors Broadway

Schenectady event kicks off "Holiday Magic"

By MARTY BANNAN

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As Thanksgiving feasts give way to yuletide preludes, the first sign of Christmas is the 36th annual Gazette Holiday Parade kicks off in downtown Schenectady, Friday Nov. 25, at 7 p.m.

A holiday fixture for the entire Capital Region, this year's theme, "Phantastic Broadway on Parade," celebrates the reopening of an expanded Proctor's Theatre and its upcoming showing of "Phantom of the Opera."

Proctors reopens Friday, Dec. 3 with Northeast Ballet's "The Nutcracker," the first of several holiday shows. Other coming shows include "Chicago," "Dr. Dolittle" and "Peter Pan."

More than 135 entries are expected to pass through the parade route, according to Gail Kehn, director of tourism and special events for the Chamber of Schenectady County. Among them will be floats decorated as popular Broadway musicals including Glendale Nursing Home's

"Many Faces of Broadway", Rotterdam Loyal Order of the Moose's "Grease" and Glenville Hill's "Babes in Toyland."

Other entries include marching bands from Mohonasen and Scotia Glenville schools, as well as Scotia Water Ski Team and the Mohawk Skydivers Club.

This year's parade grand marshal is Col. Max Della Pia, commander of the Stratton Air National Guard Base and the 109th Airlift Wing — "The Ski-Birds" — located in Scotia.

"Col. Della Pia is being honored for his constant work to retain the 109th Airlift Wing as a vital part of both the economic and residential community in Schenectady County," said Marc DeNofio, communications and public affairs director for the Chamber. "This year our nation faced a Base Realignment and Closure Commission with a goal of reducing 25 percent of the nation's military forces. Under Col. Della Pia's direction, the 109th put together one of the best cases to show cause for remaining open and in operation at their current capacity. The base has, also under his command, received numerous honors

from both the highest levels of the military, as well as the local community. He has recently returned from a successful deployment in Antarctica — the 109th's main theater of operation."

New parade route

This year's parade is taking a new route and is no longer starting at Schenectady County Community College.

Instead, the parade starts at Veterans Park at the corner State and Laffayette streets and will proceed west to Erie Boulevard where it will take a left and proceed to the I 890 exchange and its conclusion. There will be no cost to park in city parking

lots that night, Kehn said, adding that it's best to arrive early, between 5 to 6:30 p.m. to get a good spot and perhaps do a little shopping or get a bite to eat.

For the second year fireworks, compliments of Price Chopper, will follow the parade.

"It's a taste of the Capital Region dressed up for the holidays with a bit of Broadway thrown in," Kehn said. "Every year it's a little different than before as it gets bigger and better."

The parade kicks off "Holiday Magic," 28 events to capture the spirit of the holiday season taking place in downtown Schenectady between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve.

For a complete listing of events, visit www.sayschenectady.org or call 372-5656.

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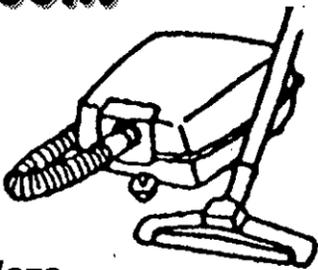
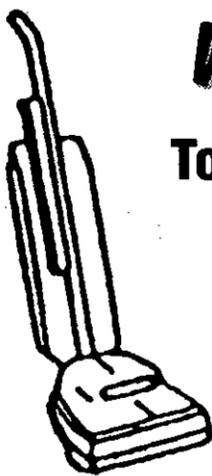
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DeMarco, Curran engaged

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shaker High School and SUNY Cortland.

She is currently pursuing a

master's degree at the College of St. Rose and is employed by North Colonie Schools in Latham.

The future groom is a graduate of Shaker High School.

He is employed by Progressive Insurance in Albany.

The couple plans a June 24 wedding.

Births '05

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Luke Thomas Saubier, son of May and Michael Saubier

of Slingerlands, Aug. 2.

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Our shopping reality may be the mall, but the downtowns of Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga will provide us with lots of opportunities to soak up holiday spirit in old-fashioned American settings.

Bright lights

A Victorian village, toys of the century, a wild animal safari, and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" will all be in Albany's Washington Park this holiday season as the Capital Holiday Lights in the Park return for the ninth year in a row. You can drive through the park and see huge light sculptures of some of the holiday's most beloved icons.

Santa and those of his reindeer not in training for sleigh pulling will be at the Lakehouse in the park.

Capital Holiday Lights opens the night after Thanksgiving, and will be switched on every evening at 6 p.m. through Dec. 31. Admission is \$10 per car; \$15 per limousine; and \$75 per bus. Proceeds benefit the juvenile crime prevention programs of Albany's Police Athletic Program.

Capital Holiday Lights are a good thing for the city of Albany, said Jill Brass, director of marketing for the Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau.

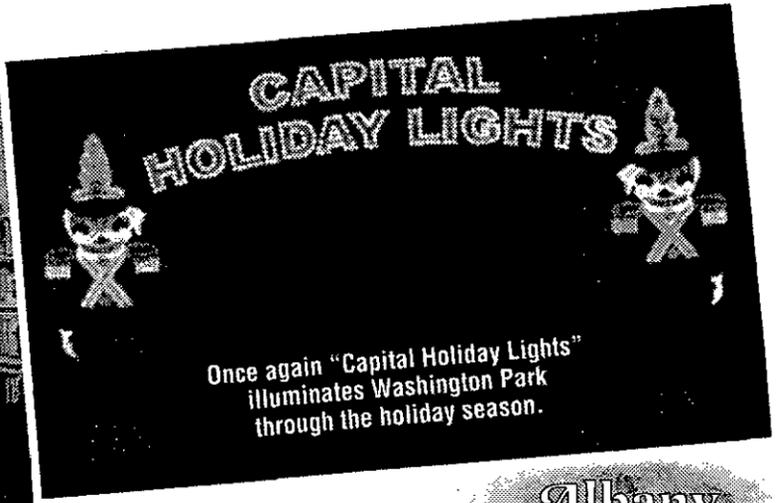
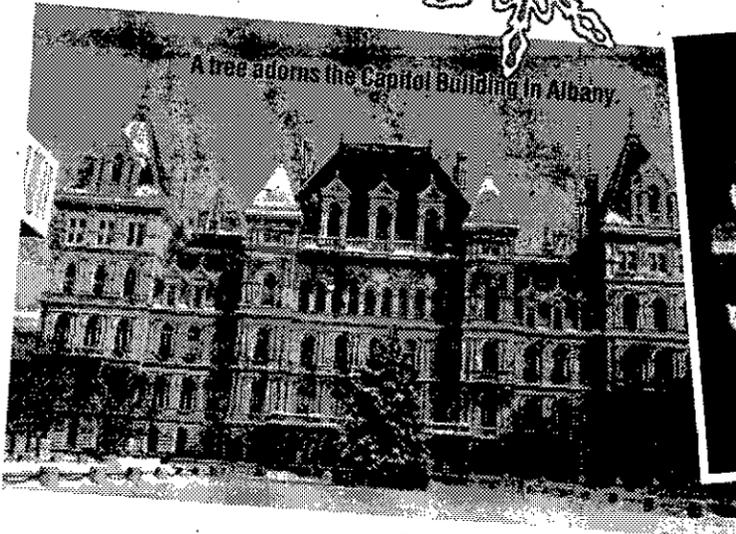
"People can stop for dinner in Albany," she said, "or visit the Capitol tree at Empire Plaza Plaza and the city tree at the top of State Street. There's also free skating on the plaza."

For information about Capital Holiday Lights, go to www.capitalholidaylights.com. For information about Albany activities — including a calendar of events — go to

The city of Albany's Web site, www.albanyny.org; the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau at www.albany.org; or the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District at www.downtownalbany.org. You can phone the visitors bureau at 1-800-258-3582.

The way we were

It may be all about the horses in the summer, but come the holiday season, Saratoga Springs' downtown reminds us how vibrant the Spa City is.



Albany

Catch the spirit!

The Capital Region gears up for the holiday season



Children gathered around Santa to share holiday wishes.

Saratoga Springs

The city will kick off its holiday season on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m., when Mayor Michael Lenz will light the two small trees at the Putnam Market.

"The trees are planted, and they're small now, but they're going to grow with us," said Dawn Oesch, president of the Downtown Business Association and owner of The Candy-Gram. "Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will sing, other community groups will be there, and Santa will arrive in front of the cottage that will stay there all season."

Saratoga's most famous event takes place on Friday, Dec. 1, when merchants and visitors can dress in Victorian garb



The Corinth Chorus in vintage attire at the annual Victorian Streetwalk

and recreate the aura of a bygone era.

"This is the 19th year for the streetwalk, and the second year that we'll close Broadway," Oesch said. "The merchants wanted to find a way to thank the locals."

CDTA will provide shuttle services from different points around the city to the 45 venues that participate in the streetwalk. Santa will play a saxophone; there will be reindeer, Newfoundland dogs, and carolers throughout the city.

"It's a beautiful time here," Oesch said. "Every store has white lights,

and our old-fashioned street lamps have wreaths."

For information, call 587-8635 or go to www.saratogadowntown.org.

Holiday Magic

The merchants of the Electric City have joined forces for the first time to present "Holiday Magic," Schenectady's line up of events to celebrate the season.

"There are 28 individual events that are part of 'Holiday Magic,'" said Gail Kehn, director of tourism for the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce. "No matter who comes, they'll find something they like."

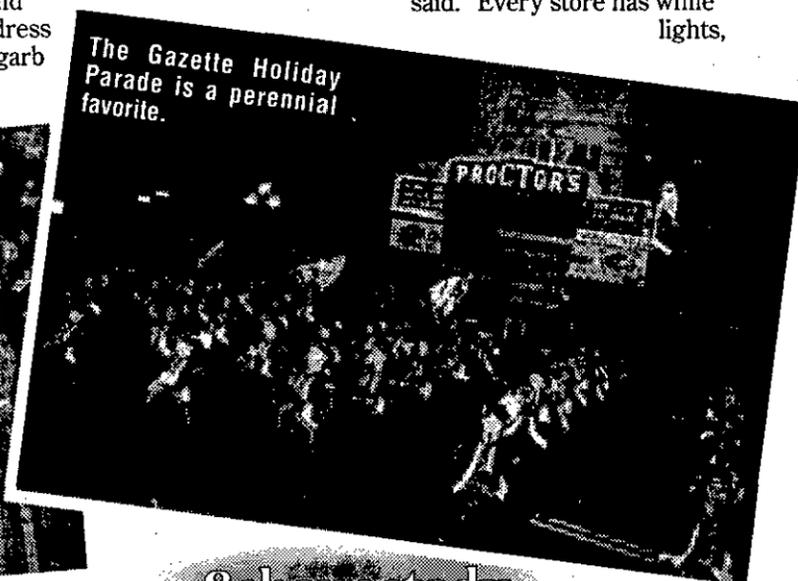
Schenectady's streetscape is finished and the holiday decorations are up, Kehn said. The signature event of the season is the holiday parade scheduled for the night after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

There are folk art demonstrations at 133 Jay Street every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; a holiday craft fair called the "Kerst Kermis" that celebrates the area's Dutch heritage; a Dickens feast at the Glen Sanders Mansion; and celebrations of holidays besides Christmas. "The Nutcracker" will dance its way onto Proctor's stage on Dec. 3 and 4, and on Dec. 23, the Union Inn will host "wassailing."

For information about "Holiday Magic," visit the Web site, www.sayschenectady.org, or call 372-5656.



Merchants deck the halls this holiday season.



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Schenectady

Arts & Entertainment

Theater

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Comedy set in the south presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Nov. 26, \$18. Information, 877-7529.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Pulitzerprize-winning comedy presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, North Pearl Street, Albany, through Dec. 18, \$32-40. Information, 445-7469.

Music

GOVT MULE

Southern jam-rock band, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, Albany, \$28. Information, 465-3334.

HOT TUNA

Classic rock band offers acoustic and electric versions of its songs, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$26. Information, 473-1845.

PHIL LESH & FRIENDS

Former Grateful Dead bass player teams up with several musicians including Black Crowes lead singer Chris Robinson, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Washington Avenue Armory, Albany, \$39. Information, 694-7160.

DONOVAN

Psychedelic folk singer-songwriter, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$28. Information, 473-1845.

FRANCIS DUNNERY

Inventive guitarist, with multi-instrumentalist David Sancious, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$15. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

GEORGE WINSTON

One of the originators of new age jazz, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$26-29. Information, 273-0038.

REVEREND HORTON HEAT

Rockabilly band out of Texas, performing

with Supersuckers and Split Lip Rayfield, Dec. 12, 8 p.m., Revolution Hall, Troy, \$15. Information, 273-2337.

"TONY KENNY'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN IRELAND"

Irish twists on holiday music, with George Cassey and Brendan O'Sullivan, Dec. 14, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$18-20. Information, 432-6598.

CHERYL WHEELER

Singer-songwriter, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

JUDY COLLINS

Legendary folk singer performs songs of the holiday season, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$32-35. Information, 273-0038.

Comedy

"IT'S JUST COMEDY"

Featuring Bill Bellamy, Talent, Kevin Hart

and Earthquake, Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, Albany, \$30.50-34.50. Information, 476-1000.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Mammals Revealed: Discovery and Documentation of Secretive Creatures," through Dec. 31; "Sports: Breaking Barriers and Breaking Records," through Jan. 8; "Ann Zane Shanks: Behind the Lens," through Feb. 26; "Miracles: New York's Greatest Sports Moments," through March 26. Plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

THE CLARK

"Pastels," featuring works by late 19th- and early 20th-century artists, through June 18; "The Clark: Celebrating 50 Years of Art in Nature" and "50 Favorites," through May 16, 2006; and other ongoing exhibitions. Information, 413-458-0524.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Alice Morgan Wright: Sculptor and Activist," through Dec. 31; "Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession — Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation," through Jan. 1, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"Visions of China," a collection of photographs by Dr. Clinton Millett, through Jan. 8; "Melanorhynchus: Then and Now," works by Stanwycck Cronwell, through Dec. 18, plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Precious Little," through Jan. 8, site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, plus installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE ART GALLERY

"As I Lay Dreaming," featuring Katarina Wong's drawings and sculptures, through Dec. 4, 324 State St., Albany. Information, 485-3902.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Adolph Gottlieb: 1956," through Dec. 11, plus ongoing exhibits, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Dancing Rebels," an exhibit about the New Dance Group, plus ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME

"Peb: The Art of Humor," featuring horse racing-themed cartoons by Pierre "Peb" Bellocq, through Dec. 31; "Golden Memories: 50 Years of the Racing Hall of Fame," through Dec. 31, 191 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-0400.

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

"New York's Fighting Zouaves," through October, "Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "To the Standard: Civil War Cavalry Flags from the New York State Battle Flag Collection," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 581-5100.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing featuring race

car driven by 1951 Indianapolis 500 champion Lee Wallard of Altamont, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SKIDMORE COLLEGE

"DRAWN 2: Contemporary Drawings," Schick Art Gallery, through Dec. 18; "Richard Pettibone: A Retrospective," Tang Teaching Museum and Gallery, through Feb. 12, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-5049.

Call for Artists

CIRCLE THEATRE PLAYERS

Auditions are being held for productions of Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" and Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," Nov. 28 and 29, 7 p.m., Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 Route 43, Averill Park. Information, 283-4769.

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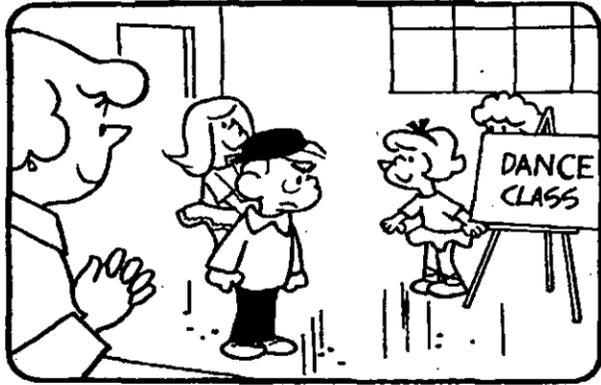
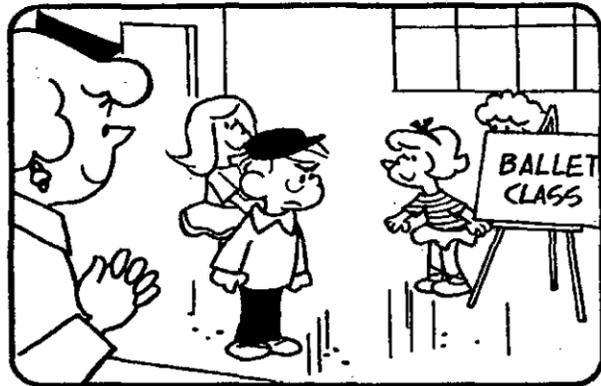
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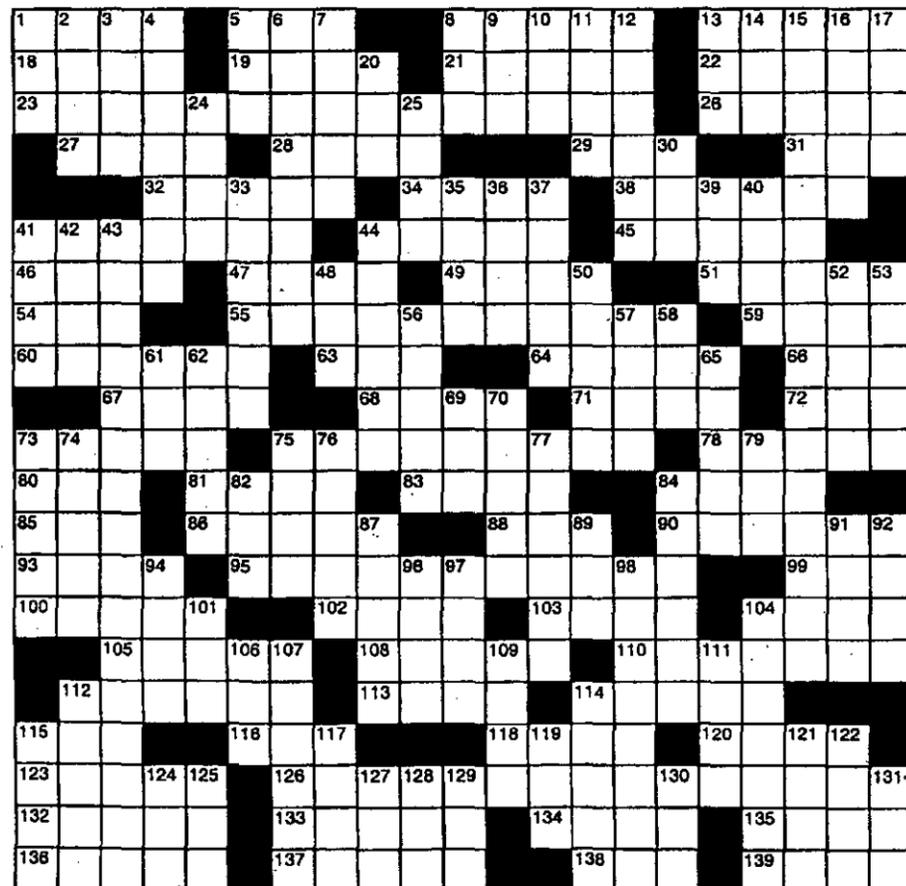
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- 1 "Doctor Zhivago" role
- 5 "The — Daba Honey-moon" ("14 song)
- 8 Type of orange
- 13 Big name in travel
- 18 Son of Rebekah
- 19 Puppy bites
- 21 Singer Shirley
- 22 "— Gay"
- 23 Guy Mitchell tune
- 26 Claire of "Brokedown Palace"
- 27 Jolt
- 28 Coarse flour
- 29 White lie
- 31 Di's cousin
- 32 Seafood selection
- 34 Certain horses
- 38 Round Table knight
- 41 "The Odd Couple" actor
- 44 "The Jungle Book" bear
- 45 Artless
- 46 Tennis legend
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- 49 Buffalo waterfront
- 51 "Taras Bulba" author
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- 64 Baby bird?
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- 68 Auto pioneer
- 71 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge"
- 72 When the French fry faded away
- 73 Frenched fry
- 75 Guy Lafleur's learn
- 78 Made eyes at
- 80 Urchin
- 81 Inland sea
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- 84 Entreaty
- 85 Card game
- 86 Printer's stroke
- 88 Recede
- 90 Soccer team
- 93 Puzzle direction
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- 2 Sale stipulation
- 3 Talk wildly
- 4 Monsieur Rodin
- 5 Abby's twin
- 6 Loud lout
- 7 Director Michael
- 8 One of the Bushes
- 9 Everything
- 10 Winter malady
- 11 Hasty
- 12 Commission
- 13 Nourished
- 14 "— Carousel" (67 hit)
- 15 Guy Williams role
- 16 New York city
- 17 Hasty
- 20 — Na Na
- 24 Foot part
- 25 Herd site
- 30 Xerox word import
- 33 They sport dreadlocks
- 35 Waugh or Baldwin
- 36 Michael of "Cabaret"
- 37 Taints
- 39 Assumed mane?
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- 42 Movie terrier
- 43 Guy Fawkes conspiracy
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- 61 Exist
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- 65 Hillock
- 69 Presidential monogram
- 70 Vamp
- 73 Dorian Gray's creator
- 74 O'Neil's "— for the Misbegotten"
- 75 "Fame" star
- 76 Cover story?
- 77 Board
- 79 "— whiz!"
- 82 Yank opponent
- 84 Murcia money
- 87 It's good to have around the house
- 89 Buddy
- 91 Part of CEO
- 92 Chris of "Sex and the City"
- 94 — Scotia
- 96 Window part
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- 104 Irreverence
- 106 London's — Gardens
- 107 Magazine employee
- 109 Columnist
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- 115 Walkway
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- 119 QB's stats
- 121 Sedgwick or Falco
- 122 Part of NB
- 124 TV's "— Life to Live"
- 125 — Aviv
- 127 Maestro — Pelka
- 128 Fragment
- 129 Botanist
- 130 Lyman or Lincoln
- 131 Scand. country

Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday Nov. 23

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., Information, 374-1792.

TOWN BOARD

There is no town board meeting this week. Next meeting will be Dec. 14.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

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.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

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AA MEETING

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

Thursday, Nov. 24

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

THE CLOTHING CLOSET

A service supported by area Reformed churches to provide clothing to those in need; volunteers welcome. Clarksville Reformed Church, Route 443, Clarksville, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Information, 768-2916 or 439-5400.

Friday, Nov. 25

BETHLEHEM

VISUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Strategies to cope with visual impairment, led by Dr. Edwin Pesnel. Refreshments. Room 101, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 1-2 p.m. Sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Services. Information, 439-4955, ext. 4.

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.

Saturday, Nov. 26

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sunday, Nov. 27

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265;
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Gunderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
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United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

BETHLEHEM

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

PRAYER MEETING

At Gospel Fellowship, 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, beneath Normans Kill bridge, Information 482-2132.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BINGO

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

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

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Voorheesville Public Library, 51

School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., Information, 374-1792.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

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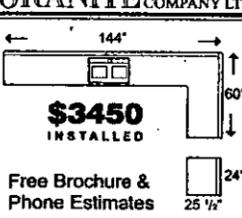
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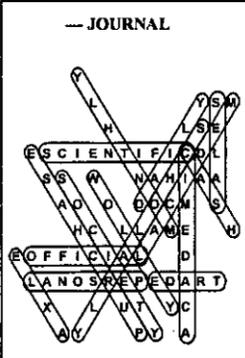
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BUYING: All old costume and better jewelry. Call 439-6129.

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Employment Classifieds

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Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar NY 12054, by December 12, 2005.

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APPLEBEE'S IN GLENMONT SEEKING EXPERIENCED LINE COOKS, F/T PREP COOK, Accepting applications for all other positions. Apply in person at Applebee's on Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

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ATTENTION ANIMAL LOVERS: What are you doing this weekend? CLA is looking for personable, friendly, and energetic people to represent various pet products at major retail locations. Excellent P/T, Weekend work. Please call Athena at 800-249-3768 ext. 237.

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HOLIDAY HELP! \$15.10 base-appt. Flexible schedules for students ages 18+, or 2nd income, openings in Albany, Saratoga and surrounding areas, conditions apply, customer sales/service. 464-0200 Albany, 587-7020 Saratoga.

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LIBRARY CLERK I, Customer service experience, some general clerical experience, HS diploma or equivalent. 9-11 hrs/wk. Evenings and weekend hours, with some daytime hours possible. Starts at \$9.90/hr. Position available immediately. This is a provisional appointment

OFFICE ADMINISTATOR: Flexible 20-24 hrs/wk, M-F. \$13.00 to start. Small Delmar business. Computer guru welcome. Mail to: 10 Heather Lane, Delmar 12054

P/T DRIVERS Needed for the Winter season. CDL Required. If interested, contact the Town of Coeymans Highway Dept. 518-756-2251. Great extra income! E.O.E.

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P/T HELP FOR ELDERLY WOMAN in Ravena. 6-10 hrs/week. Light housekeeping, etc. References. 756-3056.

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Real Estate Classifieds

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

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\$485 FEURA BUSH 1BR, No pets, Security. 465-2239 or 765-3125.

\$550 + utilities, Delmar 1 bedroom, no smoking/pets. Busline. 436-8781.

DELMAR: 2BR APT. FOR RENT. \$850+ utilities. 1 car garage, W/D hookup, No pets. 768-8298.

3BR HOUSE, 1.5 BA, Large Cellar, Large Backyard. 7A Van Dyke Road. Gas/Heat. \$900/month. 459-1693.

EXCELLENT ALBANY 1BR, Heat, Hot water, garage included. Perfect-1 mature person. No pets/smokers. \$675. 518-482-5803.

DELMAR, 4 CORNERS: Large 3BR, Central A/C, Off street

parking, No pets. \$975+ utilities. Available 12/1/05. 439-1011.

DELMAR- Small 1BR, available 11/15, \$549. Heat/Hot water included. Off street parking, Hardwood floors. Good for one. 456-6644.

DELMAR- Cute Studio On Kenwood Near Four Corners. No Smoking/Pets. \$535 A Month. 439-8229.

DELMAR: \$750 plus utilities, 3BR, LR, Large kitchen, Deck. 518-429-5561.

LOUDONVILLE: 2BR, 2BA, A/C, Non-smoking, No pets, No children. 1 car garage. Fireplace. \$850. 785-5279.

RAVENA: 3BR DUPLEX, Security/References. \$750+ utilities. Available immediately. No pets. 731-9297 or 322-5821.

ROTTERDAM DUPLEX: Gorgeous 2BR, 1.5BA, Finished

basement, A/C, No pets/smoking. Off street parking. Credit check, security deposit required. Professional preferred. \$800+ utilities. Available 1/1/06. 355-0751.

SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM Apartment, 25 min from Albany, eat-in kitchen, LR w/ fireplace, den/office, w/d, deck. No pets. App/References/Security/Lease. \$750/mo plus utilities. Available Dec. 1st. 756-7665.

HOUSE FOR RENT

\$900.-\$1000.+ utilities. Glenmont 2BR, Nice neighborhood, yard. Clean, no smoking/pets. 436-8781.

COMMERCIAL FOR LEASE

DELAWARE PLAZA - DELMAR - Retail space available. For leasing information call Delaware Plaza Associates at 439-9030.

LAND/LOTS

APPROVED BUILDING LOT FOR SALE with water & sewers available + utilities in Colonie. Looking for \$50,000. Make offer. 527-8180.

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NAPLES, FL.: Glen Eagle Country Club (private). Gated community, Bundled golf included. 2BR/Den. Available monthly. 369-8265.

SKI LAPLAND LAKE, Stay on Sacandaga Lake at Northville Mouth. Season suitable. 1-2 N.S. 439-7007.

Automotive Classifieds

AUTOMOTIVE FOR SALE

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81 MONTE CARLO, 21K Original. Excellent condition. Asking \$4995. 439-1446.

99 SUBARU LEGACY SUS AWD, Leather- heated, sunroof, 82,000 miles, \$7,500 Firm. 475-9410.

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Notice of Qualification of Schrafts, a Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 9/16/05. 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. IL address of LLC: 104 Wilmot Rd., MS #1425, Deerfield, IL 60015. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, 501 S. 2nd St., Rm. 328, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12398 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law

1. The name of the limited liability company is Cloth Consulting, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on October 6, 2005.
3. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

Cloth Consulting, LLC
121 State Street
Albany, New York 12207

5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.

LD-12318
(November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2006 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM DECEMBER 14, 2005 - 5:45 P.M.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the Town's proposed Agency Plan for 2006 for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Copies of the Agency Plan and all supporting documentation are available for review by the public at either of the following locations: Town of Bethlehem 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar, New York 12054 (518) 439-4955 Joseph E. Mastrianni, 242 Union Street Schenectady, NY

12305 (518) 372-4739 Ext. 26. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's office at 439-4955, Ext. 183. Advanced notice is requested

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Kathleen A. Newkirk, MMC, RMC TOWN CLERK Dated: September 28, 2005 LD-12359 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Steenburgh & Patrick LLC Notice of Organization: Steenburgh & Patrick LLC was filed with SSNY 02/04/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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may be served. P.O. address against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 16 Woodridge St. Albany, New York 12203 Purpose: To engage in any legal activity LCD-12352 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

6466 LLC Notice of Organization: 6466 LLC was filed with SSNY 07/06/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Lauterbach Garfinkel Damast & Hollander LLP 22 W. 28th St., 12th Fl., NY, NY 10018 Attn: Jeffrey Hollander, Esq. Purpose: To engage in any legal activity LCD-12357 (November 23, 2005)

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K & HOSODA ENTERPRISES LLC Notice of Organization: K & HOSODA ENTERPRISES LLC was filed with SSNY 08/29/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 134 East 61st St., NY, NY 10021 Purpose: To engage in any legal activity LCD-12358 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KAL Enterprises, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/5/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: KAL Enterprises, LLC, 286 State St., Ste. 2, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-12367 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

DRAGONHILL, LLC. Notice of formation. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/28/05. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at: 20 Louis Ave. Menands, NY 12204. LLC is member-managed. Purpose: to conduct any lawful business. LCD-12380 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

CASTLE BLOCK, LLC. Notice of formation. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/06/05. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at: 333 Bridge St., Selkirk, NY 12158. LLC is member-managed. Purpose: to conduct any lawful business. LCD-12381 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is PATROON CREEK BLVD. II, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 13, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12450 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Gramercy Communications, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/23/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 119 Winthrop Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-12389 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is VISTA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 31, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-12415 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

WASHINGTON STREET PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P., Notice of formation of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 26, 2005. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12419 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Maxwell Holdings LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 226 Jefferson St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LCD-12439 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

SENECA FALLS OF ALBANY, L.P., Notice of formation of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 28, 2005. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12450 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Digital Storm Designs LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/20/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Warren L. Smith, 164 Harvard Rd., Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful

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activities. LCD-12460 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 791 NEW SCOTLAND, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 16, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-12461 (November 23, 2005)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Landing Creek LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 9, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri-City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12487 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Ashford Pool I GP LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/22/05. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12315 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BNH Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5304 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11219 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12326 (November 23, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Apple And Honey, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/12/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5014 16th Avenue, Ste 216, Brooklyn, NY, 11204 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12327 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 23 Manhattan Valley North LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/6/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th

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St., Brooklyn, NY, 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12328 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Balaji Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2123 Williamsbridge Rd., Bronx, NY, 10461 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12329 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Regal Residential Developments LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 191-19 Jamaica Avenue, Hollis, NY, 11423 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12330 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Morreale Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/6/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 792 Lanett Avenue, Far Rockaway, NY, 11691 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12331 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of KPLD, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 969 Central Park Avenue, Scarsdale, NY, 10583 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12332 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Family Matters Resource Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 14 Stuyvesant Oval #7G, NY, NY, 10009 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12333 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 337 West 138 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/27/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th St, Brooklyn, NY, 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12334 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Ardsley Realty Associates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1304 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY, 11230 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12335 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Eighteen Homes LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05

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Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 410 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12336 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Penn & Marcy LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 410 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12337 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Penn Condominium LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 410 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12338 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Esplanade 8th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/28/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 350 5th Avenue 59th Floor, NY, NY, 10118 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12340 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 251255 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/22/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 152 Madison Avenue, Ste 703, NY, NY, 10016 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12341 (November 23, 2005)

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Publication Notice of Organization of Ziegler Enterprises, LLC FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Zeigler Enterprises, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 6, 2005. THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 69 Zeigler Lane, Greenville, New York 12083. FIFTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to operate the business and manage the assets of the Company. LD-12351 (October 17, 2005 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: 498 Princetown Road, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 25, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 Donald Zee, P.C. at 1621 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful

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purpose. LD-12368 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: 500 Duanesburg Road, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 28, 2004. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 Donald Zee, P.C. at 1621 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12369 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of ORION INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12370 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of EURECO INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/7/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12371 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of LUXORA HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12372 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of ASPEN INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12373 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of ASPECT COMMERCIAL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12374 (November 23, 2005)

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 Notice of Formation of IMAGINE CORPORATE SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12375 (November 23, 2005)

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Lev L. Barats MD PLLC
 Notice of Formation of the above Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/01/05. Office location, County of Albany, 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 20 Whitestone Way, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: medical practice. LD-12376 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of BESTCOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12379 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Maniben, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/05. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12382 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of United Shockwave Therapies, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/28/02. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12383 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of RCQ Hotel MT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Nationwide Information Services, Inc., 3500 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Principal office of LLC: Two Embarcadero Ctr., 23rd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of Ascent Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12392 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of SchoolWorks, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/2005. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/9/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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. Principal office of LLC: 100 Cummings Center, Ste. 236C, Beverly, MA 01915. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12395 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Ruth H's Fitness, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Belleauwood Circle, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12396 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Wellington Gardens, LLC
 Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 6, 2005. Office location is in Schenectady County. The 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 David Kazda, 428 Anthony Street, Schenectady, NY 12308. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12402 (November 23, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION. CHEER WE ARE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/19/05. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at: 20 Crestone Road, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-12403 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of SPI 555 9TH STREET, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/18/2005. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001.

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Principal address of LLC: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 South DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901 Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12424 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of BJB Electric LP Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/05. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Georgia (GA) on 12/17/98. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. GA address of LP: 6375 Alabama Highway, Ringgold, GA 30736. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with GA Secy. of State, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12425 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Firststar Home Equity LLC Authority filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 11/12/2004. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 8606 Allison Road, Ste. 270, Indianapolis, IN 46250. Arts. of Org. filed with IN Secy. of State, 201 Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activities LD-12428 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Newton Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom

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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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12437 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Dunhill Technologies New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/05. 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 James F. McGovern, Dunhill Technologies LLC, 3583 Beverly Glen Terrace, Los Angeles, CA 91423. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12442 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of NYK3, Ltd. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/9/05. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 8/4/05. 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. TX address of LP: 3600 Bee Cave Road, Ste. 202, Austin, TX 78746. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12449 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: MLJ Properties, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 7, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, Pine Street, Green Island, NY 12183. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12457

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Notice of Qualification of Fashion Outlets of Niagara LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/26/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4000 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 420, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12463 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Niagara Investors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/26/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4000 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 420, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12464 (November 23, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: EL DIVINO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/05. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1801 Chrysler Avenue, Schenectady, New York. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12465 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Twin Oaks Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/05. Fictitious name in NY State: TOA. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 6/16/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 560 Sylvan Ave., 3rd Fl., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. Arts. of Org. filed with IN Secy. of State, 302 West Washington St., Room E-018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12473 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of NyNote Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12477 (November 23, 2005)

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Public Information Meeting Announcement
 2006 Assessment Update
 TOPIC: What is the Impact on Property Owners
 Date: Wednesday November 30th, 2005
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Location: New Scotland Town Hall
 Any and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. LD-12488 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of New York Ducks, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Al-

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bany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 160 S. Route 17 North, Paramus, NJ 07652. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12489 (November 23, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MILLINGTON SCHLOSS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/30/05. 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, 655 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12447 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of MB Gifts LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/27/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 747 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11205 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12339 (November 23, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Ashford TRS Pool I LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/22/05. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12321 (November 23, 2005)

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Blackbirds get taller for Sectional title defense

By ROB JONAS

The Voorheesville boys basketball team receives the early bird award.

The defending Section II, Class B champions open the season Friday night when they play class A runner-up Glens Falls in the opening round of the Catholic Central Tournament in Troy.

"We're going to find out a lot about ourselves right away," said Voorheesville coach Don Catellier. "Glens Falls is a very good team. They should challenge for the class A title again this year."

The Blackbirds have three starters back from last year's state semifinalist squad — forward Nick Duncan and guards Andy Catellier and Greg Klopper. Rob Bareis, who was a key reserve last year, also returns.

The key for Voorheesville, though, is how well the frontcourt works without graduated seniors Greg Delaney and Mark Carson. Duncan will be joined by sopho-

more forward Evan Christner and senior center Mike Hopper, who is listed at 6 feet, 9 inches — taller than Carson by one inch.

"I don't think there will be many teams in the Colonial Council that will be able to match up with us size wise," said Catellier.

Defensively, Voorheesville will stick to the philosophy that got it to the state semifinals last year — press hard, press often.

"We work very hard on our defense. That's our pride," said Catellier.

Indians prepare for league season

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk won't be starting as early as Voorheesville.

With the addition of Broadalbin-Perth to the Colonial Council, the Indians had to drop out of the annual Tartan Tournament at Scotia-Glenville. Instead, RCS opens at Broadalbin-Perth Dec. 2.

"You get only 20 games," said

RCS coach Bruce Stott. "With Broadalbin-Perth joining the Colonial, there's now 10 teams in the league. That's nine opponents for a total of 18 games, so you have to be selective as to what tournament you're going to."

The Indians have five returning players — Eric Stott, Tim Sanderson, Corwin Hendy, Tony Northrup and Brendan VanDervossen. The rest include seniors Ron Vincent, Jeff Muncada and Bryan Corley, juniors Paul Millette and Devon Zelezniak and sophomore Jared Fortier.

"We have a lot of seniors, but not a lot of experience at the varsity level," said coach Stott.

Unlike Voorheesville, RCS doesn't have a lot of height inside, but Stott said he plans to utilize his low post players as much as possible.

"We're going to work harder to score more than last year inside," he said. "But I must be honest. I think our strength is still with our perimeter shooting."

Two area skating clubs join forces

Two Capital District figure skating clubs recently got together to form the Albany Figure Skating Club.

The new club is a combination of Upstate Skates Figure Skating Club, based at the Bethlehem Area YMCA (the former BIG Arena) in Delmar, and Achilles Figure Skating Club, which had been based at the Achilles Rink at Union College in Schenectady.

Albany Figure Skating Club's home rink is the Bethlehem Area YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave., with summer programs at the Albany County Hockey Facility (next to Albany International Airport in Colonie).

The new full-service club offers its 72 skaters individual and club memberships in the United States Figure Skating Association, club membership in the Ice Skating Institute, winter and spring exhibitions, synchronized skating, open freestyle sessions, a summer ice skating camp culminating in an exhibition, group freestyle lessons and group tickets to skating events. The club also holds an annual banquet.

Its Achilles Edge synchronized team will compete in the Lake Placid Synchronized Skating Classic, the Central Connecticut Classic at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and the Lee Ann Miele Open in Morristown, N.J. Freestyle skaters are preparing for competitions in Lake Placid and Saratoga Springs.

The new club will present its first winter ice show Saturday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. The event, which will feature freestyle and synchronized skating, is open to the public free of charge.

Board members for 2005-2006 are Laurie Lombardi, president; Tara DiRisio, vice president; and Jayne Deane-White, secretary (all of Slingerlands); Colm Kennedy of Schoharie, treasurer; Paulette Morgan of Delmar, test chair;

Janet Sotola of Voorheesville, membership chair; and Dawn Hopsicker of Guilderland, synchronized skating chair. Members at large are Pete Gillies and Tedi Coleman, both of Slingerlands, Kathy Appel and Diane Bloustein, both of Niskayuna, and Kathy Basirico of Round Lake.

The club welcomes new members at any time. For information, contact Sotola at jsotola@nycap.rr.com or visit the club's web site at www.albanyfsc.org.

Voorheesville Blackbirds
 Head coach: Don Catellier (second year).
 Returning starters: Nick Duncan (senior forward), Andy Catellier (senior guard), Greg Klopper (senior guard).
 Other returning player: Rob Bareis.
 Key newcomers: Evan Christner, Justin Arico, Greg Carson, Mike Hopper.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians
 Head coach: Bruce Stott (third year).
 Returning players: Eric Stott, Tim Sanderson, Corwin Hendy, Tony Northrup, Brendan VanDervossen.
 Key newcomers: Ron Vincent, Jeff Muncada, Bryan Corley, Paul Millette, Jared Fortier.

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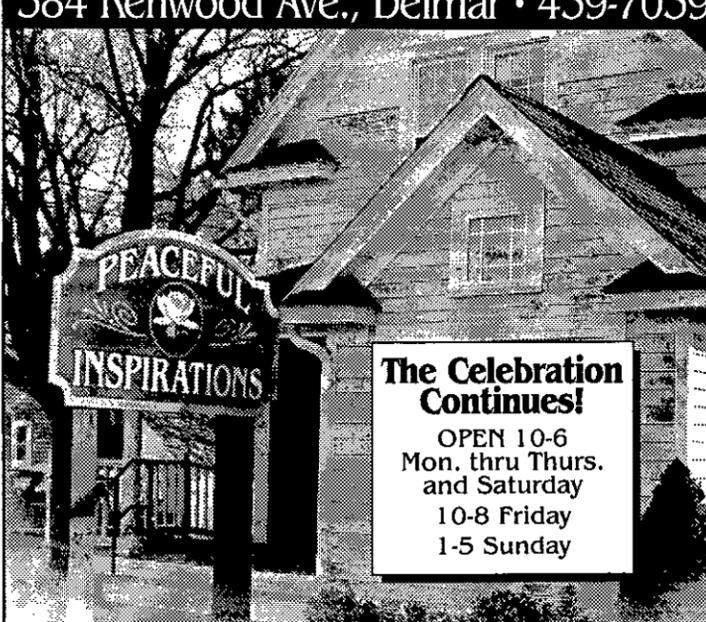
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Rhodes-Devey wins Federation meet title

Guiderland High School junior Brian Rhodes-Devey added to his trophy case Saturday by winning the New York State Federation Cross Country championship at Bowdoin State Park south of Poughkeepsie.

The Slingerlands resident pulled away from Saratoga's Steve Murdock midway through the 5-kilometer race and won by nearly 13 seconds. Rhodes-Devey finished with a time of 15:56.6, while Murdock placed second with a time of 16:09.2.

Other top-20 performances were turned in by Saratoga's Greg Kelsey (fourth), Guiderland's Seth DuBois (11th) and Colonie's Kevin Treadway (17th).

Saratoga had the top finish in the boys team standings. The Blue Streaks were second with 83 points, 17 points behind champion Fayetteville-Manlius.

On the girls' side, Saratoga claimed the team title with 53 points. Lindsey Ferguson led all Section II runners with a second-place finish in a time of 18:34.8.

Eagles fly to Buffalo



Five members of the Bethlehem girls swimming and diving team competed at last weekend's New York State Public High School Athletic Association championships at Erie Community College in Buffalo. The Eagle 200-yard medley relay team of Becca Stern, Elise Walsh, Molly Howland and Katie O'Donnell placed fifth and the 400 freestyle relay team of Stern, Howland, O'Donnell and Emma Walsh finished eighth. Stern placed eighth in the 100 backstroke, while Howland was 10th in the 500 freestyle. O'Donnell placed 15th in the 100 backstroke.

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Dombrowski signs with Connecticut

Bethlehem Central High School senior Katie Dombrowski signed a national letter of intent to play softball at the University of Connecticut.

Dombrowski was a first-team Suburban Council all-star infielder for the Eagles last season. She has also played for the Adirondack Magic travel team.

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Bethlehem announces winter sports schedule

The following is the winter varsity sports schedule for Bethlehem Central High School (home games in bold).

Boys basketball

Dec. 2 — Christian Brothers Academy (Girmincl Tournament), 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 3 — Amsterdam (Girmincl Tournament), 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 6 — Averill Park, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 — Colonie, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 13 — at Saratoga, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 16 — at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 20 — at Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 27 and 29 — Dutchmen Tournament, Guilderland, TBA
Jan. 3 — Shen, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6 — Mohonasen, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10 — Columbia, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 13 — at Guilderland, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 17 — at Ballston Spa, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 20 — at Colonie, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 — Shaker, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31 — Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 3 — at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 9, 10 and 12 — Suburban Council Tournament, TBA.

Girls basketball

Nov. 29 — at Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2 and 3 — Bethlehem Tipoff Tournament at Washington Avenue Armory, 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 6 — at Averill Park, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 9 — at Colonie, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13 — Saratoga, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 — Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 — Troy, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 3 — at Shenendehowa, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 6 — at Mohonasen, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 10 — at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13 — Guilderland, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 — Ballston Spa, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20 — Colonie, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 27 — at Shaker, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 31 — at Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 3 — Columbia, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 8, 10 and 12 — Suburban Council Tournament, TBA.

Boys bowling

Nov. 29 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 30 — Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.
Dec. 6 — Averill Park, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 8 — at Ballston Spa, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 13 — at Colonie, 4 p.m.
Dec. 14 — Niskayuna, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 20 — at Columbia, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 21 — at Averill Park, 4 p.m.
Jan. 4 — Mohonasen, 4 p.m.
Jan. 10 — Guilderland, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 12 — at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 17 — at Saratoga, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 24 — at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.
Jan. 31 — Shaker, 4 p.m.
Feb. 1 — Ballston Spa, 4 p.m.
 Feb. 7 — Suburban Council Tournament, 4 p.m.

Girls bowling

Nov. 29 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 30 — Shenendehowa, 4 p.m.
Dec. 6 — Averill Park, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 8 — at Ballston Spa, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 13 — at Colonie, 4 p.m.
Dec. 14 — Niskayuna, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 20 — at Columbia, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 21 — at Averill Park, 4 p.m.
Jan. 4 — Mohonasen, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 9 — Tri-meet at Watervliet, 4 p.m.
Jan. 10 — Guilderland, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 12 — at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 17 — at Saratoga, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 24 — at Niskayuna, 4 p.m.
Jan. 31 — Shaker, 4 p.m.
Feb. 1 — Ballston Spa, 4 p.m.
 Feb. 7 — Suburban Council Tournament, 4 p.m.

Gymnastics

Dec. 15 — at Shenendehowa, 6 p.m.
 Dec. 17 — at Shaker, 10 a.m.
 Dec. 20 — at Saratoga, 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 27 — at Shenendehowa, 11 a.m.
Dec. 29 — home meet, 10 a.m.

Jan. 3 — at Guilderland, 6 p.m.
Jan. 5 — Shaker, 6 p.m.
Jan. 10 — Shenendehowa, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 14 — at Saratoga, 10 a.m.
Jan. 17 — Saratoga, 6 p.m.
Jan. 19 — Guilderland, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 28 — at Shaker, 10 a.m.
 Feb. 4 — at Shaker, 10 a.m.
Feb. 9 — home meet, 6 p.m.
 Feb. 16 — Section II meet, Shaker, 4:30 p.m.

Hockey

Nov. 26 — Burnt Hills/Scotia-Glenville, 8:45 p.m.
 Nov. 30 — at Niskayuna/Schenectady, 5:15 p.m.
 Dec. 2 — at South Glens Falls, 7:45 p.m.
 Dec. 3 — at Mohonasen/Schalmont, 7:45 p.m.
Dec. 7 — Shen, 7:50 p.m.
Dec. 9 — Alexandria, 7:50 p.m.
Dec. 10 — Immaculate Conception, 3:15 p.m.
 Dec. 13 — at Saratoga, 6 p.m.
Dec. 16 — Queensbury (Bethlehem Tournament), 6:20 p.m.
Dec. 17 — Bethlehem Tournament, 6:20/8:20 p.m.
 Dec. 23 — at LaSalle, 7:20 p.m.
 Dec. 30 and 31 — Grandstander Tournament, Glens Falls, TBA.
 Jan. 6 — at Alexandria, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 7 — at Indian River, 1:30 p.m.
 Jan. 14 — at Christian Brothers Academy, 8:45 p.m.
Jan. 20 — Shaker/Colonie, 7:50 p.m.
Jan. 21 — Burnt Hills/Scotia-Glenville, 7:50 p.m.
Jan. 27 — Mohonasen/Schalmont, 7:50 p.m.
Jan. 28 — Guilderland, 7:50 p.m.
Feb. 1 — South Glens Falls, 7:50 p.m.
 Feb. 10 — at Guilderland (Albany Academy Tournament), 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 11 — at Franklin Academy (Albany Academy Tournament), 11 a.m.

Boys swimming

Dec. 3 — at Ballston Spa meet, 9

a.m.
Dec. 8 — Shaker, 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 13 — at Albany, 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 15 — at Mohonasen, 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 22 — at Guilderville, 4:30 p.m.
 Jan. 12 — at Ballston Spa, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 — Saratoga, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 — Shenendehowa, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 — Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Nov. 30 — at Shenendehowa, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 3 — non-league meet at Mohonasen, 10 a.m.

Dec. 10 — tri-meet at South Glens Falls, TBA
 Dec. 14 — at Saratoga, 6 p.m.
Dec. 21 — Guilderland, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 4 — at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 7 — at Saratoga tournament, 10 a.m.
Jan. 11 — Averill Park, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18 — Niskayuna, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 26 — at Mohonasen, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 28 — at Big 10 Tournament, Albany, 9 a.m.
Feb. 1 — Colonie, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 — Ballston Spa, 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 10 and 11 — Section II, Class A tournament, TBA

Defense

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to my markers (Swift and Burke) and one to Ryan (Edson)," he said. "I run the show back there, but they make my life so much easier."

Young may have run the defensive show, but were it not for a midseason decision coach Mike Campisi made, Shen might not have gotten as far as it did. Following a 2-0 loss to Bethlehem in early October — a game in which the Plainsmen tried to match the Eagles' firepower and failed — Campisi moved some key players around, including returning Young to sweeper (after he started the season at midfield) and making Matt Pentkowski a midfielder.

"We had to play more defen-

sively, so I had to play our best guys deeper," Campisi said.

It took a while for the results to show up. There were the consecutive 3-2 victories over Mohonasen and Ballston Spa — which combined for four Suburban Council wins. But when the Plainsmen shut out Niskayuna 1-0 in overtime in the final regular season game, the formula for their playoff success became clear; get a goal, and let the defense do the rest.

It was a formula that Shen followed all the way to the state title.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Defense leads Shen to state title

By ROB JONAS

Shutting out one opponent in the playoffs is impressive. Two shutouts in a row is quite an accomplishment.

So, how does one put into words what the Shenendehowa boys soccer team did over the last three weeks? Check out these facts:

- The Plainsmen allowed

From the sports desk...

two goals in six playoff games on their way to the state class AA title.

- They didn't allow a goal since Niskayuna scored midway through the first half of the Section II semifinals — a span of more than 400 minutes.

- They held arguably two of the best offenses in the state, Bethlehem and Section XI champion Brentwood, scoreless. In fact, neither team had any significant scoring threats (save for one Brentwood shot that sailed over the crossbar late in Saturday's state semifinal).

How did Shen do it? The Plainsmen simply swarmed to the ball whenever it was in their half of the field and made certain that no opponent could turn and fire a clean shot on goal. If there was a shot, it was usually hurried and often off-target. Ryan Edson only made a handful of saves from the Sectional final through the state semifinal because the defense in front of him worked so well.

"Our defense is absolutely phenomenal," said Edson following the 1-0 win over Brentwood, which had national soccer team player Wilbur Bonilla in its starting lineup. "My hat goes off to those kids. They did a great job."

Greg Young was the centerpiece of the defensive unit. The senior acted as a second director — along with Edson — to make sure he and teammates Kevin Swift and David Burke were always in the right place at the right time. As a result, Young was selected as Shen's most valuable player for the state playoffs.

But Young acknowledged that the MVP award — a soccer ball — should not be his alone.

"If I could cut this ball into four pieces, I'd give two

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Time to get offensive

Eagles look to improve their scoring output in 2005-06

By ROB JONAS

Let it not be said that the Bethlehem boys basketball team backs down from challenges.

The Eagles will open the season against the defending Section II, Class AA champion for the second consecutive year when they face Christian Brothers Academy Dec. 2 in the opening round of the Girmindl Tournament at Shaker.

"If you want to be the best, you have to at least try to beat the best," said Bethlehem coach Jeremy Klugman. "We've said we're going to stay in that (Girmindl) tournament until we win it."

Winning consistently was a problem for Bethlehem last year, but not for a lack of effort. The Eagles were one of the toughest defensive teams in the Suburban Council last year, often holding their opponents under 50 points.

Bethlehem's problem has been at the offensive end. The Eagles spent the first six games of last season trying to get above the 40-point plateau and rarely got above the 50-point mark — an expected average for most Suburban Council teams.

"We had a good defensive group last year," said Klugman. "We were able to win by scoring 34-35 points. We can't do that this year."

Bethlehem has its three top scorers back from last year — Craig Orner, John O'Brien-Carelli and Kevin Stempsey. It also has several players with varsity experience and Gleason Judd,



Bethlehem guard Doug Lang, right, drives around Kevin Stempsey during last Friday night's practice. The Eagles open the season Dec. 2 at the Girmindl Tournament in Latham. *Jim Franco*

who played on last year's junior varsity team.

"I think we will score more this year," said Klugman. "My concern is that we give up the same amount as last year. We have to get (defensive) stops."

Bethlehem's division, the Suburban Council Gold, will be tough again this year. Though the Gold Division loses Guilderland to the Blue Division, it adds perennial power Colonie to a group that includes Niskayuna and Columbia.

"We know the league is very tough, especially our division," Klugman said.

Bethlehem's first Suburban Council game is Dec. 6 at home against Averill Park. The Eagles host Colonie Dec. 9.



Bethlehem coach Jeremy Klugman, second from left, directs his players during a drill at last Friday's practice at the high school. Klugman is in his third season coaching the Eagles. *Jim Franco*

Bethlehem Eagles

Division: Suburban Council Gold.

Head coach: Jeremy Klugman (third season).

Returning starters: Craig Orner (senior forward), John O'Brien-Carelli (senior forward), Kevin Stempsey (senior guard).

Other returning players: Joe King, Dan Bell, Doug Lang, Bill Yates.

Key newcomer: Gleason Judd.

Giving



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After hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Gulf Coast, the U.S. Congress approved a measure that increased the allowable deduction for charitable donations from 50 percent to the full 100 percent deduction.

"They were trying to light a fire under philanthropy," Herschenhart said.

The fire might be slow to catch so far, however, the leaders of some local nonprofits said. An outpouring of financial support followed the hurricanes, which may make holiday fund-raising more difficult.

"The jury is still out, but I am a bit concerned that people have already given what they can afford to give," said Mark Quandt, executive director of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

The food bank distributes food to 1,000 nonprofit agencies in 23 upstate counties. It gets most of its food from large food-producing corporations; surplus goods that cannot be sold in stores because of defective packaging or because the companies

simply produced too much. Quandt said the organization relies on financial donations to help offset the costs of storing food and transporting it to where it is needed.

Nonprofit organizations provide a wide variety of assistance to people who might otherwise have a tough time making ends meet. For instance, CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, which helps people throughout Saratoga County, uses financial donations to help people with their winter heating bills. Julie Holick, the organization's marketing and development coordinator, said higher-than-usual heating costs this year have made the need for donations that much more profound. The organization also runs an "Adopt a Family" program and uses money to buy food and presents for about 200 children. She said the organization is still looking for people to help support that program.

"Not to take away from the needs of people in the Gulf," she said. "But there are a lot of people in need right here."

Cooke, the Salvation Army bell-ringer, said he has volunteered for the organization for the past several years. He started because the Salvation Army helped him when he was stranded in Rockland County. They bought him a bus ticket so he could get back to Albany.

"I do it because I know people need it," he said. "Anyone can fall on hard times."

Life

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his life around, going from being homeless and living in a Schenectady safe house to a college student with an apartment.

Seth's life had been anything but easy. He was forced to leave his home because of an abusive father who created an unsafe environment. He bounced around the area, staying with different friends, including one whose parents were drug addicts. Even when he found a safe environment, the family was not willing to take custody of him, and after confrontations with police and litigation with his parents, he landed at the safe house.

Once taken in by Equinox, his situation changed. The organization provided him with an apartment with utilities, help with financial aide so he could go to college, and a savings account to give him a head start when he moves out on his own. Most importantly, it provided him with stability.

Instead of worrying about where he might spend the night, Seth has all the usual worries of an 18 year old: keeping his grades up, work, and practicing with his band, a political punk group named "Class Action." His band plays local venues and is working on a demo album.

He is a freshman at Schenectady County Community College, and after obtaining a diploma in business administration, he hopes to realize his



Melissa McKown and Seth in front of an Equinox apartment building on Dongan Avenue.

Stephen Pausa

dream of opening a skate shop. "College is all right. It's a little different than high school," he said. "The first semester is difficult, but the second should get easier."

The independent living program supervisor, Melissa McKown, even joked with Seth "not to forget the little people" when he's rich and famous.

Seth said he was grateful for the places Equinox, because without them he would be somewhere undesirable.

"I'd probably wouldn't be in college, probably living in a dumpy apartment in downtown Schenectady, working two full time jobs. I wouldn't have more than a high school diploma," he said. "If it wasn't for here, I probably wouldn't be in college, or I would've dropped out."

Besides opening doors for Seth, the program has allowed

him to meet new people.

"The people here are nice. I've made some good friends in the program," he said.

There are benefits for McKown too, who takes pride in helping teens.

"The feeling is indescribable," she said. "It really lets you know you did a good job when the kids come back."

Besides the five apartments on Dongan Avenue, Equinox has nine apartments at Tivoli Park as well as Project Independence, which provides continuing support after teens move out on their own.

McKown said that the program has space for 23 people total, but the more room is always needed. There is currently a waiting list, and the program is working to get more apartments.

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Be Festive and Save Money with Energy-Efficient Holiday Lighting

Albany, NY — Did you know that holiday lighting can add up to \$100 dollars to your electric bill during the holiday season?

It's the same each year—place a few candelabras in the windows, string a hundred bulbs inside the home and several hundred outside, plug them in, and watch your electric bill rise. Standard holiday lights use between four and seven watts of electricity per bulb. It's festive, but not very efficient. The **New York Energy SmartSM** Program is encouraging consumers to try something new such as LED (light emitting diodes), compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, mini-lights, or fiber optic holiday displays. They will provide the same level of holiday cheer, with a significantly lower energy cost.

LEDs have been around for

years. They provide high quality, durable, and safe lighting with low energy consumption, using 0.04 watts—a fraction compared to normal holiday lights. For instance, the average operating cost of a 300-light strand of LED holiday lights costs three dollars less than the more common incandescent mini-lights. They come in a wide variety of colors, can be strung in long lengths and when one bulb burns out, the entire strand keeps working, making replacement easy. In addition, LEDs do not necessarily burn out, but fade and slowly dim as time goes on. The lights typically burn bright for up to 100,000 hours or more than 11 holiday seasons.

New in many retail stores, is an artificial tree outfitted with fiber optic lighting in the branches. With one small

light bulb and optional color wheel, beautiful light is transmitted through the fibers with none of the heat. Many trees have rotating bases and come in sizes from two to eight feet. Set it up, place your favorite decorations on and you are done.

Mini-lights are very popular and consume 0.4 watts, come in long lengths for in and outdoor use, with many colors to suit any festive need. You will also find CFLs, with a mini-base, to fit into candelabras and small holiday displays providing bright, warm light.

Information about holiday lighting, and other energy-saving tips for your home and business can be found by visiting the **New York Energy SmartSM** website, www.GetEnergySmart.org

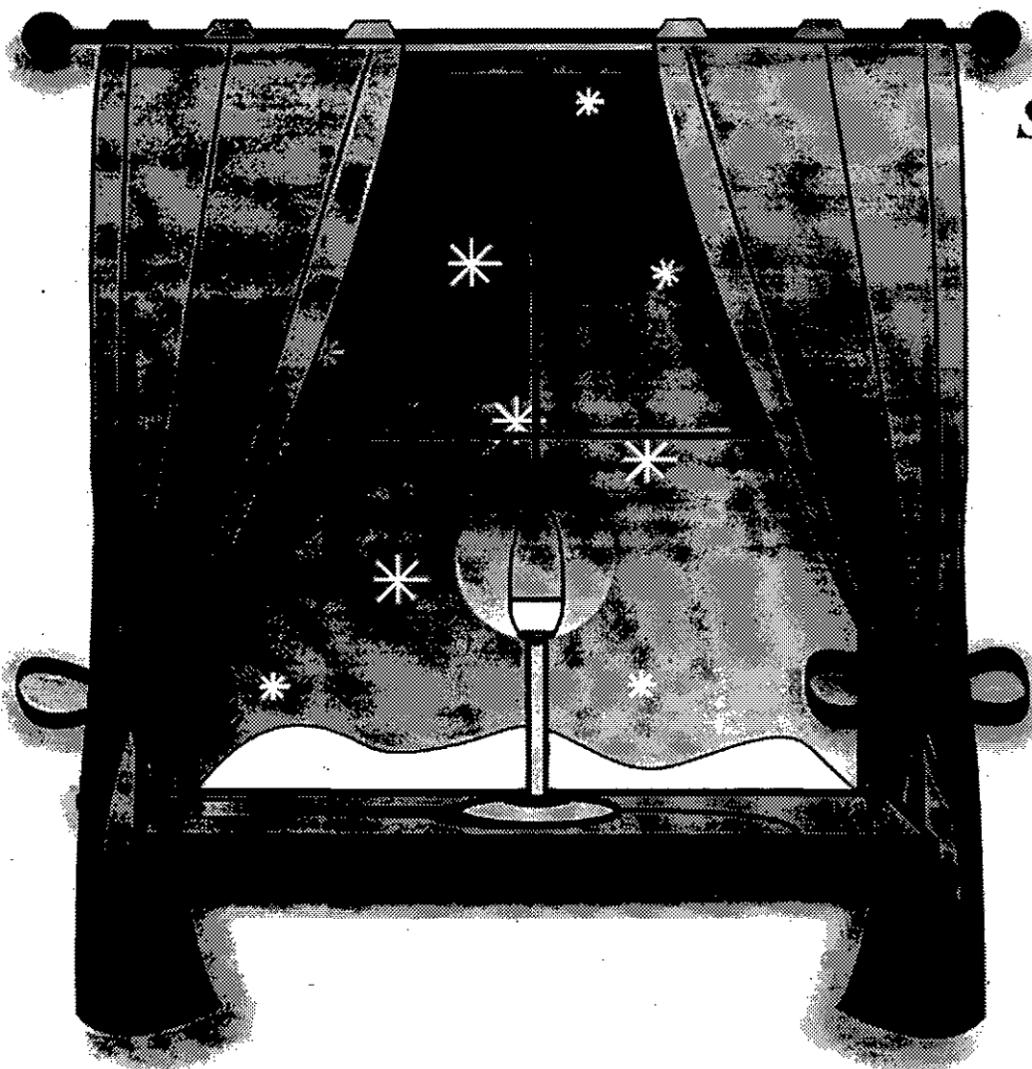
In addition to energy-efficient holiday lighting, consumers can take the Change a Light Challenge and save up to \$50 in their annual electric bill by switching out their five most used standard incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). The Change a Light Challenge gives consumers another opportunity to increase their home's energy efficiency just by switching to CFLs that not only are more energy-efficient than standard incandescent light bulbs, but also last 10 times longer and are cooler to touch. Visit www.GetEnergySmart.org for more information on the Change a Light Challenge.

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New York Energy SmartSM programs are designed to lower electricity costs by encouraging energy efficiency as the State's electric utilities move to competition. The programs are available to electric distribution customers (residential, commercial, and industrial) who pay into the SBC.

Leave-a-Light on for the Holidays!



Save money during the holidays.

Decorate your home or business with energy-efficient lighting products such as LED (Light-Emitting Diodes), fiber optic and compact fluorescent lights. To find out more, visit www.GetEnergySmart.org for a list of retailers near you.

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