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# The Spotlight

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## Bethlehem police sign new contract

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Two months after concluding a letter of agreement on a new contract and 18 months after launching negotiations, representatives of the Bethlehem Police Officers Union and the town signed a three-year pact last Thursday.

The contract talks, which began in September 1998, were complicated by union concerns over whether the department is adequately staffed to meet the demands placed on it by a growing suburban community.

"It was only in the last couple months of negotiations that we really got down

to what the real issues were," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller, who took the unusual step last August of personally intervening in the talks.

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Scott Anson

"If it had not been for the involvement of

Mrs. Fuller in negotiations, I don't believe we'd be sitting here now," said outgoing BPOU president Anthony Arduini as he and Fuller signed the agreement, which is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1999.

"The police contract has always taken at least six or seven months to negotiate," said Fuller, "but I'm pleased with the results. I think it's a benefit to both the police and the town, and everything worked out fine in the end."

Scott Anson, who succeeded Arduini on Jan. 1 as head of the union local, served on the negotiating team. "It's probably the best deal we could get," he said. "But money was not the major issue ... staffing was the issue, not money."

The contract includes an annual 3 percent raise, which corresponds to pay

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Outgoing Supervisor Herb Reilly, left swears in his son, Richard, as a town board member while their wives Susan and Molly look on. Joseph Phillips

## 1st woman takes reins of supervisor post

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The town of New Scotland rang in the New Year on Jan. 1 with change in the air as Supervisor Martha Pofit and her new administration took the oath of office at town hall.

Before a crowd that filled town board chambers and spilled into an adjacent hallway, newly elected state Supreme Court Justice Joseph Cannizzaro presided



Pofit

over the simple late afternoon swearing-in ceremonies before Pofit brought the gavel down on the board's organizational meeting.

Cannizzaro stepped aside to permit outgoing Supervisor Herb Reilly, himself sworn in that morning as the new county legislator from the 33rd District, to administer the oath of office to his son, first-term board member Richard Reilly.

Also taking the oath for the first time were fellow Democrats Cathy Connors on the town board and Diane Deschenes as town clerk. Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan, Receiver of Taxes Marilyn Holmberg and Town Justice Kenneth Connolly were all sworn in to new terms.

Pofit then guided the organizational meeting through a 15-minute, 10-page

agenda of resolutions on such matters as appointments, salary schedules and other official business.

Board incumbent Scott Houghtaling was appointed deputy supervisor, and Reilly's former confidential secretary, Carol Cootware, was named deputy town clerk by Deschenes. Cathleen Musella will succeed Cootware in the supervisor's office.

Pofit also announced that each member of the board — including Houghtaling, the two new board members and the board's lone Republican holdover, Andrea Gleason — would be assigned liaison duties or oversight of various town departments.

Pofit designated herself as the board liaison to the building and parks departments and the assessor's office, and took responsibility for inter-municipal relations, particularly with the village of Voorheesville.

Houghtaling will have oversight of highway, water, economic development and animal control, and Gleason will

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## Life was simpler in early 20th century days

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Jeanne Stanley Brown and Jean Drew were born in 1919. Katherine Denegar was born in 1916. The three of them recently talked about their lives, remembered and current, as part of a series of articles about life in the century just past.

Jeanne Stanley Brown was born in Colorado, but moved back to Bethlehem, where her mother's family had lived since the 1600s, when she was just a year old.

"Who in their right mind would travel 3,000 miles across the country to get back to the town of Bethlehem?" Brown wondered. "The Lincoln Highway was the only road that came here. Our car lasted and fell apart just about at Buffalo. We bought train fare as far as Albany."

The Browns lived in a flat on Madison Place in Albany before becoming the first occupants of 17 Herber Ave., later moving to a house in Slingerlands that had an outhouse.

"It's hard for anybody to think that even in my lifetime, we were still using an outhouse," Brown said.



Katherine Denegar, left, and Jean Drew reminisce.

While living in Elsmere, Brown recalled the train station at Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, which frequently took

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## Town gets down to 2000 business

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Two meetings in five days for the Bethlehem town board were highlighted by year-end budget transfers and expenditures — and by the swearing in of newly elected town officials, including freshman town board member Daniel Plummer.

First order of business for the Jan. 3 organizational meeting at the town

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## Bethlehem police arrest 7 for DWI

By Joseph A. Phillips

The holidays were busy for Bethlehem police as they arrested seven individuals over the past two weeks for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Amy Jo Farr, 19, of 405 Starr Road, Coeymans, was due in court on Tuesday, Jan. 4, to answer charges in connection with her arrest following a Dec. 26 rollover accident on South Albany Road in Selkirk. Farr has been charged with felony DWI owing to previous convictions on DWI and driving while ability impaired (DWAI) counts and with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle for driving with a suspended license.

On Wednesday, Dec. 22, shortly after 4 a.m., Officer Brian Hughes arrested Wilfred Fitzpatrick, 23, of 2060 Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville, for DWI on Delaware Avenue. Observing Fitzpatrick's vehicle making an erratic lane change, he pulled the vehicle over and conducted field sobriety tests with the assistance of Sgt. James Haker. Hughes charged Fitzpatrick with DWI and making an unsafe lane change, and ordered him to appear in Town Court on Jan. 18.

Fitzpatrick will also face a grand larceny charge. A license check conducted at the time of his DWI arrest revealed an outstanding warrant for Fitzpatrick stemming from the theft of a wallet at the Stewart's Shop in Glenmont on Dec. 4. He turned himself in to Bethlehem police on that charge

on Dec. 23 and was released on his own recognizance pending a court appearance.

Officer Hughes was also involved in the arrest of Justin John Piela, 18, of 21 Crannell Ave., Delmar, on Dec. 27 in a reckless-driving incident. At about 2:25 a.m. Hughes spotted Piela's vehicle in the parking lot at Delaware Plaza pulling into an alley behind the Grand Union. According to the police report, Hughes stopped Piela's vehicle after observing it spinning its tires and performing "donuts" on fresh snow in the lot.

After administering field tests, he arrested Piela and charged him with DWI and reckless driving. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 18.

A Christmas morning arrest for DWI took place shortly after 5 a.m. outside a Key Bank branch in Delmar. Officer George Travis responded to an alarm at the bank, and while checking out the false alarm, bank employee Henry Pobee-Mensah, 56, of 159 Morris St., Albany, also arrived by car at the scene.

According to the police report, Travis, believing Pobee-Mensah to be intoxicated, arrested him for DWI after he refused to comply with field sobriety tests or a preliminary alcohol screening. Pobee-Mensah underwent those tests at the police station. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 18.

The first DWI arrest of the new year was registered shortly be-

fore 2 a.m. on Jan. 1, when Hughes spotted a vehicle northbound on Route 9W near Frontage Road, braking erratically and crossing fog lines on the shoulder. He stopped the vehicle just south of the Albany city line.

After administering sobriety tests and a preliminary screening, he arrested Earl Henry Karl, 68, of 13-7 Woodlake Road, Albany, and charged him with DWI. Karl was ordered to appear in town court on Jan. 18.

On Monday, Jan. 3, two drivers were arrested on Delaware Avenue near the Albany city line. The first occurred at about 1:20 a.m., when Officer Jeffrey Vunck observed a vehicle making an improper U-turn on Delaware Avenue near the Normanskill Bridge.

Vunck administered sobriety tests and arrested George Anthony Howard Jr., 30, of 202 Linden St., Schenectady. Charged with DWI, Howard was ordered to answer the charges Jan. 18 in Town Court.

At about 2:15 a.m. that same morning, Officer George Travis observed a vehicle westbound on Delaware crossing hazard markings and stopped it. He arrested Judith Ann Hasselbach, 51, of 300 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, after administering screenings and field tests, and charged her with DWI and crossing hazard markings.

She was ordered to appear in Town Court on Jan. 18.

## Transformer grinch knocks out power

By Joseph A. Phillips

All was not merry and bright for about 1,500 Niagara Mohawk customers in a swath of Glenmont, Delmar and Feura Bush on Christmas morning, as a failed transformer in the development on Brightonwood Road resulted in a midday power outage.

According to Niagara Mohawk spokesman Nick Lyman, the outage was first reported after 9 a.m. on Dec. 25. A report from at least one resident suggested the outage may have begun as early as 4:30 a.m. At its earliest stages, Lyman said, the power affected about 1,100 to 1,200 customers.

"It took us a while to figure out what the problem was," Lyman said.

Repair crews initially believed the failure stemmed from a faulty feeder from the Bethlehem substation near routes 9W and 32 in Glenmont.

"It looked like it was probably going to be a bad piece of underground cable needing to be re-

placed," he said.

Testing ruled that theory out, but in the course of testing, a second feeder line also went dead, taking another 350 customers offline at about mid-morning.

Eventually, Lyman said, "By process of elimination, we determined that the original source of the problem was a bad transformer in the housing development on Brightonwood," a street near the substation.

Power was then restored, to all but a handful of customers in Brightonwood, shortly before noon.

"Power in Brightonwood was restored by early to mid-afternoon," Lyman said, when the bad transformer was replaced.

Lyman said repair crews found no unusual reason for the failure — just normal wear and tear.

"It just happened to pick a lousy time to do it," he said. "I don't suppose there's a good time, but Christmas Day isn't it."

## Discussion group to meet

The Books in the Morning discussion group, sponsored by the Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, continues its program of Friday book discussions with Stephen Crane's Civil War novel *The Red Badge of Courage* on Jan. 7 at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

On Jan. 28, the group will focus on Marcel Proust's classic *Remembrance of Things Past*.

The group meets from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and is led by Helen Adler.

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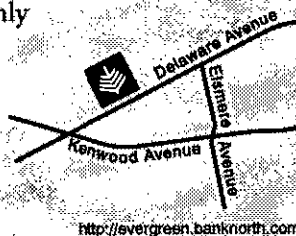
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# Delmar judge to preside in Diallo trial *CMI neighbors to file appeal against rezoning*

By Joseph A. Phillips

A Delmar jurist will soon be in the eye of a storm when state Supreme Court Justice Joseph C. Teresi presides over a high-profile police brutality case from downstate granted a change of venue to Albany County.

The state's Office of Court Administration announced last week that the trial of four New York City policemen, accused of murder and reckless endangerment in the controversial shooting last February of an unarmed Bronx street vendor, Amadou Diallo, will begin Jan. 31 at Albany County Courthouse.



Teresi

The announcement followed by a week the decision of Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman to assign the case to the 53-year-old Teresi, a five-year veteran of the Supreme Court bench. A downstate appellate court had earlier granted a defense motion for a change of venue in the Diallo case, owing to intense publicity and anti-police protests stirred up in the metropolitan area that the court believed would prejudice the jury pool.

"It was not a decision that was made lightly," David Bookstaver, an OCA spokesman, said. "It was a very deliberate process, and the final decision was Judge Lippman's."

He said Lippman consulted with the deputy chief administrator for courts outside of New York City, Judge Joseph Trafficanti, and with Judge Anthony Cardona, the presiding justice of the Appellate Division for upstate New York, in making the appointment.

"Judge Teresi is a strong judge who will keep what could be a protracted case to a reasonable time period, and who will keep control over a very emotional and complex case, and also provide a fair trial," Bookstaver said.

A key issue, Bookstaver said, was Lippman's desire for a swift commencement of the trial.

"More than 50 percent of your judges in Albany County are tied up two or three months into the new year already," Bookstaver said.

Considered alongside Teresi for the assignment was Supreme Court Justice Thomas Keegan. But the fact that Keegan is a key regional administrative judge worked against his appointment.

"If Judge Lippman had assigned him, we'd not only lose him as a judge for the duration of the trial, but as an administrator

as well," Bookstaver said.

In appointing Teresi, Lippman considered his comparatively open-current court calendar.

"His scholarship, experience, and judicial demeanor were also factors," Bookstaver said. "He is someone who will be able to keep the case moving. This is a trial with multiple defendants, and with multiple defendants come multiple attorneys with differing personalities. And this is a case that comes with intense emotional issues as well. I know Judge Lippman wanted a strong judge who will keep control of the courtroom when emotions may flair, personalities may flair, in a crowd of attorneys."

The emotion stems from accusations that the four defendants — Officers Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy — employed excessive force in shooting Diallo more than 41 times. Confronting Diallo for questioning during the course of a rape investigation, the accused officers claim they believed he was reaching for a gun. But prominent leaders in the African-American community in New York City believe the shooting was racially motivated, and have already criticized the change of venue and vowed to demonstrate in Albany during the trial.

Colleagues in the local legal community hail Teresi as the right man for such a sensitive job.

"I don't know whether I'm looking forward or not to this trial being here, but I have the utmost confidence in Joe's legal ability and his fairness," said his former law partner Robert Ruslander. "There's already talk about the race issue in this case, but I don't think that'll be a factor. Not here. Not with Joe."

For 20 years before he became a judge, Teresi was a part-time public defender and an associate and eventual partner in the law firm of Ainsworth, Sullivan, Tracy,

Knauf, Warner & Ruslander. That century-old firm has a considerable portfolio in civil litigation involving regulatory matters, product liability and civil rights and fair hiring matters, and Teresi's practice there dealt principally with civil litigation defense.

Combining that with his background as public defender, Teresi has had considerable experience in criminal matters — including at least one police brutality case. With Ainsworth Sullivan, he defended an Albany police officer peripherally involved in the controversial Jesse Davis wrongful death suit.

Attorneys familiar with his courtroom cite Teresi's reputation as, in Ruslander's words, "a stickler for being on-time and on schedule," and impatient with delaying tactics from attorneys practicing before him. He's known to levy contempt fines upon attorneys who don't toe the punctuality line — including those from his former firm.

"Why is that a complication? Frankly, it's really a plus in his behalf," Ruslander said. "I'm sure if you're on the receiving end of a fine, you're not happy about it. But we who practice in Albany know if Joe Teresi says there's going to be a conference at 9:30, you'd better be there and ready to go at 9:30. He's not going to put up with dilatory practices."

Nor will demonstrations or publicity disrupt the proceedings under Teresi, Ruslander said. "Joe does not seek publicity. As far as ego goes, he's rather low-key."

"Joe isn't going to let non-issues get into the courtroom," Ruslander added. "He's straightforward, intellectually honest and fair. And among other things, Joe has a thick skin. He's not going to let those things bother him. It's like a baseball player. Joe knows the game is played between the lines — and what happens in the stands won't affect him."

## CMI neighbors to file appeal against rezoning

By Joseph A. Phillips

The town of Bethlehem has not yet heard the last from nine Delmar residents seeking to block the CMI Senior Healthcare project on Delaware Avenue in court.

The group met last week with their attorney, Donald Zee, and the result was an early New Year's

***I think there are a few distinct grounds for an appeal.***

Donald Zee

resolution to appeal State Supreme Court Justice Thomas Keegan's Dec. 8 dismissal of their year-old suit against the town.

The suit challenged the town board's OK of a rezoning request and subsequent site plan approval, permitting the project to move forward. Zee said he intended to file a notice of appeal with the Albany County clerk this week.

"I think there are a few distinct grounds for an appeal," he said.

The pair of suits, heard jointly by Keegan, were filed by Zee in November 1998 and April 1999 on behalf of a group of nine residents of the neighborhood adjoining the 6.7-acre site targeted for the CMI development at 467 Delaware Ave.

The suit stood principally on the argument that the rezoning of the residential property by the town as a Planned Commercial District constituted illegal spot-zoning, violating the town's existing land-use plan.

Keegan had rejected that argument, writing in his ruling that "plaintiffs' interpretation of what constitutes a comprehensive plan is too stringent" and declaring that the town's "public and lengthy" review process, before both the town board and planning board, leading up to the rezoning, made

the rezoning "part of a comprehensive and well-conceived plan" by the town that therefore refuted the spot-zoning charge.

Zee saw grounds for an appeal in the ruling.

"I think the court misconstrued what we interpret as the master plan of Bethlehem," he said.

He noted that the property in question has historically been zoned for single family residential use, and the lengthy deliberations of the Land Use Management Advisory Committee — which drafted a proposed master plan adopted by the town board instead as a "reference resource" for town planners — had also recommended leaving the property zoned residential.

"When the town adopted LUMAC as a land use reference, they could have, if they thought it was appropriate, said 'No, we disagree with that recommendation,'" Zee said.

"But they chose to leave it the way it was. Forty years of history says it's residential. All the zoning boards, planning boards and town boards in that time have said, it's residential. LUMAC said keep it residential, and when the town board voted on it, they kept it residential. The comprehensive plan is clear. History is clear. And my clients and all their neighbors relied on this," he said.

Zee maintained that the court may have overstepped its bounds in deciding the proposed use did not violate the character of the surrounding neighborhood. He said he intended to raise other arguments regarding spot zoning.

Zee said he was "not sure as of right now" how soon the briefs might be filed with the Appellate Division or how quickly the court was likely to hear them.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller declined to comment on the prospect of an appeal.

## Extension honors business for help with project

By Kathy McCarthy

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County recently recognized Something Olde, Something New shop for its support of the Family Self-Sufficiency program.

Since opening two years ago, the consignment shop at Stonewall Plaza in Slingerlands has donated clothing to the program designed to assist people in the transition from welfare to work.

"Something Olde, Something New has been very generous with their clothing donations," said Lisa Buenau, manager of the Family Self-Sufficiency program.

"People wear these clothes on job interviews or they have them to wear to work once they get a job," said Ruth Zinzow, a program assistant for the extension.

George Hecht, director of the county Extension, said that the Family Self-Sufficiency program

has grown as welfare programs have been reformed.

"Now it's five years, and you're out," said Hecht of current welfare regulations. "This leaves people facing great difficulties. We

started to work with them through Albany County social services, focusing on nutrition, and noticed other things. People were having trouble budgeting. Since we're pretty well positioned to help, we started working on resume writing and interview skills. After people have gotten work, we try to stay with them for about a year, to make sure they keep their jobs."

locally," Frisch said.

"Our consignors are happy to know where they're going," Hilland said. "Part of our mission when we opened was to be able to serve the community. We've gotten thank-you notes for our donations to the Family Self-Sufficiency program, which is very rewarding."



Karen Frisch and Julie Hilland, left, co-owners of Something Olde, Something New accept a plaque for helping the Cooperative Extension with a clothing project. Lisa Buenau, Ruth Zinzow and George Hecht of the extension present the plaque.

Katherine McCarthy

"Clothing is critical," Buenau said. "We can prepare them for work in many ways, but often, people don't know what to wear."

Karin Frisch and Julie Hilland, co-owners of Something Olde, Something New, said they've been glad to help out.

"We wanted to put the leftover clothing to good use," Hilland said. "The clothes we receive are in the store for about 60 days, then they might go on sale. By the middle to the end of the season, we start clearing out, unless we have things we know carry over, like coats."

"We have a lot of clothing, and we're happy to donate them

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## Reins

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oversee senior citizens issues and be liaison with the historical association and the five school districts serving portions of the town.

As for the board's newest members, Connors will oversee human resources and finance, and be liaison with county government; and Reilly will have responsibility for youth and recreation, and be liaison to the town's planning and zoning boards and intermediary to the state Legislature.

Frederick Reister is out as town attorney, and former Town Attorney John Biscone is back in.

Mark Dempf, defeated in his bid for re-election to the town

board, was named to the newly-created post of town engineering adviser, where he will play a key role in the forthcoming review of the town's water supply and distribution. He was also appointed to the newly-named water committee, which will be chaired by Kevin Phelan.

Among reappointments announced at the meeting were Robert Stapf as chairman and William Childs as a member of the planning board. Ronald Von Ronne will chair the zoning board of appeals and Paul Cantlin was named to fill a vacancy on that board.

The meeting came just three days after Herb Reilly's last in the

supervisor's chair, hearing a variety of year-end reports and approving last-minute actions and fund transfers.

Among them, Reilly reported receiving a reply from Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller to his request earlier in the month for a meeting to discuss issues related to the Bethlehem Water District. Fuller indicated her wish to wait for such a meeting until Pofitt took office.

The town board authorized the advertising of bids for engineering of the new North Road water project, fulfilling Reilly's pledge to see the project go to bid before the end of his term.

### Legion breakfast set

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 16, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Eggs, french toast, home fries, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee will be served.

The cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children age 5 to 12. Children under 5 eat for free.

## Business

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courtroom was administering oaths of office, as former Town Justice Roger Fritts swore in incumbents including Supervisor Sheila Fuller, town board member Doris Davis, Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk, Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph and Receiver of Taxes Nancy Mendick. The honor of swearing in Plummer went to Town Justice Theresa Egan.

Following a brief recess, Fuller then reconvened the meeting to obtain board approval of appointments and other business.

Board member George Lenhardt was reappointed as deputy supervisor. Other reappointments for one-year terms included Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, Comptroller Judith Kehoe and Town Historian Joseph Allgaier.

Douglas Hasbrouck was reappointed chairman of the planning board and Michael Hodom as member and chairman of the zoning board of appeals. A new mem-

ber was added to the town's Industrial Development Agency, banker David Pertraglia, bringing that board's membership to six of a possible seven.

Two key posts left unfilled at present: the seat of outgoing member James Blendell, who declined reappointment to a seven-year term on the planning board, and counsel to that board. Fuller announced that she had accepted the resignation of Ruth Leistensnider as counsel.

Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, Leistensnider's law firm, represents PSE&G, prospective buyer of the Bethlehem Energy Center from Niagara Mohawk. The town has filed for intervenor status in the regulatory review of that sale, which may put the town into conflict with PSE&G over issues related to the property's valuation.

"Because we viewed this as, if not a real conflict, at least a perceived conflict, Ruth has chosen to resign," Fuller said.

Interviews of applicants to fill both vacancies will take place this week, and appointments could be made as early as the board's next meeting on Jan. 12.

Leistensnider will continue to represent the town in any ongoing litigation regarding the proposed CMI Senior Healthcare facility in Delmar.

The board's organizational meeting followed its final session for 1999 on Dec. 29 at which a host of year-end budget transfers were approved.



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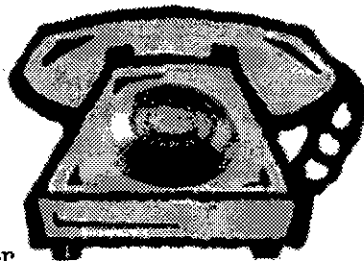
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**Gem Talk**  
with **Mary Vail**

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# Ponder some really tough questions about the millennium

By Katherine McCarthy

Was that a collective sigh of relief I heard when Y2K slid seamlessly into being? The lights were still blazing, the water still flowing, neighbors came out to bang pots and pans, children tossed homemade confetti, teenagers skateboarded down our street, and in the distance, the echoing volley was only downtown fireworks, not an apocalypse of Biblical or terrorist proportions.

The headlines the next day announced it, loudly on page one, then quietly, on each subsequent page — 2000.

For most of us, check-writing is the only time we have to write the date. Unlike year changes in the 1990s, there will be no fiddling with the last digit to make it right this time. This is a year that demands exactitude.

And did I notice that we all stood a little straighter when we turned from watching the ball drop to kiss each other Happy New Year?

Grandma, at 83, seemed the most delighted. "I made it," she said, grinning broadly. "I wanted to be here for the year 2000, and I am."

Time now for the rest of us to determine our goals, be it setting them or attaining them.

There's something about those solid numbers that brook no opposition. Perhaps they will give us the fortitude to go boldly where we need to go, and part willingly with the vices we worked so hard to integrate into our lives in the past century.

COMMENTARY:

*Mom's  
the  
Word*



In our house, my mother pointed out Dear Abby's annual exhortation to goodness, at the exact moment I poured a today-is-the-first-day-of-the-rest-of-my-life bowl of Cookie Crisp cereal for my breakfast.

"If I eat an orange, can that be the good thing I'll feed my body today?" I pleaded. "Or look, extra milk in my coffee."

Who knew that in the year 2000, I'd still be negotiating with my mother about what I should eat?

That old "the better it tastes, the worse it is for you" conundrum got me thinking about some of life's simpler mysteries. While others, particularly the male of the species, insist that computers and advances in technology have ushered in a great new Information Age, I'd love to see the new millennium find the solutions to life's simpler, yet eternal, puzzles. With the need to fret over Y2K problems gone, or at least seriously lessened as we move through the first weeks of 2000, here are some questions we can

turn over in our heads.

Why do babies smile when they have gas?

Why do children get all wound up and exhibit more energy when they're tired, but adults fall asleep in front of the TV?

Why isn't mother — or "primary child-rearing parent" — a recognized occupation on any questionnaire I've ever received?

Why is there Braille on drive-up ATM machines?

Why do visiting mothers or grandmothers (his or mine, it's not a family thing) divine the exact second you need to move into another room, get to the doorway just before you, and stand studying your decor for a full five minutes before moving on?

Why can a man recite entire baseball league statistics but not remember a conversation with his wife that took place three hours ago?

Why are women so detail-oriented?

Why do dads say they baby-sit their own children?

Why do toilets only leak the day before a major holiday?

Why does looking at Calista Flockhart make me want to eat a package of Oreos instead of carrot sticks?

Why do children look so per-

fect when they're sleeping?

What eats all the socks in the washing machine?

Why does nature abhor a vacuum, particularly in my living room?

What is the correct answer to an older relative who insists that she (choose any of the following or insert your own): drank during pregnancy; never used a car seat; never used a seat belt; put rice in the baby's formula; gave the baby sugar water; spanked on occasion; and her children turned out fine?

Form-fitting polyester pants and tops. What kind of question got those invented?

Why is there nothing more perfect than a child's hug?

Why does the month of February have the shortest number of days, yet seems to last forever?

When did people stop walking a mile uphill in the snow to get to school?

How come, when my child's teacher asks him to do something, he does it willingly, but when I ask him, I'm given the whole lengthy history of the Emancipation Proc-

lamation as the reason why he shouldn't?

Why do people love to complain so much?

Why do we think that worrying about bad things will keep them from happening?

Sigh, the human condition. I'm resolving to enjoy life more, get things done sooner and treasure the quiet moments.

I'm not sure how this will happen, but here's to a happy New Year for all of us, and maybe this year, the answer to all our questions.

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# Matters of Opinion

## What a relief it is

Well, here we all are Wednesday morning five days into the new millennium and the world is still functioning. Fancy that. With all the pre-millennial hype, you'd think we'd have gone backward a thousand years. But we haven't gone broke, starved or shut down.

So much for hype. So much for the seemingly unending gloom and doom articles and TV reports — surely no one will miss them. A perfect illustration of what happens when media make a mountain out of a molehill, which is exactly what it did.

But for most of us common sense dictated a sane reaction to all the Y2K brouhaha and we got on with the business of life, not looking toward the end of the world as we know it.

Still, local fire and emergency agencies were wise to err on the safe side in case of a real glitch caused by Y2K "bugs." It's always better to be prepared for a worst case scenario, and overall we were.

Score one for mankind, zip for the computer.

## Leaders take office

Newly elected and re-elected political office holders have been sworn in and will now begin to prove their mettle as town leaders. We wish them well in their jobs, which have grown more and more complex in recent years.

Managing budgets, maintaining town services and overseeing personnel, along with attempting to attract new business to bolster the town tax base, are formidable responsibilities for town supervisors and boards.

Leaders at the local level, unlike pols in state and federal positions, are also expected to be more accessible, and most have an open door policy to hear resident concerns and complaints.

Residents in Bethlehem and New Scotland have come to expect this kind of response, and we think accessibility is key to the success of keeping town government trustworthy and accountable.

## Play it safe

The last few days have been deceptively warm, but more typical January weather is on its way.

Now is a good time to take the following precautions to avoid expensive repairs from winter storm damage.

Make sure that pipes are maintained and wrapped in areas where pipes are exposed. Keep the house warm — at least 65 degrees — to ensure pipes won't freeze.

Make sure that smoke detectors and fire alarms are working properly and consider installing a carbon dioxide detector. And add extra insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces. Play it safe.

## Editorials

## But will she do the hokey-pokey?

By Donna J. Bell

The writer is editor of *Spotlight Newspapers' Parent Pages*.

I got the dreaded call the other day. You know, the one from your child's teacher about your child's "attitude." It was my daughter Skyler's gym teacher.

"Mrs. Bell, I need to talk to you about Skyler's participation in gym," the answering machine message said. We played phone tag and each subsequent message from her got more desperate. My daughter was only in kindergarten, what could she have possibly done? When we finally talked I was imagining the worst.

"Mrs. Bell, Skyler refused to participate in gym on Monday." I didn't know what to say.

"All the other children were joining in and she refused," her teacher continued.

"I'm sorry," I finally managed to say. "Has this been an on-going problem?"

"Well, no. It's the first time," said the teacher. "At first I thought it was because she was embarrassed — but then her teacher told me she took ballet and tap lessons." Now I was confused.

"I don't understand," I said. "What were you doing?"

"We were doing the chicken dance." I paused.

"Well, I'm pretty sure they don't do the chicken dance in ballet class," I responded. She didn't relent.

"Well, all the other children were dancing and she refused." A picture began to form in my mind of my sweet little girl with her Clara Bow lips and long black lashes — now labeled a Rebel. Her upper lip curled in a Elvis Presley snarl and her pastel flowered dress with the puffy sleeves replaced with a signature black leather jacket slung over her tiny little shoulder as she leaned up against the gym wall disdainfully watching the other chicken dancing children shaking their — well, behinds. I shuddered.

"I will talk to her," I replied.

So, I sat Skyler down after school and told her that her gym teacher had called and said that she wouldn't participate in gym class. Big tears welled up in

## Point of View

Skyler's eyes.

"Why wouldn't you chicken dance?" I asked, suddenly feeling pretty foolish.

"I didn't like it," she sobbed. Because I am a mom I gave her a big hug and then proceeded with the standard talk of how sometimes we have to do things we don't always like.

"But, it was silly," she said.

Suddenly the wind was taken out of my sails. Yes indeed, the chicken dance was silly, it was even ridiculous. Was I going to sit here and tell my daughter she *must* chicken dance? What would be the consequences for a child that didn't learn to chicken dance? Would she be ostracized by polite society? What would she do at weddings?

But the subject was deeper and more serious than just refusing to dance a silly dance. The more I pondered, the more I thought about how Big Brotherish the entire subject was. Should children be forced to chicken dance, take sex education or go to sports-related assemblies? Should they have to learn any of the myriad of subjects taught that go beyond reading, writing and arithmetic?

For the very first time I understood parents who had decided to home school their children. Do we want our children to be mindless robots, all learning the same things at the same time, marching along with no independent thoughts of their own? Schools

talk about honing a child's creativity — the dichotomy is that children must be creative within the parameters the school sets.

But I am torn. The structure of our society is based upon the premise that all citizens obey the same rules and follow the same guidelines. People are victimized daily by others who don't feel that the rules apply to them. And one of my pet peeves is that I feel our American mentality has created situations when the good of the individual outweighs the good of many.

This isn't the first time my child has refused to do something. Skyler has, since birth, asserted her own views. Sometimes her refusal to "go along" with the group has embarrassed me. We all want our children to be seen as good obedient kids.

But, dare I say it? I have to admit that deep in my heart I am proud of her independence. I think it will serve her well when she is older.

One day when she is a teenager, someone will ask her to go along with the crowd and do something she knows isn't right. If, at age 5, she can stand up to several adult teachers and a classroom full of her peers and say "no" to something she is uncomfortable with, then I'm sure when she is older she will be able to take the life lessons we will have faithfully and continually been teaching her and stand up and say "no" loud and clear when faced with a questionable moral decision.

Then I know I won't be apologizing for her refusal to "participate." I'll be proud.

## Hats off to supporters of Bell of Life appeal

Editor, The Spotlight:

During this season of thanksgiving and goodwill, it is important to recognize the wonderful acts of community service performed by more than 200 business establishments in the Capital Region to support the Kiwanis Bell of Life Fund Drive to benefit the Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

These businesses participated because they recognized that every penny raised goes directly to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at Albany Med, which is the major pediatric trauma unit in upstate New York. We are particularly indebted to Albany Pegasus Mobil Corp., Mobil dealers, Cohoes Savings Bank, Evergreen Bank and Price-Chopper MiniMarts for selling bells in all of their locations. Special thanks go to Smooth Jazz 104.9 and WTEN-ABC for airing spots advertising the program. In the town of Bethlehem, more than 25 local businesses participated, demonstrating that local businesses have a strong tie to our community.

I would be remiss not to give special thanks to all of the volunteer members of Kiwanis, Key Club, Builders Club and Circle K for joining with us to promote this drive. It is because of the help of thousands of volunteers that we

are able to keep our costs below 1 percent, making sure that our drive gives "more bang for the buck" than many others.

Special thanks go to the editor and staff of *The Spotlight* for devoting editorial and news space to promote the drive. Final totals are not yet complete, but it is evident that we surpassed last year's total of \$20,000 and we hope to continue on our upward spiral in order to make the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit the best in the country.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Mom finds district untrustworthy

Editor, The Spotlight:

Two types of procedures are used during the school day to care for a child with medical needs: one is protocol, which is signed by the prescribing physician, the other is a plan — the method by which the protocol may be implemented. In Bethlehem, the school nurse apparently decides how the protocol should be implemented.

This can be a problem when the nurse decides to implement a plan that is not the one recommended by the child's physicians or when the nurse decides to change the plan without consultation. This can be a problem because a plan which meets the requirements of the protocol may not meet the needs of the child.

For example, the protocol for a diabetic child may read "If symptoms of low blood sugar occur, check blood sugar, and if blood sugar is under 100 give four fast-acting glucose tablets." A plan may be written in any of the following ways:

If a child shows symptoms of being low, he should be asked to check his blood sugar.

If a child shows symptoms of being low, he should be sent to the nurse's office and the nurse should ask the child to check his blood sugar, but for this option to work, the nurse has to be in her office. There are times, however, when the nurse cannot be in her office because she has to be in the classroom observing and evaluating students and staff. There are times when the nurse has to be

called out of the building, in which case a nurse from another building will be called in, and when she gets there, the nurse should ask the child to check his blood sugar.

If a child shows symptoms of being low, he should be told not to move while the supervising adult leaves the child and goes out to find a nurse. When the nurse arrives, the supervising adult should ask the child to check his blood sugar.

If a child shows symptoms of being low, he should be told to do the hokey pokey and when it is his turn, he should be asked to check his blood sugar.

All of these options meet the requirements of protocol, but are they all safe? How does each one affect the child's feeling about himself? How does each one affect the way others see his disease?

When a school nurse decides not to follow the plan recommended by our children's physicians, what rights do we have as parents to oversee our children's care? What rights do our children have? What rights do our children's physicians have to oversee their patients' care?

The Bethlehem school district will not tell me how they plan to care for my son, telling me only that the plan is appropriate. I told district officials that I already have a list of more than 20 inappropriate responses to my son's needs, and he's only in third grade. District officials told me that I need to learn to trust them. I told them to trust me, when I say I cannot.

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## Banjo band seeks new members

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### Kiwanis slate blood pressure clinic

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### Garden club to meet at library

The next regular meeting of the Helderberg Garden Club will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. at the public library.

### Swim program schedules registration

Helderberg Aquatics will hold registration for swimming lessons on Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 8 to 9 a.m. in the high school foyer.

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### School board to meet at high school

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### Girl Scout leaders meeting tonight

The Girl Scout leaders next regular meeting is tonight, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

### Thacher Park to sponsor snowmobilers course

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### Delmar orchestra receives gift

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Winter story times begin on Monday, Jan. 10, with stories at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. No sign-up is necessary.

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## Story time sign-up starts Jan. 10

This year, Bethlehem school district residents get first choice for story time registration, which begins on Monday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. for in-person sign-up and 1 p.m. for signing-up by phone.

Registration opens for nonresidents on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m.



either in person or by phone. No registrations will be accepted by voice mail.

Registration remains open until all sessions are filled.

Story time sessions accommodate the needs and development of various ages.

Children meet with their storyteller once a week. Toddler groups are limited to 20 children, each with an attending adult.

Preschool and advanced groups are limited to 25 children. Adults do not accompany children to preschool and advanced sessions.

When Bethlehem schools are closed or have a delayed opening, story times are canceled. Sessions can be made up at family story times.

Sessions begin Tuesday, Jan. 18, and run through Thursday, March 30.

There will be no story times during school vacation week, Feb. 21 to 25.

Here is the spring schedule:

- Toddler (age 22 to 35 months with adult) – Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 10:15 or 11 a.m.; and Thursday at 10:15 or 11 a.m.

- Preschool (age 3 and 4, no adult) – Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

- Advanced (age 4 and a half to 6, no adult) – Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. and Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

- Family (age 3 to 6 with an

adult) – Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Children age 3 to 6 can get to know Nanya, a 4-year-old serval cat, on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m.

The program will be repeated at 11 a.m.

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Louise Grieco

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The meetings, which are open to the public, discuss grant requests, youth and safety issues and BOU activities.

Meetings are held the second

Wednesday of each month.

The meeting schedule is: Jan. 12, 4 p.m. at town hall; Feb. 9, 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library; March 8, 4 p.m. at town hall; April 12, 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library; and May 10, 4 p.m. at town hall.

## Girls academy honor roll correction

In the Dec. 29 *Spotlight*, the names of several local students named to the first trimester honor roll at Albany Academy for Girls were inadvertently omitted.

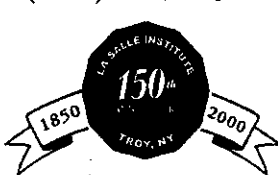
The following girls are on the high honor roll: Patricia Lenihan of Delmar (grade 12); Melia Fast (grade 11), Madeleine Robillard (grade 10), and Rebecca Toseland (grade nine), all of Selkirk; and Stephanie Downs (grade 10) of

Voorheesville.

The following girls are on the honor roll: Emmalie Dropkin (grade nine) and Meghan Tucker (grade 10), both of Delmar; Bethany Canver (grade nine) and Marisa Wolff (grade nine), both of Slingerlands; Elizabeth Pulice of South Bethlehem (grade 11); and Elise Stefanik of Feura Bush (grade 10).

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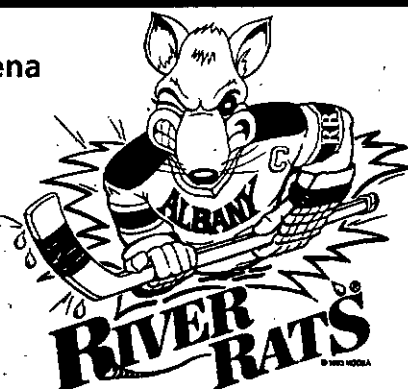
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# Sports

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of this learn to skate program have competed in sectional, regional and national competitions.

"The Learn to Skate" program offers half hour group lessons followed by a 20 minute practice session. Lessons are sold as a package. There are eight basic skill levels. Skills taught begin with beginning stroking and stopping, progressing to edge work and crossovers to scratch spins, three turns and waltz jumps. Skaters are placed at their skill level and progress at their own pace. At the end of the winter season skaters demonstrate their newly acquired skills in an exhibition. The lessons are taught by coaches who



Margaret Van Heusen skates for Uncle Sam's Skating Club.

are accomplished skaters having themselves achieved various USFSA test levels in freestyle skating, pairs, dance, moves in the field and figures.

Children must be old enough to be on the ice by themselves. The recommended minimum age is 4 or 5 but, this may vary based on the maturity level of the child.

Each skater in the program has a Basic Yearly Membership in the USFSA, and entitles the skater to take lessons for that year at any USFSA "Learn to Skate" program. It entitles the skater to compete in any USFSA Basic Skills competition.

Accomplished skaters who go beyond the basic skill levels may take out a Regular Membership in the USFSA. These skaters hire private instructors and purchase practice ice on reserved club ice time.

Skaters must provide their own single blade figure or hockey skates. Skates may be rented from the arena. Wearing gloves and dressing in layers of flexible clothing is recommended, as well as bike helmets and knee pads for first time skaters and for young children.

For information, call Joanne Cedilotte at 439-1323, Cathy Clift at 439-8481, Lori Hill at 439-6244, Donna Sawyer at 439-5921, or the BIG Arena at 439-2211.



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## BCHS to host girls lacrosse clinics

Beginning on Sunday, Jan. 9, a series of lacrosse clinics will be held at Bethlehem Central High School for girls in third to eighth grade.

Registration is at 2:30 p.m., and the clinic runs from 3 to 5 p.m. More clinics will be held on Jan. 16 and 30, Feb. 6 and 13, and March 5.

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## Eagles capture tournament consolation game after being grounded by Tigers

By Mark Shawhan

After the Bethlehem Central High boys basketball team was defeated in the opening round of the Helderberg Holiday Tournament at Guiderland High School by the Union-Endicott Tigers, the Eagles bounced back nicely and captured a consolation victory over Christian Brothers Academy.

Senior guard **Chuck Abba** scored a team high 25 points in the Eagles 70-63 consolation win. **Josh Burnett** had his second big game in as many nights, scoring 23 points and joining Abba on the all-tournament team.

The triumph over CBA improved the Eagles overall record to 3-5 (1-3 in Suburban Council play) and was a good comeback after a tough opening round 72-51 loss to Union-Endicott.

After a good start, BCHS finished the tournament opener on the wrong end of a lop-sided score. Senior guards **Mitch Lane** and **Foluke Griffin** skillfully directed the Eagles offense, which was able

to get numerous open looks that translated into points in the first quarter. Meanwhile, the Eagles kept the Tigers off-balance at the other end of the court with sturdy defense. The Eagles finished the first quarter up 16-8, and extended that lead to 22-10 early in the second quarter.

That was the high-water mark for the Eagles, though; the constant calls of the Union-Endicott coach for "close defense" bore fruit as the Tigers suddenly stepped up their defense and shut the Eagles down. While the Tigers began to exploit BCHS defensive lapses, getting open looks hitting a higher percentage of their shots, Union-Endicott gained control of the game. A 14-1 Tiger run in the second quarter erased the Eagles lead and ended the half with the Tigers up 24-23.

The Tigers then extended that lead in the third quarter. While the Eagles fought hard, at one point narrowing the gap to three points midway through the third

quarter, that was as close as they came.

Six quick points from Tiger junior **Kashif Summers** off of a pair of steals halted the Eagle mini-rally, and the Tigers were up by 14 points with 2:25 remaining in the third quarter. While the Eagles managed to narrow the gap slightly, ending the third quarter down 48-37, the Tigers were clearly in control of the pace of the game.

Union-Endicott held the Bethlehem offense in check while getting many points on steals and fast breaks and penetration of the Bethlehem defense. The final score was 72-51. Senior **Matt Morley** paced the Tigers with 21 points, while junior **Josh Burnett** led the Eagles with 21 points in defeat.

"We're disappointed," Bethlehem head coach **Chuck Abba** said. "We started well, but then struggled; they took us out of our offense and outplayed us."

## License to drive



Bethlehem senior point guard Bridget Murray, (10), dribbles around an Albany High School player as she drives to the hoop in the opening game of Colonie Central High School's Lady Raiders Holiday Tournament. Despite Murray's team high 19 points, the Lady Eagles lost 52-45. On the next evening, in the consolation game against Mohonasen, the Lady Eagles evened their season record at 4-4 with a 53-46 victory. *Jim Franco*

## Varsity scoreboard and upcoming schedule

• **Tuesday, Dec. 28**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Cohoes 79, Voorheesville 70  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Cohoes 42, Voorheesville 36  
*Colonie Tournament*  
 Albany High 52, BCHS 46  
*RCS Gold Medal Tournament*  
 RCS 56, Coxsackie-Athens 15

• **Wednesday, Dec. 29**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
*Guiderland Tournament*  
 Union Endicott 72, BCHS 51  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
*Colonie Tournament*  
 BCHS 53, Mohonasen 45  
*RCS Gold Medal Tournament*  
 Amsterdam 42, RCS 41

• **Thursday, Dec. 30**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
*Guiderland Tournament*  
 BCHS 70, CBA 63  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Averill Park 49, Voorheesville 30

### Games On-Tap This Week

• **Wednesday, Jan. 5**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 BH-BL @ BCHS; 8 p.m.  
**SWIMMING & DIVING**  
 Guilderville @ Albany Academy; 4:30 p.m.  
 Albany High @ BCHS; 4 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
 BCHS @ Colonie; 6:30 p.m.  
**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Voorheesville @ Chatham;  
 6 p.m.

• **Thursday, Jan. 6**  
**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**  
 Voorheesville @ Germantown; 6 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
 RCS @ Watervliet; 6 p.m.  
 Voorheesville @ Averill Park; 6 p.m.

**V INDOOR TRACK**  
 League Meet @ HVCC (RCS); 3:45 p.m.

• **Friday, Jan. 7**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 RCS @ Cohoes; 7:30 p.m.  
 Niskayuna @ BCHS; 8 p.m.  
 Voorheesville @ Waterford; 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Cohoes @ RCS; 7:30 p.m.  
 BCHS @ Niskayuna; 8 p.m.  
**ICE HOCKEY**  
 BH-BL @ BCHS; 6:30 p.m.  
**SWIMMING & DIVING**  
 BCHS @ Queensbury; 4 p.m.

• **Saturday, Jan. 8**  
**ICE HOCKEY**  
 South Glens Falls @ BCHS; 6:30 p.m.  
**SWIMMING & DIVING**  
 Amsterdam Meet; 9 a.m. (BCHS, Voorheesville)  
**GYMNASTICS**  
 BCHS @ Shen; 10 a.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
 RCS Invitational Tourna-

ment; 8 a.m.  
 (RCS, Voorheesville)  
*Columbia Tournament*; 8 a.m.  
 (BCHS)

• **Tuesday, Jan. 11**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Watervliet @ RCS; 7:30 p.m.  
 BCHS @ Shen; 8 p.m.  
 Voorheesville @ Cobleskill; 7:30 p.m.  
**V GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 RCS @ Watervliet; 7:30 p.m.  
 Cobleskill @ Voorheesville; 7:30 p.m.  
**GYMNASTICS**  
 BCHS @ Shaker; 6:30 p.m.  
**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**  
 Voorheesville @ Hawthorne Valley; 6 p.m.

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Programs for children include a wrestling clinic, Come Fly with Me, Pee Wee Basketball and many other offerings. Several adult programs also have openings, including Women's Step and Sculpt.

Program information is in the "Bethlehem Report." Register in person, or by phone or mail. Participants must be residents of the town of Bethlehem or the school district. For information, call the park office at 439-4131.

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# Obituaries

## Jerome Rosen

Jerome M. Rosen, 74, of Wedgewood Drive in Voorheesville died Monday, Dec. 27, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Rosen attended Siena College.

He was a home builder and real estate developer.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany and a former member of Congregation Ohav Shalom.

He was formerly married to Lore Rosen of Albany.

Survivors include a son, Lee Rosen of Delmar; a daughter, Dr. Karen Rosen of Providence, R.I.; a brother Joseph Rosen of Slingerlands; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Congregation Beth Emeth.

Burial was in Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville.

Arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Emeth or Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Road, Albany 12208 or the Center for the Disabled, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Charles Lamoree

Charles P. Lamoree, 81, of Selkirk died Thursday, Dec. 30, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

Born in New York City, he was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific.

Mr. Lamoree was a bus driver for the former United Traction Co., Mountain View and Adirondack Trailways.

Survivors include a son, Ronald J. Lamoree of Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, Sandra J. Lombardo of Alcove; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

## Julia G. Molloy

Julia G. Molloy, 84, of

Voorheesville died Thursday, Dec. 30, at her home.

Born in New York City, she was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Mrs. Molloy worked for the state Department of Education before she retired.

She was the widow of Martin D. Molloy.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Rhatigan of Albany; two sons, Anthony Molloy of Kentucky and Jude Molloy of Slingerlands; a sister Alice Neary of Delmar; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

## Helen P. Couse

Helen P. Williams Couse, 88, of Albany and a Bethlehem native, died Monday, Dec. 27, at Senior Quarters.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a member of West End Presbyterian Church.

She was a dietitian at Albany Academy before she retired.

She was the widow of Theodore Couse.

Survivors include a sister Marion E. Klein of Albany.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the food pantry at West End Presbyterian Church, 585 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

## Library to show preschool films

*The Snowy Day*, *Harold's Fairy Tale*, and *Who's in Rabbit's House?* will be shown at Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m.

The free, drop-in program will last about 30 minutes.

It is for children ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers.

# Century

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people to downtown Albany to do some shopping. Hourly bus service started when she was about 7 or 8.

Brown also recalled a different kind of fire truck at the nearby fire station. "There were volunteer firemen, but what they used for a fire truck had great big wheels, and in between, water," she said. "The men pulled this."

Brown recalled a busy youth. "Every year Bethlehem Central High put on a school circus," she said. "All of the students participated. I was dressed up as a Gay '90s girl in some of my mother's old clothes. We all had a lot of fun, parades in the street, and things like that."

"Fernbank Avenue didn't have a house on it," Brown remembered. "It used to be a bridle path. We used to go down there in the woods and sneak a cigarette, and thought we were so grown up."

Halloween night was full of mischief. "There was no such thing as trick or treat when I was a girl," she said. "But all hell broke loose. Every Halloween, they put an outhouse up a telephone pole at the Four Corners. To this day, I have never found out how it got up there."

Brown also recalled a teen-ager she knew shooting out the lights on Delaware Avenue, which posed a particular problem for her as the constable's daughter. "Who was going to tattle on whom?" she asked.

Brown thinks the freedom allowed children in her day led to fewer pressures, on parents as well as children.

"People talk about kids today," she said, "but they're too much into the children now. We were told our limits and you got a lickin' if you didn't mind, but you didn't have parents breathing down your neck. And if you wanted to grow up and pump gas in a filling station, your parents didn't care that you weren't going to be somebody important. But today they do. They seem to use their children as their former ambitions, maybe. It puts a lot of pressure on children, and you hear about all these shootings. Children are not very happy today. There's too much pressure on kids today, and they're sort of resenting it."

Brown recalled that parents didn't hesitate to use physical discipline when rules were broken. "Parents didn't think anything about making their children mind back in those days," she said, recounting a particularly feared dog leash in her house.

Denegar said she thought there used to be more authority in families, and more respect. "I wish that our young people coming up didn't think so highly of their peers, and thought more of their parents," she said. "When I was growing up, I knew nothing of drugs. Now we have to be so concerned about a child using drugs or alcohol."

"Families were closer because you didn't spread out so much, especially during the war times," Drew said. "I think you miss a lot of the things your family did when you were together, because everybody spreads out so quickly now."

Drew, who grew up in Haverhill, Mass., and took a medical technician course at Colby-

Sawyer College in New Hampshire, said that Pearl Harbor was the historical event that had the greatest effect on her life.

"Pearl Harbor was a big shock to our generation," she said. "A lot of my friends who were in the Navy were killed during that."

Drew spent the war years working about her brother, who had been shot down over Germany and was held in a prisoner of war camp for three years.

"My brother didn't talk about it for a long time," Drew said. "In the past year, there's been more about it, and more books, which brings it all back. He was in a big plane, but only he and one other fellow survived. He's talked about the terrible conditions of the food, and the way they were treated."

As part of daily life, Drew remembered not having butter during the war years, and Denegar remembered missing nylon stockings. During the war, Denegar, who grew up in Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio, put her nurse's training, and her college degree in psychology, to use with the military.

"They put me in psychiatric wards because of my psychology background," Denegar said. "At first, I was in the most mentally disturbed wards."

Eventually, Denegar ended up in the Philippines, at a station hospital about 100 miles outside Manila. "I learned a lot about poverty," she said. "When I came home, I had kind of a feeling for a while that we had too much here. They had nothing, absolutely nothing."

Other details of the past have stayed with the three women. Brown remembered Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic, which coincided with the hatching of her much-guarded turkey egg, promptly named "Lindy." Denegar recalled being glued to radio reports of the Duke of Wales' abdication to marry Wallis Simpson. Brown recalled her older sister working as a switchboard operator at Albany's Kenmore Hotel, and talking casually about frequent guest Legs Diamond. She also remembered men riding the rails, and her sisters dancing the Charleston or the Black Bottom. There was a Civilian Conservation Corps camp where Five Rivers is now, and Brown recalled that Delmar residents banned the boys from town because they were worried about the honor of their daughters.

Brown said hers was the first Bethlehem family to have a radio with a loudspeaker. "Before that," she said, "you had to get earphones, and it was called a tinker set. When word got out that we had a loudspeaker, which was as big as an electric fan, people came from all over to hear it."

Denegar remembered thinking that television wasn't going to last. "It seemed so unreal, looking at pictures of what they were doing in New York or Europe," she said. "I couldn't comprehend it."

Drew recalled her years of raising children as very hectic. Her husband, the late Dr. Roger Drew, was in the service when their first child was born.

"We moved to Nebraska because Roger got out of the service and went into practice with somebody else. Two boys were born in Cherry Valley, N.J., and one in Michigan, where Roger had gone

for internal medicine training. He turned up with TB, and had to go to bed for a year. We had all those children, and we lived in a little tiny house," she said.

Drew worked in her husband's lab when her daughter started school.

"I had one child," said Denegar, who always worked. "We didn't have a lot of money, but we survived. I had nothing to complain about. I enjoyed life."

Before her retirement, Denegar was head of Bender Laboratory's blood bank and co-director of medical technology at Albany College of Pharmacy.

Denegar and Drew said they'd like to see better race relations in the future. "The problem as far as blacks and whites goes has improved, but it still has a long way to go," Drew said.

Denegar recalled being a college student at Duke and being upset by the way blacks were treated in the south.

"I left Youngstown on the train," she said, "and by the time we got into Washington, there were drinking fountains for blacks and whites. On the streets in North Carolina blacks would walk off the streets if they saw us coming. That upset me very much, and I felt I was lucky to be white. There's still a lot of that going on, and I resent it."

Denegar praised the abundance of opportunities, especially for women, today. "In my day, you either were a nurse, teacher or secretary," she said. "Today, there are great opportunities, especially if you have parents that direct you through school, and a college education. You need a goal to begin with as a young person, so you're not wasting your time."

Drew said most of her friends went to college, but Denegar said it was not the norm where she grew up.

"Getting a college education meant I had to work as a nurse," she said. "I did private duty at night, since there was no such thing as getting money to go to college. I told my mother I was going to college and she said, 'You're just trying to be better than your father.' That was the attitude of some people."

Brown, Denegar and Drew all remain active in the community. Drew and Brown both paint, and Drew volunteers with Meals on Wheels and her church. Denegar is active at the cat shelter, Whiskers, and works on quilting projects.

"The years go by, and you're very busy with your activities, and all of a sudden, the years have increased, and you're here," Denegar said.

"It's a wonderful life, but you make it that way," she added.

"It's what you make it," Drew agreed. "We're so lucky with the things we have, and we often don't realize or appreciate it."

## Parking law in effect

The Bethlehem Police Department reminds residents that the town's No Parking ordinance will remain in effect through April 15.

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SPOTLIGHT ON **Family ENTERTAINMENT**  
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# To DVD or not to DVD?

By JOHN BRENT

I remember reading about the soon-to-be reality of home video tape recorders back in the mid-1970s. It seemed like a dream come true to me then. The article explained how, in the next few years, home video recorders would become generally available to interested consumers. Unlike their cumbersome studio counterparts, these home units would be portable and use a smaller size videotape in convenient cassettes. Imagine! Taping favorite movies off TV or renting or buying popular films for viewing at your convenience.

Even though I was only in my mid-20s at the time, I was a hardcore movie buff and had spent much of my youth scouring the TV listings each week to find those desirable film titles that I had read about and was eager to see. A 3 a.m. screening of a Bogart movie? No problem. All nighters were doable back then and besides, who knew when I'd have another chance to see "The Maltese Falcon?"

By the time I was in my 20s, I was checking the film listings in *The New York Times* to see what interesting revivals were playing in the city that weekend. Money permitting, I would buy a round trip bus ticket to catch a Marx Brothers double feature or a Garbo revival. Not enough money for a hotel? Bring a good book and sit up all night at the Port Authority and wait for the 8 a.m. bus back upstairs.

Local college campuses with their film classes and societies proved to be a bonanza of hard-to-see classics and before, during and after my college days I regularly attended such screenings.

By the early 1980s it appeared that the article I had read was coming true. VCRs were dropping down



Compact DVD players, about the size of a VCR can blend nicely into most home entertainment centers.

## Cutting edge technology offers latest in home video

into the \$500 price range and a friend of mine bought one. I remember sitting in his living room as he proudly showed off his silvery SONY Betamax with the faux wood paneling on the sides. Not to be outdone, I had purchased my own unit by the end of the year.

There were two competing but not compatible formats in the early days of VCRs, Beta and VHS. Beta offered a better quality image and sound but VHS tapes were capable of longer recording times. Economics won out in this case and in a few years VHS dramatically eroded the Beta market share.

Two other home video formats were introduced in the early 80s. The short-lived RCA video disc system offered a low price player, but relied on retro technology with a vinyl disc and stylus that was destined for early obsolescence.

The other format, laser disc, provided a better picture than VCRs but the lack of recording capability and the generally more expensive product line discouraged the average consumer. The format became the choice for serious collectors, however.

Now the latest development in home video entertainment has been making inroads into the marketplace. DVD players and the discs made to play on them have been growing in popularity over the past several years. Retailers that offer a large selection of pre-recorded videotapes are converting more and more of their space into racks featuring DVDs. Major video distributors have jumped on the bandwagon to supply product.

Players are coming down in price and while a consumer can spend many hundreds of dollars on a top

of the line machine, entry level players can be had for as little as \$200.

OK, OK, why, you might ask, would you want to spend anything at all on a DVD player? If you're perfectly happy with a decent TV and a good quality VCR, what's the point? Well, maybe the answer is that you don't need a DVD player. But if you're really into movies as a devoted fan or as a serious student of film, and

you want the optimal home theater system currently available, DVD might be well worth considering.

DVD stands for Digital Video Disc or Digital Versatile Disc. About the size of a conventional music CD, DVD can hold up to 5 gigabytes of information per side.

One of the major advantages of DVD is the improved image quality as compared to conventional VHS tapes. VHS tape delivers about 250 lines of resolution on your TV screen where DVD doubles this number to 500. Most recent vintage TVs are capable of delivering 500 lines of resolution so the improvement is noticeable right away.

Another advantage of DVD over VHS is that many DVDs give you the option viewing choice. You can see films in a widescreen letterbox format or in the conventional pan and scan version. Most theatrical films from the early 1950s on were released in a widescreen format — Cinemascope, Panavision, VistaVision, etc. — in the hopes of luring the growing TV audiences back into the theaters. When these films were eventually sold to TV they had to be reformatted to fit the nearly square TV screen. This involved cropping the image and picking and choosing what part of the picture to show. An unhappy compromise at best, this panning and scanning of the widescreen image made for awkward composition and elimination of important visual information. The visual impact of films like David Lean's "Lawrence of Arabia" and Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" were virtually destroyed by this technique.

In letterboxing, some viewers find the black bars on the top and bottom of the screen distracting, but it's the only way to fit the full rectangular theatrical image onto the home screen. With most DVD releases, viewers can choose their preference. They can opt for the pan and scan version and fill their TV screen or choose the letterbox version and preserve the full theatrical image. As wide screen TVs and HDTV start to become more available and affordable in the next few years, DVD players and discs will be able to fill those widescreen frames without the black masking.

But wait, there's more. Many DVD releases contain additional materials along with the feature. There might be interviews with various people connected with the production, a making of ... documentary, theatrical previews of the film, alternative takes of various scenes, blooper-type outtakes, still photographs, and other goodies generally referred to as supplemental materials. Some releases, like Michael Mann's "The Last of the Mohicans" even include an alternative director's cut with scenes not in the original theatrical release.

The audio offers better quality digital sound, as well. Comparing DVD and VHS is not unlike comparing music CDs with

audiocassettes. The multiple track options on DVDs gives the consumer choices. Some DVDs are released with alternate language soundtracks. One might choose to hear the film in French or Spanish for example. Another advantage to multiple track audio is that sometimes a running commentary is provided in which a director, an actor or other person associated with the making of the film offers insights and background information on various scenes. On some of the older titles being released, writers, critics and film historians are called in to provide voice-over information. The viewer can choose to watch the movie with or without the commentaries.

The digital audio also provides a theater-like sound for those who run their DVD player through their stereo system. And those who want to go all the way might choose to invest in a surround sound receiver with a five-speaker set up and a subwoofer to bring out the base. DVD players are specifically designed to accommodate this type of speaker arrangement.

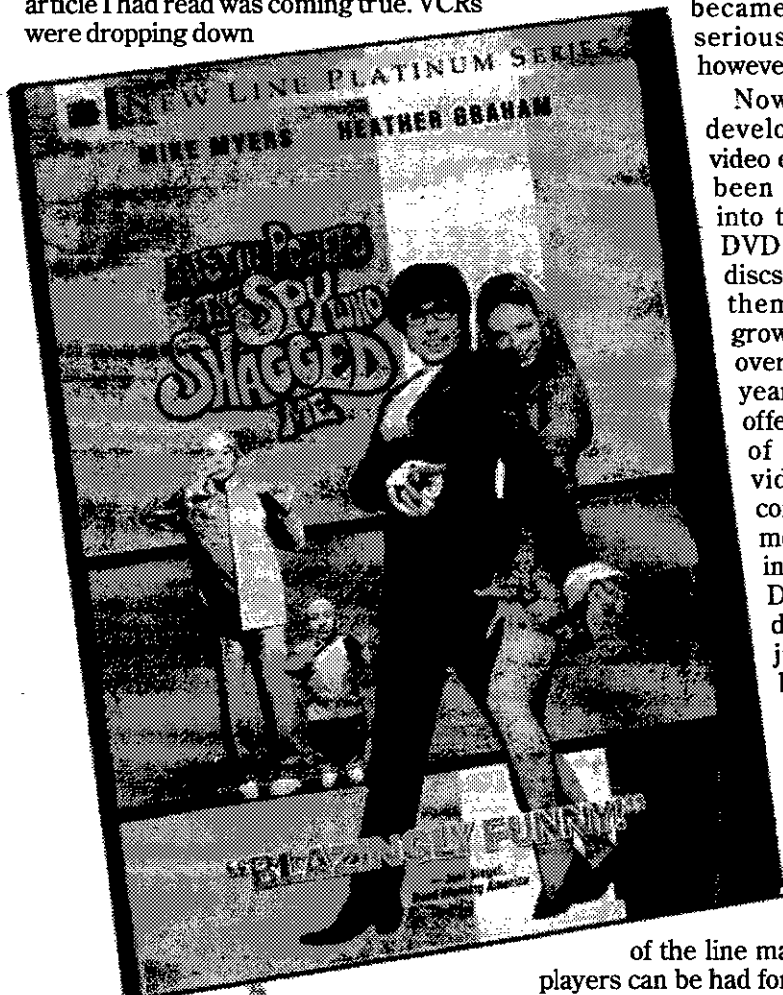
These kinds of features are not new to laser disc collectors but their availability on VHS has been somewhat limited.

A plus for parents with DVD players is that they have the option of restricting use of the player preventing films above a certain rating being viewed by younger family members.

The variety of product available is already pretty amazing. Not the overwhelming amount of material that is available on VHS at this point, but certainly enough to please almost any taste. While much of the product focuses on contemporary, mainstream cinema, one can find silent films, classics of the 30s, 40s and 50s. Cult movies, foreign films and independent films are showing up more frequently as well. And there's plenty of family entertainment available with everyone from Disney to Pokémon getting on the DVD bandwagon.

Perhaps the greatest downside to owning a DVD player is that you can't record. It is strictly a playback machine. That means you'll still have to maintain your VCR to tape favorite programs. It's only a matter of time, though before a DVD player becomes available with recording capabilities. The DVDs you buy today should be able to play on those newer machines, though.

To a film lover like myself, the advantages of DVD are hard to resist. I have been collecting on VHS for a number of years now (I may yet achieve my goal of owning a copy of every movie ever made), and the prospect of beginning a collection in a new format is somewhat daunting. But to see an alternative director's cut of a favorite film or to listen to an actor's commentary as the movie unfolds ... I'm weakening.



Popular DVD releases like "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," come with many bonus features including a running commentary by star Mike Myers and almost 20 minutes of deleted scenes.

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION**  
John Guare drama, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., Friday to Sunday, Jan. 7 to 23, \$12. Information, 462-1297.

## MUSIC

**BRANDENBURG CONCERTI**  
performed by the Berkshire Bach Ensemble, benefit for Camphill Village, Triform and Cadmus, Troy Savings Bank

Music Hall, Sate and Second streets, Jan. 1, 3 p.m., \$25. Information, 273-0038.

**WU HAN, PAMELA FRANK AND YEESUN KIM**  
trio performs works by Haydn and Tchaikovsky, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 5, 8 p.m., \$20, \$10 for students. Information, 372-3651.

**SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
family concert, with young musicians playing with the

orchestra, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Jan. 8, 2 p.m., \$10. Information, 346-6204.

**ALBANY PRO MUSICA**  
winter sing-along to Fauré's *Requiem* and Poulenc's *Gloria*, Remington Hall of Emma Willard School, Pawling Avenue, Troy, Jan. 9, 2 p.m., \$5. Information, 273-6510.

**DAVE MCKENNA**  
jazz pianist, Academy of the Holy Names, 1069 New Scotland Road, Albany, Jan. 15, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 438-7895.

**ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
George Lloyd memorial concert, featuring works by Lloyd, Elgar and Verdi, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., \$14 to \$33. Information, 465-4663.

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**NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM**  
Looking Back: The New York State Museum in the Year

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**ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART**  
The Art of the Gift, through Jan. 14, 63 State St. Information, 463-4478.

**ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES**  
drawings and paintings by Ted Lind and Time Capsule for a New Millennium, through Dec. 31, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

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in many folk instruments, Old Songs, ROI Center, Route 155, Guilderland. Information, 765-2815.

**MUSEUM ART CLASSES**  
ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

**DANCE CLASSES**  
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

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(January 5, 2000)

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### BETHLEHEM

#### BETH. BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3791.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 6:30 - 9 p.m. See also Tues., Thurs. Information, 439-0503.

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

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Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### 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.

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

#### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### AA MEETING

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

#### AL-ANON MEETING

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

## THURSDAY JANUARY

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### BETHLEHEM

#### RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Also Tues. Information, 439-0503.

#### HOMEWORK HELP CENTER

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6 to 8 p.m. p.m. Information, 439-0503.

#### FAMILIES FIRST

support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8839.

#### BETH. LUTHERAN CHURCH

children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

### AA MEETINGS

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

## FRIDAY JANUARY

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### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

**BOOKS IN THE MORNING**  
Discussion group to focus on "Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Information, 439-9661.  
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

#### YOUTH GROUP

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

## SATURDAY JANUARY

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### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

## SUNDAY JANUARY

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### BETHLEHEM

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

#### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

85 Elm Ave., Delmar, worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices, handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

#### DELMAR REFORMED

Sunday School and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with children's program. Nursery care Available at all worship times. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

#### SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

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

#### DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

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

#### FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

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

#### FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

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

#### MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

#### UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

#### BETHLEHEM COMM. CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

#### BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

#### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

#### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

#### GLENMONT COMM. CHURCH

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### ST. MATTHEW'S RC CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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

#### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### UNIONVILLE REFORMED

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

#### CLARKSVILLE COMM. CHURCH

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

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

#### ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

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

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### JERUSALEM REFORMED

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

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NS

worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

#### FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. Information, 768-2021.

## MONDAY JANUARY

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### BETHLEHEM

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian fellowship group for mother's of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-24377 or 439-6952.

#### 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. Weekly, 310 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

#### DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1603.

#### TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

#### AA MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

## TUESDAY JANUARY

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### BETHLEHEM

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

#### TAKE POUNDS OFF SENSIBLY

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

#### ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

#### A.W. BECKER PTA

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

#### BINGO

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

#### SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY

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### BETHLEHEM

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 6:30 - 9 p.m. See also Tues., Thurs. Information, 439-0503.

#### OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 451 Delaware Ave., Delaware, 4 p.m.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### TOWN BOARD

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

The Clubhouse, Adams Station

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

#### 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.

#### RED MEN

St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

#### AL-ANON MEETING

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

## THURSDAY JANUARY

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**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 1070 LOUDON ROAD, LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

1. The name of the Company is 1070 Loudon Road, LLC.
2. The articles of organization were filed on November 23, 1999.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is: 1070 Loudon Road, Cohoes, New York 12047
5. There is no specific date of dissolution.
6. The purposes for which the Company is formed are as follows:

To purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, sell, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated; and  
To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability company may be organized under the LLC of the State of New York. The Company is not formed to engage in any act requiring the consent of any state agency without such consent first being obtained.  
7. The organizer of the limited liability company was Elizabeth Barra as sole organizer, 1070 Loudon Road, Cohoes, New York 12047.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EGB ASSOCIATES, LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

1. The name of the Company is EGB Associates, LLC.
2. The articles of organization were filed on August 11, 1999.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him is: 797 Whitney Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12309
5. The latest date on which the Company may dissolve is December 31, 2040.
6. The purposes for which the Company is formed are as follows:

To purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, sell, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated; and  
To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability company may be organized under the LLC of the State of New York. The Company is not formed to engage in any act requiring the consent of any state agency without such consent first being obtained.

7. The organizer of the limited liability company was Brian H. Bronshter, as sole organizer, 6 Chelsea Place, P.O. Box 674, Clifton Park, New York 12065.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of Sterling Management, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 17, 1999, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 25 Mason Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The purpose for which

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the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP**

NAME: POWERS & SANTOLA, LLP. Certificate of Registration was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/99, with an existence date of 01/01/2000. Office location: Albany County. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLP, 39 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of law.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TONY'S PLACE, LLC.**

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/99. 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, 147 Bridge Avenue, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA SJA, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 6, 1999. 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 it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.  
(January 5, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA WALLKILL L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 6, 1999. 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 it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CARENET AMERICA, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of CARENET AMERICA, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 2, 1999. The Company is being formed to engage in software development and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Rensselaer, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is

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3L Millcreek Drive, East Greenbush, New York 12061.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**

Banderson Group LLC, has filed Articles Organization with the New York Secretary of State on November 29, 1999. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 75 State Street, Albany, New York. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.  
(January 5, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is CAPITOL VIEW ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 16, 1999. 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 it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Westside Promotions LLC was filed with SSNY 12/16/1999: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207.  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Raine Enterprises LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Penwood Services LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Randcliff LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Ward Technologies LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Tuscan Services LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office:

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Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Sandingham Consultants LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Braemar LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Ferndale LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Newark Consultants LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Ramsden Enterprises Developments LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Edwardon Developments LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Lawson Consultants LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Woodfield Developments LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

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Silwood Developments LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Berrydale Services LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Elderton Enterprises LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Hawkdene Trading LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/13/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Human Capital, L.L.C. was filed with SSNY 11/08/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 28777 Northwestern Hwy. #240, Southfield, MI 48034  
Purpose: any lawful purpose  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Oakbridge LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/02/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

metal Consulting LLC, was filed with SSNY 12/01/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Poseidon LLC, was filed with SSNY 11/23/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC

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served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
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(January 5, 2000)

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Smith N.Y. LLC, was filed with SSNY 11/29/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207  
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Eurofurs LLC, was filed with SSNY 11/22/99 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC 30 East 40th St, New York 10016  
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(January 5, 2000)

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ENGCONSULT LLC, was filed with SSNY September 30, 1999 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC 30 East 40th St, New York 10016  
Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
(January 5, 2000)

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

Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 8, 1999. 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 Party Warehouse, 76 Fuller Road, Albany, New York 12205.  
(January 5, 2000)

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is ALLIANCE PERSONAL PLANNING ADVISORS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").  
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on November 16, 1999.  
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: 19 British American Boulevard Latham, NY 12110  
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company law (the "Law").  
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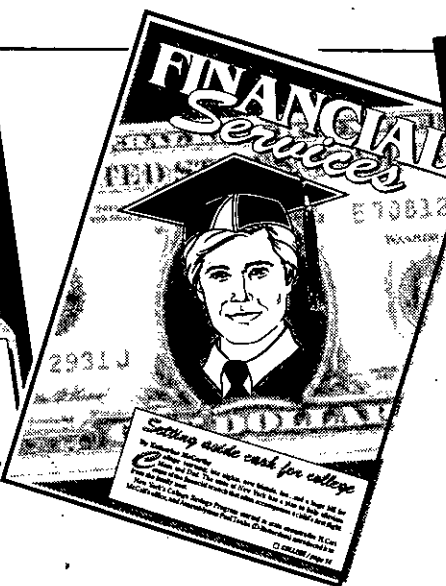
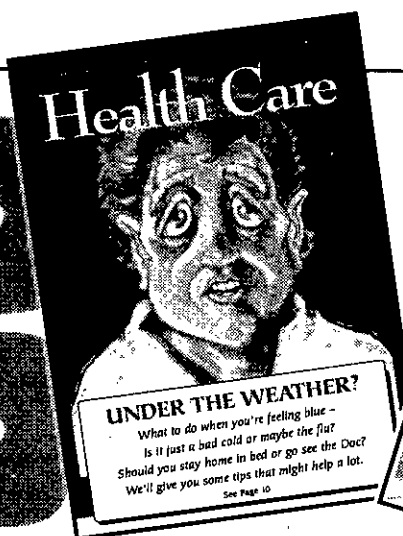
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- **Update 2000 Part 1 - Services**  
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## FEBRUARY

- **Update 2000 Part 2 - Finance**  
Issue Date: Feb. 9, Deadline: Jan. 26
- **Update 2000 Part 3 - Business**  
Issue Date: Feb. 23, Deadline: Feb. 9

## MARCH

- **Food**  
Issue Date: March 8, Deadline: Feb. 23
- **Spring Fashion**  
Issue Date: March 22, Deadline: Mar. 8

## APRIL

- **Home & Garden**  
Issue Date: April 5, Deadline: Mar. 22
- **Automotive**  
Issue Date: April 19, Deadline: April 10

## MAY

- **Senior Scene**  
Issue Date: May 3, Deadline: April 19
- **Welcome Summer**  
Issue Date: May 24, Deadline: May 10

## JUNE

- **Building & Remodeling**  
Issue Date: June 7, Deadline: May 24
- **Class of 2000**  
Issue Date: June 28, Deadline: June 14

## JULY

- **Summer Arts & Entertainment**  
Issue Date: July 5, Deadline: June 21
- **Senior Scene**  
Issue Date: July 26, Deadline: July 12

## AUGUST

- **Back to School**  
Issue Date: August 16, Deadline: Aug. 2
- **Health Care**  
Issue Date: Aug. 30, Deadline: Aug. 16

## SEPTEMBER

- **Community Guides**  
Issue Date: Sept. 13, Deadline: Aug. 30
- **Home Decorating & Remodeling**  
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## OCTOBER

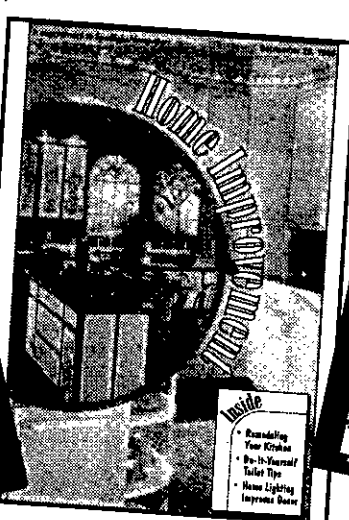
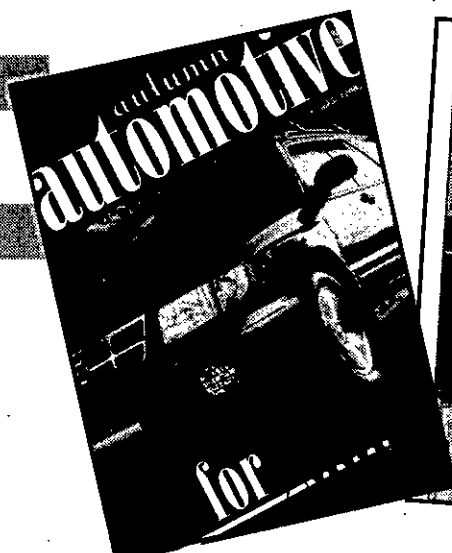
- **Beauty Guide**  
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- **Fall Automotive**  
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## NOVEMBER

- **Party Guide**  
Issue Date: Nov. 8, Deadline: Oct. 25
- **Holiday Gift Guide I**  
Issue Date: Nov. 22, Deadline: Nov. 15

## DECEMBER

- **Holiday Gift Guide II**  
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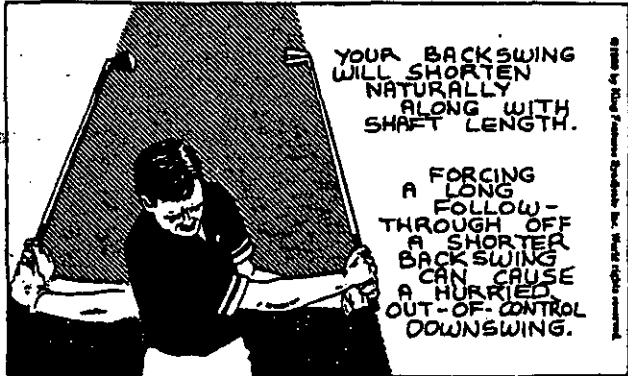
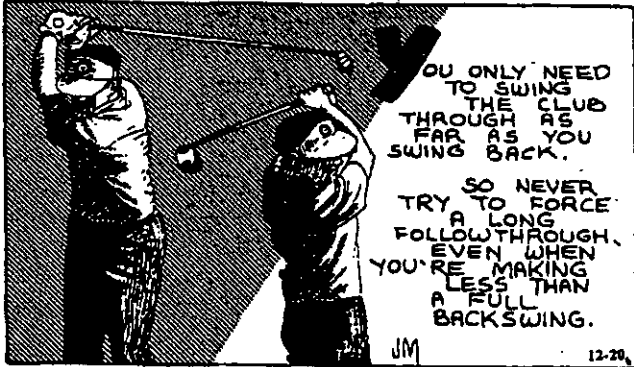
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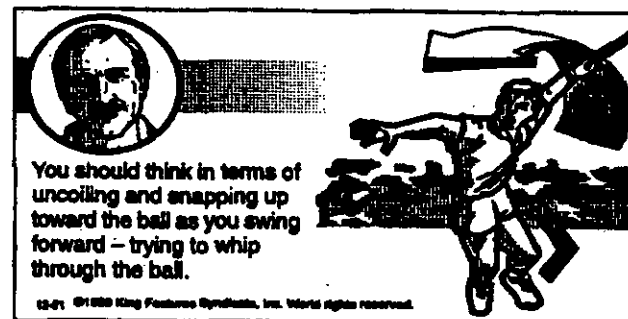
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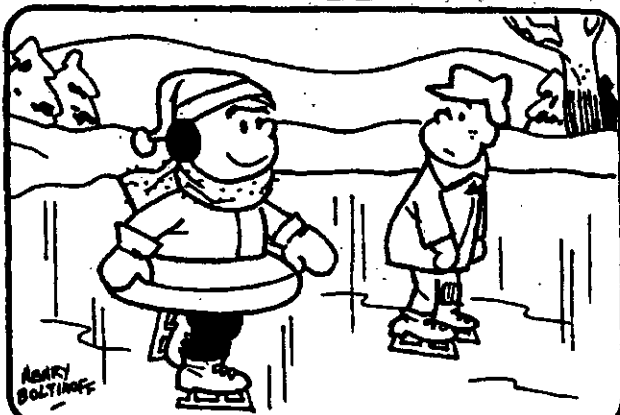
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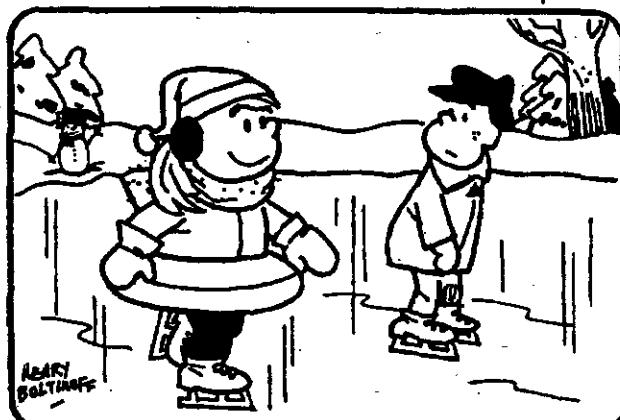
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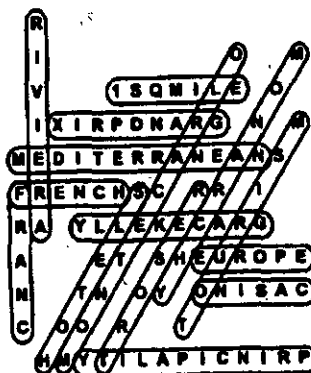


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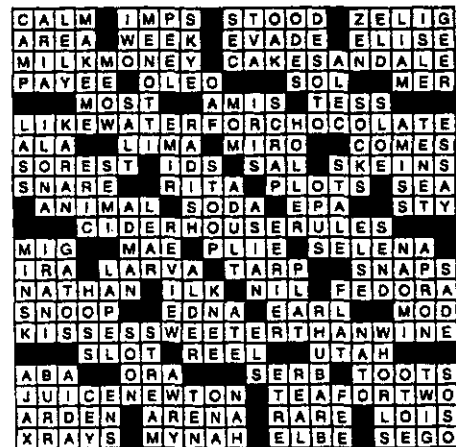


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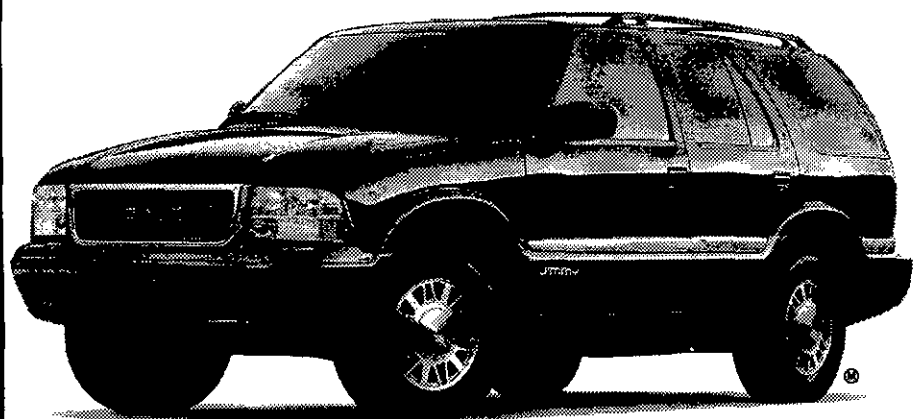
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# Little League to hold registration

Registration for Hudson Valley Little League will be held on Friday, Jan. 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at Ravena Lanes on Main Street.

## RCS Community Library sets Internet programs

RCS Community Library is offering one-hour Internet for Beginners classes.

The program is held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

## RCS high to host Science Olympiad

The senior high school Science Olympiad will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 3 to 7 p.m.

## Parent-teacher groups to meet

Becker School PTA will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Pieter B. Coeymans School PTO will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

## Grange to offer defensive driving course

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Grange and their families will have the opportunity to participate in a defensive driving course on Jan. 5 and 6 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Completion of the course will remove up to four points on the participant's driving record. To register, call 756-6222.

## New superintendent takes over RCS schools

The RCS school district welcomes Robert Drake as its new school superintendent this week.

Drake comes to RCS from Berne-Knox-Westerlo, where he was instrumental in helping to raise the educational expectations for all of the districts' students.

He promoted distance learning and instituted school-to-work programs.

Along with a new superintendent comes a new, revitalized school.

RCS now looks forward to the construction of a new school library, new classrooms and technology centers, new roofs, a six-lane all-weather track, and the return of fifth-graders from the middle school to the elementary schools.

## Riverfront welcomes new millennium

The opening of a second Yanni's restaurant is part of an ongoing effort by the town of Coeymans to beautify the riverfront and to make it once again attractive to tourists.

The original eatery is on Main Street in Ravena.

Marc Yanni was recently named one of the top 10 chefs in the Capital District.

He received the award for his stuffed pork chop with spinach recipe.

At the turn of the last century, the riverside hamlet of Coeymans housed a thriving artists' colony.

It is hoped that such a colony can once again be established.

# Contract

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raises and benefits approved by the town board in the 2000 budget for non-union town employees.

"I think Mrs. Fuller's position was to be fair and consistent with all employees of the town, and I think the contract does that," said Arduini.

Other contract gains included revisions to the schedule of longevity pay increases, two new paid holidays and extending clothing allowances for plainclothes officers to include school resource officers. But the contract also includes some give backs in health insurance coverage, including an increase in the co-pay on prescriptions and an increase in the contribution of officers with family health coverage.

"The overall contract was fair for both sides, although there were some initial concerns among my members about the health insurance increases," said Arduini.

Police Chief Richard LaChappelle, who said he intentionally stayed out of the negotiations, said, "I've heard the negotiations described as friendly, with every-

one working together for a common goal. Nevertheless, a lot of issues came up at the table. Those issues are very serious, especially as far as staffing goes."

Fuller, Arduini and Anson all agreed that staffing was the key sticking point, especially their implications on extended sick leave for officers injured in the line of duty, which is administered under article 207c of the state's General Municipal Law.

The police force, Arduini said, has grown by just eight officers in the past 20 years, "and when you subtract out for management positions, we're only up one or two new people actually out on patrol in all that time." Anson said that service calls per shift have risen over the past decade from about 10-15 to nearer 60 today.

As a result, long-term sick leave for officers injured on the job has a significant impact on an already strained active duty roster. Four officers currently have been on leave for a year or more, and two others recently qualified for disability retirement.

"Both the town and the union had to be careful to protect the rights and benefits of the guys who are out, but this was a major issue," Arduini said.

The new contract gives teeth to the town's existing legal right under the terms of 207c to assign officers on long-term leaves to light duty. It does so by establishing procedures for enacting such a policy and arbitrating disputes over such duty. "There was no provision in the previous contract regarding 207c issues," LaChappelle said.

Fuller said the town board has already resolved to institute a light-duty policy, though details remain to be worked out with the chief.

"There's more to it than the light-duty issue," LaChappelle said. Although he credited the town board for "allowing reasonable growth ever since I've been chief," his request for two new positions was passed over by the board. He also expressed concern that the light-duty policy could provoke dissension in the ranks. "We have to do something to address the manpower issues caused by these long-term leaves," he said.

In the meantime, 207c issues dominated discussion for months, Fuller said. "That's what meeting after meeting turned into, the union representatives saying, 'You're not hearing us. We need help,'" she said.

But with federal and state sources of funding for police positions drying up, she held out little hope of any additional hiring. "Where is the funding for new officers?" she said. "That's what the board is looking for."

Rather than bank on additional hiring, Fuller suggested a look at how the existing officers are assigned.

"I think this is something the chief needs to review," she said. "The union wants more police, but we're questioning what they're doing with the ones we already have."

With the new contract now in force through December 2001, the next round of negotiations is not set to begin until September of next year. In the meantime, Arduini said, the staffing question "is an issue that is not simply going to go away anytime soon."



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# Spring & Summer Brides

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# Remembering wedding details is easy with the right lists

Anyone who has planned a wedding knows that the most frustrating part is remembering the details. Below is a gift to the bride to be from the Spotlight Newspapers. It is a planner designed to take the headache out of the planning.

## Nine to Twelve Months Before the Wedding

- Determine the type of wedding you want, size degree of formality, setting.
- Select a wedding date and time
- Check with the person officiating your wedding to determine any pre-marital requirements.
- Set a tentative budget.
- Decide how expenses will be shared.
- Shop together for wedding rings.
- Determine the size of the guest list.
- Plan reception and book location.
- Select and book caterer.
- Select and book photographer, videographer.
- Select and book reception entertainment.
- Select and book transportation for out-of-town guests and the wedding day.
- Select wedding attendants.
- Choose your dress and headpiece.

- Schedule fittings and delivery date.
- Choose bridesmaid dresses and accessories.
- Select a travel agent and start planning for your honeymoon.

## Six to nine months before the wedding

- Announce your engagement in the local paper.
- Register for gifts.
- Maintain records of all gifts received and send thank you notes immediately.
- Select florist and discuss color schemes.
- Begin shopping for men's wedding clothes.

## Four to six months before the wedding

- Order invitations and order stationary.
- Complete your guest list.
- Ensure that all bridal attire has been ordered.
- Check marriage license requirements.
- Experiment with hair style and cut.
- Select baker and order wedding cake.

- Order favors.

## Two to three months before the wedding

- Choose the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- Start addressing invitations and announcements.
- Mail out-of-town invitations six weeks before the wedding.
- Purchase accessories such as cake knives and candles.
- Confirm details with your professionals.

- Confirm ceremony details.
- Arrange rehearsal details.
- Plan rehearsal dinner.
- Make appointment with your hairdresser.
- Arrange for engraving.
- Finalize honeymoon plans with your travel agent.

## One month before the wedding

- Finish addressing invitations and mail them four weeks before the wedding.
- Get marriage license.
- Have your dress fitting.
- Have formal bridal portrait done.
- Have final fitting for wedding attendants.

- Purchase gifts for wedding participants and for fiancé.
- Finalize rehearsal dinner details.
- Draw a map to direct guests to the ceremony and reception sites.
- Ensure that accessories are in order— toasting goblets, garter, candles, ring pillow.

## Two weeks before the wedding

- Contact guests who have not responded.
- Pick up wedding rings make sure they fit and are properly engraved.
- Meet with photographer and make list of preferred pictures.
- Meet with entertainer offer a list of music to be played.
- Continue writing thank you notes for gifts received.

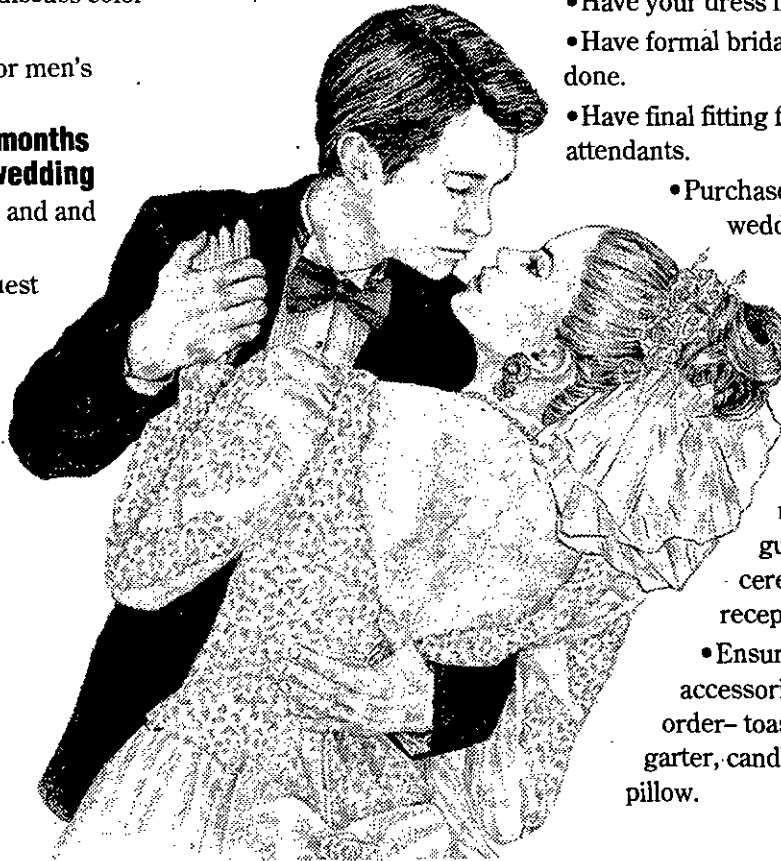
## One week before the wedding

- Provide the caterer with the total guest count and confirm details.
- Provide wedding party and out-of-town guests with maps.
- Plan seating arrangements.
- Confirm honeymoon reservations and accommodations, pick up tickets and travelers checks.

- Assign tasks to be done on the wedding day to your wedding party.
- Begin to pack your suitcase for the honeymoon.
- Check with florist to insure flowers will be delivered on time.

## On the wedding day

- Bring wedding ring and license to ceremony or ask someone else to do it.
- Apply make up slowly.
- Start dressing two hours before the ceremony.
- Mail the wedding announcements to the newspapers or ask someone else to do it.
- Have music start twenty to thirty minutes before you walk down the aisle.
- After the wedding
  - Write and mail all thank you notes as soon as possible.
  - Take care of business, banking, insurance, changing names as soon as possible.
  - Have bridal gown cleaned by a professional and preserved.



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# Bridal gift registries go high tech

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Like fashion styles for wedding gowns and tuxedos, bridal gifts have trends as well.

What items are you mostly likely to see on gift registries this year?

According to Filenes bridal consultant Paula Goldslager, the men are more involved than ever before and are putting their mark on the registry.

"Men are cooking, so they're picking out pots and pans and good quality knives. They also like to pick out the wine glasses," she said.

Just 10 years ago, brides visited shops with their mothers, selecting china patterns and color schemes. Now that couples are marrying later and often paying for the wedding themselves, couples go together to fill out the gift registry.

"They're older couples, and they have a mind of their own," Goldslager said.

Couples love small appliances. KitchenAids, Cuisinarts and blenders all top the list.

Although breadmakers have fallen to the wayside, old standbys like juicers and crockpots appear on many bridal wish lists.

Brides and grooms are selecting china patterns and more practical items like sheets and towels. Couples also like matched luggage sets which they can put on the gift registry.

Because families are so spread out, Filenes is associated with more than 300 stores

across the country so that out of town guests can take advantage of the registry. Family and friends can also call 1-800-4-BRIDES to see what's on the list and within the year, Filenes hopes to have a registry online.

"One of the big trends is the Internet," said Matthew Gough, co-partner with Erika Deitz for a bi-annual publication called The Complete Wedding Guide.

The guide lists businesses associated with weddings from caterers to disc jockeys and they have a Web site with links to wedding and party-related sites. The web address is

www.completeweddingguide.com.

According to Gough, couples are planning their entire wedding on the Internet and are taking advantage of online gift registries. Major department stores and even smaller boutiques have tapped into "e-weddings."

Today, many brides and grooms have careers, making it difficult to find time to visit stores and fill out registries.

The Internet, on the other hand, is always open.

As for out-of-town family and friends, they, too, can view the list without leaving their home and have the gift wrapped and sent.

Even if they attend the wedding, shipping a crystal serving bowl or food processor is much easier and safer than carrying it on a plane.

Gough also said because of the male influence, couples are registering at non-traditional stores like home improvement centers.

The groom can come away with a complete set of power tools to build a deck on their first house and the bride can have her pick of wallpaper, paint, light fixtures and carpeting.

One more thing to remember about registries, their gift registries, not bridal registries.

Not only do they reflect the tastes and desires of the groom, but people are making good use of the gift registry idea for a variety of occasions from anniversaries to bar mitzvahs.

# New bridal jewelry

Defining the ring as usual this year it the center diamond cut.

The most popular center diamond cuts for engagement rings, as we enter the new millennium, are round-brilliant, princess-cut, and marquise-cut.

With the return to tradition that has been occurring in engagement ring styling, the three-stone engagement ring has emerged as the top-selling look, and the round-brilliant is the best selling center diamond shape.

The round-brilliant appeals to women with a classic sense of style, while the princess-cut and marquise-cut appeal to the woman who wants something more contemporary.

Brides this year are also combining white and yellow metals on the band of an engagement or wedding ring.

If you want an updated look. The combination of 18K yellow accents with platinum is quite popular, and creates a more modern look, as opposed to the more classic look of an all-platinum ring.



New millennium jewelry has the sparkle of the new century and a classic style.

What's popular in bridal jewelry this year? The millennium has inspired timeless designs marrying old and new elements.

Classic ring styles with a modern twist are very popular with young couples, say experts

Couples also seek something unique when shopping for an engagement ring.

Platinum and white gold are both white-hot for the millennium. Both are similar in appearance, but platinum has the added benefits of being tarnish-resistant, hypo-allergenic, and more durable than gold.

## One of the biggest trends is the Internet

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# Scrapbook wedding albums a new trend for couples

By Donna J. Bell

Right after future brides and grooms pick the ring, the gown and the church they start their search for a wedding photographer. After all, the pictures of the big day have to be perfect - they remind us, from this day forth, of the love, joy and ceremony that made up the wedding day.

Pictures hold special places in our homes and in our hearts - they are our link to past and future generations. That reverence for photos has come to the forefront in the past decade with a trend toward preserving family stories and pictures in scrapbooks.

If the word "scrapbook" invokes an image of black pages and pictures tucked into white paper corners then you haven't seen scrapbooks recently.

Not since the Victorians lovingly decorated photo albums with pictures and beautifully painted decorations (scraps) has such an emphasis been put on scrapbooking. Today's scrapbookers feel they are creating "family storybooks"

because, although they also add decoration to their pages with stickers, colored paper and artistic "cropping" of photos into circles, ovals and other shapes, they also write the "story" of the photos right on the page.

Another change from years past is the emphasis on albums that are photo-safe. For years people have unwittingly been putting their pictures into albums that have been prematurely destroying their family photos. Many albums now on the market, especially the magnetic sticky-backed albums, are made with PVC plastic, caustic glues and acid-filled cardboard causing photos to discolor and fade. Modern scrapbookers prize albums, and scrapbook materials, that are acid-free and lignin-free. Lignin is a chemical found in wood pulp that causes paper to disintegrate, turn brown and crumble. Good for trees, bad for paper.

Scrapbookers should expect to pay between \$35 and \$55 for a good quality scrapbook album - a bargain when you consider the priceless pictures they are



Wedding scrapbooks allow the couple to personalize their wedding album with words, pictures and memorabilia.

designed to protect.

When creating an album as important as a wedding album, it is essential that the album and pictures stand the test of time. Many photographers do give couples the option of purchasing an album to store their photos in and most of those albums are photo-safe. But, more and more newlyweds are choosing to create their own wedding scrapbook because lets them reflect their own style.

Scrapbooking also gives the bride the option to include memorabilia in her album. A wedding scrapbook becomes much more personal when it holds a copy of the wedding vows and the wedding announcements. Dried flowers from the bridal bouquet often

find a place inside the album, along with the garter and wedding cards and letters from guests. Another benefit is that the "guest book" can be incorporated right into the album instead of having a separate log of attendees. Couples often add their own special touches to the album by augmenting professional photos with personal shots that family and friends have taken that show those private or crazy moments.

Another natural extension to the wedding pictures are the photos from the honeymoon.

A wedding album can also become a "time capsule" of the year the couple was married. Keeping honeymoon hotel receipts, the bill for the rings and catering or pictures of

different gowns that were stylish at the time adds historical interest when the album is viewed 10, 25 or 50 years later.

Scrapbooks are turning up in other matrimonial ways. Some couples choose to create an engagement album that shows the events leading up to their marriage. From pictures of the first date to the official engagement photos the album can take many shapes.

The story of the proposal is a must of course, but some couples also write letters to their future spouse inside the album telling them the plans they have for the future, or sharing how much the upcoming wedding means to them.

At a recent wedding, the couple put their album out on a table for friends and family to look at. The album was divided into "Him," "Her" and "Us" sections and showcased pictures of the couple as they were growing up, when they were dating, and finally a shot of the groom proposing the future bride on bended knee.

Friends and family often create albums for the couple. One loving touch is a bridesmaids album where each of the female members of the wedding party create a page for the bride including pictures, stories or poems and pay tribute to the life change that not only the bride, but her friends will so be participating in.

Just as each wedding is different and unique so are the scrapbooks that couple create to commemorate their special day. From that first step down the aisle to the "I Do's" and beyond, each moment is captured in pictures and words for generations to enjoy.

Donna Bell is a Creative Memories consultant who teaches scrapbooking classes throughout the Capital Region. You can reach her at 768-8217.

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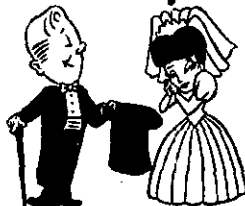
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# Finding honeymoon hot spots

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Planning a wedding is hard work and the excitement of that special day can be exhausting. Many couples look to their honeymoon to celebrate and recover.

If you want your honeymoon to be carefree, start planning early. "For couples to get what they really want, they need to make reservations at least nine months in advance, six months minimum," said Mary Beth Max, a travel agent with Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Saratoga. And what couples really want are all-inclusive honeymoons. All-inclusive resorts are just that.

One price, about \$3000 per couple, covers airfare, food, beverages, entertainment and sport-related activities. Couples just need money for souvenirs.

According to Jaye Sprinkle, owner of Travelhost in Delmar, Jamaica has the greatest number and most exclusive resorts.

The all-inclusive originated in Jamaica but you can find this type of resort on any of the islands in the Caribbean.

If you are planning a honeymoon in the Caribbean, keep the weather in mind. Hurricane season runs from August 1, to November 30.

Most resorts will compensate honeymooners in case of an evacuation, but you just can't reschedule a honeymoon.

Places like Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida also offer honeymoon packages for couples more interested in playing than lounging on the beach.

Several years ago, Disney built a wedding chapel so you can get married in the Magic Kingdom.

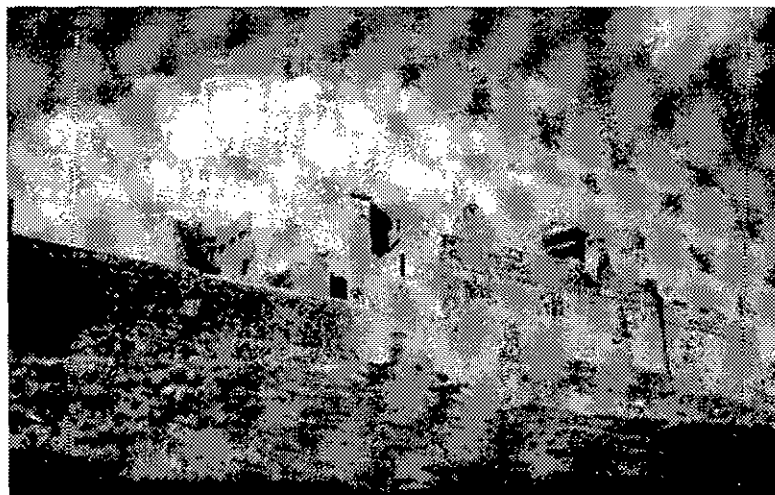
Cruises are popular too, though they are not all-inclusive. Gratuity, beverages and certain

activities cost extra. A week on a ship can be very romantic, if you're not seasick.

The all-inclusives are popular because couples can plan and stick to a budget. There are no

hidden costs. After the expense of the wedding, couples don't need any surprises on their

honeymoon. For couples with a more flexible budget, Europe is



Ireland can be a romantic and inexpensive getaway.

a favorite destination.

"Depending on the time of year, you can get some great rates," Sprinkle said.

In Europe, the high season is from April to October, but you can save money by going from November through March. "Ireland is a very romantic place and even Paris isn't that expensive," Max said.

Just about any vacation spot offers some kind of package, whether you choose skiing, hiking or white water rafting on the Colorado River.

"We can find something for any budget, as long as they're being realistic," Max said.

In the last several years, the average honeymoon budget has risen considerably. Couples are staying longer and spending more.

"Couples are older and they both work. They have their own

money and they're willing to spend it," Sprinkle said.

No matter what their personal budget may be, many couples register with travel agencies who offer gift certificates.

Gifts from family and friends can help couples upgrade their honeymoon plans. It could mean the difference between a room with an ocean view or a view of the parking lot.

"For the bridal shower, brides are choosing a 'Honeymoon Shower.' They get travel gift certificates and things like luggage," Sprinkle said.

No matter what kind of honeymoon you are dreaming about, planning is key.

Whether you want the best rates for the off season or if you want to guarantee that room with an ocean view and a whirlpool tub.

# Perfect packing

Packing for a honeymoon this winter? Whether you've planned a ski weekend, a Caribbean escape or a winter getaway to Ireland, wearing and packing the right items is key to your comfort.

Packing pointer 1: Rely on layers

Your enormous cable-knit monstrosity may seem like the perfect cold-climate piece, but you'll be thinking differently when you're sweating on the plane or as you arrive in a warmer climate.

A smarter option: dressing in easy layers you can pull on and off as temperatures and travel situations change.

Packing pointer 2: Use suitcase space effectively

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Packing pointer 3: Think versatility

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Packing pointer 4: Be comfortable

While you want to look good while you're traveling, you also want to be comfortable.

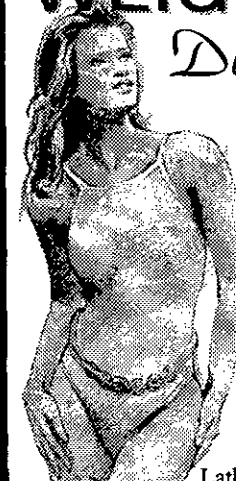
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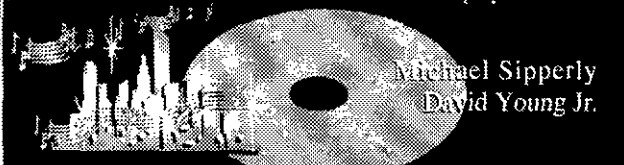
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## A sweet table dressing

By Elizabeth Byrns

Centerpieces can be the talk of a wedding.

A beautiful flower bouquet or basket of candles can dress up a table no matter what the season or color scheme.

But if you are looking for something guests may say looks good enough to eat, a local business woman has just the thing.

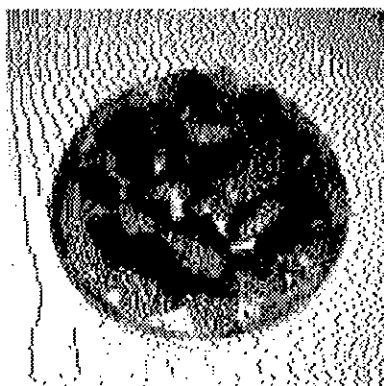
Lissa D'Aquanni owns and operates the Chocolate Gecko in Albany. The shop, located in her basement, has grown by leaps and bounds in the year since she opened and has been a hit at many weddings.

D'Aquanni says she talks to the bride first to see what kind of wedding she is planning and what kind of chocolates she wants.

D'Aquanni has created everything from simple chocolates as favors to very elaborate chocolate dipped fruit platter centerpieces.

The decision about what fruit to put on the platters is partly dictated by the seasons. An

D'Aquanni says the best idea



An apricot dipped chocolate fruit plate dresses up any bride's table

is to stick with what is fresh and abundant during the season you are planning your wedding.

For a spring wedding D'Aquanni recommends strawberries, pineapple and grapes double dipped. That means dipped in both dark and white chocolate.

D'Aquanni says the contrasting chocolates adds flavor and color to the platter.

If there is no head table brides can order smaller fruit platters for each table.

The smaller platters can also have a variety of fruit and chocolates and can create a delicious talking point for the guests.

## Plan your upcoming wedding online

By Leigh G. Kirtley

More couples are planning their weddings while trying to manage

their careers. It is often difficult for them to find time to select invitations, guest favors and fill out gift registries.

Going online is one way for couples to fit planning into their schedules.

Couples can search the Internet at their convenience, bookmarking sites as they go. Revisiting sites for a second look is easier than another trip in the car to that little boutique in Vermont.

Whatever brides and grooms are looking for, they can find on the Internet and often it is one-stop-shopping. The variety of products and services seem endless. And even if you don't buy anything online, the web sites are a great source for ideas.

Web sites like CompleteWeddingGuide.com offer couples links to everything from stemware to honeymoon packages to gift

registries.

"One of the biggest trends this year is the Internet," said Matthew Gough, co-owner of the Complete Wedding Guide.

Another web site, the online WeddingMall.com, offers free shipping on every item they sell which is just about anything you need for your wedding. Beginning with decorations and ideas for wedding showers, they take you through the rehearsal dinner, ceremony, reception and even offer vehicle decoration kits.

Macy's sponsors the WeddingChannel.com where you can find your dream gown. Of course, the site gives couples access to Macy's gift registry and other products.

Shopping aside, the Internet is a wealth of information for couples trying to plan the most important day of their lives.

The WeddingChannel offers expert advice on everything from wedding etiquette, what to serve and the pros and cons of an outdoor wedding. Thinking about eloping? The Wedding Channel gives you the pros and

cons for that, too.

Other sites, including the home for Brides Magazine at Brides.com,

gives brides a chance to email their questions to one of their experts. They have a list of most frequently asked questions that includes things like "How do I find a dress I saw in the magazine?" and "How do I word my invitations?"

One of the best things couples will find online are Budget Planning Guides found on the web sites mentioned above. By filling in four or five fields, couples can get instant advice on how much to spend for various aspects of their wedding.

For example, let's say you have an \$8000 budget, you are inviting 125 guests and you will have six attendants.

According to one budget planner, you should spend about \$21 per person

at the reception, (not including site rental), \$400 for a disc jockey, \$520 on your gown, headpiece and accessories and \$170 on invitations and thank you notes.

Unfortunately, the budget planner may not have your priorities in mind. This same planner advised spending \$600 on a wedding consultant and putting the groom in a dark suit for \$40. It also advised hiring a photography student rather than hiring a professional.

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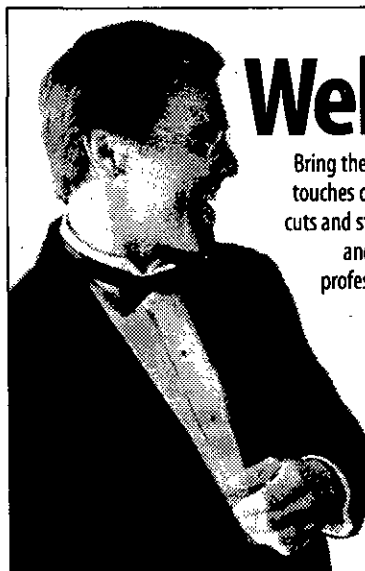
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# Turn of the century advice for a happily ever after

First comes love, then comes marriage and then comes the couple with the baby carriage.

Well a few things happen in between, or at least in most sequences we find the families involved making detailed plans for setting the date, and choosing the place for the ceremony and the reception.

Plus the hotel for the out of town guests and the millions and trillions of minute details that often make the entire love match become a dueling match between many of the participants.

If every thing goes according to the wedding planner books, then you will find the happy couple enjoying what can and should be the most delicious time of their lives.

To avoid altercations between the couple and family members, perhaps a few words to the wise might be engraved and initialed even before the first trip to the printer for invitations.

Then pick up a few detailed wedding planner books and even consult a wedding planner or go to a bridal shop and get all the information you can get your hands on.

Libraries and the Internet are also fabulous sources for all the intricate details that you will be encountering after the question of matrimony has been popped. My favorite portion of the wedding plans naturally involves food.

Therefore the showers, the bridal dinner, the wedding dinner and the brunches that usually follow the next day get my undivided attention as a planner and as a guest.

Let's take a look at the multitude of options that are available for each wedding couple to choose from. Beginning with the showers, it is up to the bride to decide exactly how many and what kind of showers she and/or her husband will accept from their friends and family. Keep in mind that too

many showers which invite the same people is not the way to win friends and keep them.

Divide your lists accordig to compatible groups and try not to overlap guests as one shower per person is plenty, except for your mother, mother in law and perhaps close sisters and sister in laws.

Couple showers are also fun and get the groom involved and a chance to meet more of the family and friends before the wedding. The food at these showers can be elaborate or plain.

Often guests at a recipe shower will bring the recipe for the gift and prepare it for the shower as a pot luck. "No Hostess" showers are often done when one person doesn't want to spend a lot to give a shower alone or if too many friends all want to entertain.

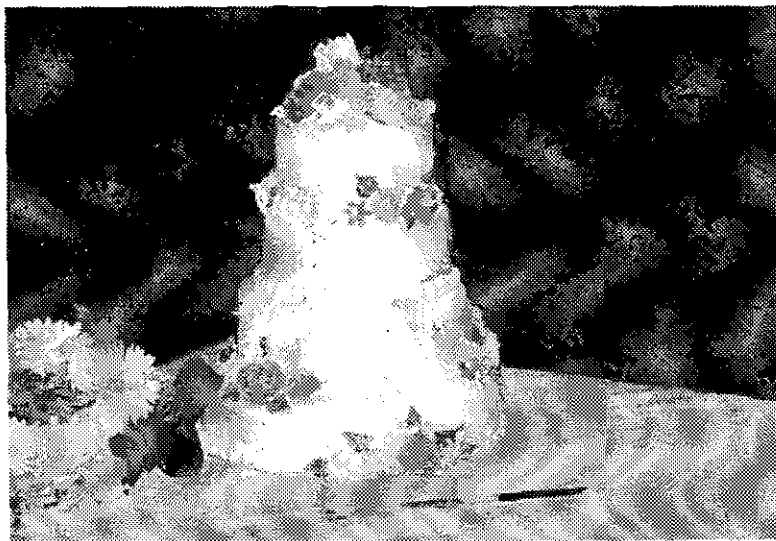
A letter or call goes out from a core committee to see who wants to pay twenty or twenty five dollars for gifts and the cost of the luncheon and decor.

Then the core committee takes the group money and buys and wraps the gifts, plans the luncheon, and when everyone comes, the entire group becomes the party and gift giver.

The couple showers are fun, as the gifts and the food are more work related than bridal. Instead of salads and tea sandwiches, the shower can consist of ribs, a steak fry, or poorboy sandwiches. Common gifts include tools, appliances for the yard and fun "gag" gifts from close friends.

Now let's talk about the bridal dinner, which is usually the night before the wedding and is held in a party room or restaurant or even someone's home.

The invitations are sent out to those coming in from out of town, the bridal party and close relatives. The food is usually a well-planned dinner with wine for toasts, appetizers, and either a fancy or casual meal with time for



If you want marble or chocolate or carrot cake go for it. There are no rules in the wedding preparation kitchen just make lots of good food.

talks and stories and almost a roast of the couple.

One bride recently booked the back room of a family style Italian restaurant that served food just like her future husband's grandmother did at home.

It was an old fashioned, fun-filled evening with lots of nostalgia and melting together of ethnic backgrounds. The wedding dinner take on the wishes of the bride and groom if their parents listen carefully.

If they love chocolate or carrot cake, who is to say that the wedding cake has to be white?

No rules allowed in the kitchen. Just make the food plentiful and beautiful and delicious and the entire evening will be perfection. Martha Stewart has written the bible on weddings and to look through any of her party or wed-

ding books or magazine issues (available at your favorite library) you will get bushels of ideas for decor, menu, presentation, flower arrangements and more on each and every page.

The minute you start planning the wedding keep a notebook to jot down ideas you see at parties or other weddings.

Make your wedding something special, just for you. One last word of caution: make sure there is plenty of space for you guests.

It's crucial to have enough room to move around and places to sit down, especially if you don't have assigned tables.

Nothing makes a wedding fall flat more than guests with plates full of food and no place to sit to eat and enjoy it. And remember

to greet as many of the guests as you can personally, to show your appreciation that they took time out of their busy lives to share your special time. This will help you get off to a great start of living happily ever after.

Here are a few perfect recipes that can be included in a shower, a bridal dinner or the wedding itself. And don't forget eggs benedict and mimosas for the brunch the following morning.

## WATERCRESS SANDWICHES

Wash watercress and chop coarse.

Season with salt, pepper and a few drops of vinegar.

Blend with cream cheese or cottage cheese and spread between two thin slices of white or whole wheat bread.

Trim off the crusts and cut into triangles or one-inch strips.

## CUCUMBER SANDWICHES

Peel and take out the seeds of the cucumber.

Use of the onion tops along with the green onions.

Grind cucumbers, green pepper and onions together.

Drain off juice through a cheesecloth bag.

Mix ingredients with mayonnaise, salt and a little sugar to taste.

Spread between slices of white or whole wheat bread.

Trim off crusts and cut into triangles or one-inch strips.

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## Making your wedding kid-friendly and safe

Your fiancé's niece and your best friend's son may be perfect angels when you take them to the park.

But the little darlings may turn into devils when forced to behave through hours of a formal wedding, reception and dance. Really, who can blame them?

➤ You may remember it's not much fun for a kid to wear uncomfortable clothes that have to be kept clean and sit still while adults drone on endlessly. Some brides opt to ask their guests not to bring young children. But this may cause hurt feelings with guests who feel their children should be part of the celebration.

If you want to have young family members and guests attend your wedding, there are things you can do to make a kid-friendly environment. Consider setting up a play-table at the reception. This can include storybooks, paper and crayons, puzzles, and activity books.

Remember not to set out anything that could be noisy or messy. Make sure the kids' table is near an adult who can supervise if things get a little

rowdy. Kids love to imitate adults, but they also like things they're familiar with.

Cater to their needs on the menu with some simple changes. Offer kids apple juice in miniature glasses so they can join in the toasts. Have some dinner choices that kids will be sure to approve of such as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chicken fingers, and fruit. A slice of cake may be too much sugar for smaller children, so consider fancy cookies for young guests.

You may want to hire help to take charge of children.

A pair of teen-age cousins may be delighted to help out for some extra cash. If you are hiring extra help to watch the kids, consider putting them in their own separate room. They may be able to change into more comfortable clothing and be a little more active if they are away from the adult activities, and mom and dad can check up on them throughout the evening. Just a little extra planning can ensure that you and your guests of all ages have wonderful memories of your wedding day.

## Easing children's anxiety when parents remarry

When Jim and Robin decided they would remarry after a divorce they didn't realize it at the time, they were grappling with a problem experienced by most of the nearly one million single parents who remarry in the U.S. each year.

What can be done to ease the concerns of young children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent? "We talked to the kids a lot prior to the wedding," Jim says. "We kept telling them that they were going to be part of our lives."

They said they understood but, I wanted to do something out of the ordinary during the wedding to show Corina and Nicky how important they were to us." The Syracuse couple found a simple and emotionally satisfying answer to their dilemma in the form of a family-oriented wedding service that gives children a meaningful role in the wedding nuptials.

This five-minute ceremony — known as the Family Medallion service — can easily be integrated into any religious or



civil wedding ceremony.

It differs from the traditional wedding in only one respect: after the newlyweds exchange rings, their children join them for a special service focusing on the family nature of marriage.

Each child is given a gold or silver medal with three interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love in much the same way the wedding ring signifies conjugal love.

The Pignattis say they will never forget the moment during their wedding when Corina and Nicky were summoned to the altar to participate in the family wedding service.

While the priest recited the words of the ceremony — a pledge to love and care for all the children either spouse brings to the marriage — Jim and Robin placed a Family Medallion around the necks of Corina and Nicky. "We were all moved to tears," Robin says. "It's like the ceremony was making it official that we were a family. I was marrying Jim, but I had plenty of room in my heart for the kids." Nicky and Corina responded with hugs and kisses. "I could tell that Robin really loved me," recalls Corina. "And the way my dad looked at me, well I knew he was going to keep on taking care of me just like the priest said."

With approximately one in four U.S. marriages involving divorced or widowed parents with young children, the family wedding concept is an idea whose time has come.

It was developed by Dr. Roger Coleman, chaplain at Pilgrim Chapel in Kansas City, Missouri. "I was frustrated that virtually every traditional wedding ceremony focused entirely on the bride and groom," Dr. Coleman explains.

"A marriage with children is a lot more than simply the union of a man and a woman. It's a merging of two separate families. Every day of my ministry I see how divorce creates a sense of failure and hopelessness in people. The family ceremony is a sign of hope and an important step in rebuilding families." Today, more than 10,000 couples a year — primarily in the U.S., Canada and Europe — use the Family Medallion ceremony to help cement the bond between parents, stepparents and children. "I was surprised that such a simple ceremony could be so affirming for children," says the Rev. Alfred E. Nortz, pastor of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Syracuse.

Father Nortz officiated at the Pignatti wedding. "I could see how proud the kids were to be publicly recognized by Robin and Jim."

And it was easy to incorporate the Family Medallion service into the Catholic wedding liturgy.

I've already recommended the family service to another couple with children from a previous marriage." Family therapists say there is a price to be paid when children feel pushed aside rather than embraced by the remarriage of a parent. Consider, for example, the situation of Carly, a Texas teen-ager with divorced parents. "One day my dad just announced he was going to get married," she recalls. "He didn't seem to care how I felt about it or how I was going to fit into his new relationship. It was like I wasn't very important to him. But when mom decided to remarry, she spent a lot of time talking to me."

Then during the wedding, she and my stepdad John had a special family ceremony for all of us kids. It made me trust that my mom and John would be there for me." Jim and Robin Pignatti believe that their family wedding will have long-term benefits. "If Corina and Nicky don't yet fully realize the implications of the formal commitment we made to them during our wedding, I know they will in years to come," Robin says.

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Kerri and Kevin Sage

## Manning, Sage wed

Kerri Manning, daughter of Darryl and Suzanna Manning of Troy, and Kevin J. Sage, son of William and Mary Ellen Sage of Latham, were married July 10.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Mackey at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Wynantskill.

A reception followed at Phelan's Banquet House in Clifton Park.

The matron of honor was Debbie Shoemaker, sister of the bride.

The maid of honor was Erin Manning, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Maureen Conroy, sister of the groom, Tina Vumbaco, Patsy Hickey and Theresa Murray.

The best man was Frank Bowden.

Ushers were Frank Shoemaker, brother-in-law of the bride, Michael Conroy, brother-in-law of the groom, Chris McCarty, Greg Hoefler and Bill Garrity.

The bride is a graduate of Troy High School and Russell Sage College.

She works at Rhodia Silicones in Troy.

The groom is a graduate of LaSalle Institute, Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Utica.

He works at Sage Bros. Co. in Troy.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple lives in Troy.

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## Bowers, Stark marry



Jennifer and Christopher Stark

Jennifer Lena Bowers, daughter of Henry and Carmela Bowers of Loudonville, and Christopher Paul Stark, son of Robert and Vanessa Stark of Loudonville, were married Aug. 21.

The Rev. David Noone performed the ceremony at St. Francis de Sales Church in Loudonville.

A reception followed at the Italian American Community Center in Albany.

The maid of honor was Melissa Rode.

Bridesmaids were Lisa Horowitz, cousin of the groom, and Lori Scanlon.

The best man was Patrick Stark, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Damian Scisci and Joseph O'Brien.

The bride is a graduate of Shaker High School and Rochester Institute of Technology.

She is a graphic designer for *The Business Journal* in Raleigh, N.C.

The groom is a graduate of Shaker High School, Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Utica.

He is a software engineer for Organon Teknika in Durham, N.C.

After a wedding trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple lives in Wake Forest, N.C.

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