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Twinkle, twinkle



Henry Betts' eyes sum it all up as he meets Santa (aka George Lenhardt) at the tree lighting ceremony at the Four Corners last Friday.

Jim Franco

Dry conditions prompt townwide water alert

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A dry summer and a near-drought fall have left Bethlehem's principal residential water source, the Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland, at a 20-year record low level, Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the town board last Wednesday.

The board granted his request to declare a formal alert, in keeping with the town's water emergency plan. That requires formal notification of residents and major commercial water users, asking that they reduce non-essential consumption.

Secor also obtained the board's go-ahead to open negotiations with the town of Gunderland about buying water from its processing plant — and step up negotiations with the city of Albany to increase the town's purchases under its contract with the city.

Secor said that the reservoir as of Nov. 14 stood at roughly 38 percent of its storage capacity of 1.25 billion gallons — and had dipped below 70 percent of its normal seasonal average storage for the first time this season, the level at which an alert is triggered under the terms of the emergency plan. He said that he anticipated storage would drop to roughly 31 percent by the end of the month.

That level is the lowest for this time of year in the 20 years that the department has tracked seasonal averages, lower than the drought years of 1985 and 1995 — “a foot lower than 1985,” he said.

Reservoir volume tends to peak in the spring, fed by seasonal rain and runoff,

and drop throughout the summer, except when replenished by substantial rainfall. It tends to rise slightly in October and November when normal seasonal rainfall returns. But the near-record dry conditions of the past two months have reduced the existing reserve.

“We’re going to go from alert to warning to emergency if we don’t get something going,” said Secor. “Hopefully we’ll get some rain and it’ll go away.”

In the meantime, he said, he would seek backup supplies through purchases from neighboring municipalities and urge conservation, reducing nonessential usage. The alert

Bruce Secor

also triggers weekly meter readings to more closely monitor usage.

Notices of the alert were to be mailed last Friday to the town's major industrial water customers. But with residential bills for December already printed before the town board OK'd notification, alerting residential customers will wait until January billings should conditions still dictate, Secor said Friday.

Unlike summer, when swimming

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Day to step down from top post

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Gerald Day chuckled as he gestured toward the vintage 1934 Mack fire engine, dwarfed by the more modern apparatus surrounding it in the bay of the Delmar Fire Company's Adams Street station.

“That was our top-of-the-line fire engine when I joined the company 40 years ago,” he said. “Of course, we still take it to the training grounds once a year and run the pumps so they stay in working order.”

All is still in working order at the Delmar firehouse, but much has changed — for both the company and the community it serves — since Day has been involved.

“The fire district has not changed since the day it was formed (in 1911),” he said. “What has changed is what’s in the district.”

“I can remember when I came

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BCHS thespians tackle ‘Macbeth’

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Superstition holds that, inside a theater, William Shakespeare's tragedy, “Macbeth,” should only be referred to as “The Scottish Play.”

But Jim Yeara, director of the Bethlehem Central High School's Shakespearean troupe, Theatre Without A Net, doesn't believe in such things, and uses the play's proper name as he watches the fog machine, checks out the carpet under the “thrust stage” that brings the main stage forward, and answers a steady stream of questions from his performers.

“I'm not superstitious,” Yeara said. “I believe you make your own fate.” The ability to make your own fate is just one of the issues that's central to Macbeth, as the lead character, spurred on by



Jeff Barnet as Macbeth and Kelley Curran as Lady Macbeth rehearse last weekend.

prophesying witches, strives ruthlessly to do just that.

The frequently unfortunate result of unleashed ambition and yearning for power are what drives Macbeth and his wife to take, and connive to keep, the throne of Scotland. The Macbeths are a tormented couple, and great violence results from their plots. The play had not yet been cast before Sept. 11, and for a while, Theatre Without A Net contemplated doing a lighter play.

“Macbeth” had been on the docket since last year's performance of “A Midsummer Night's Dream,” though, and

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Town police charge two with DWI

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police made two driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests last week.

One of the two arrests stemmed from an incident in Selkirk on Thanksgiving, Nov. 22. Shortly after 6:30 p.m. a resident reported to Bethlehem police the license plate number of a vehicle that drove off after it struck a utility pole on Bridge Street, downing several wires.

Sgt. James Haker spotted the vehicle traveling northbound on Route 9W and pursued it as it turned westbound onto Feura Bush Road, where eventually it was halted by another police car blocking its path near Sudbury Drive.

Officer Scott Anson conducted field sobriety tests and administered a preliminary screening on the driver, Lauren Ashley Radliff, 22, of 192 Winne Road,

Delmar. Radliff was arrested for DWI and leaving the scene of a personal-damage accident.

A mobile crisis unit was summoned and transported her to Albany Medical Center Hospital for examination for possible injuries, and to Capital District Psychiatric Center for observation.

A second arrest took place on Wednesday, Nov. 28, on Blessing Road in North Bethlehem. Officer Jeffrey Vunck stopped a vehicle on a traffic violation, and administered field sobriety tests on the driver, Mark Edward Seavey, 37, of 172 Schoolhouse Road, Albany.

Seavey was arrested for DWI and driving while ability impaired (DWAI) while under the influence of drugs.

He was also cited for speeding and for unlawful possession of marijuana.

Both Radliff and Seavey are due in Town Court on Dec. 18.

Meanwhile, on Nov. 20, David Patrick Casey, 23, of 4 Rolling Brook Drive, Clifton Park, pleaded guilty in town court to a reduced DWAI count, in satisfaction of charges stemming from a DWI arrest on Oct. 28.

Casey was fined \$300 and a \$35 mandatory state surcharge, had his license suspended for 90 days, and was ordered to face drinking-driver remediation and a Victim Impact panel.

Friendship Singers to perform Dec. 11

The Friendship Singers will present a program of holiday music on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The program is free and open to the public.

The director of the Friendship Singers is Marie Liddle, the pianist is Linda Drew and choreographer is Muriel Welch.

Police arrest woman for Stewart's theft

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Coeymans woman was arrested, and another individual is under investigation, in connection with the theft of more than \$1,900 in cash and merchandise from a Selkirk convenience store, reported to Bethlehem police last week.

Cynthia Anne Bush, 45, of 124 Buck Ranch Road, Coeymans, an employee of the Stewart's store at 1344 Route 9W in Selkirk, was arraigned before Bethlehem town justice Theresa Egan on Nov. 18 on a felony count of grand larceny and released in her own recognizance. She was ordered to appear in Town Court on Dec. 18.

According to a police report, a loss prevention officer for Stewart's contacted Bethlehem police last week following an internal investigation of ongoing thefts of cash, food and beverage items, and instant lottery tickets from the store over a nine-week period.

Bush was arrested after giving a statement on the incidents to police, and charged with stealing \$775 in cash, \$470 worth of lottery tickets and \$675 in merchandise between Sept. 24 and Nov. 25.

A second, as-yet unnamed suspect is under investigation on similar charges, according to police, and the investigation is ongoing.

HVCC to offer courses at BC

Bethlehem Central High School will host three college-level courses offered by Hudson Valley Community College this spring. Spring semester evening classes at BCHS include: English Composition I, Business Com-

munications and Problems of Adolescence.

Each is a three-credit course. Tuition is \$98 per credit, plus fees. Classes begin Jan. 22.

For registration information, call the Office of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions at 629-7338.

HVCC will offer courses at eight other off-campus locations this spring, including Albany High School, Colonie Central High School, Shenendehowa High School, Guilderland High School, Tamarac High School, Cohoes High School, Lansingburgh Central High School, and at the college's Albany extension site at 175 Central Ave., Albany. HVCC offers more than 50 degree and certification programs.

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V'ville board gets earful on noise law

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Voorheesville Village trustees sought public input on a proposed noise ordinance at a hearing preceding the board's regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

What emerged loud and clear from the hearing was the complexity of a noise-control statute — and how problematic enforcement might be, as summed up by trustee Bill Hotaling.

"I have no qualms about a noise ordinance," he said. "I just don't want to put a law on the books that nobody's going to enforce."

The draft law, labelled Local Law No. 3 of 2001, was crafted by trustee and deputy mayor Jack Stevens, "to prevent excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises." It was drawn up in response, Stevens said, to complaints about motor vehicle noise in the village — particularly vehicles with loud sound systems cruising the streets in the early morning hours.

As drafted, the law covers motorcycle and automobile noise; the audible operation of "any radio, stereo, television, sound amplifier, or similar device"; animal noise; and noise emanating from gatherings, "whether public or private," at private residences and meeting halls.

It sets a definition for restricted noise — "of such character, intensity and duration, or of a type or volume that a reasonable person of normal sensitivities would not tolerate under the circumstances, and that is detrimental to the life, health or welfare of any individual or would cause or create a risk of public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm" — that Stevens conceded was deliberately subjective.

The law would authorize town animal control officers, county sheriffs and state police serving the town to convey a first-time warning to offenders, followed on repeated complaint with a formal citation. It also set the penalty for violation at a fine "not to exceed \$100."

The village already has a dog law and public nuisance and disorderly conduct laws, and

vehicle and traffic law sets parameters for vehicle noise pegged to decibel levels. But with the new law, Stevens said, "We're giving (enforcement) two swords."

But "That's not to say this is all encompassing," he said. "It can be modified, added to, subtracted from." And Mayor Ed Clark urged comments on what the law might have overlooked.

There was no shortage of suggestions from residents including imposing a larger maximum fine; perhaps some specific time-of-day restrictions banning noise, like 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. There were lengthy discussions of

I don't want to see everything snowball to where every little thing somebody does, there's got to be a law to cover it.

Bill Hotaling

construction noise, barking dogs and noise from the increasing, and increasingly fast, train traffic passing through the village — what some might regard as idyllic, Clark said, but town residents in closer proximity to the tracks seek to curb.

"It isn't what Norman Rockwell promised us," Clark said — and it is a problem previously taken up with both Conrail and Federal rail officials, who cite safety as justification for the loud whistles that draw the most complaints. "I guess the answer is, we don't have an answer," Clark said. "We've tried many, many times, but the solution is always beyond our grasp."

Neighbors of The Crossing, across the street from village hall, complained of occasional bands at the restaurant performing as late as 3 a.m., and wondered if the town could impose restrictions on such activities. But John Schachne, who chairs the village planning commission, thought that was outside the current bounds of site plan review.

"Whether or not the village deems that a band performance is customary to that type of business I guess would have to be determined. We can't impose a condition on one business person and not on another person with a similar type of business," he said.

Confronting all of these issues, Hotaling suggested, is a potential enforcement problem.

"I don't want to see everything snowball to where every little thing somebody does, there's got to be a law to cover it," he said. "We'll have a book this thick. We've still got to get along."

For Stevens, the law would give offenders "a chance, but if they don't (comply), you've got to hit 'em in the pocket." And Clark said, "the sheriffs and the state police department are in my estimation very, very cooperative when they can be. But they can't do what the law doesn't allow them to." No further action was taken on the ordinance, pending further amendment to reflect the input received at the hearing.

Rudolph backup



Gwen Janssen meets Fandancer from Greenbush Llamas outside Turtle Pointe gift shop on Delaware Avenue in Delmar last Saturday.

Jim Franco

State group taps Lenhardt for board

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Delmar resident and Bethlehem school board member Lynne Lenhardt will take her experience statewide this January when she begins a term on the board of directors with the New York State School Board Association.



Lenhardt

The association is about 100 years old, and some 700 of the state's 740 school boards belong to it. It provides advocacy, training and information to school boards in support of their mission to govern the state's public schools.

"The School Board Association is set up to support local governance of schools," spokesperson David Ernst said.

The state is divided into 13 areas that have representation with the association. Lenhardt will represent area seven, which is Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington counties.

Lenhardt already has some experience with the School Boards Association, since she currently serves as one of its ambassadors.

Beyond this and her school board experience, Lenhardt has been involved in many other education-related organizations. She is a member of the Capital District School Boards Association, where she was president for four years, from 1992 to 1996, and she is a member of the Capital Region BOCES board and the Empire State College Council. She is also a member of the Capital Area School Development Association School Board Steering Committee, and serves on New York State Education Com-

missioner Richard Mills' Advisory Council of School Board Members.

Serving in all of these positions, Lenhardt said, has given her a breadth of experience that will serve her well as she represents school boards from a variety of areas at the School Board Association.

"I've always had a strong commitment to education," Lenhardt said. "There's so much that needs to be done, and I want to be a part of it."

Lenhardt, who was born in Brooklyn and graduated from Commack High School, began her career as a social studies teacher in the Sachem school district in Lake Ronkonkoma on Long Island. Lenhardt received a bachelor's degree from the University at Albany, as well as a master's in public affairs.

After a brief long-distance relationship, she married Bethlehem town board member George Lenhardt and moved to the Capital District. She worked in the state Legislature before her children were born, and she began the volunteer work that has led to her influential roles in education.

One of the reasons that Lenhardt ran for the Bethlehem school board in 1988 was to work to decrease class sizes, which then were close to 30 kids in a class.

"My own kids (26-year-old Brian and 23-year-old Kim) didn't benefit from this, but others have," Lenhardt said. Today, the district's class sizes are about 23 students per class.

"I think that's a good number," Lenhardt said. "It's especially important that the kindergarten through second-grade classes be small. It allows more interaction between teachers and students as they learn to read, write and listen."

School facilities have expanded in the last 14 years, which Lenhardt said the board has done in a responsible way.

"We're always looking at a five-year plan, but we're also sensitive

about bond issues," she said. "At no point, did we overbuild."

Currently, Lenhardt, like other administrators and school board members, is concerned with higher statewide standards.

"Certainly nobody's opposed to higher standards," Lenhardt said, "but we are worried about excessive testing, and that there might be some students who won't meet the higher graduation requirements. In Bethlehem, we want to look beyond the testing at the whole student."

"Children come to school not always ready to learn," she added. "Sometimes there's a lack of nourishment, or a lack of parental support. Yet, and sometimes with limited resources, we need to educate kids to be productive members of society."

There's also a pending shortage of leaders — like principals and superintendents — in the state's school districts.

"We need to find qualified people to fill in where these shortages will be," Lenhardt said, adding that the need for math and science teachers also is increasing.

Lenhardt, who was president of the Bethlehem school board in the 2000-01 school year, stays on the front lines of education by substitute teaching, something she has done for years. Although she cannot sub in the Bethlehem schools, she is a regular sub in Guilford.

"That reminds me of why I do all these other volunteer things," Lenhardt said. "It lets me see things from the teacher, faculty and administration viewpoints. It adds a perspective that helps in my board work."

Lenhardt jokes that joining the State School Boards Association will give her "a 100 percent pay increase" (all her school board and affiliated work is volunteer), but it's likely that she'll stay in education for some time to come.

"It's important that we prepare our students to be respectful and respected citizens who can contribute to society," she said.

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Too much Bah humbug, not enough ho, ho, ho

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Christmas, we know, doesn't come from a store. Yet, there we all are, every bit of resolve to let the Christmas season gently surround and suffuse us, washed away in one more chorus of piped-in "Holly Jolly Christmas" as we wait in the world's slowest checkout line.

Will all the good will and sense of unity that this fall taught us be forgotten as man's inhumanity to man manifests itself in the desire to be first when the register in the next lane finally opens? It's hard

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to figure who's more to blame, the cranky customer who won't use a pen that's attached to the counter to write her check, or the sales clerk who snaps that he's really in office furniture, not computers, when a woman asks him how to clean a computer mouse.

In what is an undeniable sign

of advancing middle age, it now seems clear that customer service was infinitely better 20 years ago — back in the days when my mother complained that it was even better 20 years before that.

We all have our stories of poor service. Local merchants beg us to patronize them, but don't bother to say hello when we walk through their doors. At huge department stores, finding an open cash register is harder than hailing a New York City taxi during a rainy rush hour. The commercials promise dotting, knowledgeable staff, but in home improvement stores, the people in the orange aprons always seem to be helping somebody else, or are really busy on their walkie-talkies.

The words "Thank you" seem to have disappeared entirely from our language, and I find myself playing sanctimonious governess to a legion of cashiers.

After forking over about \$20 at a local sandwich shop, a clerk cheerfully pressed buttons, and gave me back change. A response to his silence rose unbidden from my throat, and he looked sort of perplexed to hear me say, "Now is the time when you thank me."

At the office supply store where I hope the woman with the mouse hadn't bought her whole

computer, I found one of those elusive open cash registers, and, writing a check, heard a sullenly muttered statement, "See your license."

"Please," I said firmly, parental reflex kicking in. Manners. Yeah, apparently they don't have that.

I was torn between feeling embarrassed that I have become Miss Rambo Manners, and outraged that nobody seems to appreciate all of us spending our hard-earned money in their establishments. If some places of business are worried about the recession hurting their business, their employees sure missed the memo that being polite is a good way to get people to come back.

Is it right to blame the clerks, the front line people who are often the only part of a business we see? I'm willing to hear their side of things — they could have other troubles; they could be having a really bad day; and, sure, the salary they're earning might not be enough to motivate them to care one fig about me.

I feel really old when I go through the next part of my speech, and have fortunately been able to brake myself before I end up completely blackballed from all stores everywhere.

It goes like this: I didn't tell you

to take this job. But you did, so do a good job, and maybe someday there will be a better job. As a general aside, if you can't stand people, maybe you should look for work not in a store.

I fume at management, too, who should be training their staff to behave courteously with the people who make the paychecks and stock options possible.

Some companies get this. When the line at our local CVS gets long, the clerks ring a bell, and more red-smocked staff appear to open more cash registers. They then look you in the eye, smile, ask if you found everything, and say thank you.

There's a greenhouse I pass every day, walking my son to school. I had been a sometime-customer there, but when they smiled, waved and called me by name each day, I became a committed Price-Greenleaf customer.

At the Four Corners Luncheonette in Delmar, the waitresses call their customers "hon," offer the kids chocolate milk and bring more coffee well before the first cup's cold. You bet they get a little extra tip every time.

Some of my attitude comes from my first job, at Longe Bros. corner store in Burlington. Eddy, Bobby and Alan — along with parents, wives and other siblings — taught as much by example as direct lesson. Sure, it was a neighborhood store, and maybe it was a different time, but those guys talked, laughed and joked with all their customers — who came back again and again. It didn't cost any of us anything to be friendly, or to say thank you.

So I'll try to take the lesson those Longes taught me, and instead of lecturing surly clerks, I'll smile and joke. Maybe we customers are partly to blame. Are we kind to clerks and waitstaff? Do we say hello, or just see somebody who can help us get our loot out of the store faster? Do we thank them for double-checking the price, for correcting the error when the computerized machine doesn't detect the marked-down price? After all, they didn't ask for people to flood their store, hysterical over finding that perfect gift for our kids, who already have too many things.

Christmas feels a long way from what it ought to be when I'm standing in a check-out line in a hot and crowded store. Maybe a little smile from me, and a willingness to not knock over my fellow shoppers because register three is about to open, and it'll feel a little more like Christmas should.

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Local DARE programs reap no benefit from fund-raiser

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Second of two parts.

A door-to-door fundraising sales drive now underway in local communities, including Bethlehem, is a fundraiser on behalf of DARE America — a national merchandising outfit that sells everything from curricular materials to promotional supplies to local Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education programs.

But local DARE officers, including Bethlehem's Mike McMillen, have taken pains to emphasize that their programs have no direct connection to DARE America, one of several licensees with whom local DARE campaigns do business — and will receive no direct share of the money DARE America is raising in the area.

"Our main focus is, to let people know that since we have a reputable program and it's pretty well supported by the town and by private donations, that we do not support this," said McMillen. "We're not soliciting door-to-door by any means."

DARE America officials say, they are careful to make those distinctions too.

"We are clean as a whistle," said marketing director Misty Bell Banks. "We are very careful to make sure our people know exactly how to conduct themselves."

The coupon sales campaign is conducted on DARE America's behalf by a Toronto-based organization called Play And Save, which in turn contracts with a local marketing agency — in the Capital District, it's Excel Advertising of Latham — to recruit "Charity Ambassadors," the door-to-door sales force.

Play And Save's Web site includes a Code of Ethics for these workers that, among other things, emphasizes that they are not collecting donations, but selling a product — coupons, for a variable price of between \$1 and \$10 dollars, determined by a random scratchoff.

Which, Banks emphasized, is not a donation: "They're not supposed to be. It's a product sale, with DARE America getting a share of the proceeds."

Should a customer inquire about donating to the local DARE program, the sales crew is directed to suggest that they "contact the charity directly to make a receiptable donation."

"It's my understanding Colonie had some problems with (Play And Save's) solicitations recently... because they'd gotten

heavy handed," McMillen said.

Six Play And Savers registered for peddler's licenses in Colonie on Sept. 19, and the town clerk's office began fielding calls from residents in Latham and Loudonville inquiring about the sales folks at their doors.

"They seemed to be targeting (neighborhoods) where homes are closer together, tighter neighborhoods, where they're looking for getting a lot done in a hurry," said David Brickner, an attorney in the town counsel's office. And, said town attorney Arnis Zilgme, callers alleged that, "There was an impression created that the solicitors were associated with our local DARE agencies, and they weren't."

The Colonie police union issued a public statement denying any connection, and three Play

And Save ambassadors were issued summons alleging that they had misrepresented themselves in violation of the town peddler's law. Due to appear before Judge Philip Caponera on Oct. 18 to show cause why their licenses should not be revoked, the three instead voluntarily surrendered them.

Since then, Zilgme said, "We have not received any other complaints or statements on (the remaining ambassadors) that they are in any way violating their licenses. If we do, we will follow up on them."

And he said, "We're not saying they don't have any right to solicit in Colonie. We're not suggesting they're putting the money they raise in their pockets. We're not making any allegations like that. We just want the public to

understand there's a difference between DARE America and local DARE."

DARE America's vice president for program development, Tom Hazleton, disputes that view. While Play And Save and its local marketers keep the lion's share of the proceeds — 65 percent, Hazleton said — the remainder goes to DARE America.

And supporting DARE America, Hazleton said, is supporting local DARE, since the company produces the curriculum DARE officers teach in the local schools. Fund-raising helps keep the price of those materials low, about 58 cents per DARE workbook, he said.

Moreover, a portion of the Play

And Save proceeds are set aside in special accounts for the local police departments to draw on when they purchase DARE America products and services.

"It's real money," Hazleton said. "It's just that no money changes hands between us and the local programs. DARE units don't want checks written to them. But it's theirs to use when they purchase from us."

But that's only if the local DARE program buys from DARE America. "Which we don't very often," said McMillen. "We do most of our business with another licensee in Wisconsin." So chances are, local programs will see almost none of the money being raised in the region's suburbs.


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Dec. 21st	Attack vs. New York	7:30 pm

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Matters of Opinion

Elsmere's angels

An Elsmere letter writer this week had nothing but praise for the efforts of Elsmere Elementary School students for raising \$10,000 for relief for families of the victims of the World Trade Center attack.

We echo his praises.

The students, faculty and staff at Elsmere had a run-a-thon and hosted a Praise America Day at the school last month. Their dedication and commitment to this cause was nothing short of remarkable. To think that children of this age could sustain such an endeavor is heartening.

Their desire to help is an example to us all. Superintendent Les Loomis said last week there have been a number of student activities designed to help NYC in its time of great need. And he said that many of the fund-raising ideas came directly from the students. It's comforting to think that these kids are about as far away from the 'Me Generation' as they can be. Clearly they are thinking of others first.

We salute them all.

Success story

What with T-shirt weather and a spirit of cooperation among merchants in the Four Corners neighborhood, Friday and Saturday's holiday celebration was a rousing success.

Although the weather made it feel more like Memorial Day, most shoppers were focused on Hanukkah and Christmas, as they patronized stores along Kenwood and Delaware avenues.

The llamas at Turtle Point were a big hit, as was the horse drawn carriage. And Santa helped make the children's day, passing out goodies from a bucket.

It's a nice feeling to see the community come together, and nice for the merchants who really appreciate our support.

Kudos for service

Delmar fire Commissioner Gerry Day has been a stalwart of the Delmar Fire Department for 40 years. This year, however, Day will step aside as commission chairman, a job that he's held for the past 23 years.

Day, who will stay with the department, feels it's time to step down as chairman in order to travel more with his wife Carolyn. Their trips will certainly be well-earned vacations. Day has been instrumental in keeping the department on the cutting edge in its years of growth, as well as keeping it second to none in terms of its service to the community.

Kudos to Gerry Day who has devoted so much of his life to the Delmar Fire Dept. and to the town of Bethlehem.

Editorials

Montreal is 'tres' user-friendly

By BILL FONDA

The writer is editor of the Guilderland Spotlight.

I know culture shock is supposed to be a bad thing, but I got a little bit of it myself recently and lived to tell the tale.

It was in Montreal, where my fiancée Suzi and I spent a weekend earlier this month. It was my first time in the city, and my first real experience in Canada other than a 45-minute sojourn to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls my senior year of college.

Having heard great things about the city, I was excited about the trip, but there were two things I was worried about — Customs and the fact that I didn't think my three years of high school French were going to be much help.

In light of the events of Sept. 11, I kept hearing that crossing the border had gotten tougher, that they wanted birth certificates and all sorts of other identification. So I got my original birth certificate from my mother and packed it with my driver's license, voter registration card and Social Security card.

But I shouldn't have fretted. On the way in, the officer asked Suzi, who was driving, where she was from, where she was going and how long she was going to be there. He didn't speak to me; I must look trustworthy.

On the way home, the officer did get around to asking me where I was from before asking Suzi to pop open the trunk. Since we were only bringing home souvenirs, he sent us on our way.

With Customs out of the way, my worries turned to being an English-speaker in a French-speaking land. The state Department of Transportation was helpful, though, making the last few exits on the Northway bilingual to show that "sortie" is the French word for "exit."

I also quickly learned that a limited knowledge of French goes a long way if I knew the context. Since we were headed north, it was pretty easy to tell that a blue sign saying "15 Nord" meant we were going north on Route 15. Likewise, "Arrete" in the middle of a red octagon could only be a

Point of View

stop sign.

I determined easily enough that the picture of the tin can with a line through it above a picture of a gavel and "100\$" meant that there was a \$100 fine for littering, but it took a minute to determine that the picture of a thermometer flanked by drawings of a skidding car and 0 degrees Celsius basically meant "road slippery when frozen."

We couldn't figure out until we were on our way home that the sign featuring an old man blowing

Canadian funds. I felt rich, and by the time the weekend was over, I actually got comfortable using the \$1 and \$2 Canadian coins.

The second shock was not as pleasant. On Rue Ste. Catherine, we went into a shop and I found an Edmonton Oilers jersey for just under \$100 Canadian, or roughly \$60 in U.S. funds. I had been told I would get an even better exchange rate using my credit card, so I whipped out my Discover card to find out it's not accepted in Canada.

Speaking of shocks on Rue Ste. Catherine, Suzi and I were walking along, visiting various stores, when we saw, right in the middle of everything ... ahem ...

a d u l t entertainment venues. Or, as some might call them, strip clubs. They didn't exactly fade into the woodwork. The sign for one club was on top of three other stores, at least two stories high and illuminated by neon lights.

So how did we communicate? Easy — we spoke English. We had talked about using the few French words we knew — "bonjour," "au revoir" and so forth — but decided against it because we were afraid that someone would reply in French. Thankfully, everyone we met spoke English.

snowflakes across the road was a "limited visibility" sign. I guess that the use of pictures on most of the signs was a bit of a concession to non-French speakers, because none of the road signs had any English on them, not even "sortie."

We made sure to get gas on the way up because we were told that it was more expensive in Canada, so I was surprised to see a sign from the highway that said gas was around 67 cents. Then Suzi reminded me; it was per liter. Since one gallon is 3.79 liters, the cost was actually closer to \$2.54 per gallon Canadian, or about \$1.52 American.

Once we arrived at our destination, the Radisson hotel just across the river from the city itself, we hit the Metro and headed into town. Again, we didn't need to be French scholars to figure out where we were going. We already had "sortie" figured out, and didn't need to know what "Berri-UQAM" meant to know that it was the station we needed to go to in order to change trains. However, Suzi did determine that UQAM probably stood for the University of Quebec at Montreal.

There was one sign on the Metro where the writing completely flummoxed me, but the helpful photos of a person giving up his seat for a senior citizen with a cane, a teen-ager on crutches and with his leg in a cast and a pregnant woman were enough to make me realize that I should give up my seat to someone with limited mobility.

Once we entered Montreal itself, I received two big shocks. The first was when we went to the money-changing station. I knew the exchange rate was favorable to the U.S. dollar, but it didn't really hit me until I turned in \$60 American and got \$94 back in

Because I go to way too many meetings as part of my job, I wondered exactly what the zoning regulations were for that part of town, and the discussions that must have led to it. Strangely enough though, people didn't seem to mind; maybe they're used to it.

Back at the hotel, just a handful of stations broadcast in English — the four network affiliates, CTV and CBC, the Canadian national stations; and TSN, Canada's sports station. It wasn't so bad, but I recommend watching "The Simpsons" in French. It's funny even if you can't understand it.

Thankfully, TSN is basically an ESPN subsidiary, so I got to watch Sportscenter, or "Sportscentre" as it's known there. But it wasn't like any Sportscenter you see here. Other than Toronto Raptors highlights, the NBA highlights were shunted to late in the show in favor of hockey, hockey and more hockey. That was fine with me, though; I like the NHL much more than the NBA, and wasn't subjected to endless Michael Jordan news.

There were few, if any, American college football highlights. However, there were Canadian college football highlights. NFL coverage was also nearly nonexistent, as the Canadian Football League was deep into its playoffs.

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So if you're worried about getting along in Montreal without speaking French, don't. Just go enjoy the city; it's wonderful.

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Elsmere students shine in fund-raising efforts

Editor, The Spotlight:

In November, students of Elsmere Elementary School participated in two major events, 'Run for America' and 'Praise America Day.'

As I watched the first-through fifth-grade youngsters run their hearts out around the high school track in the hopes of completing a 5-mile course, I was amazed at their pace and, moreover, their commitment to persevere through 20 laps.

All seemed to earn much more than the funds from those who pledged a donation (for victims of the World Trade Center).

The runners and joggers gained a youthful glimpse of the underlying meaning of endurance in the name of honor and commitment to others unknown to them.

Secondly, on Nov. 17, the fifth-grade students orchestrated a major fund-raising event at the school with a series of family-centered activities in a concerted effort to generate a second set of funds to be sent to families affected by the World Trade Center tragedy.

Local members of the armed services, law enforcement agencies, fire departments and EMTs were honored by the children who sat on stage.

As songs were sung and essays recited about their heroes of home and afar, one saw how readily how children (who have only lived a decade of their young lives) could reach inside their hearts and rally as a community of peer leaders.

As I glanced around the fully-packed gymnasium, all took pride in being a part of a local community event led by our young heroes.

Finally, it is a wonder that such a group of first-through fifth-

grade elementary school children, numbering no more than 300, could generate a total of \$10,000 between the two events.

When fifth-grade teacher Kim Fusco read aloud the approximate tally of funds raised by the children's spirit, many sat and stood in awe of such an astronomical figure — an amount that seemed to reach for the stars.

We salute the girls and boys who so generously gave of their time (and their parents' and grandparents' time) to demonstrate that the human spirit can accomplish feats often beyond the expression of words.

As the color guard represented by LaSalle Institute marched off in silence, so too did we listen to the quiet of their steps as we wait for peace on earth.

Elsmere students — we applaud you for your acts of benevolence.

And we stand hopeful today, knowing that one day you shall become tomorrow's leaders.

Jack Simeone
Elsmere

Thanks for making Four Corners event a big success

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those involved in the Old Fashioned Delmar Four Corners Holiday held last weekend.

We especially want to thank Supervisor Sheila Fuller, town councilman George Lenhardt (aka Santa), the Bethlehem police department, Delmar Fire Department, Delmar Reformed Church, Evergreen Bank and all the Four Corners area merchants for their support.

Our thanks also to all the members of the community who came by to share in the holiday spirit. By supporting local businesses, you help the Four Corners and the entire town of Bethlehem.

All of Bethlehem's businesses have much to offer — and not just during the holiday season, but throughout the entire year. And, there's a lot less traffic, congestion and delay.

A special thank you to Victoria and the late William Seymour of New Scotland for the donation of the beautiful Douglas fir tree to brighten the holidays.

Marty DeLaney
and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

Parks agency grateful for help

Editor, The Spotlight:

The town of Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department recently held its annual Halloween Heyday at Elm Avenue Park on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Skeeter the clown entertained with balloon sculptures, ghoulish faces were airbrush painted and children decorated Halloween bags. The day was highlighted by rides on our hay wagon.

We would like to thank the

following volunteers: Bethlehem Youth Court, Sigma Kappa Delta Fraternity and the Bethlehem Central High School freshmen class for making the event such a success. Family events like these provide opportunities for our students to participate in local community events.

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Physically Speaking

by Nick Valenze, P.T.

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If you are a "weekend warrior" who engages in sporadic bursts of running, jumping, and twisting, you may be doing your body more harm than good. In fact, these activities can possibly contribute to osteoarthritis, a degenerative disease of the joints that develops when the articular cartilage in the joints is worn away, causing the bones to rub against each other. Moreover, traumatic injuries that are not allowed to heal completely also increase the risk of arthritis. Occasional athletes, therefore, are advised to do more than take pain relievers to get themselves back in the game. A physical therapist can help strengthen muscles around joints to make them more stable, as well as increase flexibility and range of motion.

The hips, knees, feet, fingers, and spine are the most common areas in which osteoarthritis will develop. If you are experiencing discomfort, pain, swelling, or stiffness in a particular joint before a change

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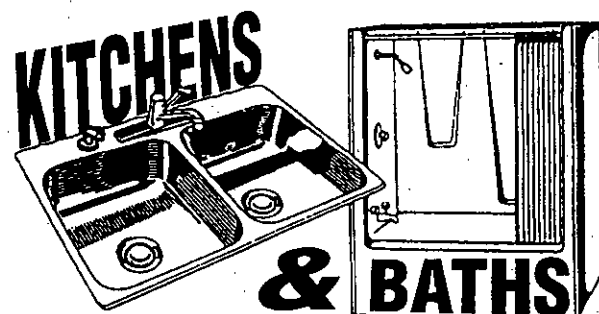
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Matters of Opinion

Family is grateful for support after accident

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is to thank all of those who helped save the lives of the people in a tragic accident on Rock Hill Road on Saturday, Nov. 10. We are thankful to all who were involved and to the many family members and friends who gave their support to us, and we will be forever grateful.

We are thankful to the fire departments that were at the

scene because their actions played an important part in my son's survival.

And we are especially grateful to the helicopter crew members Dave Bruce, Roger Skinner and Jon Gryniuk who helped my son breathe again when his lungs collapsed.

When my son Michael and I met Jon Gryniuk and were told that they did not think Michael

was going to make it to the hospital, Michael asked what he could possibly say to thank you for saving his life. Jon's response was 'Spread the word of what you have been through and will have to go through so maybe some of your friends and family will not have to go through it.'

Thank you to all of the people at the scene of the accident, to all of the doctors and nurses.

There are no words we can even begin to explain how grateful we are: my husband Tom, my older son T.J. and especially Michael. If not for all of you and the faith I have gained through my own serious surgeries at St. Peter's Hospital, I don't think I would have made it through this most difficult time in my life.

It has been said that there is no greater pain than losing a child, and I believe it. We are all

fortunate to have wonderful hospitals and caring staffs. Some were just doing their jobs, some doing things because they knew us and some just helping because they care, but we are grateful to all.

We brought Michael home on Thanksgiving Day and celebrated his 18th birthday the following Sunday. We still have a long road ahead, but at least we have the chance to travel it, thanks to everyone who helped.

Many prayers have been answered and many of our families prayers will be said for Michael and the others who were injured in the accident. We will always be in your debt and whenever possible, we will show our appreciation to you for all you have done for us.

Bonnie, Tom, T.J. and Michael Kleinke

Center offers help for gamblers

Editor, The Spotlight:

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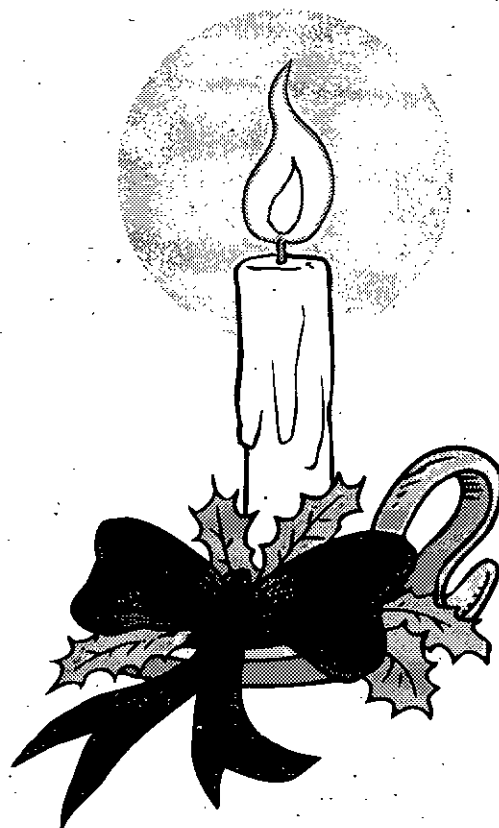
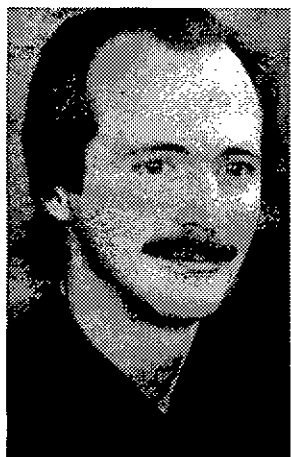
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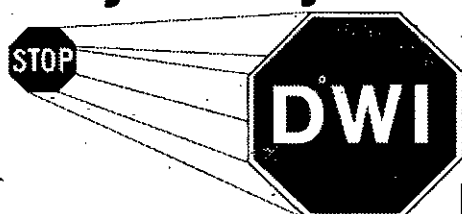
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Matters of Opinion

Selkirk group objects to waste facility plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing to express our opposition to the Waste Management Operations Center proposed for River Road.

We believe that the current zoning of this site does not adequately reflect the residential and historic character of our community. The noise, vibrations, glare, odors, increased truck traffic and congestion on Route 396 and Route 144, as well as

related health issues produced by such a facility, run contrary to the aesthetics and ambiance of our tranquil area.

Waste Management officials are on public record stating that this facility will run from 3 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and have additional hours of operation on Saturdays and Sundays.

The ground water from oil,

fuel, antifreeze and remnants of solid waste pose a threat to the water table as well as to adjacent wells, creeks and waterways.

In addition, we assert that this is a solid waste facility relative to the town zoning code. Waste Management cannot guarantee that the large volume of trucks and containers in need of cleaning and storage will be completely free of solid waste at all times.

Accordingly, we are requesting that the 141-acre site included in this project be deemed a Type 1 Action under SEQR; and require that a complete Environmental Impact Study be prepared prior to any approval by the town planning board.

Further, we are requesting that the town of Bethlehem become the lead agency on the project, once the application is complete, to ensure a thorough

review of the proposed use.

In view of the fact that Waste Management has not ruled out the objectionable possibility of a waste transfer station or guarantee a safe future of this site, it is imperative that town officials carefully consider the overall negative impact to the town. We urge a public hearing on this matter since Waste Management has not adequately explained its intentions relative to future subdivision of the site.

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Concerned town of Bethlehem residents

Youth activities set at Bethlehem library

Mildred Taylor's *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* will be discussed at Bethlehem Public Library's mother-daughter book discussion on Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

Copies of the book are available at the youth services desk. The program is designed for daughters in grades four and up, and their mothers or caregivers.

New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

To register, call 439-9314 and press 4 for youth services.

Middle school students in grades six through eight are eligible for membership on the library Youth Advisory Council.

Council members provide input on youth-related library programs, books and Web sites.

Call the youth services desk for information.

The library's International Holiday Festival will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m.

Families will share in a variety of holiday customs, arts, crafts, music and food.

Call youth services for information.

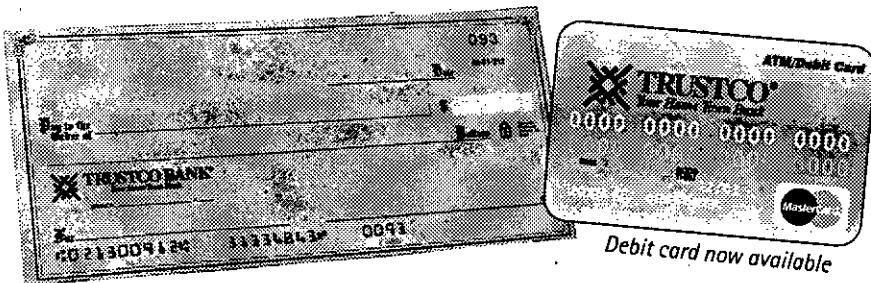
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by John Quirk

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HINT: Unlike engine oil, transmission fluid levels must be checked with the engine running.

Teens fantasy club to discuss *The Hobbit*

The teen fantasy reads book group is getting together on Friday, Dec. 28, to discuss *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Students in grades six and up are invited to sign up at the library reference desk and receive a copy of this wonderful tale of travel, fantasy and adventure.

The group will be meeting during school vacation, one week after "The Fellowship of the Ring"

storybooks.

Hundreds of kids and their parents have enjoyed playing with the math-related activities.

Final story hours will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. and the final open viewing from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10.

Regular storytimes resume on Jan. 7.

Nimblefingers will be meeting at the New Salem Senior Center on Dec. 11 and will celebrate a holiday lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m.

For information call 765-2791. The group will be back to its regular schedule of Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library after the holidays.

Adults can now register and pick up a copy of *The Feast of Love* by Charles Baxter for the January book discussion.

The Thursday night poets meet on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

Barbara Vink

Voorheesville Public Library

movie debut on Dec. 19.

Go see the movie or check it out on the Web at www.lordoftherings.net. Journey to middle-earth with Bilbo Baggins, the wizard Gandalf and the dragon Smaug!

Go Figure! will be leaving the library on Dec. 12, so this is your last weekend to visit the giant

Salvation Army seeks help

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteer bellringers. A large portion of the annual local budget is generated by the holiday kettle campaign. However, a shortage of volunteer bell ringers to take care of the kettles greatly impacts the Salvation Army's gain for the campaign since it is forced to hire people to fill this role.

All teen-agers, adults, clubs and organizations with a desire to

help during this holiday season by volunteering an hour or more of time at one of the many local sites, including Price Chopper in Slingerlands and Ames in Glenmont, will be warmly welcomed.

For information, call Bob Kopp at 475-9677 or e-mail rkopp@waldenasset.com, or Steve Simons at 475-1538 or eladeredge@hotmail.com.

School band to perform Dec. 12

The elementary school fifth- and sixth-grade chorus and sixth-grade band will perform on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary School. The concert is free and open to the public.

Kiwanis to host blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Ave.

The screening is free and open to the public.

Flu vaccine clinic set at SuperValu

The Albany County Health Department will hold an influenza vaccine clinic on Saturday, Dec. 8, from noon to 2 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

The clinic is free to Medicare customers with cards and \$10 for others.

School board to meet

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Practice to begin for Christmas program

Rehearsals for the Dec. 23 Community Festival will be held Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist church on Voorheesville Avenue.

All area singers are invited to participate.

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Jane Norris
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For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Girl Scout Leaders to meet

The Girl Scout leaders next regular meeting will be held tonight, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Food co-op orders

New Scotland Extra Helpings

food co-op will be accepting food orders until Monday, Dec. 10, for the Thursday, Dec. 20, delivery day. Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

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Tune in to radio's golden age

Jack Keenan has produced and hosted "The Old Time Radio Theater" weekly on WMHT-RISE since 1982.

He is also producer and host of an annual Christmas special



which has aired on WGY-AM since 1981. He joins us at the library today, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. for a reprise of radio's golden age.

You can still attend "Mr. Old-Time Radio" by calling 439-9314 to register.

This Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m., we welcome back Bob Carruthers' 30-voiced mixed choir "Singers for Enjoyment" for a performance of holiday favorites.

Organized 11 years ago, the choir has performed at the

Empire State Plaza, public libraries, nursing homes, senior centers and other area venues.

Carruthers, who has participated in choral groups since he was a youngster, studied choral conducting at Columbia University. Please call to register for this free concert.

On, Dec. 10, at 1:30 p.m., you are welcome to join librarian Sherry Haluska to talk about Paul Gallico's *The Snow Goose*.

Set in England in the early years of World War I, this holiday favorite is the story of an isolated artist and a girl who needs his love as they both try to save an injured bird.

New members are welcome at any time. Copies of the books are available at the reference desk. Call to register.

Holiday programs

Sweet home improvements are in store for children in kin-

dergarten through grade five next Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 12 and 13, at 4 p.m.

To build "Candy House Creations," bring a tub of white frosting and an assortment of small candies. All other materials will be provided. Register for one session only.

Families should mark their calendars now for the library's International Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m.

Staff and guest presenters will share holiday customs and costumes, arts and crafts, music and food. In the past, participants have enjoyed a seasonal sampler from Canada, China, Argentina, Ireland, India and Israel. Come see what's in store this year.

Registration etiquette

The bimonthly program listing in the library newsletter indicates which programs require registration. Most of our programs do. To register, just call 439-9314 and press "2" for adult services or "4" for youth services.

For some programs, attendance is limited. If you register and cannot attend, we'd appreciate a call from you to let us know.

Louise Grieco

Fund-raising under way for town veterans park

Fund-raising for restoration of Bethlehem Veterans Memorial Park is under way, and members of the community are encouraged to contribute. Cannisters for donations are located in many businesses throughout town.

The cannister collection will be used to finance the second phase of improvements, which include repair the stone steps on the north end of the park on Delaware Avenue, construction of a wrought iron fence that will hold plaques designating each of the country's military campaigns, paved walkways and new landscaping.

Funds from the campaigns Buy-a-Brick drive will be used to honor veterans with inscribed bricks for a plaza in front of the existing War Memorial Monument.

The first phase of the restoration work was completed this fall with re-pointing and re-setting of the flagstones at the base of the monument.

Overgrown and dead trees were removed, additional lighting was installed and four new benches were also added to the park.

To make a contribution to this five-year project, make checks payable to Bethlehem Memorial Park Fund. Checks should be mailed to Supervisor Sheila Fuller, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054. Contributions are tax-deductible.

For information about the Buy-a-Brick campaign, contact project leader Virginia Acquario at 439-7132, George Lenhardt at 439-7704 or American Legion Commander Mark Wahl at 439-9819.

Free holiday concert Dec. 23

The Magic of Music Studio of Main Square in Delmar will present a holiday concert on Sunday Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware

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Jerry Friedman of Delmar, left, coordinator of Safety Management Systems for the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee receives the Roy Thorpe Award from Raymond Martinez, chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee.

Local man completes training

Jacob T. Ingalls of Delmar enlisted in the Navy and graduated from Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. on Oct. 19.

Ingalls is now stationed at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida. He is



Ingalls

training in aircraft mechanics school and hopes to serve aboard a Navy aircraft carrier.

He is a 1998 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended SUNY Plattsburgh.

Ingalls is the son of Margaret and Gary Oliver of Delmar and Kevin and Karen Ingalls of Greenville.

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Alert

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pools and lawn-watering have a major impact on residential usage.

"This time of year, residential conservation measures are really kind of limited. There really aren't many discretionary uses," Secor said. "We ask our customers to reduce water consumption as best they can and to find ways to conserve."

Public works, in the coming weeks, will prepare specific recommendations for distribution.

"We probably will also ask fire companies to minimize their drills, or if they have to do any

pumping, to draw from a stream or pond," he said.

Secor said a proposal already before Albany water officials would increase the town's purchases from the contractual level of 600,000 gallons a day to as much as 2 million. The town holds a state Department of Environmental Conservation permit to purchase that much and already buys up to a million gallons a day in the summer.

"We've been working together since 1980, and we're a primary customer of the city. I don't anticipate any trouble with negotiating larger purchases," Secor said. But he added the current proposal has yet to be finalized — in part because city water officials have focused much

of their attention since Sept. 11 on stepping up security at the Alcove Reservoir. Public works would also be required to make some piping changes linking it to the Albany supply, in order to better regulate water flow.

Secor also sought the board's approval to explore purchases from Guilderland, through an emergency interconnect with its water system in North Bethlehem. Guilderland purchases raw water for processing from the Watervliet Reservoir.

"They have the capacity of producing between five and five and a half million gallons a day, but this time of year they produce only three and a half million gallons a day," Secor said. "The complication is, Guilderland is the

only town around that puts fluoride in its water." Any substantial purchase of fluoridated water might require Bethlehem to notify 700-plus customers in North Bethlehem, to ensure it did not interfere with any medically prescribed fluoride being used by residents.

The board authorized negotiations, with the stipulation that Secor seek approval of any agreement should the need arise — and try to close the deal with Albany first.

Asked by board member Susan Burns why Vly Creek Reservoir was at such a low stage while Guilderland had excess capacity, Secor said that Vly Creek's 2.5 square mile "catchment area" was far smaller than

the 112 square miles that drain into the Watervliet Reservoir.

The current 450 million gallons stored at Vly Creek, at normal rates of usage, would supply the town for 190 days — or well into the normal spring runoff season — if the drought conditions persist, Secor said.

"If regular rains return, we'll be OK," he said.

"I wouldn't want to give anybody the impression we're running out of water," Secor said last week. "We are an area rich in water — the river, the Poestenkill, the Vlomankill. It's development of those watersheds that is the issue."

Bethlehem and New Scotland officials are already discussing a permanent raw-water connection to the Watervliet Reservoir to supplement Vly Creek. Work is also progressing by contractors for Earth Tech Environment and Infrastructure of California to drill "directionally-driven wells" beneath the Hudson River. Those wells would supplement the town's Schermerhorn Island infiltration gallery, which supplies its Clapper Road treatment plant.

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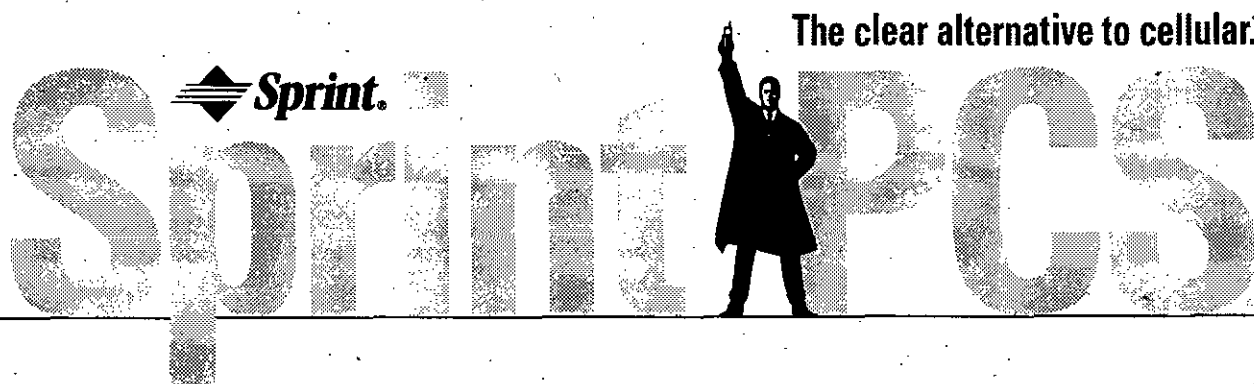
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Macbeth

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students, who had been rehearsing parts of "Macbeth" for their auditions, wanted to stick with it.

"We thought about 'Much Ado About Nothing,' 'The Tempest' and 'The Merchant of Venice,'" Yeara said. "But somebody pointed out the president's call for us to get on with our lives, so we took a vote."

In addition to shaping his own fate, Yeara also believes in democracy, and when the vote came in 26 to 5 for "Macbeth," the show went on.

"Our student director, Harris Kornstein, makes reference to Sept. 11 in his notes," Yeara said. "We have 12 witches, and they are the spirit of the dead. We start with how the witches become witches, and show the battle, and how women and children are the collateral damage. There are cairns on stage that serve as a memorial to Sept. 11."

The student actors, Yeara said, are truly acting this play, and "are phenomenal."

"The troupe has been invited to perform at the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario," Yeara said. "They've also been nominated to perform at the Fringe Festival in Scotland. There's wonderful talent in this district."

Macbeth has a cast of 30, and the larger cast is part of the reason Yeara likes "Macbeth."

"There's no bigger challenge

than performing Shakespeare," Yeara said. "This play runs a spectrum of skills. There's sword fighting, quarter-staff fighting, and the playing out of power structure; how 'Macbeth' gets it, and maintains it. At the same time, the witches point out the cost of this."

Kornstein, a senior, is the play's student director, and has handled a lot of the organization and logistics while working with the actors.

"I wanted to do this play," Kornstein said. "There's a good message in it. Some of the violence and the war seems disgusting, but we should expose that. We should complain about war. There should be an outcry against the society that harbors this violence."

"Macbeth" is part of the 10th-grade curriculum, but Kornstein said that performing it is an entirely different matter.

"In 10th grade, we focused more on the characters themselves, and not so much on the issue of war," he said. "I like the idea of the witches as spirits, exposing war. We had to look a little deeper to perform it."

Senior Jeff Barnet is playing Macbeth.

"It's been a challenge," Barnet said. "Macbeth is a character who ranges drastically from the beginning of the play to the end. It's been interesting, exploring this."

Barnet was Oberon in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and

Duke Orsini in "Twelfth Night." Macbeth, he said, has been a more realistic character than those two.

Testing out the theory that behind every good man is an even better woman, is Kelley Curran in the role of Lady Macbeth.

"This has been a very difficult role to play," Curran said. "It was hard to relate to Lady Macbeth. She's so power-hungry, and she does some pretty nasty stuff."

Still, Curran doesn't consider Lady Macbeth an evil person. "She wants what she wants; when she wants it. Yet, she gets so overwhelmed by this that she kills herself."

As a suburban high school student, Curran said she found it hard to play Lady Macbeth, and credits Yeara with helping her do so.

"This show is very dark," Curran said, adding that she voted to perform "Much Ado About Nothing."

"I learned a lot more about Macbeth by being in the show. There are so many different levels to it," she added.

Kathy Curran and Gail Balluff are the co-presidents of the Bethlehem Theater Support Group, and they are as omnipresent at rehearsals as cast and director, who have been rehear-

sing non-stop since the end of September.

"Without the parent support group," Yeara said, "we wouldn't be able to do Shakespeare. The parents designed the costumes, built the cairns on the stage, and built the platforms."

Yeara pointed out that Macbeth has become an interdisciplinary play, with teachers from the photography and video production classes working on the show, and a math teacher volunteering.

"This is a real community event," Yeara said.

"Macbeth" will be performed in the high school auditorium,

since Studio 46 is serving as the fire escape while construction takes place at the school. To preserve the intimacy necessary for a Shakespeare play, seating will be limited to 200 seats in the auditorium. Yeara hopes to be back in Studio 46 by next year.

"Macbeth" will be performed on Dec. 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. There will be a 12:30 show on Saturday, Dec. 8. There will be performances at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Dec. 15, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 16. Student and senior tickets are \$5, and other adults are \$7. Tickets are available at the door, or at lunchtime in the high school cafeteria.



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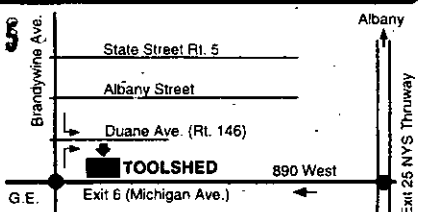
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Day

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first to Delmar, Fernbank Avenue was a dirt road. Now it's all residences — it's kept growing and growing and growing. You go down below Feura Bush Road, which is still in the Delmar fire district, it used to be farmland. It's all homes now."

In 40 years as a Delmar firefighter — serving nine as chief and, for the past 24 years, on the board of fire commissioners, including 23 as its chairman — Day has seen the company grow and expand to keep pace with residential growth in Delmar.

Now, Day has decided that he will not stand for re-election to the board at the departmental election next week.

"I've had enough years," he said. "A lot of years here." He's not leaving the department, but expects he and his wife Carolyn will be wintering in Florida more.

"My wife and I want to travel a little more, and this kind of ties you down," he said. "This job takes three or four days a week

to do it right."

The commissioners oversee the department's budget, and "are responsible for making sure that the people down in the line get the equipment they need, the facilities they need, and the training they need," he said. "I'm very proud that over the years the board has been able to keep the department first class."

There is no doubt in his mind about the class of its personnel.

"I'd say the people coming in today are as good as they were 35 or 40 years ago," he said. "Most of them are very young — I'd say under 30 for the most part — very eager to learn and willing to spend the time."

The department, he said, has been lucky in recruitment and retention — even as the demands on its personnel have mounted beyond the traditional one drill night a week.

"There's so much more to it than drill and making fire calls," he said. "Training today is so much more extensive and so much more complicated than it was 40 years ago."

When he joined, he said, World War I-vintage gas masks were

standard issue for fire calls; now, sophisticated air cylinders equipped with warning alarms are the norm. Specialized training for first responders includes chemical and hazmat drills.

"And anyone who wants to get into the ambulance side of it, they have to go through EMTs and (advanced) EMTs, and it goes up from there as they get more into it," he said. "They're looking at 20 to 30 weeks of training before they go out on ambulance calls. It's demanding, and it takes a special kind of people to do it."

Day — an employee of the town highway, sewer and water departments for almost four decades before retiring in 1986 — has witnessed an evolution of both company and community.

"The changes have been tremendous," he said. "When I first came here, it was a small department, one fire truck, 35 to 40 men. It was in a little building on Kenwood next to a laundromat."

Later, bursting at the seams, the company moved to the old Adams House hotel at Delaware Avenue and Adams Street, and built a small garage adjacent to it.

"Since then we've put in three additions to the building we first built," he said.

Nine years as chief was, he said, longer than the norm. "When you have a department

that's a volunteer department, everybody does the job but it takes time out of your home life. Most of the guys have to work for a living. Most chiefs stay two, three, four years. It's a demanding job for a fella who has a family."

To say nothing of two dozen years leading the board of commissioners. He stayed that long, he said, because after retirement, "They said to me, you've got the time to do it."

During his tenure, the company added a substation on Feura Bush Road and doubled in manpower to its current 76, with four trucks and two ambulances. Demand for ambulance coverage increased tenfold, to almost 2,600 calls a year in the three fire districts Delmar ambulances cover.

The cost of equipment has also climbed.

"We used to buy a new unit for \$100,000," he said. "Now it costs half a million." Still, he said, "Our equipment today is as good as any place around and meets the needs of our district."

And, he added, without breaking the bank.

"I'm very proud that over the years we've been able to maintain a budget that's been very reasonable. We've never had a budget challenged," he said.

In a town served by five

separate fire districts, Day has helped nurture cooperation among them as one of the founders of the Bethlehem Fire District Association.

"I feel like I was instrumental in getting that together," he said. "It's a real plus for the districts and the town."

"I can remember, I couldn't tell you what year it was, we had a fire over there off Fernbank Avenue, a really heavy fire going, and we called for Elsmere and Slingerlands to help us. We were there over 12 hours before we had it declared out. I remember everybody working, the ladies' auxiliary bringing food, fellas from Slingerlands and Elsmere working side by side with us. We were all one. That's the thing that's made me feel best."

Of those who went before him, Day said, "We've had some real good guys. Henry Kleinke, Johnny Angerame, a few others, guys I really learned a lot from about how this was supposed to run. Bill Contento, other guys."

It hasn't all been work. "It's been a very enjoyable time," he said. We have picnics, we have a ball team that plays in the town park, we try to make it nice for families. We want to see the families here, because if a husband or wife is a member of the department, we need their support for all the time they put in. We've always tried to be family oriented."

It's certainly been a family affair for the Days: Carolyn has been a member of the auxiliary as long as Day has served.

The Sept. 11 tragedy has not scared off volunteers, Day said. "Since this thing in New York we've had about 10 men come in," he said.

It's also brought the department greater appreciation from those it serves.

Yet, he said, "Though we've had differences of opinion over the years, the community has always been supportive of us when we really needed it."

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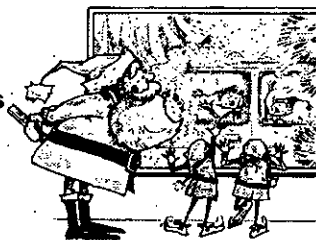
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PART TWO

Really, darling, who has time to cook?

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

You've survived the mob scenes at countless stores, you've stood in line at the post office, and you've spent hours decorating and wrapping presents. The last thing you feel like doing is cooking — so don't.

Try having your next party, or holiday meal catered, or just pick up the food and serve it in the comfort of your own home. If you're looking for someone to cater a large party, try the Glen Sanders Mansion.

"We service an event as if it were here," said Susan Baker, director of sales for the restaurant located at 1 Glen Ave.

in Scotia.

"We're very busy at this time of year," Baker said, adding that a typical party might be for about 100 people.

"Most people are looking for a cocktail-style party, offering food they can eat while holding a drink," Baker said. "Most of these parties go into the dinner hour, so we'll have a few carving stations, or some interesting pastas."

Baker said they also customize ethnic dishes, and incorporate their clients' tastes and themes into their events, as they did recently with a Mardi Gras party.

Although the Glen Sanders Mansion will cater smaller

parties, their starting price range is between \$2,000 and \$3,000. In addition to food, clients get linens, china, glassware, a chef, and staff to serve and clean up afterward.

In addition, Glen Sanders Mansion also has three private dining rooms that can host from eight to 25 people for a party.

"This is a big part of our holiday business," Baker said. "One of the rooms even has a fireplace."

You can reach Glen Sanders Mansion at 374-7262.

At McCarroll's, located in the Delmar Marketplace at Delmar's Four Corners, a variety of items are available — and freshly-made — for you to take out and enjoy at home.

"We can do meat platters, fruit platters, cheese platters, shrimp, subs, sandwiches — you name it," said Christine

McCarroll. McCarroll's also provides hot foods, like ziti, cheese tortellini, and lasagna, as well as salads and appetizers.

"And we recently hired a sushi chef," McCarroll said.

The McCarrolls put a strong emphasis on freshness.

"All our salads are homemade," McCarroll

said. "I hate supermarket salads. Poppy's famous cole slaw is one of our big sellers."

Baked goods, like muffins and quiches, round out McCarroll's offerings. As a rough guide, McCarroll said they charge \$2.59 per person with for meat platters with condiments; \$24.99 for a fruit or vegetable platter that serves 10 to 15 and \$49.99 to serve 25 to 30.

McCarroll's can be reached at 478-9651.

Casa Mia, an Italian restaurant at 385 Route 9W in Glenmont, has three dining rooms, one of which can be used to host holiday parties, and also provides food to take out.

"We offer the same food for parties that's on our menu," the restaurant's manager, Harry Cecunjanian said. That means a full-course meal, including salads and hot pasta dishes, by the full tray or half tray.

One example of the cost of take-out food from Casa Mia is

\$90 for a tray of chicken marsala to feed 15 to 17 people, and \$45 for a half tray to feed eight to 10 people.

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There are giant subs, a country pig roast, and an a la carte menu that includes chicken Florentine, veal parmigiana and jumbo shrimp and scallops. There's also standard Italian fare — lasagna, baked ziti and sausage and peppers.

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"This is a family-run operation," Houghtaling said. "We put a lot of hard work and care into everything we do."

Houghtaling's will also be offering a Christmas dinner this year, with a choice of prime rib or Plainville turkey. With all these take-out options, why not treat yourself to one great holiday meal that you can enjoy from the comfort of your dining room, instead of in front of the hot stove?



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By DONNA J. BELL

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Impossible? Not according to local storeowners. There are plenty of items on their shelves that will fit the bill.

At Northland Granny's, located at the Four Corners in Delmar, you can pick up small collectibles such as dragons. The dragons are even more popular now because of the kids who love Harry Potter, but also for adults who collect medieval pieces or just love glass or ceramic collections.

Candles are always



appreciated and the ones that Northland Granny's carry are just a little bit different than the typical, which is indicative of many of their items.

"We are a unique store, we make all kinds of handmade decorations and ornaments with prices as low as possible," said Angie LaSure, one of the store's owners. "All of our items are from local vendors. When you come here you get an old fashioned feeling."

If it's a child you need to shop for don't forget to check out The Toy Chest in Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands. They boast stockings full of items for under \$10. What is hot this year? 'Bendos,' bendable action figures that come in different sports like baseball and football and occupations like doctor or nurse.

"Craft kits are always popular," said clerk Terry Sears. "Every girl loves the Hello Kitty items, too."

But those are just a few to choose from — there are also "My Pocket Friends," airplane kits, card games, puzzles, Dover activity books that feature

stickers, mazes or stencils, smaller Lego sets starting at \$3.99 and Beanie Babies for \$5.99 with Christmas beanies just in.

There is much more and Sears suggests you stop by for personalized help and free gift-wrapping.

If you enjoy handmade and Americana check out the Little Country Store in the Four Corners area on Kenwood Avenue.

"We have ton of things for under \$10," said Marlene Brookins boasting that the items are all American-made. "We have ornaments like hand-painted angels, hand-painted snowmen, cinnamon flags, hand-carved stars and real tin tinsel," Brookins said, adding that 90 percent of the ornaments she stocked are under \$10. As she walked through the store she reeled off lists of great gifts

for just about anyone in the family or on your list such as magnetic shopping lists, sticky notes and note paper, Yankee candles and handmade candy canes. The Little Country Store also has a section of specialty foods such as gourmet vinegars and oatmeal.

"We make sure we have a good supply of less expensive gifts so that children can come in and buy for their moms and dads," Brookins said.

I Love Books, on Delaware Avenue at the Four Corners, has books, lots of them — but they also have much more. "It is so hard to find neat little things to put in the stocking," said owner Melissa Steen. Steen loves to have the "fun stuff" in her store. There is much to choose from — from \$5 Benders, small magnetic people who bend and stick to anything metal, to Z-Cardz which are like collectors

cards for boys except you punch out the shapes and build things with them. Z-Cardz come in a dozen different styles and they

sell for just \$2.50 for a pack. Steen also stocks lots of jewelry for under \$10 and had a collection of "game" key chains with games like Boggle, Chess and an entire series of classic board games — some of which are playable. How about some magnetic poetry for the "artist" on your list? Regular sets

sell for \$10 and for \$5 you can purchase magnetic poetry games you hang on your backpack.

They also come in French and Spanish. Retro toys are in, according to Steen, especially marbles.

At Turtle Pointe on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, you can pick up a few spare turtles, or a wide variety of fun and unusual items said Bruce Winn, husband of the shopowner.

"We have an eclectic variety of unique gifts, things you won't get at the mall," Winn said. "We

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Give your children the gift of books

By JACKIE MOYLAN

With Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza, December is a month of gift giving. What better gift to give or receive than a good book?

On a snowy, winter's day there is nothing as heavenly as sitting by the fire with a steaming cup of cocoa lost in a wonderful story.

We try to impart our love of reading to our children by being good role models and supplying them with abundant reading material.

What books do middle schoolers want this holiday season? Talk with your children. Many kids know exactly what they want or have favorite authors or genres. If they do not know or you wish to surprise them, here are a few suggestions.

Talk with people who are experts in the field of children's or young adult literature. These include teachers, librarians and

those who oversee children's bookstores or children's departments in larger bookstores.

They are happy to recommend titles, authors, or themes. Some may be able to provide you with lists of age appropriate books.

Also, check out the Internet. ALA.com (American Library Association) gives information broken into categories such as author, title, award winners and grade level. Each book is also summarized. Amazon.com is not limited to

ordering. It is a fine source of book prices, publishers, and find books by the same author.

In addition, the site provides reviews from notable journals and from readers across the country.

Don't forget audio-books for those kids with reading disabilities. There is a wide variety of titles. These tapes are also great for long trips in the car.

Books written in languages other than English can be

exciting to receive. For example, my sixth grade daughter takes Spanish in school and enjoys reading simple picture books written in this language. It can be fun to translate and learn new vocabulary.

Recently, I conducted an informal survey of some middle schoolers from Cairo, Bethlehem and Ravena. They were asked to list their favorite books and ones they would like to receive. Here are their top 10 selections.

1. All of the "Harry Potter" books.

Kids are just wild about Harry, and who can blame them? With fantasy, rite of

passage and good triumphing over evil, it doesn't get much better than this. The release of the movie may also make this an attractive read.

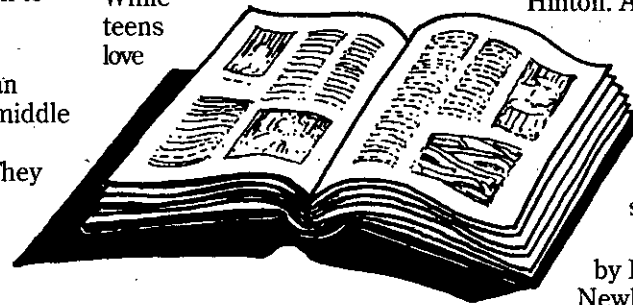
If your kids have already read these, you may want to try Rowling's *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* and *Quidditch Through the Ages*. These are meant to be Harry's schoolbooks. Allan Zola Kronzek's *The Sorcerer's Companion: A guide to the Magical World of Harry Potter* is another option.

If your child likes fantasy, he/she may also enjoy reading books by Madeline L'Engle such as *A Wrinkle in Time* and J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis are wonderful books full of fantasy and symbolism.

2. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. This is a survival story of a young teen stranded in the Canadian wilderness after a plane crash.

3. Various books by horror master, Stephen King. Parental discretion should be used.

While teens love



King's works, some of them contain violence and adult themes.

4. *The Guinness Book of World Records* Kids love perusing this book for fascinating and bizarre record breakers.

5. *Holes* by Louis Sachar. A young teen is unfairly sent to reform school at Green Lake Camp and forced to dig holes. It has a great ending.

6. Biographies of various sports' figures. The life stories of Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, and Derek Jeter seem to be the favorites.

7. *Chicken Soup for the PreTeen's Soul* and *Chicken Soup for the Teenager's Soul*. Like their adult counterparts, these books are filled with teenager feel-good stories, poems and testimonials.

8. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George. A classic book about a boy tired of living in a crowded city, Sam goes off to be one with nature in the Catskill Mountains.

9. Dear America series by several authors. This historical fiction collection is written in diary form by a character living in an important American era such as Westward expansion, the Great Depression and World War II.

10. The Royal Diary series by several authors. Like The Dear America books, these volumes are written in a diary format by great women from world history. These include such notables as Cleopatra, Marie Antoinette, and Elizabeth I.

Of course, I can not resist adding my own list.

1. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. A timeless book, kids continue to cheer on Ponyboy and his Greaser brothers as they grow up on the wrong side of Tulsa, Okla. It shouldn't be missed.

2. *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse. Newbery Winner.

Written in blank verse, it is the story of a teen's struggle for survival during the Dust Bowl.

3. *Revoltin' Rhymes* by Roald Dahl. Don't let the title fool you. These rhymes are not revolting; they are hysterical. Red Ridinghood, Goldilocks and Snow White with a twist.

4. *A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials* by Ann Rinaldi. Susanna English is the 14 year old protagonist who is a frightened outsider witnessing the horrors of 1692 Salem.

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Gift certificates solve the problem

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The newspaper deliverer, the mailman, the kids' teacher, the friend who has everything, and the aunt who doesn't like anything, all have one thing in common: you haven't a clue what to get them for the holidays.

Sure, you could just throw money at the problem — literally — but you could also finesse it a little bit and give them a gift certificate. For the person who always drives a dirty car, for instance, there's a gift certificate from the Glenmont Car Wash, located on Route 9W South, just past Ames and Kmart.

Holiday time equals food time, and you could always give the gift of a good meal or a treat. With a gift certificate from Cardona's, at 340 Delaware Ave. in Albany, there's Italian food and groceries of the same caliber as the famous Balducci's in New York City.

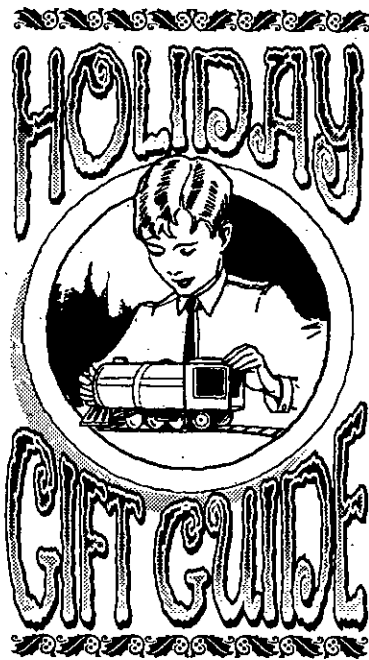
"We started as a meat market, about 50 years ago," owner Robert Cardona said. "We're a beautiful store, with things like homemade ravioli, Junior's cheesecake, or chestnuts in a bottle."

Cardona's also has homemade spaghetti sauce, cooked meatballs, and pasta, all available as take-out. Gift certificates are available in dollar amounts, and can also be used to purchase the meat and poultry that Cardona's continues to stock.

At 1275 Central Ave., a 25-year-old institution sells gift certificates that never expire, and are good at two different stores. Grandma's Country Corners and Grandma's Pies and Restaurants is a family business that prepares comfort food like your grandmother used to make.

"We sell things that every restaurant had in the 1950s," owner Joe Danaher said, "like meatloaf, chicken and mashed potatoes, and homemade pies." Grandma's started as

Grandma's Pies, and when the pharmacy next door closed, the Danahers bought it, not sure what they were going to do with it. Today, there's 5,000 square feet of collectible items like Saworski Crystal, Precious Moments figurines and assorted gifts from around the country. Grandma's gift certificates are good in dollar amounts, or for individual pies. Grandma's discounts the cost of gift certificates good for pie if you buy 10 or more — giving everybody a bigger piece of the pie.



At Casa Mia, located at 385 Route 9W in Glenmont, not far from Exit 23 on I-87, gift certificates are a popular item during the holidays. "It's nice to buy a gift certificate for somebody you might not know so well," manager Harry CeCunjanian said. Casa Mia gift certificates are good any time, and in any amount, for their classic Italian fare, served at dinner and lunch. With three private dining rooms, Casa Mia also hosts parties, and they provide food for take-out.

If you're worried that all that good eating will make the people on your gift list unhealthy, you can offer them a gift certificate to Progressive Health and Fitness, located at 18

Drywall Lane in Voorheesville. Progressive Health and Fitness combines alternative health and fitness classes with a traditional gym.

To treat the whole body, there's Complexions, a true day spa located in Wolf Road Shopper's Park in Albany. Customers, owner Denise Dubois said, can buy gift certificates in dollar amounts, or for specific services that include therapeutic massages, Balneotherapy, microdermabrasion, and manicures and pedicures.

"Everyone buys them," Dubois said of gift certificates. "Women buy them for men, men buy them for their wives or girlfriends, and children buy them for their mothers. Everyone can benefit from our spa treatments."

If the person you're giving a gift to treasures their pet, try a gift certificate from Reigning Cats & Dogs, a pet boarding, grooming and training facility located at 759 Route 9W in Glenmont. Now in its 12th year of business, Reigning Cats & Dogs can board 40 pets in its traditional kennels, and has three "pampered pets" suites, 10 feet by 10 feet, where pets can lounge on a full-sized futon bed, and watch Animal Planet all day long. There are also six four feet by eight feet rooms with toddler-sized beds and TVs.

"This is less stressful for the pet, and makes it more like home," Lisa Norris, training

coordinator for Reigning Cats & Dogs, said. The classes that Norris heads up include puppy training, basic obedience, and dog agility classes.

Gift certificates can also be used for grooming services, from baths and nail clippings to full show grooms and clippings. Both training and grooming can be done in conjunction with boarding.

If even the thought of where to get a gift certificate has you stumped, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has the answer, with the Certifichecks it started offering this past summer.

"Certifichecks are good for five dollars to fifty dollars," Chamber of Commerce Presi-

dent Marty DeLaney said. "Seventy merchants have signed up for the program so far."

That means that you give the gift certificate, and the recipient gets to decide if they'd like to go to a restaurant, get a haircut, or buy some lumber or home repair items.

A brochure listing participating merchants comes with the gift certificate, and those merchants can also be identified by stickers on their places of business. You can order Certifichecks through the Chamber's Web site, www.bethlehemchamber.com, by calling 877-770-4438, or contacting the Chamber of Commerce, located at Main Square in Delmar, at 439-0512.



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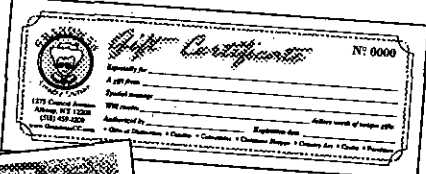
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Jewelry & you: a perfect holiday pair

By ANDREW GREGORY

How much do you know about jewelry? Probably not as much as you should.

During the holiday season, jewelry is one of the most popular gift items regardless if you're a man or a woman. With the right pendant or ring, you'll be able to charm your way into that special someone's heart. So where do you begin?

The underlying factor in jewelry shopping is education. Most local jewelers take pride in educating their customers. Marty Finkle of Harold Finkle's Jewelers believes in customer satisfaction through communication.

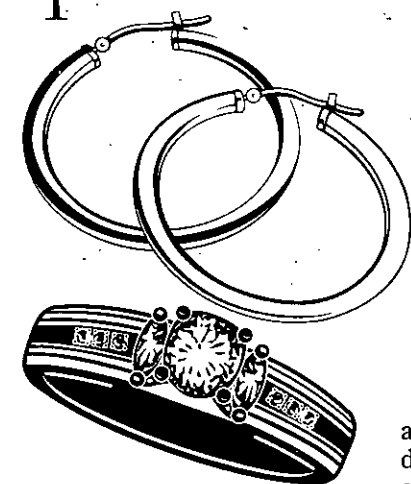
"Whether a customer comes in our store to buy a diamond engagement ring or a watch, we'll sit down and talk to them about their purchase."

The main idea of shopping around is to ask a lot of questions. Don't be afraid to sit down with a jeweler and ask about him or her about the jewelry that you've been looking at.



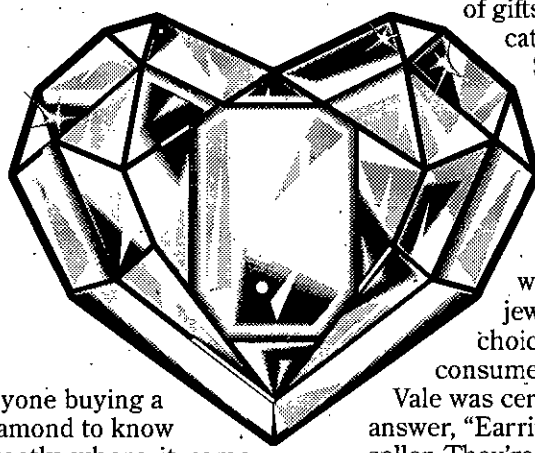
Finkle has found that as the holiday season comes to an end, he talks more to men than with women.

Men come in and purchase engagement rings and diamond earrings. They want to know what they're buying because it is a major financial and personal investment."



David Adams of Frank H. Adams Jewelry shares a similar sentiment. "I think men come into buy jewelry, especially diamonds, because of the sentimental association with the holiday season." One of the newest form of diamonds is the Rand Diamond. This revolutionary gem is photographed and tracked from it's discovery all the way to the jewelry store.

"It's really a fascinating process. It's comforting to



of gifts because we cater to everyone. Someone could come in and buy a pendant and pick up a bottle of perfume as well."

When asked which piece of jewelry was the top choice of the average consumer at Joyelle's,

Vale was certain in her answer, "Earrings are our best seller. They're affordably priced and a nice pair of earrings are a sure fire success."

With such a wide selection, choosing the right piece of jewelry is never an easy task.

Wherever you decide to shop keep this in mind: Jewelry is a gift that is appreciated over time. It's value is both monetary and

sentimental. And while you may not be able to afford a diamond ring or a pair of sapphire earrings, a simple sterling silver bracelet will be just as loved by that special someone. After all, it is the thought that counts.

anyone buying a diamond to know exactly where it came from." If the big ticket gems aren't in your holiday budget, you have no need to worry. There is more to jewelry than just diamonds.

It's really a fascinating process. It's comforting to anyone buying a diamond to know exactly where it came from.

At Joyelle's, there is a wide variety of items to choose from. Besides bracelets and charms, you can also buy various lotions, candles, and holiday knick-knacks.

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Spa and health gifts a great alternative

By DONNA J. BELL

What to buy, what to buy? Mom has dozens of pairs of fuzzy slippers under the bed, and Dad has enough baseball caps and ties to last a decade.

If you want to break from the "typical" gift, try a health or spa package, gift or gift certificate this year.

Choices Studio and Day Spa in the Delmar Plaza has everything to pamper the woman (or man) on your shopping list.

"A lot of husbands buy packages for their wives," said Tammy Martin, store manager. "Many wives pick up a brochure and circle the treatments they would like."

How about letting the gal in your life enjoy the 'Love You Head to Toe' package which includes a four-layer facial by Retechage, aromatherapy

pedicure, classic manicure, one hour massage, makeup application, and a paraffin hand wax treatment — all for just \$154.90. Martin said the value is \$225.80.



Or how about the 'Massage Trio' package? Three one-hour massage sessions for \$119.99 with either a male or female massage therapist. "It is so wonderful," Martin said of

the experience adding that the customer can choose different techniques such as Swedish, Shiatsu or deep tissue and each masseuse, custom blends essential oils to enhance the experience. "I'm not a 'touchy' type of person," Martin said of her initial reluctance to try a massage. "But I have one almost every week, it is such a nice relaxing feeling, when you are done you could take on anything, I am now an addict, when you have a professional massage it's a wonderful experience."

The 'Bethlehem Body Care' package includes a peppermint seatwist, which is a full body wrap in ace bandages, with peppermint oil that purports to slim you down while removing extra water weight. The treatment comes with a half hour massage for \$84.95.

"Many mother and

daughter pairs buy packages for each other." Martin said. "Best friends treating themselves buy two packages for a bonding experience."

Is there a health nut (or health nut wannabe) or your holiday shopping list? Why not purchase some fitness equipment or a certificate so they can start the New Year on the right "get healthy" foot?

Ed Bernstein is president of I Love My Heart fitness equipment store, and a physical therapist. He recommends that you really know the person you are shopping for before you invest in a big piece of equipment.

"Find out their past experience in a club setting or when they travel what equipment they like to use — getting the right piece is the key is to whether they will use it or not. You want

to make sure what you want is appreciated."

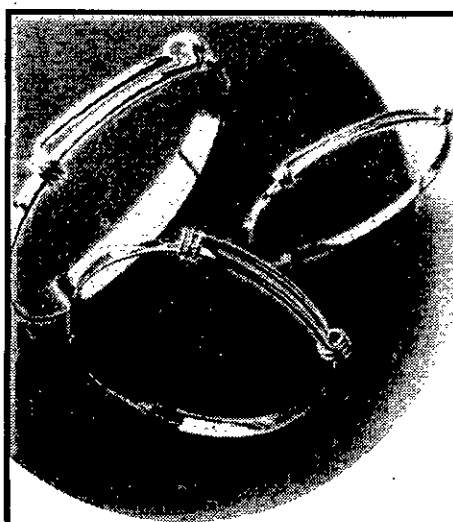
Couples often will buy fitness equipment for each other or as a family gift and Bernstein recommends trying out the equipment first. Will it be comfortable? Will fit it into the house? Where in the house it will go? What type of return policy does the store offer?

These are some of the questions that Bernstein says the gift buyer should consider first.

Of course there are smaller accessories available such as exercise balls, pulse meters, yoga mats, and exercise belts. Don't forget that you can always get a gift.

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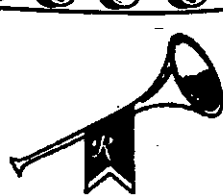
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Simple solutions to avoid holiday stress

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This is especially true for people with high blood pressure. Holidays can throw off their routine, which can adversely affect their health.

Holiday stress can make us all crazy. Before you let it get to you, here are a few common-sense reminders from the sane half of your brain:

- Try to stick with your diet and exercise routine. Maintain your

weight, even if you are going to holiday parties.



- Eat a well-balanced diet and limit your consumption of sodium and alcohol.

- Engage in regular exercise, such as brisk walking. If the weather doesn't permit a good walk outdoors, this is a good time of year to visit the mall. Many malls open early just for walkers, and you can enjoy the holiday decorations while you exercise.

- Take some time for yourself amid all the bustle.

- Don't try to do more than you can reasonably accomplish in the time you have.

- Listen to relaxing music.

- Read a good book or see a movie.

- Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays.

- Don't cheat yourself out of getting plenty of sleep.

- Don't rely on alcohol to help you relax.

- Talk out your problems. The worst thing you can do is keep your worries bottled up inside. Talking things out with someone you trust will help you to relieve stress and find solutions.
- Escape for a while. Read a book, watch a movie to give yourself time to put a problem situation in perspective. Then, you'll be better able to tackle it effectively.

- Don't swallow your anger, but don't vent it, either. Do something constructive with your

pent-up energy, like cleaning out the garage, taking a long hike in the woods or doing some other physical activity. You'll be better prepared to handle the situation when it comes up again.

- Give in occasionally. When you yield a little, others often do too—and that can lead to workable solutions.

- Do something for someone else. It will help you forget your own worries and give you a good feeling inside.

- Take it one step at a time. If you're carrying a heavy load, tackle the most important or urgent task first and work your way gradually through the others. As you do, you'll find it's not such a horrible mess after all.

How to beat holiday bulge

'Tis the season to eat, drink and be merry. But holiday calories can add up fast, and if you want to avoid any drastic New Year's resolutions, here are a few suggestions when attending holiday parties:

- Focus on talking more to party guests and eating less.

- Avoid hanging around the buffet table.

- Stick to high protein foods, fruit and veggies. Go for turkey, sliced meats, fresh fruit and raw veggies (without the dip).

- Avoid high-fat hors d'oeuvres such as cheese, nuts and anything fried.

- Eat before heading out to a holiday gathering. Have some

fruit and low-fat cottage cheese, yogurt, a bowl of consomme with Melba toast, a low-car protein shake, a handful of grapes or an apple.

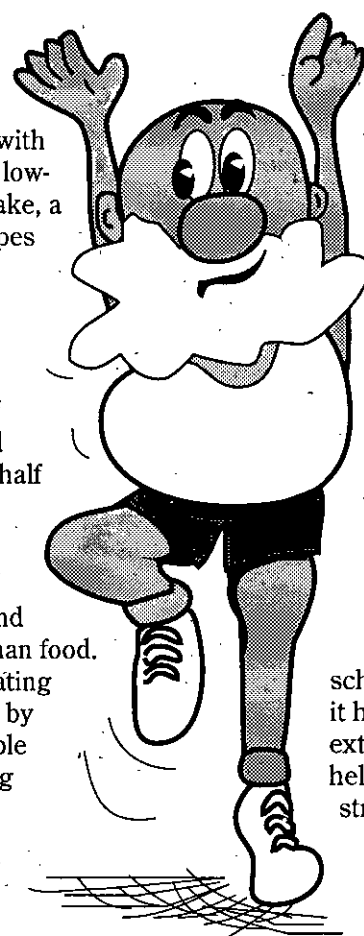
- Alcoholic drinks are full of calories. Make yourself the designated driver at least half of the time.

- Plan your own holiday activities around things other than food. Have an iceskating party followed by hot, spiced apple cider, a walking tour of the

neighborhood to look at lights, a tree-trimming party with low-car treats, or go caroling from house to house.

- Cook your favorite lowfat recipe and bring it to a holiday event. Sample some of the other goodies but stick to your own food.

- Keep up your exercise schedule. Not only will it help to work off the extra food, but it will help alleviate holiday stress as well.



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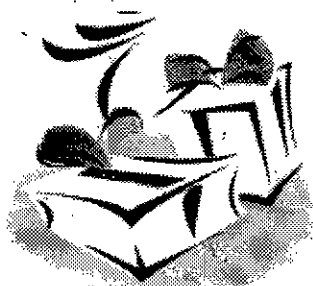
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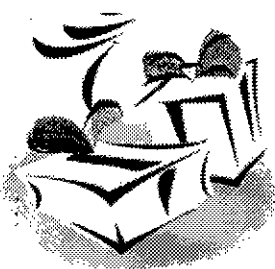
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Giving Kwanzaa gifts

By SALLY WILLIAMS

Kwanzaa means "First Fruits" in Swahili, an African language. It was established in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chair of Black Studies at Cal State Long Beach (California) to help black Americans take pride in their African roots.

The holiday, which reaffirms the ties between African Americans and their ancestral home in Africa, lasts seven days, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Each day represents one of the seven guiding principles of Nguzo Saba: Unity, Self Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperation and Support, Self-Examination and Setting Goals, Creativity, and Honoring Tradition. Each evening, family members light a candle and talk about that day's principles. On the sixth day, Dec. 31, the community gathers for a feast called a karamu, at which they eat African foods, talk about their ancestors and discuss their



goals for the coming year. There is also music and dancing.

Gifts are usually exchanged on Jan. 1, the day the seventh candle is lit. Families are encouraged to give each other gifts that they have made themselves. These can range from original works of

art and sculpture to straw place mats.

If one wants to buy a gift, it should be affordable and represent some aspect of African culture. For example:

- African carvings, jewelry or artifacts are welcome, as are gifts of fruits or vegetables, which represent the blessings of Mother Earth for her children.

- Educational gifts are encouraged, especially books on African history, folklore and culture, as well as books by African and African American writers.

- Especially welcome are books on Kwanzaa, such as "Kwanzaa: The Seven Principles" by Rod Terry, et al, and "Kwanzaa Crafts, Gifts & Decorations for a Meaningful & Festive Celebration" by Marcia Odle McNair.

- An especially fine book for children under the age of 10 is "Let's Celebrate Kwanzaa" by Helen Davis Thompson. This is an activity book that helps youngsters understand the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The book also has a Kwanzaa song, word games and holiday activities. It's available at most bookstores or online at www.Amazon.com.

- For a comprehensive reference on foods, recipes, Afrocentric hairstyles, fashions and more, there's "Kwanzaa: Everything You Always Wanted To Know But Didn't Know Where To Ask" by Cedric McClester.

- Finally, when you wrap your gifts, tie them up with black, red and green ribbons—the colors of Kwanzaa.

Green and red gemstones make holiday statement

By MISS BIJOUX

No red or green gemstones prescribed for the Christmas season, but if you are committed to making a holiday statement, here are a few suggestions:

- Consider a ring set with watermelon tourmaline, which comes from Brazil. This stone is green fading into red, or vice versa. The colors remind one of sherbert. It is nice, inexpensive and can be set in plain gold, but gets boring rather quickly.

- An inexpensive green stone is peridot, which is mined in the United States. It is the birthstone of August and looks great with green or brown eyes. Peridot is brilliant, but soft, so pierced earrings would be nice.

- Two red stones are reasonably priced—pyrope or almandine garnet, and pink tourmaline (also known as rubellite). Have your jeweler show you the reddest pyrope or almandine that he can find; you want to avoid the brownish-tinged pyrope garnet. Pink tourmaline is a reddish-pink and very lovely for a ring. Pink sapphires are

all the rage today, but they are truly pink, and one sees them too frequently as one-carat or smaller pave (small stones embedded in metal). This is a fad. Let it pass.

- Saving the best for last, a perfect holiday green-red combination does exist, and we can thank the Mughal emperors of India (16th to mid-19th centuries) for it: They were simply mad for green (emerald) and red (ruby) stones set either in gold or gold surrounded by in white (champleve) enamel. The bracelets are festive incarnate.

Before you even think that Miss Bijoux would strain your budget, the Mughals have come to the United States just in time, in fact, for a two-year tour of lucky museums—New York City, Cleveland, Houston and Los Angeles. This means you still have time to get an inexpensive reproduction, and Miss Bijoux saw them recently at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Log on to www.metmuseum.org, or call 1-800-468-7386 to request a catalog or contact the desk that sells exhibit reproductions.



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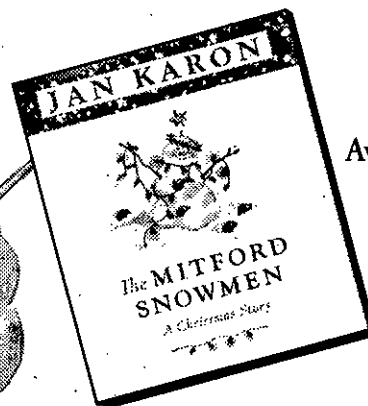
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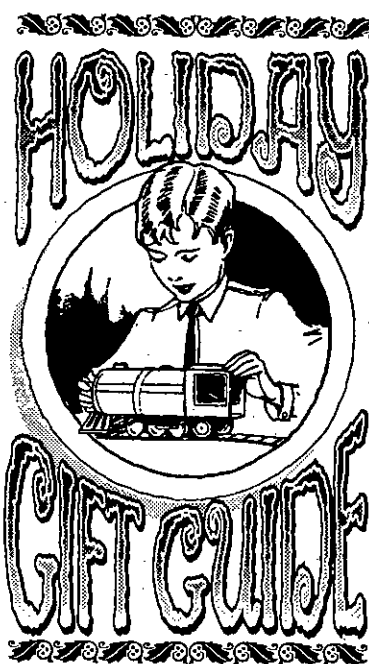
Gifts for the international traveler

By BETHANY MURRAY

Impress your world-traveling loved ones this holiday with some gifts designed to make international travel easier.

For currency converters and digital translators, try www.travelsupplies.com, as well as the two sites you'll find listed below. Translators here range from the English-Portuguese Lingo 2 (\$29.95) to the 10-Language Talking Translator (\$179.95). Many include metric and currency conversions. Handheld currency and metric converters are also available alone for about \$9.95-\$15.

Outside of North America, you probably can't use the same hair dryer you keep at home. Voltage



Valet at www.voltagevalet.com has put together details on what you'll need and how to figure it out. It even has a "What You Need for Where You Want to Go" page that shows you diagrams of outlets and plugs and tells you, by country, what kind of plug it uses, the outlet volts, frequency/hertz and the modem adaptor needed. Travelsupplies.com has a similar, very helpful section.

Some gift suggestions and prices at voltagevalet.com:

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There's lots of cool stuff at www.Magellans.com, and here's a sampling (you also can try looking for them in any travel-oriented store):

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Have a safe and happy holiday, wherever you're celebrating.

Taking great holiday photographs

The holidays are the times a when family and friends get together and celebrate. Photos taken at the holidays can keep you smiling throughout the following year. But how many times have you been left disappointed by your efforts? Here are some tips:

- Shoot a practice roll beforehand and compare the results with what you thought you saw in the viewfinder. Many adjustments can be made simply by getting familiar with your camera and its capabilities.

- Get as close as you can to your subject without going out of focus. Three to five feet is a good distance to shoot from.

- Be aware of the background. Make sure no decorations other objects appear to "grow" out of your subject's head. Make a final check through the viewfinder before snapping, and if needed, shift your position slightly to avoid unwanted details in the background.

- Try to keep it simple. You take attention away from your subject when you put too many

other distracting elements in the picture.

- When snapping family

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- For those outdoor action shots—a fierce snowball fight, for example—try to capture the peak moment. Use a higher-speed film to capture the moment without a distracting blur.

- Try turning the camera vertically for added variety in your shots.

- When photographing children, get down to their level for the best perspective. Children also will act

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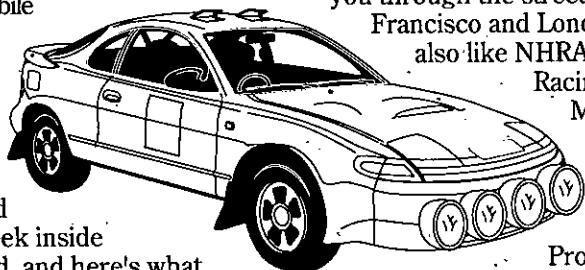
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Santa's sleigh loaded with goodies for car enthusiasts

By GREG ZYLA

NORTH POLE—Thanks to some extra persuasion from the elves, our secret meeting with Santa concerning what's hot in gift-giving for automobile buffs took place last week. Santa allowed us a peek inside his sled, and here's what we found:



solid sound and some other new twists that make it a must for all racing or car fans.

Also on Santa's sleigh is another simulation called "Midtown Madness 2" by Microsoft (\$19.99), which takes you through the streets of San Francisco and London. We also like NHRA Drag Racing 2 Main Event (\$19.99), which features Pro Stock, Top Fuel and Funny Car; any 2000 or 2001 Electronic Arts (EA) Grand Prix games (from \$9.99) and the new Indy Racing League Racing for Nintendo 64 by Infogrames (\$29.99).

Other perennial favorites include Ratbag's World Of Outlaws Sprint Car Racing

(\$19.99) and the popular Test Drive games (from \$9.99). Have fun, but remember that Donner got into big trouble last Christmas Eve because he became addicted to "Midtown Madness" and was late hooking up!

DIE-CAST COLLECTIBLES

Rudolph showed us the brand-new Christmas catalog from Franklin Mint, featuring some of the nicest diecast collectibles we've seen. The "red-nosed one" likes the Hudson Hornet from the early '50s, which can be ordered stock-appearing or in early NASCAR "Fabulous Hudson Hornet" trim. A special limited-edition Christmas 1946 Chevy Suburban pickup and some very nice Harley Davidson motorcycle selections are also noteworthy. Franklin Mint has a special catalog just for you to select a top-quality die cast for that special someone at 1800-843-6468, or order online at www.franklinmint.com. Prices start at \$90 to \$124 each for the cars. Ebenezer Scrooge ordered several of the Mint's recreations the day after Jacob Marley "visited."

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"At Speed" (\$15.95), is on the NASCAR fan's list. Available at bookstores or Amazon.com, Dutton takes you up-close and personal in a sometimes irreverent but concise look at big-league stock-car racing. Another fine work is "Chasing the Title: 50 Years of Formula One" by Nigel Roebuck. From the very beginning to present day, Roebuck explains what the Formula One circuit is really about. It lists for \$35.95, but you can shop around and get it cheaper.

Donner and Blitzen are into reading periodicals, which make fine gifts and are easy to order. This year, the recommendations go to Chris Economaki's weekly motorsports newspaper, "National Speed Sport News," (Phone 1-800-932-0447, \$42 per year), along with magazines "Dick Berggren's Speedway," "Automobile" and "Autoweek," from \$12.97 to \$24 per year. Bob Cratchet advises not to forget those 2001 car calendars and date books, as they're a Tiny Tim favorite and start at only \$4.99.



MOTORING APPAREL

Automotive apparel is hot this year, so check it out at your favorite store. Santa will be wearing a Jeff Gordon sweatshirt under his suit on Dec. 24, while the elves go for Ferrari, BMW and Mercedes golf shirts or buttondown denim. Priced at \$11.99 for a nice sweatshirt to \$24.99 for the embroidered and denim styles.

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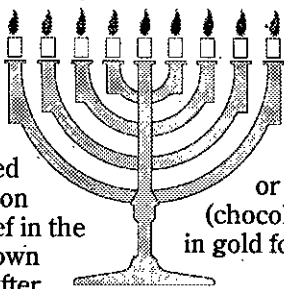
Hanukkah gifts

By SALLY STEIN

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, also known as "The Feast of Lights," is a celebration of freedom over tyranny. The history of Hanukkah begins around 300 B.C., when the people of Judea, under their leader, Judah Maccabee, rebelled against the Syrian tyrant, Antiochus, who had taken control of the country and had tried to force the population to give up their belief in the one God and bow down to his pagan idols. After their victory, the Jews restored or "redeemed" their desecrated temple. (The word, Hanukkah, means "redemption" in Hebrew.) However, they had only one day's supply of olive oil for the Eternal Light, which had to be kept lit at all times. But miraculously, the lamp burned for eight days, long enough for a new supply of oil to arrive. (The serving of "latkes,"—potato pancakes—is traditional on Hanukkah because they're cooked with oil, reminding people of the miracle of the olive oil lamp.) Hanukkah lasts eight days. Each evening, a candle is lit and placed in the Menorah, an eight-branched candleholder used only for this holiday. On the second night,

two candles are lit. The third night, three candles are lit. And finally, on the eighth night, all eight candles—plus a ninth that "guards" the others (some say it represents God's watchfulness)—are aglow. While adults may exchange gifts, the focus is on the children. The little ones receive a small gift on each day of the holiday. These may be toys, coloring books, "dreidels" (a small spinning top) or Hanukkah "gels" (chocolate "coins" wrapped in gold foil).

Gifts for the older children this year might include CD albums and anything Harry Potter: books, games and T-shirts, as well as money to keep going back to the movie theater to see "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." In some families, it's become a Hanukkah tradition to plant a tree in Israel (site of the ancient land of Judea). They cost \$10 each and can be ordered by writing to the Jewish National Fund, 42 East 69 St., New York, NY 10021; logging on to www.JNF.com; or by calling 1-800-542-TREE or (212) 879-9300. The JNF will send the family an acknowledgment that includes the tree's location, so that if they ever get to Israel they can visit it.



Holiday gift ideas for seniors

By MATILDA CHARLES

If you have seniors on your gift list this holiday season, give them something different that says — "I think you're special." Here are some suggestions:

- **Time Out:** Give your parents or grandparents an all-expense-paid wonderful weekend at a fine hotel in your area. Or, send them off to dinner at a great restaurant, maybe topped off with tickets to a show.
- **Music Maker:** If your folks are still watching their 78s go round on a turntable, buy them a portable CD player, and a collection of the albums they loved on vinyl and can now enjoy even more on discs. (Of course, be sure to show them how it all works.)
- **Bodyworks:** Every woman wants to look her best. So give the ladies you love a day at a beauty spa or a head-to-toe makeover at their favorite salons. And give the gentlemen a gift certificate to a local gym to start them on that longdeferred exercise program that will pay dividends in health and self-esteem.
- **Vision and hearing changes** are part of the aging process. But a new pair of glasses or a new hearing aid can make a big difference in the quality of life.
- **A Year of Cheer:** Check those gift catalogs in your mail

for companies that offer a 12-month delivery of treats, such as fruits, flowers or plants. Harry & David (www.harryanddavid.com), for example, offers fruit or food baskets delivered each month.

- A cell phone helps your loved ones feel safe wherever they are, and let's them call you wherever you are.
- **Picture Perfect:** Get all the family photos together and put them on videotape.



- **Remote Reunion:** Perhaps Grandma Ida would love to see her sister in Australia, but neither woman can make the trip. But you can get them together via a video phone call.
- Finally, in these uncertain days, consider making a donation to a charity or religious organization in the names of those wonderful seniors who have lived their lives trying to make the world a better place.

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Here are a few fire safety tips you should practice when decorating a Christmas tree:

- Check your tree lights for broken or frayed wires and loose connections.
- Replace non-working light bulbs.
- Avoid decorating Christmas trees with candles.
- Make sure live Christmas trees are fresh. Don't buy trees with brown needles or dry limbs.
- Consider having the tree sprayed with a flame retardant chemical.
- Give the tree plenty of water. Never let the base holder dry out.
- Don't place the tree near a heat source, open flames or room exits.
- Keep light strings and other electrical decorations out of children's reach.
- Always unplug the Christmas tree lights when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Don't burn the Christmas tree or package wrappings in a fireplace or wood stove.

High-tech fitness gifts

By Kelly Griffin

To make your gift-giving easier this year, save yourself some time and shop online. The thought of fighting traffic and waiting in lines is enough to make anyone's blood pressure go through the roof. Instead, sit back and relax while you double-click through the following high-tech fitness gift ideas.

• **Electronic Pedometer (\$16.95)**, Discovery.com: This is a great gift for someone you know that walks for fitness. Just clip the pedometer on your shorts, and it electronically calculates how many steps you take and then translates that into mileage. Wear

it all day and see what happens.

• **Yoga DVDs (\$24.95)**, Discovery.com: This is great gift for the person who is connected to their mind and body and wants to enjoy the benefits of stretching, balance and strength. Enjoy this ancient practice in your own home. There are many levels, from beginner to advanced.

• **Cardio Sport First Heart Rate Monitor (\$39.97)**, DickSportingGoods.com: This is a great gift for someone who is just getting started in an exercise program, allowing them to chart their progress by following their heart rate. When people continue to do the same routine, their heart rate usually slows a bit; we call this the training effect. With a

heart rate monitor, you can regulate your exercise to ensure you're getting the maximum benefit.

• **Vivonic Fitness Planner (\$119.99)**, SportsAuthority.com: If you know someone who uses a Palm Pilot to stay organized, this is a great way to help them with their fitness needs. Type in your daily food intake, and the Fitness Planner gives you your total calories, carbohydrates, fats and protein measurements. Your exercise routines can also be recorded and saved to review at a later date. Imagine using the fitness planner for a year and then going back to Day 1 to review. What an exciting motivational tool!

Tips for holiday shopping

For many, holiday shopping can mean frantic trips to overcrowded malls, frayed nerves and way too much debt come January. If you have suffered from any of these in years past, here are some practical suggestions for gift buying that can put you back into the spirit of things.

• Have a list, a plan and a budget before you begin.

• If you do not know what people want, ask them for a general idea. If they live with you, visit their room, or, if they do not, visit their home for gift ideas that match their style and interests.

• If you don't want to buy someone a gift, don't. A gift should be an expression of your true feelings. Respect the wishes of those who don't want gifts.

• Make a list of places where you are comfortable shopping.

Ask around to find out where others have had great shopping experiences from in the past. Malls aren't the only place to shop! Consider flea markets and mom-and-pop shops.

• Take advantage of seasonal coupons, flyers, limited time specials, offered holiday savings and markdown items. Always make sure they are not marked down because of a defect before you purchase the item. If you're not sure, ask. Most stores will gladly tell you, if you ask them, when a particular item is going on sale and how long that sale will be going on.

• Stock up for the next year. If you know that you buy seasonal gifts every year for yourself, your household or others, try buying holiday items after Christmas, when they are marked down 50

percent or more.

• Set an affordable budget and stick to it. Set a dollar limit every gift.

• If you are on a fixed income, sometimes a fruit basket or small candy gifts can mean a lot. Fruits and nuts are always signature items of a festive and fun Christmas.

• Simple cards can be wonderful keepsakes, as well as remembrance letters. Speak from your heart.

• Whenever you get paid, set aside money for holiday shopping. For credit cards, spend when you have paid your monthly payment, and shop according to what credit you have and how much of the available money you want to pay back.

• If you choose a lay-away program, make periodic checks on your merchandise to ensure that the store still has your item, preferably when there is not a crowd of holiday-stressed mothers behind you in line.

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Holiday CD's make spirits bright

By DAVID UFFINGTON

A Nancy Wilson Christmas Telarc, \$16.97

Jazz singer Nancy Wilson delivers a gem with elegant renditions of Christmas standards. She's backed on different tracks by her trio, the Dizzy Gillespie alumni orchestra, and a chamber group. A great family holiday album. "Carol of the Bells," sung with the New York Voices, is the album's take-all winner.

In the Spirit—ChrisUnas Album Michael McDonald Uni/MCANashville, \$18.97

McDonald wrote eight of the 11 songs here, with notable Christian flavor. Outstanding tracks include the smooth "To Make a Miracle" and the soulful "On Christmas Morning." Truly heartwarming stuff "Peace," co-written with Beth Nielsen Chapman, rings deeply into this shaken world of ours. McDonald has never been more soulful.

The Magic of Christmas: Songs from Call Me Claus Garth Brooks Capitol, \$17.97

Originally released in 1999, Garth Brooks' second Christmas album has been updated with three new songs recorded for the TNT holiday special "Call Me Claus." "Call Me Claus," a swinging big-band number, opens the disc; the two



other new additions are "Mary Had a Little Lamb," a lowkey, largely acoustic (except for its big, booming finish) retelling of the Christmas story with Trisha Yearwood supplying rich harmony vocals, and a slightly downand-dirty comedy tune, "Zat You Santa Claus?" The rest of the numbers are traditional and modern carols like "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Winter Wonderland." "Sleigh Ride" and "Silver Bells." Brooks manages to sound both introspective and jubilant here, and the result is a great country holiday album.

Pokemon: ChrisUnas Bash Koch Records, \$17.98
For the Pokemon-crazed tyke in your home. This album

doesn't stick too closely to tradition for the most part, instead breaking away from the expected favorites like "Frosty the Snowman" and "Silent Night" for more Pokemoncentric fare like "Winter Is the Coolest Time of Year" and "I'm Giving Santa a Pikachu This Christmas." Pokemon's rather secular fare doesn't marry as well to Christmas themes as other kiddie crazes like The Chipmunks or the Smurfs, but hey, that may just be generational sour grapes. If you have a kid who breathes Pokemon, this album will do the job.

Christmas Extraordinaire Mannheim Steamroller American Gramophone, \$17.97

Perennial holiday favorites Mannheim Steamroller (they've sold more than 18 million Christmas albums) assembles a dozen carols that were requested by fans on their Web site. The instrumental group breaks some new ground on this album as Johnny Mathis sings on "O Tannenbaum" — the first vocalist ever to sing atop the Steamroller. This album will leave you in a merry mood indeed. And if you can't get enough of these guys, there's a Christmas box set featuring this album plus their first three Christmas albums.

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Santa's in town

Santa Claus is a busy man now that the high point of the holiday season is under way. Gather up the kids, pack up the car, and get ready to meet St. Nick face to face. Several area malls and shopping plazas have booked Santa to appear throughout the month of December.

At Colonie Center, Santa has already arrived. He's been writing holiday wish lists and snapping photos with children mid-November. You can visit him Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Whether you're kids have been naughty or nice, Santa is always ready to listen.

"Santa Claus is a very popular man this time of year," says Colonie Center spokeswoman Amy Raimo. "He draws 10,000 people every holiday season."

You can also see Santa at Rotterdam Square Mall. While he isn't mapping out his worldwide trip, Santa is available for holiday requests on Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to p.m. If anyone has any last minute

holiday needs, Santa will be at the Rotterdam Square Mall until 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

If you're looking for a less crowded alternative to meet Santa, you can head up to Newton Plaza in Loudonville.

He will be there every Saturday in December from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Victorian strollers will be accompanying Santa as he checks his list.

"We're very lucky because Santa is going to make a special appearance on Dec. 12. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Santa Claus will be giving away gift certificates gener-

ously donated from Newton Plaza businesses. The Victorian strollers and the Shaker High Brass Ensemble will be performing throughout the evening."

No matter where you decided to shop, keep your eyes open for jolly old St. Nick. He's out there, with his billowy white beard and hearty laugh, listening to the wishes of children all over the world. So if you find yourself struggling against the madened holiday crowds, and you're kids are playing jump rope with your last nerve, stop and say hello to Santa; he'll get you into the holiday spirit.



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How about a creating a little basket with a mug and some mulling spices? Come in and play with some of the wooden toys and they also make a great gift for a little one. Oh, and about those llamas? They are very friendly,"

Winn said. "They don't spit, and they don't kick."

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5. *Make a Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*, by Paul Fleischman. Newbery Winner. These poems are about insects and are written to read aloud by two people to imitate the noises insects make.

6. *The Illustrated Man*, by Ray Bradbury. A man's tattoos come alive to tell strange stories. Kids love the framework as well as the short stories.

7. *Tangerine*, by Edward Bloor. Having just moved from Texas to Florida, Paul has to cope with blindness, prejudice and his disturbed older brother.

8. *Monster*, by Walter Dean Myers. Sixteen year old Steve is involved in a robbery gone

wrong. Will he be sentenced to prison for murder?

9. *On My Honor*, by Marion Bauer. When a friend drowns during an outing, Tony must face guilt and grief.

10. *Little Women*, by Louisa May Alcott. The classic tale of four sisters growing up in a poor New England family during the Civil War. This story withstands the test of time.

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MODEL KITS

During the year, the reindeer, Santa and the elves keep their toy-building skills sharp by building model car and trucks. That's why

kids young and old will be happy to find a kit or two under the tree, especially those from AMT/ERTL or Lindberg. Priced from \$7.99 up, they're available in snap fast for the younger set to more difficult glue-only and higher priced die-cast for teens and parents. Santa's top model pick this year is the 2001 1/24th scale Chevy Corvette.

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Jewelry can make holidays sparkle

By MISS BIJOUX

- Establish your own signature holiday look by wearing the same poinsettia, Christmas tree or ornament brooch every day from Dec. 1 through Christmas. This will become a family tradition—with you as the star. And the brooch will acquire the patina and status of aging, just as you will.
- Create a festive look by affixing an old rhinestone brooch to a black velvet ribbon and tying it around your neck for a great choker. This is for women with discernible, attractive necks only.
- Dress up your Christmas tree with large, gaudy old rhinestone brooches hung by red satin ribbons.
- Hats are a cool look for the winter for those readers fortunate enough to live in an area with seasons. So take that old brooch and pin it on a beret or felt hat for a festive look.
- Trying to create a Christmas gift? Take apart all of your really disposable, old, junky, rhinestone jewelry and glue the parts or large stones (individual simulated pearls look great) in the shape of a Christmas tree onto a velvet-covered cardboard rectangle. Frame same, and the lucky recipient has a decoration for a lifetime of Christmases.
- For stocking stuffers, Miss Bijoux recommends hair ornaments for girls and pens for boys. Vive la difference!

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Sports

Bethlehem takes boys title at Shaker tourney

By ROB JONAS

There will be no slow starts for the Bethlehem boys basketball team this year.

Bob Boughton scored 22 points on his way to earning most valuable player honors as the Eagles defeated Broadalbin-Perth 59-47 in last Saturday's championship game of the Julius Grimindl Tournament at Shaker High School.

"He was terrific," Bethlehem coach Chuck Abba said of Boughton, one of several returning players for the Eagles this season. "We knew we could get it in to Bob and Matt (Robbins), and Bob did a great job."

Boughton and Robbins propelled the Eagles (2-0) to a 19-12 lead after one quarter. Robbins scored seven points, while Boughton contributed six points to jumpstart the offense.

Broadalbin-Perth (1-1) stayed close in the second quarter, but Boughton hit several key shots in the closing minutes to extend Bethlehem's lead to 33-25 at halftime.

"I was feeling it," said Boughton, who scored 10 of his 22 points in the second quarter.

BC hockey team ties Burnt Hills

The Bethlehem hockey team tied Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 2-2 in last Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at Union College.

Jim Moehringer and Erich Minnear scored first-period goals for the Eagles (1-2-1). Joe Siniski and Chris Abbott contributed assists.

Bethlehem hosts Christian Brothers Academy tonight, Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at the BIG Arena.

The Eagles outscored Broadalbin-Perth 15-9 in the third quarter to take a 48-34 lead, but the Patriots weren't going to go away quietly. Mike Beers and John Dunne each sank jump shots as part of a 6-0 run that brought Broadalbin-Perth within eight points with 4:41 left. Tim Kindlon ended Bethlehem's scoreless drought with a three-pointer, and Boughton and Robbins added baskets to seal the victory.

"We were getting a little stagnant (in the fourth quarter), and we weren't moving the ball," Abba said. "So, that was a big three (by Kindlon)."

Robbins contributed 16 points, and Kindlon added 11 points for the Eagles. Both players were named to the All-Tournament team.

For Bethlehem, winning the Grimindl Tournament is a complete turnaround from the start of last season, when the Eagles opened with nine consecutive losses.

"We were hoping to start like this," Boughton said.

Bethlehem opened the tournament with a 58-46 victory over Christian Brothers Academy last Friday night. Robbins scored 17 points, Kindlon chipped in 16 points and Boughton added 11 points for the Eagles.

BC girls split weekend games

The Bethlehem girls basketball team split its two games at the Bethlehem Tipoff Tournament last weekend.

The Lady Eagles opened with a 57-45 victory over Guilderland last Friday night, but lost to Catholic Central of Troy 62-57 in last Saturday's second-round game.

Bethlehem (1-1) started strong against Guilderland, building a 16-

3 lead in the first quarter and extending the advantage to 21-6 in the second quarter before the Lady Dutch got on track.

"I thought they did a good job of trying to get back in the game," Bethlehem coach Kim Wise said of Guilderland, which also lost to Colonie Central in the tournament. "I think they're a young team, and they'll be a team to watch."

Kaitlin Foley scored 24 points to pace Bethlehem, while Sue Kelly and Megan Baldwin each contributed seven points. Erin Pinchbeck had 19 points for Guilderland.

The Lady Eagles had trouble containing Catholic Central's Aiga Bautre in last Saturday's second game. Bautre had 29 points, including three baskets from behind the three-point arc, to pace the Crusaders.

"I ended up playing a forward on her because she was posting up on our guards," Wise said. "Even though she scored 29 points, I thought we did a good job of defending her."

Foley netted 18 points, and Baldwin added 14 points for Bethlehem, which trailed 19-10 after the first quarter.

"I think the first quarter hurt us a lot because I think we came out a little tentative and they came out strong," Wise said.



Bethlehem's Paul Stewart (4) drives to the basket during last Saturday's game against Broadalbin-Perth at the Grimindl Tournament. Jim Franco

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Eagles soared into uncharted territory in 2001

By ROB JONAS

The 2001 Bethlehem football team turned a lot of heads.

Not only did the Eagles win their first Section II and Class AA regional titles, but they also won the hearts of a community that hadn't had much to cheer for on the gridiron in a couple of generations.

"I've had people in the community tell me that they've been living there for a long time, and this was something that had unified the community like nothing they had ever seen before," Bethlehem coach John Sodergren said.

The Eagles were thrown for a loop before the start of the season when they were placed in the Suburban Council's Blue Division — a division reserved for the biggest and most powerful football programs in the league — after winning the Gold Division title in 2000.

Bethlehem did have the return of several key players such as quarterback **Mark Bulger**, running backs **Aaron Griffin** and **Pat Heenan**, wide receivers **Brendon Hughes**, **John Cameron** and **Eric Zimmer**, and tight end **Brian Geurtze** working in its favor, though.

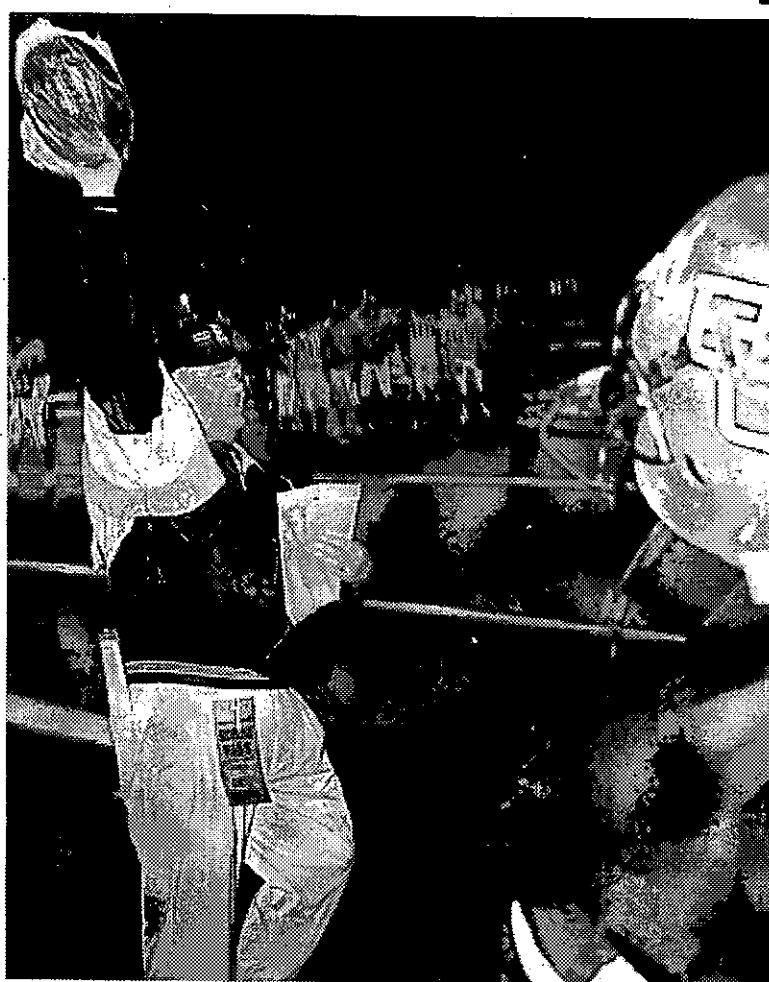
"I knew that we were going to be pretty good, but I knew the other teams in the Blue Division were returning some quality players," Sodergren said.

Bethlehem soon threw the rest of the division for a loop. The Eagles opened the season with a commanding 36-0 victory over Colonie Central and then hung on for a 28-21 win against Shaker to grab sole possession of first place.

"I think the big game for us was the week after our win over Shaker, and just about every other team had at least one loss (in the division)," Sodergren said. "So, we were in control of our own destiny."

That control was tested in the fourth week of the season. In a battle of divisional leaders, Bethlehem suffered its first offensive breakdown in a 7-3 loss to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

"I think we were still trying to find our identity on offense," Sodergren said. "I think something that kind of misled us entering the Burnt Hills game was our passing game. We had thrown eight touchdown passes in our first three games, so I think we thought of ourselves as a passing team. As it turned out, we were a running team that could pass, instead of a passing team



Bethlehem football coach John Sodergren holds the championship trophy aloft after the Eagles defeated Newburgh Free Academy in the regionals Nov. 17 in Kingston.

Jim Franco

that could run."

Bethlehem took that new offensive philosophy into its Blue Division game against Shenendehowa in the fifth week of the season. Heenan rushed for 182 yards and four touchdowns to

lead the Eagles to a 24-14 victory that kept Bethlehem one game ahead of Columbia and Saratoga.

"The other big game was Shen," Sodergren said. "Once we won that, we had the division. We still had to play Columbia, but we

were in good shape."

The Eagles took care of Columbia the following week with a 21-7 win against the Blue Devils in East Greenbush. The victory coupled with Shen's win against Saratoga, gave Bethlehem the Blue Division title.

After concluding the regular season with a victory over Saratoga, Bethlehem entered the Section II, Class AA playoffs as the No. 1 seed out of the Suburban Council and home field advantage for the first two games. Those games turned out to be against two of the Eagles' Blue Division opponents, Shaker and Columbia. But Bethlehem was up to the challenge, as it pulled out a 28-22 victory over Shaker and a 20-17 win against Columbia to advance to the championship game.

"In some ways, I wish we didn't have to play two teams that we had already played, but I couldn't change it," Sodergren said.

In the Sectional finals, Bethlehem faced Troy, whose teams had won the last four Class AA titles. The Flying Horses scored the first touchdown, but the Eagles scored the last five to pull out a 34-0 victory and their first Super Bowl championship.

"They had a big play at the beginning of the game when they returned the opening kickoff 50 yards," Sodergren said. "But I knew that when it took them 13 plays to go the other 42 yards, it was a question of whether we could stop them because I knew we could move the ball on them."

The Eagles continued their strong offensive play in a 32-0 regional win against Newburgh Free Academy (Section IX) before being stopped in the state semifinals by North Rockland (Section I) 27-7.

"They had the best secondary that we've seen this year," Sodergren said of North Rockland. "They covered our receivers very well."

The ride Bethlehem took this year may be difficult to repeat in 2002. Twenty-six seniors are graduating from a 36-man roster.

"What I tell every team — whether we're coming off a good season, a medium season or a bad season — is that every team has its own character," Sodergren said. "I think (the younger players) know what they have to do to get ready."

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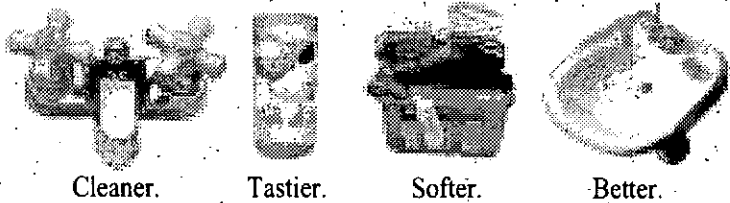
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Nicole and Kevin Demarest

DuBois, Demarest marry

Nicole DuBois, daughter of Nancy DuBois of Delmar and the late John DuBois, and Kevin Demarest, son of Susan and Wesley Demarest of Selkirk, were married on Sept. 23.

The Rev. Robert Hoffman performed the ceremony at Appel Inn in Altamont.

A reception followed at Appel Inn.

Nadia Gard was matron of honor and Michael Moak was best man.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College.

She is an ultrasonographer for ImageCare in Latham.

The groom is a graduate of

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Hudson Valley Community College.

He is a senior telecommunicator for Albany County.

Following a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple resides in Delmar.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Liza Keers, to Grace and William Keers of Delmar, Sept. 19.

Girl, Rachel Wright, to Lori and Steven Wright of Delmar, Sept. 20.

Boy, Jared Jimenez, to Catherine and Hugo Jimenez of Glenmont, Sept. 24.

Girl, Emily Kratz, to Suzannah and Peter Kratz of Feura Bush, Sept. 25.

Girl, Abigail Olm, to Linda Clark and John Olm of Slingerlands, Sept. 26.

Boy, Anthony Verdichizzi, to Mary Jo and Michael Verdichizzi of Glenmont, Sept. 26.

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Tracey Roberts and Christopher Blaney

Roberts, Blaney engaged

Tracey Roberts, daughter of Linda and Michael Roberts of Selkirk, and Christopher Blaney, son of Judy and Jack Blaney of Randolph, Mass., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, Mass.

She is a graduate student at The College of Saint Rose.

The future groom is a graduate of Randolph High School and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

He is a property manager for The Beal Company in Waltham, Mass.

The couple plans a June 1 wedding.

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Israel and Zogg are residents of Delmar. McNamara is a resident of Slingerlands.

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Friendship Singers to perform Dec. 11

The Friendship Singers will present a program of holiday music on Tuesday, Dec 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

The program is free and open to the public.

The director of the Friendship Singers is Marie Liddle; the pianist is Linda Drew; and the choreographer is Muriel Welch.

Obituaries

William Bennett

William A. Bennett, 68, of Delmar died Friday, Nov. 30, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Glens Falls, he attended the Military Academy at West Point and graduated from Syracuse University.

Mr. Bennett was president of Paul E. Killon Inc., a bookbinding and microfilm company in Menands.

He was an avid fisherman and stamp collector. He was a member of the Moose Pond Club, the National Bottle and Insulator Association, the American Philatelic Society and the American First Day Cover Society.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Bennett; a daughter, Elizabeth Bennett of Philadelphia; two sons, Jeffrey Bennett of Charlotte, N.C., and Richard Bennett of Durham, N.C.; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Schuylerville.

Contributions may be made to Crystal Cathedral Ministries, PO Box 100, Garden Grove, Calif. 92840.

Elizabeth Kraus

Elizabeth Ann Kraus, 65, of Delmar died Monday, Nov. 26, at

Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Whitewater, Wis., she was a manager of World Book Encyclopedia. More recently, she was publisher of Restaurant Magazine and Builder/Architect Magazine of the Capital Region.

Mrs. Kraus was a member of the Tawasentha Chapter of the DAR, president of the Capital District Round Table, a former cochair of the Albany Regional Food Bank harvest dinner and a member of the Albany Panhellenic.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Kraus; two daughters, Susan Spencer and Cynthia Stevenson; a son Steven Kraus; and eight grandchildren.

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

Contributions may be made to the DAR Memorial Scholarship, c/o Tawasentha Chapter.

Wilson Hermance

Wilson E. Hermance, 85, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in Hudson, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 309th Infantry Division in Europe.

Mr. Hermance was supervisor of buildings and grounds for Bethlehem Central School District for 20 years before he

retired. He then became supervisor of maintenance for the town Parks & Recreation Department.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Dennis Hermance; a daughter, Janet Hermance of Delmar; and a son, Wayne Hermance of Dededo, Guam.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Harold Weaver

Harold "Hal" Weaver, 35, of Lexington, Conn., and formerly of Voorheesville, died Monday, Nov. 26, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Rochester, he was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

Mr. Weaver was an accountant for United Road Service in Albany.

Survivors include his father, Lawrence Weaver of Voorheesville; a sister, Catherine Cohen of Wilmington, Conn.; three brothers, John Weaver of Clinton, Ill., Lawrence Weaver of Ballston Spa, and Patrick Weaver of Voorheesville; and his paternal grandmother, Beatrice Weaver of Florida.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

James O'Connell

James R. O'Connell, 74, of Glenmont died Sunday, Nov. 25.

Mr. O'Connell was a World War II veteran of the Merchant Marines.

He was a truck driver for Associated Transport in Albany before he retired.

He was an avid motorcyclist and scuba instructor.

He was husband of the late Janice O'Connell.

Survivors include a daughter, Cindy Wilkerson of Tampa, Fla.; a son, James O'Connell of Glenmont; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

Arrangements were by the Durrant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

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

Phyllis Smith

Phyllis Lettier Smith, 81, of Delmar died Thursday, Nov. 29.

Mrs. Smith was a beautician, dental assistant and worked as a clerk for Suburban Gal.

She enjoyed word games, and was an avid bowler and card player.

Survivors include her husband Frederick Smith; a daughter, Debra Morrissey of Albany; and two granddaughters.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Washington Ave., Albany or Community Hospice of Albany County, 455 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Virginia Slater

Virginia Slater, 75, of Tallahassee, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Thursday, Nov. 22.

Born in Pittsfield, she was a member of Glenmont Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Slater; two daughters, Karen Hagan of Tallahassee and Kathleen Bauman of Des Moines, N.M., a brother, Virgil Zininger of West Berlington; and two granddaughters.

Services were from Glenmont Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by Culley's Meadowood Funeral Home in Tallahassee.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 539 A. Scotty Lane, Tallahassee, Fla. 32303 or the American Red Cross, 187 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

Carrie Mae Quay

Carrie Mae Quay, 94, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 27.

She had been a school teacher in Knox and was a longtime member of Delmar Reformed

Church.

Survivors include a sister, Jennie Quay of Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

William Vincent

William G. Vincent, 74, of Slingerlands died Monday, Nov. 26.

He was a truck driver for H.S. Vincent & Son in Selkirk, Callanan Industries and Cerone Inc.

Survivors include his wife, Isabella Shufelt Throop Vincent; a daughter, Judith Ann Alexander of Port Charlotte, Fla.; two sons, William Jeffery Vincent of Delmar and Wallace Throop of New Salem; a brother, Franklin Vincent of Voorheesville; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in New Scotland Cemetery.

Daniel Dougan

Daniel M. Dougan, 52, of Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 25, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Catskill, he lived in California before moving back to the Capital District 10 years ago.

Mr. Dougan worked for Capitaland Taxi for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn M. Dougan; his parents, Harold and Kathleen Dougan of Feura Bush; three daughters, Stephanie Dougan of Guilderland, and Dulcie Dougan and Gwendolyn Dougan, both of Delmar; and a grandson.

Services were from the New Commer-Canon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery.

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Eddy recognizes local volunteers

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In Delmar, volunteers from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle were honored. Volunteers include: Virginia Acquario, Lea Denault, Helen Hartle, Jim and Maureen Moran, Connie O'Neill, Kathy Peleggi, Jean Pellerin, Henry Peyrebrune, Mary Ellen Reagan, Lois Smith and Carolyn Steadman.

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By JOHN BRENT

Actor takes directing role for Steamer 10 show

For several generations, readers have delighted in the adventures of Toad, Rat, Badger and Mole as they engage in their various adventures in Kenneth Graham's timeless story, *The Wind in the Willows*. Written in 1908, Graham tells the tale of Toad, a rebellious character who is usually up to some form of mischief. In one of his more outlandish adventures, he "borrows" an automobile and following his joy ride, smashes the vehicle. He ends up in jail. With Toad out of the way, the weasels overtake Toad Hall and chaos ensues. Toad, with the help of his friends, Rat, Badger and Mole, escapes from jail and working to gether, they get rid of the weasels.

By giving the animals in the story human characteristics, Graham is able to poke gentle fun at society and human nature while providing whimsical entertainment for both children and adults.

Now Steamer 10 Theatre on Western Avenue in Albany is bringing Toad and the gang to life in their stage production of "Wind in the Willows."

Ric Chesser, artistic director for the theater company has established a well-deserved reputation in the area for quality children's theater. Past production at the former firehouse have included "Rumpelstiltskin," "Rip Van Winkle," "Sleeping Beauty" and the very popular "Clinton's Ditch" which tells the story of the building of the Erie Canal.

First time director Mark Salocks is helming "Wind in the Willows" but he is no stranger to the company, having acted in a number of past productions.

Salocks has acted with several community groups in the past and played roles like Hal in "Picnic" and Wolf in "Bent," scripts that are clearly aimed at adult audiences. But about three years ago, the actor began his association with Steamer 10 and children's theater.

"It's great," said Salocks, "to be involved in the company. Kids get to experience what may be their first live theater, ever, and adults can relive some of the childhood stories they knew as youngsters."

"The trick with children's theater is to find characters and situations that appeal to a kid's imagination while at the same time providing the kind of humor and insight that will entertain adults," said Salocks. "Steamer 10 has been pretty successful at finding this balance."

One of the most difficult problems for an actor making the transition to directing is resisting the temptation to show an actor how to play a scene.

"Sometimes, I just want to jump up on stage and do the part," said Salocks, "but I know the director's job is to guide the actor — to offer encouragement and suggestions — to help them find their own way."

"It's amazing what they bring to the characters," said Salocks in reference to his cast. "It's very satisfying to watch them develop, not only during the rehearsal period but during the performances as well."

Salocks recognizes the value of a talented performer who enjoys his work. Jack Shaefer, who plays Toad, saw one of the earlier productions at Steamer 10 and sent an e-mail telling the company that he would like to become involved. After several small parts, Jack now plays the lead in "Willows." "He continued to grow," said Salocks. "With each part he developed a little further and he's always a pleasure to work with."

"We're really having a great time," said Salocks who is well aware of the ironies in such a script. "We have a show with actors playing animals who are pretending to be people!"

"I'm amazed that my actors are willing to put up with me," the director commented. "I'm asking them to wear heavy makeup and deal with a lot of props — it's not an easy show but the trick is to make it all look effortless."

Does the actor enjoy directing? "There's a degree of control you get as director," said

Salocks. "And while I'm not a control freak or anything, I really enjoy that feeling. I don't always have that feeling as an actor."

When asked if he will be directing in the future Salocks responded that the change from acting to directing was "like a vegetarian tasting meat for the very first time."

Salocks has not had an easy time of it offstage in the last several years. Not only has the actor survived a bout with cancer but has also been helping his parents who also face serious health problems as well.

"I have older brothers," said Salocks, "but they're not living in the area."

Consequently, most of the care provider duties fall to Mark.

The personal problems forced Salocks to drop out of theater for a while, "But Ric (Chesser) from Steamer 10 came to my rescue," said Salocks. "He stuck by me through some pretty tough times, and he was the one that suggested that I try my hand at directing."

The director's role gives Salocks the option of being able to leave if family emergencies come up — something that would be much more difficult for a cast member acting in a show.

Salock's interests are not limited strictly to children's theater. He also has his own acting company, Wit and Will Productions and along with partners Parker Cross and Laura Murray, the group stages works by revered playwright William Shakespeare. The company has presented "The Tempest" and "Hamlet" on the Steamer 10 stage and most recently "Macbeth" at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany.

The group is considering "Twelfth Night" for its next production as a change of pace from some of the heavier drama.

Like many talented people trying to make their way in theater, Salocks has had to make some tough decisions. "I was into the whole regular job, 9 to 5 thing but I wasn't really happy. I had been involved with theater in high school and with some community theater but I was working full-time, and the theater had to take a back seat."

After some key roles in independent films made by area filmmakers and his association with Steamer 10, Salocks is now devoting his working energies full time to his first love — the performing arts. As an actor or director on stage or in film, Salocks enjoys all aspects of his craft and will no doubt continue to be an asset to area stage and screen productions.

"Wind in the Willows" will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 9 and 16 at 3 p.m. Adult admission is \$10, children and seniors are \$8. There is a \$2 discount for advance tickets. For information or reservations call 438-5503.

◀ Toad and friends attempt to get the weasels out of Toad Hall. Pictured from top, Jack Shaefer as Toad, Kristin Smallwood as Rat, Agnes Kapusta as Badger and Amelia Robbins as Mole.



In one of the exciting scenes from "Wind in the Willows," Toad, center, played by Jack Shaefer, crashes his boat into the canoe occupied by Mole, left, played by Amelia Robbins and Rat, played by Kristin Smallwood.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 13, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

THE SANTALAND DIARIES

David Sedaris comedy, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 23, \$28 to \$36. Information, 445-7469.

A TUNA CHRISTMAS

small-town comedy, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Dec. 22, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

THE MELODY LINGERS ON

Irving Berlin revue, Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., weekends, through Dec. 9, \$18. Information, 355-1699.

Music

THE BOSTON POPS

Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., \$25 to \$65. Information, 487-2000.

KENNY ROGERS

Christmas show, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 5, \$37 to \$55. Information, 346-6204.

ROCKAPPELLA

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., \$22, \$17 for students, \$10 for children. Information, 273-0038.

THE IRISH TENORS

Palace Theatre, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., \$40 to \$60. Information, 465-4663.

ALBANY PRO MUSICA

holiday choral concert, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Nott Terrace, Schenectady, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. at St. James Church, Delaware Avenue, Albany, \$20, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students. Information, 438-6548.

NOWELL SING WE CLEAR

Old Songs Concert at Altamont Masonic Temple, Route 146, Dec. 8, 8 p.m., \$15, \$5 for children. Information, 765-2815.

SUSAN MCKEOWN AND JOHNNY CUNNINGHAM

Eighth Step at Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Dec. 9, 7 p.m., \$17. Information, 434-1703.

ELIZABETH VON TRAPP

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., \$18. Information, 273-0038.

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA

Christmas concert, Palace Theatre, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, Dec. 13, 8 p.m., \$27.50 to \$42.50. Information, 465-4663.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

performing works by Jhalbert, Bach and Beethoven, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 14, 8 p.m., \$17 to \$36. Information, 465-4755.

Dance

THE NUTCRACKER

presented by Northeast Ballet, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., \$25. Information, 346-6204.

THE NUTCRACKER

presented by the Youth Ballet Company, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., \$22.50, \$15 for students and seniors. Information, 473-1845.

THE NUTCRACKER

presented by Albany Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m., \$20 to \$25, half price for

children, Dec. 12 mini-matinee at 10:30 a.m., \$8. Information, 426-0660.

Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 786-6557.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Ancient Life of New York, through March 31, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

Scenes of American Life, through Dec. 9, exhibits on Hudson River School painting, the Albany Army Bazaar of 1864, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

works by Taff Fitterer, Anthony Cafritz and Nancy Engel, 161 Washington Ave., through Dec. 28. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Private Eye, unusual local collections, third floor of terminal building, through March 17, two hours free parking. Information, 242-2241.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "It's Warm Inside," through Jan. 27; Holiday Art Shoppe, through Dec. 22;

Call For Artists

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in strings, especially cello and bass, and in French horn, rehearsals Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Coburg Village, Rexford. Information, 383-1718.

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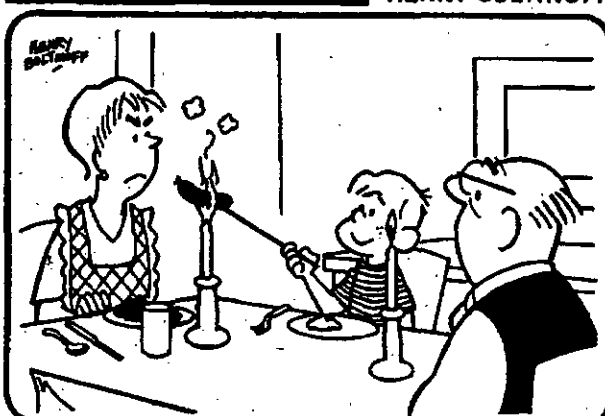
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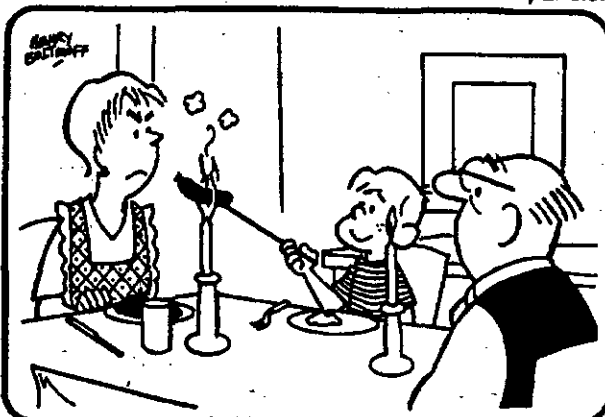
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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The Super CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Martin Sheen, to Emilio Estevez
- 4 Photo tint
- 9 Pipe part
- 13 TV's "The of Life"
- 18 Baal or Elvis
- 20 Bonus
- 21 Soccer superstar
- 22 Cold sound
- 23 Dancing president?
- 25 Landed
- 26 Range rope
- 27 — a customer
- 28 Whip
- 30 Tranquil
- 32 — (Toyota model)
- 33 Little lumps
- 36 Fawning
- 39 Parisian pronoun
- 40 Dancing colonist?
- 43 Go Fish
- 45 Comic DeLuise
- 48 Muse with a scroll
- 49 Command to a corgi
- 50 Meyerbeer's
- 51 Huguenots'
- 53 Propector's prize

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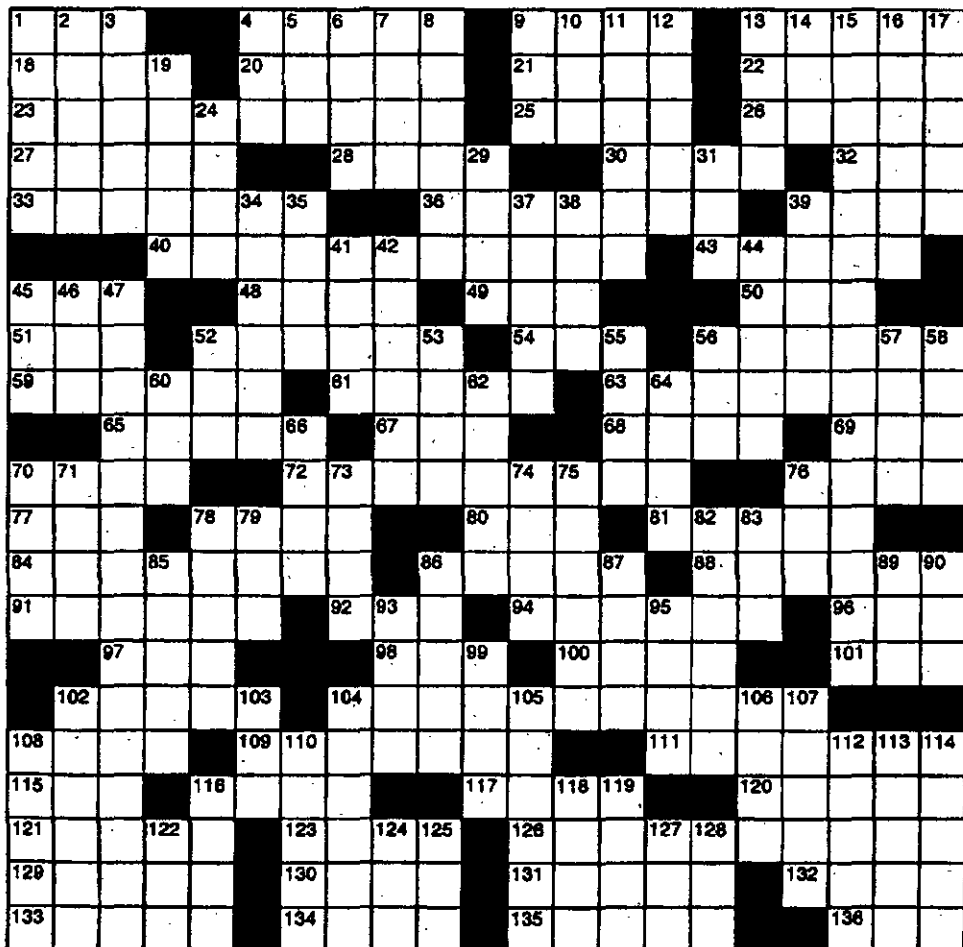
- 52 "The Twelve" (70 film)
- 54 At once
- 56 Freezin' season
- 59 Finger food
- 61 Trickles
- 63 Short story
- 65 Cognizant
- 67 In the manner of
- 68 Bare
- 69 Start to snooze
- 70 Viva —
- 72 Dancing comic?
- 76 — of Gold (70 hit)
- 77 Gray matter?
- 78 Northwestern
- 80 Phillips of "UHF"
- 81 Tonto's horse
- 84 More disreputable
- 86 Director Lang
- 88 Flusters
- 91 Percussion instrument
- 92 Feel awful
- 94 Bean
- 96 Make cheddar better
- 97 Prohibit
- 98 Wine vessel
- 100 Yuletide
- 101 Piglet's parent

- 102 Hunt or Hayes
- 104 Dancing boxer?
- 108 Kid at court
- 109 Halling from Hunan
- 111 Mention briefly
- 115 Aussie walker
- 116 Space
- 117 Assistance
- 120 Spanish guitarist
- 121 "Crazy" singer
- 123 Widespread
- 126 Dancing cartoonist?
- 129 Neighbor of Somalia
- 130 Singer
- 131 Entertain
- 132 Sour fruit
- 133 Novelist
- 134 Bronte heroine
- 135 Aden's locale
- 136 Minnesota twins?

- 5 Word form for "environ-ment"
- 6 It may be bitter
- 7 — Dinka Doo" (33 song)
- 8 '92 Wimbledon winner
- 9 Health resort
- 10 — Aviv
- 11 Draw forth
- 12 Copper or cobalt
- 13 "Green Acres" setting
- 14 "Stroker" (83 film)
- 15 Dancing body-builder?
- 16 Wrecks the Rolls
- 17 Italian wine
- 19 Abate
- 24 Seafood selection
- 29 Coop crowd
- 31 Pantyhose part
- 34 Rembrandt or Whistler
- 35 Wreckage
- 38 Reject
- 39 Touch up the text
- 41 Journalist Jacob

- 42 Jeanne of "Jules and Jim"
- 44 Mrs. Kravden
- 45 Bandleader Severinsen
- 46 "... man — mouse?"
- 47 Dancing statesman?
- 52 Numbers pro
- 53 Push a product
- 55 Trick stick
- 56 Tie the knot
- 57 Thames town
- 58 Funnyman
- 60 Veneration
- 62 Less vivid
- 64 Van —, CA
- 66 Piece of fencing?
- 70 European capital
- 73 Akbar's city
- 74 "— the Mood for Love" (35 song)
- 75 "— bet"
- 76 Sprout
- 78 It's up in the air
- 79 Volcano part
- 82 Peruvian port
- 83 Keats composition

- 85 Dickens title start
- 86 Peel off
- 87 Move like mad
- 89 Self-esteem
- 90 Make a museum
- 93 Psychologist Pavlov
- 95 Obligation
- 99 TV host John
- 102 Village
- 103 Sgt. or cpl.
- 104 Disney cricket
- 105 Margin
- 106 Mallard or teal
- 107 Suffers
- 108 Acts like a chicken
- 110 Neighsayer?
- 112 Actress Berry
- 113 Synthetic textile
- 114 "The Highwayman" poet
- 116 Genuine
- 118 Fancy fabric
- 119 Homer's fruit
- 122 Carle or Louis
- 124 On behalf of
- 125 Ovine female
- 127 Poetic monogram
- 128 — Buddhism



The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 12/5

BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED
Card meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Township, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN
Meet Adelines will present a holiday musical program. Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elmsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE
Dinner supper 6:15 p.m.; service, 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3947.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
Evening prayer and Bible study, 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-114.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Lions Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

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

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 9-2512.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 8:00 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO
Barchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-119.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elmsmere 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, 11 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, 65-2109.

PRAYER MEETING
Evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, 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 United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Thurs. 12/6

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 2:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 4:30-7 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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3947.

AA MEETINGS

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

Fri. 12/7

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Sat. 12/8

BETHLEHEM

TEACHER WORKSHOP AT FIVE RIVERS
Project WET workshop for teachers and youth leaders, interdisciplinary program emphasizing water and creatures who inhabit it. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar; 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration, 475-0291.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 12/9

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 Elmsmere 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.

BETHLEHEM COMM. CHURCH

Worship services 9 & 10:45 a.m.; nursery and Sunday School through 5th grade provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3135.

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 Elmsmere 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.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

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

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

ST. MICHAEL'S SHRINE

Traditional Latin Catholic mass, 10 a.m.; 1 Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 462-2016.

KING'S CHAPEL

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

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

GLENMONT 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

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

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

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, 2010 New Scotland Road. 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. 92-Lower Copland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2021.

Mon. 12/10

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 12/11

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

BINGO

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE 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.

Wed. 12/12

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 12/13

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

147 FLATBUSH REALTY, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/08/2001. 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 Waterview, 119-15 27th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: 1843 Central Avenue Associate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/04/01. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1843 Central Avenue Associates, LLC, 1843 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 3356 CARMEN ROAD, LLC

(Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York) The undersigned, being natural persons of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizers of the Limited Liability Company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certify that: FIRST: The name of the Company is 3356 Carmen Road, LLC. SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL. THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County. FOURTH: In addition to the events of the dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the LLCL, the latest date on which the Company may dissolve is August 31, 2049. FIFTH: 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 within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon the Secretary of State is c/o Jeremiah F. Manning, 27 Brookman Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. SIXTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members. SEVENTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for any matter in respect of which such manager shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability, there shall have been a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such manager that establishes that such manager's acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law that such manager personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not legally entitled or that with respect to a distribution the subject of \$508 of the LLCL, such manager's act were not performed in accordance with \$409 of the LLCL. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article in respect to any matter occurring or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision. This Article shall neither eliminate nor limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to the adoption of this Article. EIGHTH: The Company shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 27th day of September, 2001.

Muzafer Cecunjanin
126 Cherry Avenue
Delmar, New York 12054
(518)475-7777

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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(December 5, 2001)

1. The name of the limited liability company is 467 DELAWARE AVENUE, LLC.
2. The articles of organization of the limited liability company were filed on November 27, 2001 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the limited liability company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State was designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the limited liability company to 413 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the limited liability company is to conduct all lawful activity.
(December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Administaff Client Services, L.P., a foreign limited partnership (LP). Auth. filed with Secy of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/01. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/7/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office address of L.P.: 19001 Crescent Springs Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339. Name/address of each general partner available from SSNY. Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Div., 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of Administaff Insurance Services, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/24/01. Fictitious name in NY State: Administaff Insurance Agency. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/13/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: conducting business as an insurance agency. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: ALBANY INVESTIGATION AND PROCESS SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/01. 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, P.O. Box 4182, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BELFORD LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/08/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is BERKSHIRE PARTNERS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 6, 2001.

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The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. (December 5, 2001)

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BFA GLOBAL ADVISORS LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/22/2001. 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: The LLC, 30 E. 40th Street, Ste. #605, New York, NY 10016. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

CERTIFICATION OF CONVERSION OF BIG MOOSE PARTNERS

Under Section 1006 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The partnership was, in accordance with the provisions of the New York Limited Liability Company Law, duly converted to a limited liability company. SECOND: The name of the partnership was Big Moose Partners. THIRD: The name of the limited liability company is Big Moose Partners LLC. FOURTH: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. FIFTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 12 Century Hill Drive Latham, New York 12110 SIXTH: The effective date of the Certificate of Conversion shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State. SEVENTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by all of its members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 14th day of November, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S/Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr., Authorized Person (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BROADMEAD LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/26/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for BROWN & WEINRAUB LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on September 27, 2001. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 12 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for BROWN VIDAL & WEINRAUB LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on October 10, 2001. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary

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of State to the LLC at 12 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. (December 5, 2001)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CAPITAL DISTRICT PROPERTIES, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law Of the State of New York 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: CAPITAL DISTRICT PROPERTIES, LLC (the "Limited Liability Company"). 2. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. 3. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: 35 Whitestone Way, Slingerlands, New York 12159. 4. The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by one or more of its members. 5. None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members") in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company. 6. The Limited Liability Company shall have all powers and purposes allowed it by law. 7. The effective date of formation of the LLC shall be the date of filing of these articles of organization by the New York State Department of State. (December 5, 2001)

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CATTON INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/06/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of CED CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/9/01. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 6/20/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. FL address of LLC: 1551 Sandspur Rd., Maitland, FL 32751. Arts. of Org. on file with FL Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., P.O. Box 6327, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of CELLULAR ONE L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/8/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/14/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CIN DEVELOPER LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: CIN Developer LLC. SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. THIRD: The latest date on which

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the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 12 Century Hill Drive Latham, New York 12110 FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State. SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 15th day of November, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S/Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Cingular Wireless Employee Services, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Auth. filed with Secy of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/15/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/1/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office address of LLC: 5565 Glenridge Connector, Atlanta GA 30342. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

CLAYBROOK LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/26/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of CornProductsMCP Sweeteners LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/1/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/27/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: to serve as the sales and distribution for Corn Products International, Inc. and Minnesota Corn Processors, LLC in designated product categories. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

CREATIVE DESIGN LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/18/01. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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Creative Resources Broker Services, LLC, App. for Auth. filed. SSNY 10/11/01. Albany Co. LLC org. in RI 6/23/98. SSNY designated as agt. upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of proc.: Richard M. Spaziano, 250F Centerville Rd., Warwick, RI 02886, the principal office addr. in RI. Art. of Org. on file: SSRI, 100 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02903. Purpose: any

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lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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CROSSHEAD LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/06/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF D. A. YOUNG, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that D. A. Young, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the Department of State on September 4, 2001, pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law Section 203. The name of the limited liability company (the "Company") is D. A. Young, LLC. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 11 Palmer Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The Company is authorized to engage in all businesses permitted by the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ELMFORD LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/08/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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EUROMATEX LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/18/01. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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EXPERTLINK LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/13/2001. 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: The LLC, 30 E. 40th Street, Ste 605, New York, NY 10016. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA 575 HVA, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 6, 2001. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 26 Century Hill Drive, Suite 101, Latham, New York 12110-2128. (December 5, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA CENTURY-30, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 6, 2001. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 26 Century Hill Drive, Suite 101, Latham, New York 12110-2128. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of Five-O Staffing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/5/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/22/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office of LLC: 1128 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 110, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: GCAP EQUITY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/19/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Herrick, Feinstein LLP, Attn: Lawrence M. Levinson, Esq., 111 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210-2210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: GI DEVELOPMENT LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/26/01. 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, 30 Trumpeter Place, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GIO REALTY, LLC

Notice is hereby given of the formation of GIO Realty, LLC, a limited liability company. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is October 22, 2001. The county in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within this state of the limited liability company is 3 Groesbeck Place, Elmsmere, New York 12054. The limited liability company has no specific date of dissolution. The limited liability company is organized for the purpose of carrying on rental real estate activities and for any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. DeFabio, Tommaney and Legnard, Professional Corporation, attorneys for GIO Realty, LLC, 4 Automation Lane, Albany, New York 12205. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

GLENDOWN LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/26/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GORDON BROTHERS DEVELOPMENT, LP, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

Notice is hereby given that the persons named below have formed a limited partnership for the transaction of business in the State of New York by filing a Certificate of Limited Partnership of which the substance is as follows:
1. The name of the limited partnership is GORDON BROTHERS DEVELOPMENT, LP (The "Limited Partnership").
2. The office of the Limited Partnership is to be located in Albany County.
3. The Certificate of Limited Partnership is to be located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served on him against the Limited Partnership is 50 State Street - 6th Floor, Albany, New York 12207.
5. The name and the street address of the general partner is: Name: GBD, LLC Address: 50 State Street 6th Floor Albany, New York 12207
6. The latest date upon which the Limited Partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2051 unless sooner terminated at a prior time in accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement.
7. The certificate referred to above has been sworn to by the general partner. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

HALSALL LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/06/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

HEARN LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/06/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

HEPSCOTT SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/06/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: HIGH YIELD LIQUIDITY FUND LLC. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/05/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o One Capitol Center, 99 Pine Street, Albany, New York 12201. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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J. CONTI VENTURES, LLC, Certificate of Limited Liability Company filed with NYS Secretary of State on October 3, 2001. Principal office located in Albany County. NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail copies of

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any process against it to: J. Conti Ventures, LLC, c/o Jacqueline R. Conti, 1182 River Road, Selkirk, NY 12158. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

JGH, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 19, 2001. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to JGH, LLC, 148 Kent St., Albany, NY 12206. 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. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE PURSUANT TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW §206

(1) The name of the Limited Liability Company is: K.O. LLC.
(2) The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on October 19, 2001.
(3) The limited liability company is located in Albany County.
(4) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the following is the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her:
61 Columbia Street, Suite 210 Albany, New York 12210
(5) The character and/or purpose of the limited liability company is to act as an internet directory by obtaining and distributing information regarding internet providers. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of KRX, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/15/01. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 9/4/01. NY location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CT address of LLC: 16 Munson Rd., Farmington, CT 06032. Arts. of Org. on file with CT Secy. of State, P.O. Box 150470, Hartford, CT 06115. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for LAST-ING IMAGES, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on October 11, 2001. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 112 State Street, Suite 1314, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LATCHMERE LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/27/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LED LIGHTING COMPANY, LLC

(Pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of LED LIGHTING COMPANY, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 8, 2001.

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The Company is being formed to engage in the manufacturing and sale of lights 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 Albany, 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 50 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LIBERTY LIGHTHOUSE GROUP LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2001. 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: The LLC, 122 East 42nd Street, Suite 2210, New York, NY 10168. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LOCKFIELD LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/27/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: MARJO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/11/00. 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, ATTN: Jeffrey Feinman, 137 Lark Street, P.O. Box 1428, Albany, New York 12201. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Organization of McCabe Holdings, LLC
On November 9, 2001, McCabe Holdings, LLC ("LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is to the LLC, c/o Erin McCabe, 67 Cascade Terrace, Niskayuna, New York 12309. The LLC is organized for the purpose of holding real and personal property. (December 5, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is MDS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 6, 2001. 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 36 Park Hill Drive, Albany, New York 12204. (December 5, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is MEDICAL PEER REVIEW SERVICES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 3, 2001. 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 Sec-

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retary 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 401 Jessamine Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

MOVING TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/30/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of MYCLEARING.COM, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/27/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/24/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 70 South Lake Ave., Suite 700, Pasadena, CA 91101. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Lockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF NEBRES & PATEL, LLP

Under Section 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law
FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: NEBRES & PATEL, LLP
SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is 1500 Second Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.
THIRD: The profession to be practiced by such partnership without limited partners is the practice of general medicine, and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 1500 Second Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.
FIFTH: The registration is effective upon filing.
SIXTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate has been subscribed on the 9th day of November, 2001 by the undersigned, who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/Vina R. Patel, Partner
1500 Second Avenue
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(December 5, 2001)

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NORTH SIDE STUDIOS, LLC was filed with SSNY on 10/30/01. 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: The LLC, 543 Bedford Avenue, PMD 299, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF O'KEEFE DEVELOPMENT LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: O'Keefe Development LLC.
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2051.
FOURTH: The secretary of state

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is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
P.O. Box 26
Newtonville, New York 12128
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 of more members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 1st day of November, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/ Robert J. Sneeringer, Attorney in Fact
(December 5, 2001)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF O'KEEFE PROPERTIES LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: O'Keefe Properties LLC.
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2051.
FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
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FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 of more members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 1st day of November, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/ Robert J. Sneeringer, Attorney in Fact
(December 5, 2001)

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OXTOBY LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/06/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of PCP Acquisitions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/26/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/22/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o Investcorp, 280 Park Ave., 36 W NY, NY 10017. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of PWC Mortgage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/9/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/1/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 1 Home Campus, x2401-06T, Des Moines, IA 50328. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Lockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the professional service limited liability company is Registered Professional Nursing and Clinical Consulting, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on August 6, 2001 with the NYS Department of State. The County within this State in which the office of the professional service limited liability company is to be located is Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this State to which the Secretary of State will mail a copy of any process against the professional service limited liability company served upon him or her is 6 Lincoln Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve is: April 30, 3051. The purpose of the business of the LLC is registered professional nursing. (December 5, 2001)

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 28th day of November 2001, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund the implementation of new software applications for Building Permits,

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Code Enforcement and Work Orders; and WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$95,000; and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete these software installations; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$95,000 and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend form the General Fund Capital Reserve the funds necessary up to \$95,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Burns, was seconded by Mr. Lenhardt and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Burns, Mr. Plummer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. DATED: November 28, 2001 (December 5, 2001)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF RIVERS EDGE LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Rivers Edge LLC. SECOND: The county within the

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state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 12 Century Hill Drive Latham, New York 12110 FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State. SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 15th day of November, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S/Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact (December 5, 2001)

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ROUTE 9W ASSOCIATES, LLC. Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 24, 2001. 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

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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 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of Sentinel Offender Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/20/00. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/29/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office of LLC: 220 Technology Drive, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: services related to probation process. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Qualification of SFGE-Skycoaster, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/30/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/8/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 350 West 2500 North, Logan, UT 84341. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any

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lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SIGNAL HILL PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 19, 2001. 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: Signal Hill Properties, LLC, address 32 Brookwood Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: to engage in any lawful business of every kind and character for which LLCs may be organized under the New York LLC Law, or any successor statute. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Sky Box Café, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on November 21, 2001. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Sky Box Café, LLC, 900 Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem, New York, 12054. 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. (December 5, 2001)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF T & W DEVELOPMENT LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: T & W DEVELOPMENT LLC. SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 19 Catherine Place Latham, New York 12110 FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State. SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 9th day of November, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S. Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of The Harbour Group, L.L.C., a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/18/2001. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 8/23/1995. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., 6th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Office address of LLC in VA: 1800 Michael Faraday Dr., Ste. 2001, Reston, VA 20171. Arts. of Org. on file with VA Secy. of State, State Corp. Commission, P.O. Box 1197, Richmond, VA 23209. Purpose: to provide insurance products and services for students. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

VENTURES ASIA LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/06/2001. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 5, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of WHITEHOUSE POST PRODUCTIONS, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/17/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/7/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office address of LLC: 54 W. Hubbard St., Chicago, IL 60610. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 5, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

The name of the limited liability company is Philip F. McGuire, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on October 24, 2001. The principal place of business of the LLC shall be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is Philip F. McGuire, LLC, 1980 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under New York law. Filed by: Sullivan, McBride, Hess & Youngblood, PC 4 Tower Place Albany, New York 12203 (518)438-5364 (December 5, 2001)



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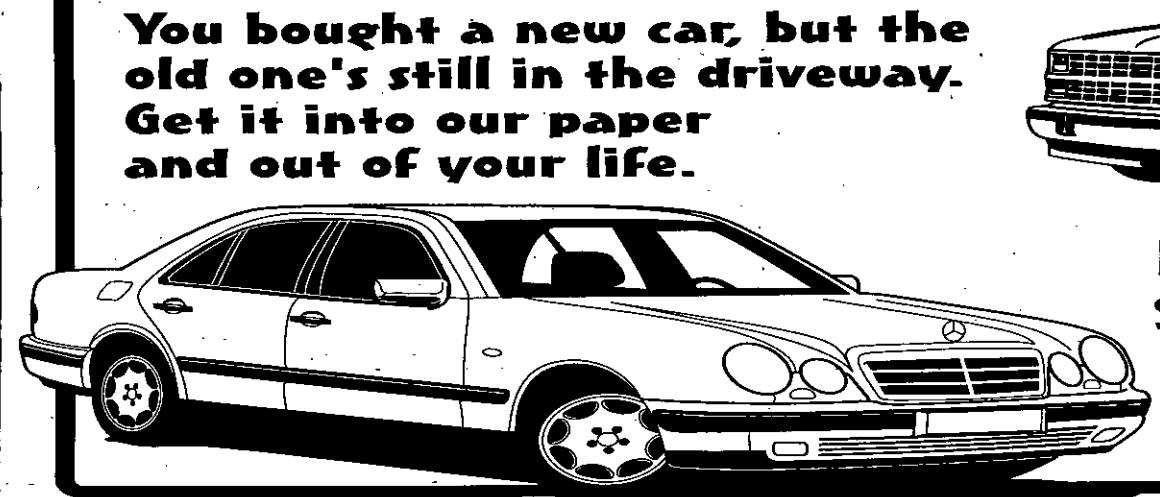
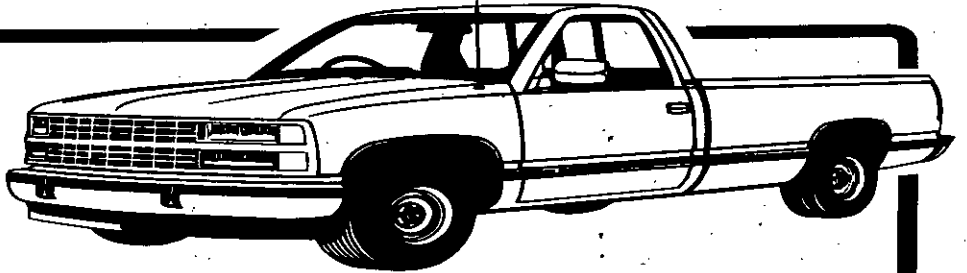
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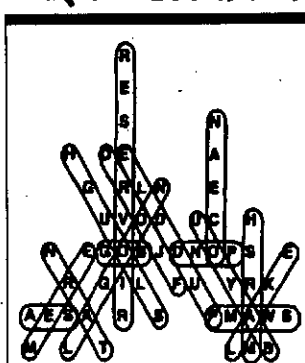
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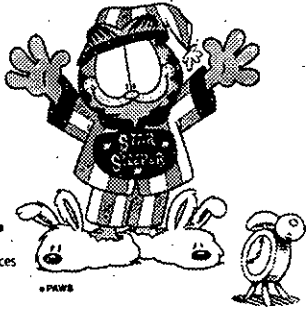
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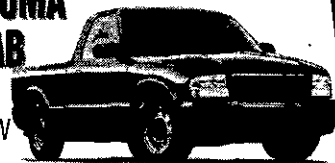
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RCS names 1st quarter honor, merit roll students

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School has announced the honor and merit roll students for the first quarter.

Grade six honor roll

Thomas Boehm, Charles Bradford, Jamie Breedlove, Steven Busch, Romano DeSimone, Geoffrey Deluca, Jared Fortier, Garrett Frueh, Andrew Fuller, Jason Gallagher, Jacob Hyer, Brittany Lomen, Sarah Louis, Julianne Maynus, Jenna Melewski, Zachary Nagy, Zoë Ostrander, Christopher Parker, Andrew Philpott, Jennifer Rosen, Gregory Russ, Jamie Sanderson, Jill Scalzo, Paige Scott, Christopher Snyder, Vicky Tiberia, Tarang Vakharia, Erica Wagner, Nori Williams, David Winne, Kyle Wong and Brianna Yurek.

Grade six merit roll

Lea Agans, Caitlyn Albano, Dylan Arnett, Gabriella Ballou, Kelcie Capetillo, Kristen Clayton,

Richard Connell, Megan Corsi, Nicholas Covey, Lauren Dawson, Zackery Deering, Cristal Delgado, Emily DePaula, Christopher Dottino, Amber Gibson, Erin Gilmore, Adam Gosse, Corinn Haker, Cody Hamilton, Anthony Hardy, Rebecca Herrington, John Hillmann, Khloe Houlihan, Karl Hunter, Briana Macaione, Jason Maher, Jarad Maciasso, Patrick McCarthy, Jessica Meyer, Chelsey Miller, Tarnara Millious, Laura Obernesser, Jamie Paeglow, Brock Palmatier, Philip Papas, Samantha Parrella, Jessica Payne, Anthony Perez, Amelia Persico, Elizabeth Polonski, Mindy Rivers, Danielle Rudolph, Ariel Searles, Emilie Searles, Benjamin Smith, Amanda Stalker, Tara TenEyck, Jacob VanEtten, Jourdan Vatalaro, Brent Weidman, Alyssa Willims and Hannah Winzenread.

Grade seven honor roll

Shannon Brisson, Jeffrey Britton, Zachary Collins, Nathan

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Grade seven merit roll

Amanda Appleby, Douglas Asam, Heather Billetts, Meagan Boomer, Amanda Brady, Dean Brady, Carlee Bridgeford, Jessica Byerwalters, Melissa Ciacia, Lisa Cross, Marco DeSimone, Jessica Delamater, Stephanie Fansler, Jennifer Helm, Lauren Howley, Jacob Latter, Allison Leonard, David Lopez, Matthew Lundquist, Thomas Mauro, Ashley McMullen, Jennifer Mine, Eric Morris, Kelly Northrup, Jamie Pelletier, Nicole Persico, Kimberly Poetzsch, Carol Pry, Mandi Rios, Renee Rohl, Lindsey Shields, Richard Slater, Samuel Slingerland, Megan Smith, Samantha Sofologis, Zachary Spaulding, Breanna Spence, Heather Spencer, Andrea Starks, Adam Stott, James Sutton, Royce Thompson, Elisha VanKampen, Merissa Vasto, Richard White, Michael Wing, Brett Winne and Joshua Wolfgang.

Grade eight honor roll

Neal Applebee, Catherine Bradshaw, Anna Brooks, Matthew Haker, Miles Hamilton, Scott Holbrook, Evan Hotaling, Amanda King, Jaclyn Levie, Loren Libby, Lindsey Miller, Nicholas Noblett, Jeannine Rider, Gabrielle Rieth, Stacey Roberts, Kayla Robinson, Ryan Ruxton, Timothy Sanderson, Samantha Schools, Lauren Scott, Zachary Snide, Eric Stott, Johnna Thyring, Brendan VanDervossen, Cassandra Volkheimer and Dawn Weidman.

Grade eight merit roll

Jordan Baumes, Jessica Brown, Justin Bullis, Brandi Carney, Shannon Carpentier, Scott Caswell, Katharine Clayton, William Craven, Brianna Datri, Brittany Davis, Kayla Defoe, Meagan Dishman, Victoria

Duncan, Amanda Ellis, Kayla Firstiun, Jessica Goff, Cody Haack, Seana Hazelton, Jaime Hotaling, Jason Ingraham, Christos Jones, Dallas Jones, Nathaniel Keezer, Colin King, Matthew Koonz, Sarah Labunski, Elizabeth LeFaive, John Mahar, Katelyn Matousek, Francisca McFarlane, April Mevoli, Bailey Miller, Megan Newell, Anthony Northrup, Patricia Norton, Corey O'Donnell, Thomas O'Hanlon, Ivo Passalacqua, Robert Radley, Benjamin Raimo, Bryan Ribley, Randall Ross, Molly Salovitz, Max Smith, Elizabeth Stalker, Emily Stanton, Jacquelyn Stark, Sarah Tesch, Jennifer VanEtten, Danielle VanHoesen, Vincent Vasto, Rachael Vatalaro, Meagan Vigliante, Julianna Visconti, Serena Watts, Gabrielle Wertzbaugher, Tiffany Westervelt, Colleen Wolfe and Amanda Zaloga.

Center registration set

The Home Learning Center, a non-denominational cooperative of home educators and their children, will hold its registration for the winter session from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the center, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call Gina NeJame at 439-3616 or e-mail homelearningcenter@hotmail.com. Registration may include any of the following activities:

Tuesday Enrichment Program — Parent-run workshops for children of all ages begin Jan. 8 at the center and run for 11 weeks on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Workshops cover a variety of areas such as theater, language, art and science. The fee is \$30 per family.

Kids, Inc. — Children and their parents volunteer their services throughout the community each week beginning with a planning meeting at Voorheesville Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 3, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The children assist groups, including the elderly, the disadvantaged and disabled children. There is no fee for the program.

The Chessmates — This parent-child chess club meets monthly. All meetings are held in the community room of Bethlehem Public Library beginning Jan. 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is no fee for this club.

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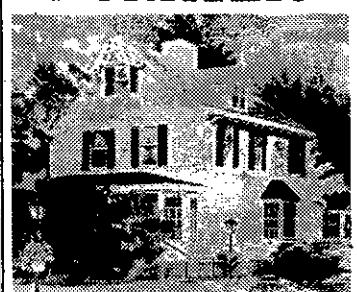
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