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## Police nab suspects for widespread ring

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A tip passed along to Bethlehem police detectives by their colleagues in the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department led to the arrest last Friday, Dec. 6, of a Coeymans man in an October burglary in Glenmont.

That arrest, in turn, helped crack open an ongoing investigation by an interagency task force into a string of roughly 30 burglaries extending "from Hudson to Queensbury," involving at least four other individuals, according to Bethlehem detective supervisor John Cox.

All five face felony charges of burglary and grand larceny in an apparently busy burglary-and-fencing ring — and "there's more arrests pending," said Cox. "We have maybe 10 to 15 people to be charged with receiving stolen property."

Benjamin R. Lynn, 22, of Duck Street, Coeymans, was arrested Friday after Saratoga county sheriffs reported to Bethlehem police that he was being sought in a Saratoga burglary — and had apparently made phone calls in the process using a cell phone stolen in an Oct. 29 burglary from a home on Wheeler Road in Glenmont. Alerted that Lynn was due to arrive by train at the Hudson train station Friday afternoon, police in that city took him into custody on a Bethlehem warrant.

Lynn implicated three others in the Glenmont burglary, including Michael P. Labuff, 17, of Coeymans; Joshua J. Nesbitt, 18, of Earlton, Greene County; and a 22-year-old, Mark K. Biel of Latham — all now in custody.

## Stewart's gets nod from board

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A proposal to build a Stewart's convenience store on Route 85 in New Scotland, introduced last July, won site plan approval last week from the planning board after a lengthy public hearing.

The project won zoning variances for its signage and gas-station operation earlier this fall. With planning approval now in hand, real estate manager Paul Bulmer, who presented the project

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Lynn also implicated himself, the other three and a fifth individual in a string of burglaries over the past several months that were already under investigation for weeks by a combined task force of Bethlehem and Coeymans town police, state police and Albany County sheriff's deputies. "We knew there were similarities and we'd all been talking to each other, but we didn't really complete the picture until this arrest," Cox said.

All five prospective defendants have since been interviewed by investigators connected with the case.

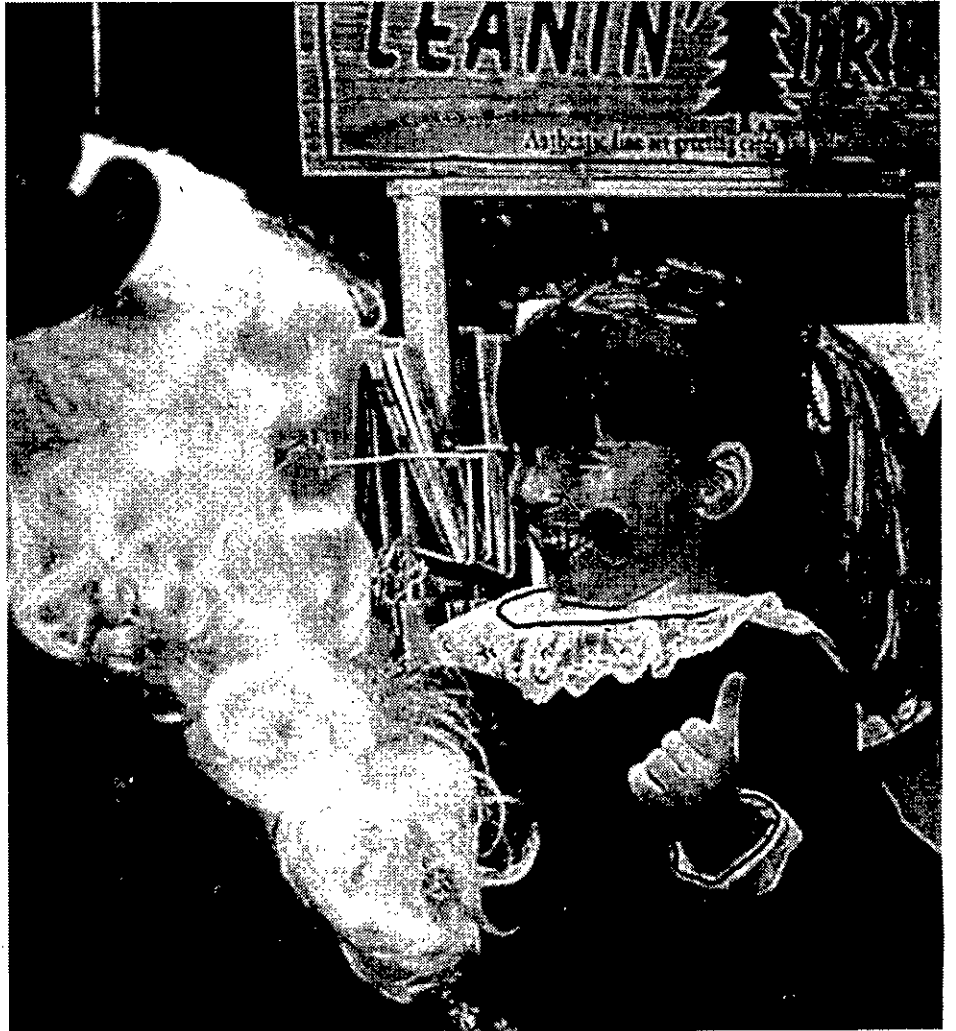
"Most of them have opened up and started talking," he said. "They know they've been caught."

Based on their information, investigators obtained a search warrant for a trailer in a Coeymans trailer park, where a large cache of stolen property was recovered. State police divers also recovered two stolen safes that the burglars apparently dumped in the Hudson at the Coeymans town boat launch.

The thieves, Cox said, stole "anything they could get their hands on. TVs, jewelry, money. They stole motorcycle helmets, clothing. Anything they thought they could

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## Smile for Santa



Micaela Nolan is all smiles during her visit to Santa at the Four Corners holiday celebration last Saturday.  
Jim Franco

## BC students have whale of a time

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

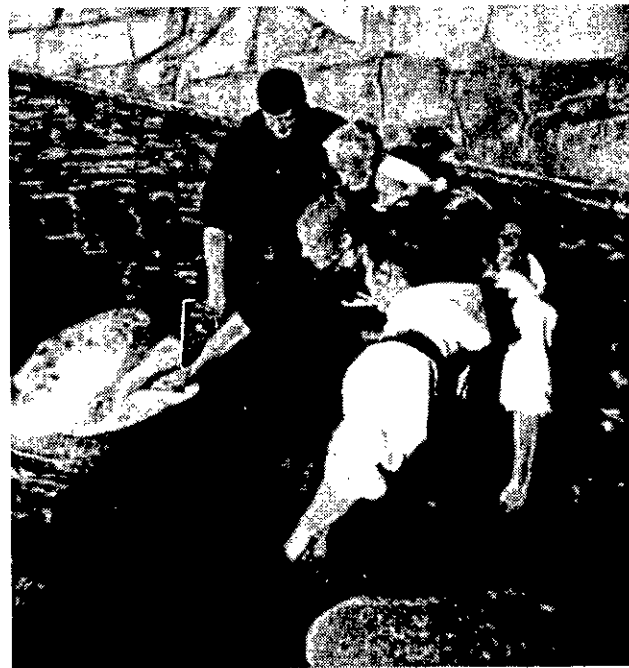
Want to get in the water and touch a swimming whale, hug it, stick your hand in its mouth past its massive 40 teeth to touch its tongue? Five Bethlehem Central High School students, on a field trip to Mystic, Conn., did just that.

"A crew was filming a documentary on Beluga Whales at the Mystic Aquarium for an international Save the Whales Conference," said Sue Kelly. "The filmers asked me, Jake Houck, Kristen Byrnes, Sarah Horn and Steve Strait if we wanted to go in the pool with the whales," Kelly said. Horn and Houck had an unforgettable venture and a quite a story to tell.

"Outfitted by aquarium staff with chest-high waders and disposable 35 mm cameras, we went in to the shallow end of the pool," said Houck, "and were approached by several of the whales." In a picture taken by Kelly, you can see her friends in the shallow end of the aquarium pool feeding a whale.

Horn said, "The whales communicate with bird-like sounds." According to information on [www.savethewhales.org](http://www.savethewhales.org) / beluga, "Wherever beluga whales are found, the sea is alive with their sounds. Whalers called the belugas Sea Canaries."

"They are not endangered but are hunted by natives in the arctic for food and



Bethlehem Central High School students enjoy feeding a whale during a field trip for their ecology and field biology course.

their natural enemy is the killer whale.

"A mature whale can be 13 feet long, and the males weigh 1,700 pounds and females weigh about 1,300," said Kelly.

"Belugas are very gentle," said

Horn, "and the whales made a different sound as we touched different parts of their bodies."

"The whales were found in an aquarium exhibit that is a replica of the Alaskan Coast, featuring the largest pool in the world at 750,000 gallons with the total exhibit covering an acre of land," said teacher Tom Cunningham.

The class was on a field trip associated with an elective course at Bethlehem Central called ecology and field biology. Cunningham, in his 35th year as a biology teacher in the district, developed the curriculum for the course 25 years ago.

After receiving district approval Cunningham's course was also approved

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## Police charge woman with assault

Bethlehem police have charged a Delmar resident with felony assault following a stabbing incident last Thursday.

Cassandra E. Selbe, 30, of Equinox Apartments was arrested by police involving a domestic incident at the apartment complex shortly after 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 5. They found a male victim in the parking lot, his bleeding hand wrapped in a towel.

According to police, the incident stemmed from an argument about damage to Selbe's car. A search of Selbe's apartment turned up evidence of a struggle and a bloody kitchen knife in the dishwasher.

Selbe was arraigned before Town Justice Frank Milano on first-degree assault, a felony, and 4th-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a misdemeanor.

Milano ordered Selbe jailed without bail pending a preliminary hearing set for Dec. 10, and issued an order of protection on behalf of the victim.

### Police investigate counterfeit \$10 bills

Bethlehem police are warning local merchants of counterfeit money believed to be circulating in Delmar — following two recent reports by Delaware Avenue merchants of phony \$10 bills.

An unidentified white female attempted to purchase cigarettes with an apparently counterfeit bill at the Hannaford market at Delaware Plaza at about 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 22. Challenged by a clerk, the individual took the bogus bill back, paid with a real one and departed. Store managers later reported the incident to police.

An unidentified white male was more successful last week, paying for lunch at a Delaware Avenue restaurant with another phony \$10 bill on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The fake was discovered later upon cashing out the cash drawer. Officials at Fleet Bank confirmed the fraud and turned it over to Bethlehem police detectives.

## Trial to begin in Clarksville murder

Jury selection began Monday in the trial of a Clarksville man for the second-degree murder of a long-time acquaintance in an alcohol-fueled altercation at his home last February.

County Court Judge Thomas Breslin will preside at the trial of Alfred S. Cook, 58, in the shotgun killing of Richard Barber of Waterford on Feb. 20 at Cook's home at 158 Dunbar Hollow Road. Assistant district attorney Lawrence Wiest will prosecute.

According to Albany County sheriff's deputies, Cook first

threatened Barber with a handgun and shot him in the chest after Barber sought to retrieve personal items Cook was storing for him.

If convicted, Cook could be sentenced to 25 years to life on the murder count.

Attorneys Joseph McCoy and Robert Roche are defending Cook.

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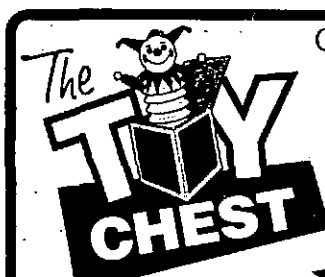
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# Complex to present expansion plan

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Beverwyck, the senior citizen residence complex in North Bethlehem, has acquired two adjacent parcels of land totalling more than 43 acres, with an eye toward expansion — and will take the first step toward realizing that aim tonight, petitioning the town board to rezone the parcels.

Beverwyck's operator, the Troy-based senior services organization The Eddy, seeks to build a new 36-unit addition adjacent to the existing assistive living facility on Krumkill Road that opened in 1999, as well as seven buildings for 14 new cottage-style residences.

Beverwyck's rezoning request isn't the only one on the town board's Dec. 11 agenda. Another comes from developer Victor Gush and his VLG Real Estate Developers of Castleton, to create a Planned Residential District (PRD) on 85 acres overlooking River Road in Glenmont. VLG plans to build Beacon Heights, a complex of apartment houses, condos, townhouses and single family homes totalling 425 units.

In other matters before them:

- The board will discuss a pending local law to ban car-carrier traffic from a residential stretch of Elm and Cherry avenues in Delmar.

- Town tax assessor David Leafer will outline his plans for a full reassessment in 2004 of property values in the town, last updated in 1998.

In a November memo to the board, Leafer said that current low mortgages have contributed to a seller's market pushing recent sale prices of homes in the town anywhere from 10 percent to 150 percent higher than

current assessed valuations.

"The net result is that Bethlehem's current level of property assessments are significantly under their full market levels," he wrote, urging the town's second thorough assessment review since full-value assessment was adopted.

- The board will also take up plans to install lighting at the town dog park on Delmar Bypass Extension and modify its hours of operation, from its current dawn-to-dusk schedule to a closing time of 7 p.m. — to adjust for reduced daylight hours in winter. "Dawn to dusk's not working," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller last week. "During the winter months, it gets dark at 4:30, before many residents are home from work."

- Also on the agenda are a host of year-end housekeeping details, including reserve-fund transfers and a request from Comptroller Judith Kehoe for issuance a \$1.5 million "tax anticipation note" to keep the town water fund books in order until January tax revenues come in.

But the two rezoning requests are potentially the most far-reaching items. In a letter to the town board last month, Beverwyck's senior project manager David Wendth sought rezoning of a 1-acre lot, where a current home stands at present, adjacent to the existing assistive living facility on Krumkill; and a wooded 42.4-acre parcel just south of Beverwyck and the adjacent Olympian Gardens development.

Both parcels are currently zoned residential, but Beverwyck proposes to add both to the existing PRD No. 12, providing land for Phases IV and V of the facility's development. The new addition to the core facility would

provide 36 units for assistive-living and dementia patients. Wendth cited growing demand — and a waiting list that averages 65 names at any given time.

In discussions with the planning department last month, Beverwyck officials also disclosed plans for the new cottage units, which would be situated on the larger of the two new parcels, above the Krumkill ravine and overlooking Route 85.

"Ideally, we'll be looking somewhere in 2004 or 2005 to be able to move forward" with construction, Wendth said Monday.

VLG's Beacon Heights is one of two projects by the developer on River Road near Glenmont Road. The other is called The Harbor at Beacon Pointe — an ambitious riverfront commercial development on 77 acres, including 1.2 million square feet of professional office space, retail shops, two restaurants, a 300-seat IMAX theater, a five-dock marina and supporting parking. Both Beacon Heights and Beacon Pointe, currently zoned Heavy Industrial, were presented in September before the town planning board.

Beacon Heights is south of the Harbor project, on the west side of River Road, on land formerly owned by Niagara Mohawk — and overlooking the Bethlehem Energy Center. VLG envisions 27 single-family homes, 284 apartments, 64 condos and 50 townhouses on the site. Its current zoning does not permit residential development — prompting the PRD application.

Both rezoning applications will eventually require public hearings; and will likely be referred to the planning board for its recommendations.

## Holiday helpers



Cayelan Brown, Caitlin Lennon and Amanda Thomas enjoy being elves at the Floral Garden in Delmar during the Four Corners holiday weekend.

Jim Franco

## Selkirk man charged with elder abuse

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Selkirk man, already under arrest on felony sexual abuse charges stemming from a July incident and an October assault complaint, was arraigned Friday in Albany County Court on a third felony count — the first Albany County resident indicted under a statute designed to prosecute abuse by "caregivers of vulnerable elderly persons, with intent to cause physical injury."

The case against Kenneth John Turner, 49, involves a novel interpretation of that law. The four-year-old statute, under which there have been just seven prior prosecutions statewide, was originally drawn up to prevent abuse by professionals in nursing

and assisted-care situations. Turner, however, is being charged with abuse in an alleged assault on his wheelchair-bound 76-year-old mother in her home.

Assistant district attorney Andra Ackerman said, "Let an appellate court judge or a jury decide. Nowhere in the statute does it say a nurse or a professional caregiver. It doesn't say someone in an elder-aged home."

Turner was arrested by Bethlehem police on July 23, after, allegedly, exposing himself to a worker at a roadside farm stand on Route 9W, and charged with felony sexual abuse, harassment and trespassing. Bethlehem police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Heffernan said Turner had a lengthy rap sheet of previous similar offenses, most pre-dating the adoption of Meghan's Law.

Ackerman said it was Turner's July detention that triggered the more recent charges against him. "When they arrested him for those charges and removed him from his home, his grandmother started disclosing additional abuse in the home," she said. Detectives Vincent Rinaldi and Michael McMillen of the Bethlehem police family services unit followed up with other family

members.

"(They) were phenomenal," said Ackerman. "They worked very well with family members on this. Their investigation is what brought this case to light. Without their investigation, we'd be nowhere."

On Oct. 1, Turner's mother filed a complaint about a May 29 incident, in which Turner, according to the complaint, threw a frozen plastic ice pack at her and struck her in the head, an injury that required six stitches.

Police arrested Turner, still in jail, on a warrant based on that complaint, and he was arraigned before Town Justice Frank Milano for second-degree assault, a felony punishable by up to 7 years in prison, and endangering the welfare of a physically disabled person.

Last week's additional count under the four-year-old elder-abuse statute stemmed from what Ackerman called the "unique circumstances" of the case.

Turner could face four years in prison if convicted of the elder-abuse count, but Ackerman hoped the charges against him might be resolved short of a trial. The case is due for a conference in County Court chambers Dec. 12.

## Tax shortfalls worry board

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

At its meeting last week, Bethlehem school board members expressed concern about the size of shortfalls being reported in the state budget and the potential of a cut in state aid to schools for the 2002-2003 year.

They asked Superintendent Les Loomis to use every means possible to be sure the district taxpayers are aware of the situation.

When asked after the meeting about how the state's fiscal uncertainty would mesh with district plans to embark on a bond issue in the fall of 2003 to build classrooms and other facilities like labs, gyms, practice rooms and technology centers, Loomis differentiated between short- and long-term problems.

"The state fiscal crisis may affect state aid for one or possibly two years," he said. "In the short term, we should begin next year's budget process by planning not to add any other but the one elementary teacher we need. It is a year for holding on to what programs we have and not adding anything new."

In the long term, Loomis said the district needs to plan responsibly and address space considerations for the next five to eight years.

"The past 10 years of constantly-increasing student enrollment is projected by us to continue in the foreseeable future," he said. "The final design and bonding of what we have to do will have no financial effect on next year's budget, and the

ultimate cost could be spread over 20 years."

Loomis also discussed the district's long-range planning report, which shows historical enrollment projection data compared to actual enrollment results and includes projection of new housing construction in the district.

"The report is a precursor to the budget process and is also vital data for the Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee (EFPC)," Loomis said.

The report projects an increase of 98 students next year and a total increase of 375 to 625 over the next five to eight years.

"The report shows Clarksville, with 245 students, to be the most likely elementary school to be considered for expansion to solve crowding in the lower grade levels," Loomis said. "The architects have estimated it would cost 64 percent more to build a new facility than to add on to an existing facility. State aid is better for an add-on than new construction also."

Loomis said the district can add three classrooms to the Early Learning Center and return space to Slingerlands Elementary School.

"We also might get a waiver from the state to add two classrooms to Elsmere," he said. "The middle school will require 11 or 12 new classrooms, and the cafeteria should be expanded. The high school should get a new wing near the lower gym, a new gym, 25 to 30 new classrooms and expanded band and choral rooms."

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# Lost in our choices, we blame it on stress

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Two weeks to go and it's everywhere. We should be counting our blessings, humming to ourselves as we shop and whispering "I Love You" to our children as we tuck them in at night.

Instead of Christmas spirit, though, what's prevalent is our moaning and groaning as we complain about how stressful the holiday season is. When did "stress" become the most used word of the holiday season?

Seems like the Thanksgiving turkey isn't even cold, and the media tells us how stressed we are — and soon, we believe it. Most of the time, it seems like we need a big reality check about what stress is and isn't. There's stress all around us, and it's not

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in untangling the Christmas lights we chucked in a box last January.

The families who lost children in house fires in the last few weeks have a right to feel stressed. The people of Amsterdam, who lost a son and a grandmother, a friend and a neighbor last week, and who wondered whether other children would be stricken with meningitis after a band trip to California — they surely feel stress.

Anyone who lost a loved one, and now has to figure out how to weave some joy around the hole

in the fabric of their lives, feels stressed. People who are out of work and still have to find food, clothing and shelter — while the rest of us worry about gifts — feel stressed. People with a son, daughter, brother, sister, husband or wife in the military in these uncertain times — they are stressed. The rest of us should be dancing in the streets about "all that we have to do" this Christmas season.

What could be more delightful than to buy a gift for someone we love? Nothing brightens this month of short days as much as bringing an aromatic fir tree into the house, and stringing lights all over it. All the sighing and moaning about families is gratuitous, when we should consider ourselves fortunate to be linked to enough people to fill the chairs at our table on Christmas day. So,

I propose a total ban on the word stress for those of us who are only worried about how to get the house decorated and the presents bought in the short time that lies before us.

My excellent intention will, of course, be put to a very strong test in the weeks to come. An inveterate procrastinator, there are exactly two presents in my house so far — and they're not for anyone who lives here. It's easy to not feel stressed when the only thing I've done for Christmas so far is help our 10-year-old assemble the silver Christmas tree that Grandma Kate gave us, tell Cormac that the cut-off date for adding to his Christmas list has passed and inform Christopher that no, he can't receive only cash for Christmas.

I will insist that I don't mind the crowds at the stores in December; it puts me in a Christmas mood. The other shoppers, who apparently mind Christmas a great deal more than I do, will do nothing to deflate my mood. As they gripe about the stuff they can't find, I will channel the Christmas that I was 12. I had earned enough money babysitting to buy presents for my family and, in Burlington, Vt., was allowed to go uptown by myself to shop. I headed straight for Jupiter's, a discount store so full of polyester goods that one stray match (in an era when nearly everyone smoked) would have sent the whole place into an enormous Christmas bonfire. No matter, between Jupiter's and next-door Woolworth, I bought little toys for my brothers, barrettes for my sister, and a china figurine for my grandmother.

When I walked down Church Street to go home, the bright, artificial light from the store windows lit up the street, giving the fresh snow on the sidewalk an icy blue hue. I felt like I had landed in the Christmas carol, "Silver Bells," as adults hurried by and members of the Salvation Army rang out their annual tunes at the corners.

This year, I will stand in Toys R Us with a cart full of electronic toys and artificial light that would give me a headache if I let it. I will try to imagine the delight on my children's faces when they get exactly what they wanted.

I do miss the days when my boys didn't ask for very many things specifically and were overwhelmingly thrilled with whatever they got. We have a picture of 1 1/2-year-old Cormac with a new pair of mittens on Christmas morning, looking like all of his dreams had just come true.

Is that it? Do we feel stressed because we feel we need so many things that we've lost our delight at receiving anything at all? In our search for the perfect gifts for everyone else, have we forgotten that most people are delighted simply to have been thought of at all? We shortchange ourselves and our loved ones if we think that way, and maybe it's time to remember that we have a choice in the way we celebrate Christmas.

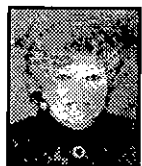
It doesn't need to be just one more variation of the harried, materialistic lives too easy to live today. I am coaching myself more than anyone on this, for, in two weeks time, I am sure I will say through clenched teeth, and with no hint of cheeriness, that I love Christmas, all memories of

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simpler times forgotten. Still, I'll do what I can to keep the spirit of Christmas and try not to fuss about time spent in stores, or the fact that the outside decorations are scattered throughout the cellar. I will take my boys to buy presents for the people who give them gifts each year and coach them on the skill they are getting pretty good at — graciously thanking people for their gifts, even if they turn out to be gay apparel. When they "stress" about what they are or aren't likely to

receive this year, I will give them the gratitude lecture and hope that they can see, just a little tiny bit, exactly how much they have — materially and spiritually. As we get closer to Christmas and the house needs cleaning before family arrives, gifts need wrapping and the line gets longer at the post office, I will give myself a little lecture, too. I'll draw a deep breath, then be grateful that my life is so full and blessed that I can fully participate in the joy that is the holiday season.

## Library announces board opening

The trustees of Bethlehem Public Library have announced a board vacancy as of Jan. 1, following the resignation of Melissa Palmer.

Candidates are invited to submit a résumé and a letter to

Nancy Pieri, Director, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

The application deadline is Dec. 20. Applicants must reside in the Bethlehem Central School District.

## Elks collecting deer hides

The New York State Elks Association is collecting raw deer hides in order to benefit hospitalized veterans.

Donations can be dropped off at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge

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# Board grants expansion variance

## Transmission service to add 6,000 square feet

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Glenmont business owner will be able to expand his business operation, thanks to a variance granted last week by Bethlehem's Zoning Board of Appeals.

At a Dec. 4 public hearing — one of two presided over by board member Robert Wiggand in the absence of chairman Michael Hodom — the board approved an area variance sought by Shaun Buffo, owner of Buffo-Matic Transmission Service, that will permit him to construct a 6,000-square-foot addition to his machine shop at 26 Plank Road, in the light industrial zone near the junction of Route 9W and 32.

Buffo-Matic rebuilds transmissions, re-manufactures other machine parts for automobiles and performs contract transmission service for several public agencies.

The additional building area, on the north side of the building, will be extended 50 feet, encroaching on the required 25-yard side-yard setback. It will permit expanded room for his increasingly-cramped remanufacturing

operations and indoor storage for vehicles left overnight on the premises.

Buffo said construction of the addition, to be performed by On The Level Construction of Summit, Schoharie County, will likely take about three months and begin as soon as weather permits.

Neighbor David Bulnes expressed concern about whether the new structure would have an impact on drainage on his residential property on nearby Chamberlain Street but endorsed the expansion.

The board voted to approve the variance, pending drafting and approval of the formal resolution, likely at the board's

final meeting of the year on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The brief hearing on the Buffo-Matic petition was conducted during a recess in a hearing on a residential variance application that led to a rejection by the board.

Brenda Warner of 486 Kenwood Ave. had sought an area variance to permit a side-yard setback encroachment by a proposed porch addition on her home.

Neighbors objected to the encroachment, and with confusion over whether the homeowner sought a porch or the addition of several rooms, the board unanimously denied the application.

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# Matters of Opinion

## DWI season

'Tis the season for holiday parties, and also the season for too many people to make a whopper of a mistake — driving while intoxicated home from a holiday party.

What a way to end the year, taking a stupid risk that can end, at the very least, in a criminal arrest that will cost thousands of dollars.

Most of those arrested for DWI will plead to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired, a violation, but easily the most expensive one in the books.

The fine is \$300 to \$500; the lawyer (without whom you can't get the plea bargain) costs at least that much; you'll lose your driver's license for 90 days; and your insurance will triple or quadruple — the whole thing making the January credit card statement look like spare change.

Of course, most drunk drivers think they won't get caught, with that false confidence that alcohol intoxication sneakily provides. And most drunk drivers never consider the worst that can happen — recklessly causing a serious accident that would kill or maim themselves or others.

DWI is one of the most common suburban crimes because pretty much the only way to get around in the suburbs is by car. Suburbanites who drink and drive don't consider themselves criminals, since they never hurt anybody and get home safely most of the time. The temptation to drive a familiar route home, even after a few too many, is too strong for many to overcome.

The best way to avoid an expensive and shameful DWI arrest is to have a designated driver or take a cab. A spouse, significant other or good friend is the most likely designated driver, but if they're not available, the cost of a cab, even if it's \$50 round-trip (to pick up your car in the morning), is less than what you will pay to have your car towed after a DWI arrest, not to mention the thousands of dollars in other costs noted above.

Failing that, a driver can avoid a DWI arrest by limiting his/her imbibing to one drink (12-ounce beer, 5-ounce wine or 1.5-ounce spirits) an hour. But the insidious thing about drinking, especially at parties, is that keeping track of and having the willpower to limit one's alcohol intake becomes more difficult with each drink.

Unmentioned so far in all the controversy about lowering the DWI limit from .10 percent blood alcohol content (BAC) to .08, as encouraged by another lamentable example of federal blackmail of the states, is that New York already has a standard for driving while ability impaired of .05 percent. One drink an hour will keep most people safely below even the DWAI standard, and out of real serious trouble.

While social drinkers who stray over the DWI BAC line, at whatever level, are rarely responsible for terrible accidents, they do get lots of multi-thousand dollar DWI arrests. If they are truly social drinkers, they can and should limit their holiday celebrating to avoid such a personal financial disaster.

## Editorial

## Today's gift preserves the future

By J. BRIGGS McANDREWS

*The writer is former superintendent of schools in Niskayuna and interim director of the Schenectady Museum.*

As a child, I had the opportunity to watch my parents as they discussed and decided what charitable donations they would make during the year.

Since they were raising four children and both worked to meet the family's needs, they did not have a surplus of money, so making their choices was a difficult decision. Nevertheless, making donations was part of what they believed in doing as part of their responsibility to the church, the schools that had educated them, and groups that provide human services to others through United Way.

They always saved a bit for other areas of interest; the museum their children enjoyed and the fire department's new truck fund were good examples. My mother had a yearlong strategy — she once had it published in Hints From Heloise — to put various requests they received in a drawer during the year, pull them out around gift-giving time and decide what she and my father might spare for a good cause.

It didn't matter the amount they gave; it mattered more to them that they did something, especially if it had a lasting, perhaps permanent effect. Sometimes the donation had to be small, but looking back on these decisions, there was always a sense of satisfaction my mother and father displayed to us that they had made the contribution.

This is a wonderful time of year, when our traditions and religions bring us to counting our blessings and giving gifts. It's the time of year when good charities and organizations contact us to consider gifts to them. In today's economy, they truly need support for their projects and existence. This also is the time that we all look to tax deductions we might find for our upcoming filings.

Traditions, religions and

## Point of View

deductions are all good reasons to pull the drawer open and make decisions about the gifts we might give at year's end.

Charity begins at home. As we consider our giving this year, we can quite properly add the local

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community or educational foundation to our list. In most of our communities, there is such a foundation, usually organized and overseen by a group of volunteer citizens whose sole mission is to build a financial base that will help ensure the future of the community.

These foundations often provide grants for community projects or scholarships for aspiring youth. At the same time, they are working hard to build permanent endowments or funds that are meant to help people and the community years into the future.

Such foundations are the fastest growing form of philanthropy today; they offer us the opportunity to invest in our own community and its future. They offer a wide range of options for people to give.

They are permanent and flexible, and can offer the maximum forms of tax deductions. They offer all the things that donors desire and deserve: cost effectiveness, accountability, simplicity and convenience.

Local foundations include the Niskayuna Community Foundation, the Bethlehem Central and Alumni Endowment Fund, the North Colonie/Shaker Community School Foundation Fund, the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation, the Mohonasen Educational Foundation and Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars Fund.

As for the safety of these kinds of community "investments," it is important to note that those affiliated with The Community Foundation of the Capital Region, for example, receive professional legal advice and portfolio management.

In short, if you want to leave your imprint on your com-

munity's future, you can do it now.

We often rely on our town governments and schools to ensure our quality of life now and in the future. As we look around, we become more aware that towns and schools can't do it all; their struggles to keep taxes reasonable are increasingly causing them to reduce services and to focus on the present at the expense of planning for the future.

More and more, we need the churches and other caregiving institutions to help the neediest among us. We need the libraries and museums to enhance education and preserve history, and

we need the growth of our community-based foundations so that our towns continue to prosper and be good places to live.

My town is my home. It's a wonderful home of good people enjoying each other's gifts and working hard to provide good education for its children. It's also home for my children and grandchildren, and I want it to be as good for them in the future as it is for me now.

A gift that I can give them and others as this year ends is a contribution to the community foundation here in my own hometown, Niskayuna. Others, in their own communities, have the same opportunity and can enjoy the same satisfaction.

There is a community or educational foundation near you. A source of information on how you can make contact and give to your local foundation can be found by calling The Community Foundation for the Capital Region at 446-9638 or on the foundation's Web site, [www.cfc.org](http://www.cfc.org).

My parents, when they opened that drawer and sat at the kitchen table to make their final decisions about their giving, never considered themselves philanthropists. But they were. You don't have to be wealthy or give a lot to be a philanthropist. You just need to have a general interest in human welfare and a desire to improve the condition of life for the people and towns in our region.

No gift is too small. Your local foundation will be happy to receive and acknowledge whatever you feel is appropriate and help you make a positive impact on your community's future.

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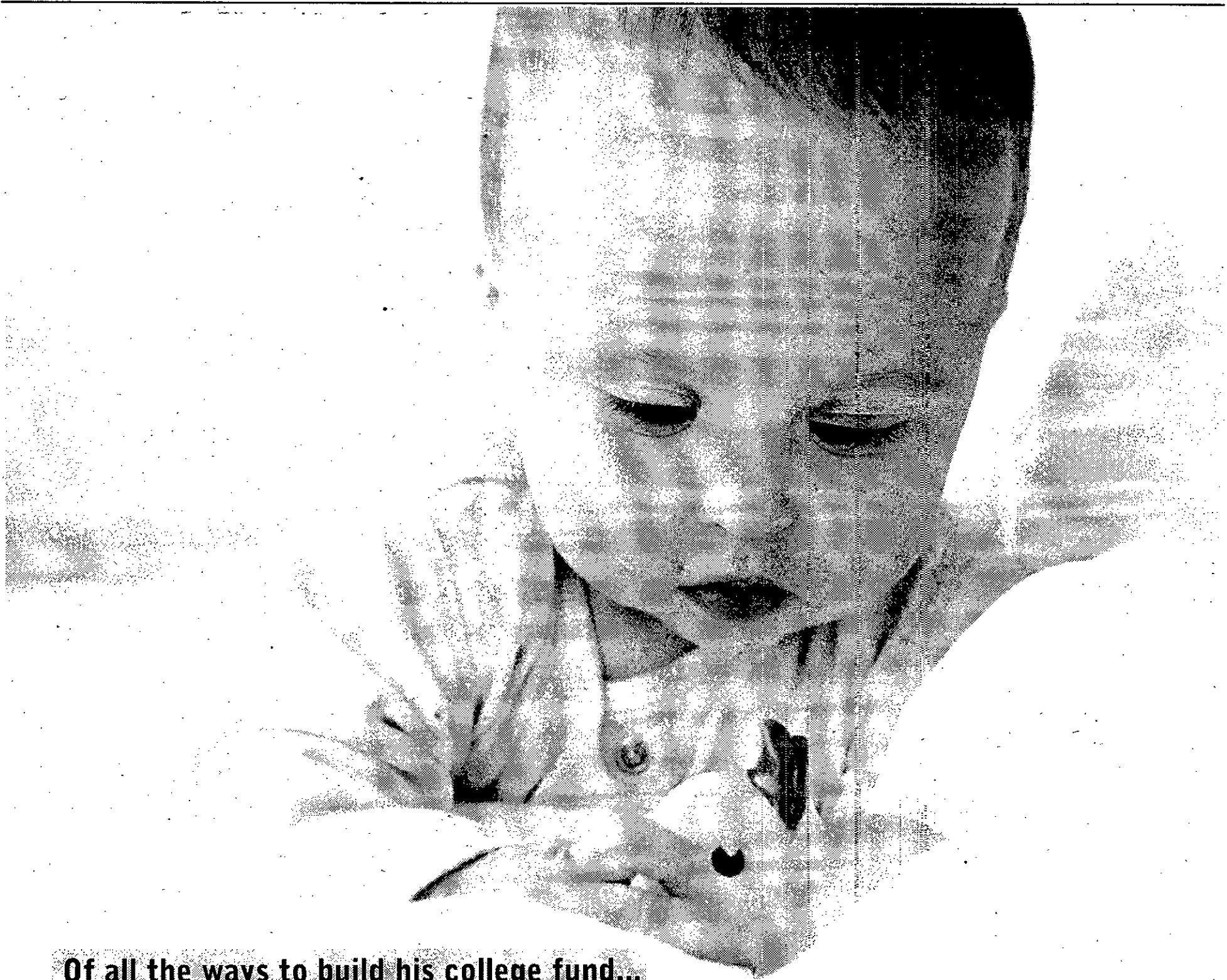
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## Domestic violence encompasses many forms of abuse

Editor, The Spotlight:

It was certainly disheartening to read that the Bethlehem police department is seeing such a dramatic increase in the incidence and severity of domestic violence. However, as a child and family forensic psychologist in the Albany County Department for Children,

Youth and Families who does psychological evaluations regarding Family Court matters and consults with caseworkers in Child Protective Services, I am not at all surprised.

Domestic violence is not limited by socioeconomic status or municipal boundaries. The fact that *The Spotlight* gave such a

prominent position to this news may well be one of the reasons that domestic violence is on the increase: the more openly we speak about this crime, the more victims are willing to seek help without the stigma of shame.

Unfortunately, reports of data alone do not go far enough to expose the full nature of domestic

violence and its ramifications for families. In spite of its name, domestic violence does not only involve actual physical violence as it occurs whenever one intimate partner uses any form of intimidation to control, manipulate or coerce the other partner. In addition to physical violence, threats, stalking,

harassment or emotional and/or financial abuse may be used. Domestic violence is about psychological abuse as well as physical harm.

The adult partner is not the only victim of domestic violence. Children often witness the intimidation and/or physical violence between their parents. Even young children who may not understand the specifics of what their parents say to each other, comprehend the anger and fear that pass between them and experience those feelings themselves long after the incident ends.

Children who grow up in such violent families are more likely to abuse others as adults or to become victims of abuse as adolescents and adults. They are also more likely to commit suicide, sexual assault crimes and abuse drugs and/or alcohol. Domestic violence does not have to be a daily or even frequent occurrence in the children's families to have this impact. Moreover, a significant percentage of perpetrators of domestic violence also abuse the children in their households.

Domestic violence is not simply an anger management problem. It is much more complicated and requires more extensive intervention, but that intervention cannot occur if victims do not step forward and ask for help. Publicizing the very real presence of this potentially lethal and always traumatic form of family relationships is a major step toward ending the cycle of this form of abuse.

Laura Kagan  
Delmar

## Don't miss holiday tree at 4 Corners

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Four Corners again has a beautiful holiday tree! We invite you to take a walk around the area to see it. Many folks helped to make it happen, and they deserve a huge thank you from all as we enjoy the bright tree on a dark cold night.

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# Woman hopes to convert apartment house to B&B

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Delmar resident hopes to purchase a four-apartment residence in Voorheesville and convert it over several years into a bed and breakfast — providing village officials can sort out a way to help make that dream a reality.

Susan Sheridan was to make her case for the conversion of what she plans to call Swan's Roost — a former farmhouse at 80 Maple Ave. — before two public hearings scheduled for last week. But a site plan review Tuesday, Dec. 3, before the village Planning Commission was tabled after an hour's discussion, and a hearing on a zoning variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals the following night was cancelled to give building inspector Gerald Gordinier and zoning board member Tom Coates time to draft a revision of the village zoning code for consideration by Voorheesville's board of trustees.

The board could take up the matter at its Tuesday, Dec. 17, meeting.

Sheridan, 45, an area resident for four decades and an employee of the state Department of Corrections with 10 years to go to retirement, has been considering opening an owner-occupied bed-and-breakfast as an eventual post-retirement career.

"About three years ago, I said this is it, it's time to do this seriously," she said, and began looking for a suitable property. The problem: under New York state law, a B&B is neither fish nor fowl. State statutes consider it a private residence first, and its appeal lies in its homey character; yet a B&B clearly has a commercial component, posing a difficult interpretative issue for municipal building departments.

Unable to locate a property in Bethlehem that suited her vision of the future B&B, Sheridan turned to New Scotland, where

the town has incorporated appropriate provisions into its zoning code.

The Voorheesville village code, however, makes no reference to B&B's. After identifying the 150-year-old former Severinsen farm, presently divided into four 1-bedroom apartments, and reaching a verbal purchase agreement with the current owners, Sheridan approached Gordinier.

Gordinier recommended that she petition the zoning board for an area variance and apply for site-plan review. She did so in late October.

Sheridan told the planning body last week that she intends to convert two of the four apartments into a residence for herself and her two sons. She envisions a five-to-10 year window during which she would eventually convert the two upstairs rooms into residences for weekend boarders.

"It's a time-consuming process to operate a B&B. It's hard work," she said. "It's going to take time and money to make the conversion, and I want to do it well."

She told the planning board that Voorheesville and its rural village atmosphere were ideal.

"A B&B requires a more personal nature, more of a

community atmosphere, welcome to my home," she said. "The nature of the business is, a significant number of people who come (to a B&B) go specifically to be here."

She hoped it would prove a draw to summer visitors, autumn leaf-peepers and apple-pickers.

Sheridan said she has no intention of a restaurant operation, and several neighbors at the hearing endorsed the project as a positive for the village. The problem, Gordinier said, was that "We do not define 'bed and breakfast' in our zoning law. The law in that sense needs to be upgraded."

For now, he said, upon a closer reading of the code and state statutes, the project would most nearly fit the definition of a boarding and lodging facility, requiring a harder-to-obtain use variance. To convert it to a residence, its primary function, would mean compliance with the building code's more stringent requirements for a single-family home — a hardship for an owner with no intentions to operate the B&B for another decade.

Until a determination is made as to what kind of variance might be required, the board postponed consideration of Sheridan's application last week. But ZBA member Coates, who attended

the planning session, suggested amending the zoning code to incorporate B&B's — and Gordinier concurred.

"If elected officials are in favor of bed and breakfasts in certain buildings in certain conditions, then the local law should be changed to slot B&B's for a special use permit," he said.

"She wants a commitment from the village, or (she's) not gonna buy it," he said. "That's the horns of the dilemma right there."

Gordinier and Coates agreed to work together to draft a proposed revision, perhaps modeled on New Scotland's code

language, aiming to have a proposal before the trustees for consideration next week. "I don't want to make this a stupid kind of bureaucracy any longer than it has to be," Coates said. Planning chairman David Whiteley recommended tabling the site plan application — and the board reached a consensus to write a letter to the trustees supporting the prospective amendment.

Sheridan agreed. "I walked out of that hearing feeling very certain I'm making the right decision," she said. "At worst, I'll have a roof over my head, and it will be an improvement over a four-apartment house."

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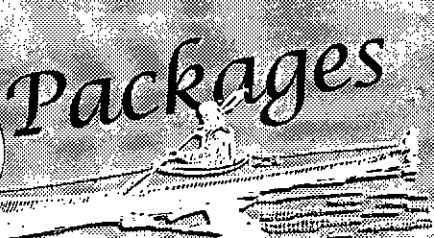
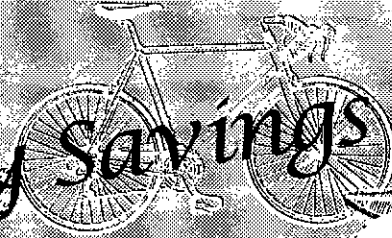
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## Winter concert set at high school

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### Nature Center celebrates winter solstice

Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will hold a celebration of the winter solstice on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the shortest day of the year and learn about what is happening in the natural world during the winter season.

Take a winter walk to find animal tracks and signs and make a pine cone bird feeder to take home.

The celebration is free although donations for the craft materials would be appreciated.

The program is open to the public. For information, call 872-0800.

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### Village board to meet

The next meeting of the village board will be on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. and will be held at village hall in Voorheesville.

This meeting is being held one week early in deference to Christmas Eve.

### Let nature lend a hand for holiday gifts

Take a break from the crowded shopping scene and create gifts and decorations for the holiday season at Thacher Nature Center on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m.

For information and to register, call 872-0800.

### Congratulations to Brownies for first-place award

Nine first grade brownies from Troop 439 and a few extra helpers recently won first place in the Junior Division of the Albany Institute of Art & History's Festival of Trees, Gingerbread Lane competition.

They plan to display their Blue Ribbon on their Brownie Banner.

### St. Matthew's slates holiday services

St. Matthew's Church has a change in the usual Christmas Eve Mass schedule. Masses will be held at 4, 6 and 9 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. This church is hoping to alleviate the crowded conditions it has experienced in the past.

### Price Chopper promotes local woman

Carol Cillis of Voorheesville has been promoted to the position of vice president and corporate controller by the Golub Corp.

Cillis has worked for Price Chopper for 15 years and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from University at Albany.

She and her husband Jim have two children.

## Holiday storytime slated tonight for families

"Holiday Lights" is the theme for evening storytime tonight, Dec. 11. The whole family is invited to enjoy this special time together, beginning at 7 p.m.

An influential American poet has a Voorheesville connection. Local historian and writer Dennis Sullivan was privileged to know Allen Ginsberg in New York City during the era that Ginsberg, William Burroughs, Gregory Corso, Jack Kerouac and others were revolutionizing the social and political climate of the U.S. with beat poetry and avant garde prose.

Sullivan is currently displaying a few of the many volumes from personal library inscribed by Ginsberg, including a first edition of his signature work *Howl*. You can also see a series of black-and-white photos taken by Ginsberg of his intriguing contemporaries.

Don't miss this exhibit which is in our showcase through the end of December.

Kids are in for a treat during school vacation week with two special "School's out, Library's in" programs.

Kids in grade five and up can

sign up for "Snowman in a Snowstorm," a wearable craft activity on Dec. 27, and children age 5 and older can sign up for a video/art/story event about Russian folk tales on Dec. 30.

"Brush Strokes" is a new book list prepared by our youth services department to accompany the display of wonderful art books for young people that are currently in our collection.

"You Can't Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum" is just one of the amusing and educational picture books which can be used to introduce even very young children to the world of art appreciation.

On the back of the booklist you will find wonderful art kidsites on the Web, and a list of 12 art museums you can visit within one hour of Voorheesville.

Creative Writing is taking a winter break, so there will be no meeting on Dec. 16. The group will resume in the spring.

There will be no regular storytimes until January.

Visit the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

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Many new titles will have book jacket images, summaries and book reviews from respected library journals and various helps such as genre, character and sequence identification.

Selected nonfiction titles will allow examination of table of contents and first chapter. Patrons will continue to be able to request, renew and check their accounts online.

On the other side of the service desk, Horizon will streamline many acquisition and circulation functions.

The system will also generate reports, such as what materials are actually being circulated, that will help librarians better serve the public. As the new system "goes live," there may be minor glitches in service.

Librarians and circulation staff will make the transition as smooth and speedy as possible. Help is available, as always, in person, by phone or from our Web site, [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

## Board vacancy

The library trustees have announced a board vacancy as of Jan. 1, following the resignation of Melissa Palmer.

Candidates are invited to submit a résumé and a letter expressing their interest to Nancy Pieri, Director, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054. The application deadline is Dec. 20. Applicants must reside in the Bethlehem Central School District.

Louise Grieco

## Indian Ladder Farms to hold open house

Live reindeer are coming to Indian Ladder Farms holiday open house on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Santa and his elf will arrive each day at noon and will receive children from noon to 3 p.m. both days.

Indian Ladder's market will offer samplings of a variety of savory gourmet snacks and delicious sweets.

The Yellow Rock Cafe will serve a festive holiday brunch and lunch menu from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carols will be sung in the cafe.

## Slingerlands native to perform in NYC

Slingerlands native Meg Bragle, known professionally as Margaret Bragle, will be making her Carnegie Hall debut as the mezzo soprano soloist in "The Messiah" with the Masterworks Chorus on Saturday, Dec. 14.

A graduate of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, she recently performed at the Breckenridge Music Festival, Connecticut and Berkeley Early Music Festivals and on a cantata program with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem.

She is the winner of the first Young American Singer Competition awarded by the American Bach Society and the Bethlehem Bach Festival.

Her abilities as a baroque vocalist earned her an Adams Fellowship to the Carmel Bach Festival in 1999.

In addition to singing traditional repertoire, Bragle was recently featured in the world premiere performance and recording of Toby Twining's "Chrysalid Requiem" and sang in the 2002 Carnegie Hall Festival "When Mary Met John."

Future performances include appearances with the San Antonio Symphony, the North Carolina Symphony and the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia.

She is the daughter of George and Kathleen Bragle.

# Annual Christmas dinner to be served at church

The 15th annual Community Christmas Dinner for Bethlehem residents and community church members.

The dinner will be hosted by First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Christmas Day in the church hall.

A hospitality gathering will begin at 1:30 p.m. A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 2 p.m. in an atmosphere of joy and Christmas spirit.

This festive occasion is made possible through the help, coordination and gracious

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Bethlehem Senior Transportation will provide rides to town residents over age 60.

There is no charge for the dinner, but a good will offering will be accepted.

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# Sports

## Lady Eagles finish third at home tournament

By ROB JONAS

One bad quarter cost the Bethlehem girls basketball team a shot at winning its own tournament.

The Lady Eagles were shut out by Colonie Central in the third quarter and lost to the Garnet Raiders 49-46 in last Friday's opening round of the Bethlehem Tip-off Tournament.

"We have a senior team, but we still have a lot to work on," Bethlehem coach **Kim Wise** said. "But if you have to choose when to lose, I'd rather lose early in the season than later in the season."

The Lady Eagles (2-1) grabbed an 18-5 lead after the first quarter,

but Colonie (3-1) outscored Bethlehem 17-8 in the second quarter to cut the Lady Eagles' lead to five points at halftime.

The third quarter proved to be the turning point, though. Bethlehem turned the ball over several times, which helped Colonie go on a 14-0 run that gave the Garnet Raiders a 36-26 lead. The Lady Eagles scored 20 points in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit.

"They're a solid team, and they battled back after that first quarter," Wise said of Colonie. "They never gave up."

**Sue Kelly** and **Jamie Mooney** scored 11 points apiece, and **Emily Bango** added seven points



Bethlehem's Jamie Mooney grabs a rebound during last Friday's game against Colonie Central.

Jim Franco

for Bethlehem. **Shondaya Burrell** led all scorers with 13 points for Colonie, which went on to defeat Catholic Central 60-46 in last Saturday's championship game.

The Lady Eagles rebounded from their loss to Colonie by beating Guilderland 61-41 in last Saturday's consolation game.

The game wasn't devoid of suspense. Guilderland (0-3) was within seven points of Bethlehem with six minutes left in the fourth quarter before the Lady Eagles pulled away.

"Guilderland is a tough team," Wise said. "They're young and scrappy, and they play pretty well."

Mooney paced Bethlehem with 15 points, including two key baskets in the fourth quarter. Kelly and Bango each added 11 points, while **Tara Pezze** netted 16 points for Guilderland.

Despite the split, Wise was encouraged by how well her team responded when last year's leading scorer, **Kaitlin Foley**, was bottled up by opposing defenses. Foley managed 14 points in the two games.

"Hopefully, the key for us will be our depth," Wise said.

The Lady Eagles return to Suburban Council action tonight, Dec. 11, with a Gold Division game at Averill Park. They return home Friday, Dec. 13, to face Guilderland in an inter-divisional contest.

### Hoffman takes third

**Jesse Hoffman** of Slingerlands placed third in the 12-year-old boys singles division at the Schenectady Racquet & Fitness Thanksgiving Tournament Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in Rotterdam. Hoffman lost to **Matthew Kandath** 6-4, 6-0 in the semifinals.

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# Indians leave V'ville with win

By ROB JONAS

Two boys basketball teams handicapped in different ways met each other last Friday in Voorheesville.

A youthful Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk team faced a Voorheesville squad that was missing three starters — two to injuries and one to a one-game suspension.

Both teams struggled at times in the Colonial Council game, but in the end, it was the RCS Indians that prevailed over the Blackbirds by a 54-46 final score.

"Like I tell my kids every day, we're going to get better one game at a time," first-year RCS coach **Steve Sgambelluri** said. "I've told them they have to learn how to win because they haven't done that a lot the last couple of years."

"This one was hard to swallow," Voorheesville coach **Shane Clary** said. "We had a lot of young kids playing. I told them they had to grow up fast."

RCS (1-3) put Voorheesville in a hole with a 13-0 run in the first quarter, which was sparked by the efforts of juniors **Rick Rider** and **Victor Bermudez**. Rider hit two long jump shots, including a three-pointer, and Bermudez converted two steals into layups during the spurt.

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"He doesn't have a real high basketball sense right now," Sgambelluri said of Bermudez, one of eight juniors on the 13-man roster. "He's picking it up quickly, though. He's real coachable, and he's going to lead us."

The Indians' lead grew to 13 points late in the second quarter before Voorheesville (1-3) rallied. A baseline jump shot by **Mark Carson** and two free throws by **Dan Melewski** pulled the Blackbirds

quarter to make the deficit six points.

That was as close as the Blackbirds would get. Freshman **Dallas Jones** and senior **Justin Ortiz** each hit key free throws down the stretch to help RCS seal the victory.

"When we cut it to three (points), I thought we had a chance, but they got to the basket well," Clary said.

Rider scored 18 points, and Bermudez contributed 14 points for RCS. Melewski led Voorheesville with 16 points, while Carson chipped in 11 points.

RCS returned home to play Schalmont Tuesday, while Voorheesville looked to break its three-game losing streak against Watervliet.

"We've just got to get back up because we play Watervliet Tuesday," Clary said. "I know it will be tough."

**Brian Carey**, who sat out the RCS game with a league suspension, was scheduled to return to the Blackbirds' starting lineup against Watervliet, while **Frank Catellier** and **Jeff Nelson** remained sidelined with injuries. Clary said that Nelson may return as early as next Tuesday, when Voorheesville visits Cohoes.

**I've told them they have to learn how to win because they haven't done that a lot the last couple of years.**

Steve Sgambelluri

within nine points at half-time. Melewski and **Greg Delaney** then began the third quarter with short turnaround jump shots to make the score 28-23.

Voorheesville whittled RCS's lead to three points later in the third quarter before Bermudez sank a three-pointer to start an 8-0 run that gave RCS a 41-30 advantage. **Mike Matteo** converted a three-point play with a layup and a free throw to pull Voorheesville within eight points at the end of the third quarter, and Melewski hit a short shot to start the fourth

## BC wrestlers finish fourth

The Bethlehem wrestling team placed fourth at last Saturday's Mohonasen Invitational in Rotterdam.

The Eagles had six wrestlers place in the top four of their weight classes on their way to a team point total of 118.5. Mohonasen won the team title with a score of 203.5 points.

**Bill Courtney** led Bethlehem with a first-place finish in the 171-pound weight class. Courtney pinned South Lewis' **Andy Camidge** in the semifinals and Mohonasen's **Mike Mastroianni** in the finals.

Heavyweight **Chad Languish** also reached the finals, but he was pinned by Mohonasen's **Matt Cole** in the third period.

**Tolin Sharlow** (96 pounds) and **Art Barnard** (215) wrestled back to claim third place in their weight divisions. **Matt Curtin** (135) and **Pete Privatera** (152) finished fourth after losing in the consolation bracket finals.

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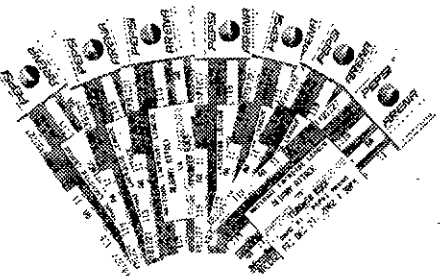
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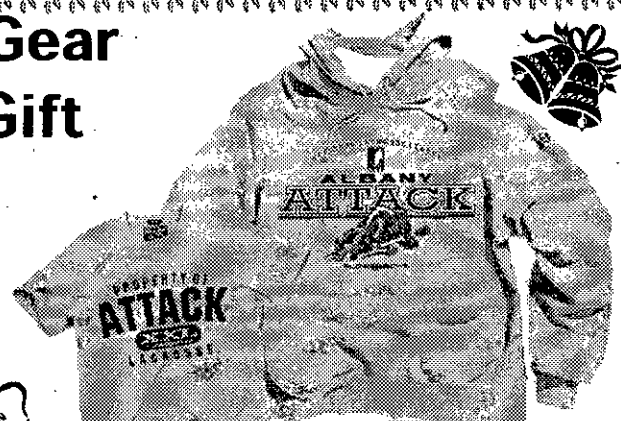
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# Whale

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by the state Education Department.

"Regents Biology is a prerequisite to this course," said Cunningham.

"This course has always been popular," said Cunningham, "and we can never accommodate all the students interested in enrolling." Cunningham teaches one class in the fall and one in the spring.

Part of the curriculum is Marine Mammal Ecology, and the fall class visits Mystic — once home of part of this country's whaling fleet and current home of

the aquarium. The spring class visits Provincetown, Mass., to take a whale watch cruise. These are working field trips, and each student is provided with a work sheet of information about important activities and sights to observe and record in notes.

The student handbook describes the course as "a study, through field work and reading, of the principles of general and community ecology and selected problems in ecology."

"Students must be prepared to take field trips and work out of doors and in the lab with sampling, observation and identification of representative

organisms."

Cunningham said in addition to the field trips to the coast, students study local ecosystems with field trips to the pine barrens in the Albany Pine Bush, wetlands at Hosford Pond Bog in Rensselaer County, plus caves and a bat population study at the Clarksville Caves.

His students cannot be too timid or claustrophobic about entering a cave where it's a "little bit of a squeeze to get in, though it does open up when inside. There is also one area where we have to crouch down while traversing an area with a low ceiling. But after all each student is equipped with two flashlights and a helmet," said Cunningham.

## Town police arrest three on DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested three individuals last week on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

The first arrest occurred about midnight on Tuesday, Dec. 3, as Officer George Travis stopped a southbound vehicle on River Road near Anders Lane, driven by Christopher Busone, 43, of Third Street, Troy.

Travis cited him for driving without headlights, crossing hazard markings and driving without an inspection sticker. After administering field sobriety tests with the assistance of Officer Gina Cocchiara, Travis arrested Busone for DWI.

Shortly before midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 4, Officer Craig Sleurs stopped a vehicle on Herrick Road, driven by William Michael Carroll, 54, of Morningside Drive, Delmar, for failure to keep right and dim his headlights for oncoming traffic. Carroll was arrested for DWI after failing field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening.

Sleurs also made a similar arrest on Saturday, Dec. 7, at about 4:30 a.m., on Route 9W in the vicinity of Beacon Road. He stopped Robert Michael O'Donnell, 24, of Thatcher Street, Selkirk, for failure to keep right, and arrested him for DWI following field sobriety and preliminary screening tests.

O'Donnell is due in Town Court on Jan. 7. Busone and Carroll were both ordered to appear in court on Dec. 17.

Appearing in court before Town Justice Frank Milano, Tuesday, Dec. 3, Edward Joseph Molitor, 67, of South Pine Ave., Albany, pleaded guilty to DWI stemming from his arrest on Nov. 12. He was fined \$500 and a \$125 state-mandated surcharge, and his license was revoked for six months.

Wayne Richard Myers, 42, of 31 Orchard Ave., Ravena, arrested Oct. 13, and Justin Leigh Naef, 24, of Washington Ave., Albany, arrested Nov. 24, each pleaded guilty to reduced counts of driving while ability impaired (DWAI). Milano fined each \$300 and a \$35 surcharge, and suspended his license for 90 days.

All three defendants were ordered to face a Victim Impact panel and to undergo drinking-driver remediation.

### Corrections

A public hearing set by the Voorheesville village board for Dec. 17 will consider changes in procedures for public notification of hearings.

In continuing a story on the Bethlehem police annual report for 2001, in our Dec. 4 issue, from page 1 to page 18, part of a sentence was omitted. It should have read: "Domestic violence is often a social barometer of economic uncertainty, noted detective Michael McMillen, who oversees the department's family services unit."

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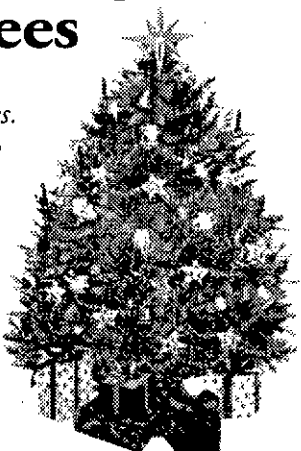
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# Holiday Gift Guide

part two



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# Buffets make for easy holiday entertaining

New Year's Eve food is best served buffet-style. Set your buffet table against a wall, or in the center of the room. For only six or eight guests, it is often placed with the long side against a wall; a larger number may need both long sides for sufficient "room" when serving themselves.

• Take time to arrange the buffet table. Consider it a centerpiece of your party. Dress the table in lace, linen or with attractive placemats.

Bring in all of your best serving trays and plates. Strive for artistic flower arrangements and, if you're using candles, supply plenty of them so there's enough light.

• The goal of a buffet table is to serve people quickly, so flow is important. Arrange the table carefully. Confusing traffic plans should be avoided in order to help the serving line progress with ease and speed. Place a stack

of large dinner plates at the point where guests are to start; napkins and silverware should be placed where they will be picked up last, after the plates are filled.

• With so much casual dining going on, it's a good idea to serve only foods that can be eaten with a fork. Rolls are usually buttered before they are put on the buffet. If you serve a tossed salad, tongs are far more easily handled than the conventional salad fork and spoon. Since seasoning is largely a matter of individual preference, individual salt and pepper shakers should be provided on snack tables or other convenient surfaces near the guest's chairs rather than on the buffet. A side table may hold a tray with goblets or glasses and a pitcher of iced water.

• Limit the number of courses to just two—a main course with salad and rolls, and a dessert. A chafing dish is a great convenience on a buffet table; heat-retaining

casseroles also aid in keeping hot foods hot. Mixtures should not be too thin and runny, salads not too juicy. Tossed or molded salads are always good; fruit salad mixtures may be served in lettuce or cabbage cups which can be transferred to plates.

sure to estimate quantities generously!

• After your guests have served themselves, refill empty serving trays or remove them from the buffet. Second servings may be passed by the host or hostess, or guests can be asked to help themselves to seconds. After

everyone's had a chance for a second at the main dish, clear the buffet table and set out the dessert(s).

• Larger, heartier buffet meals are sometimes served. For example, a roast turkey may be placed at one end and a handsomely garnished baked tender ham at the other; both of these may be set out either hot or cold, and sliced or partly sliced beforehand. They could also be sliced and served by the host's helpers. To complete this particular meal, serve small, hot Southern biscuits with a big relish tray of carrot sticks, celery curls, olives, a platter of sliced tomatoes drizzled with French dressing, and lemon meringue tarts. Don't forget some cranberry jelly to go with the turkey and spiced crab apples or peaches for the ham.



• Remember to consider the eye-appeal of foods as well as their taste. The colors of the foods as well as their arrangement on serving dishes and their garnishing are important, for a buffet meal provides almost the only opportunity for guests to see the whole menu at once. In planning for your party, be

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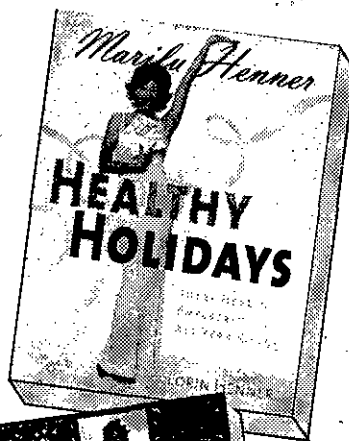
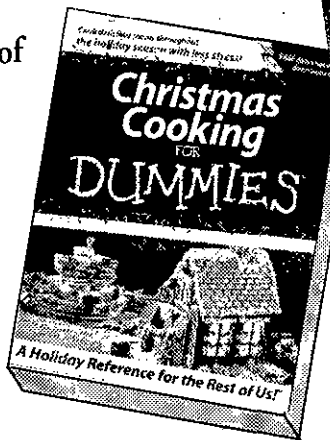
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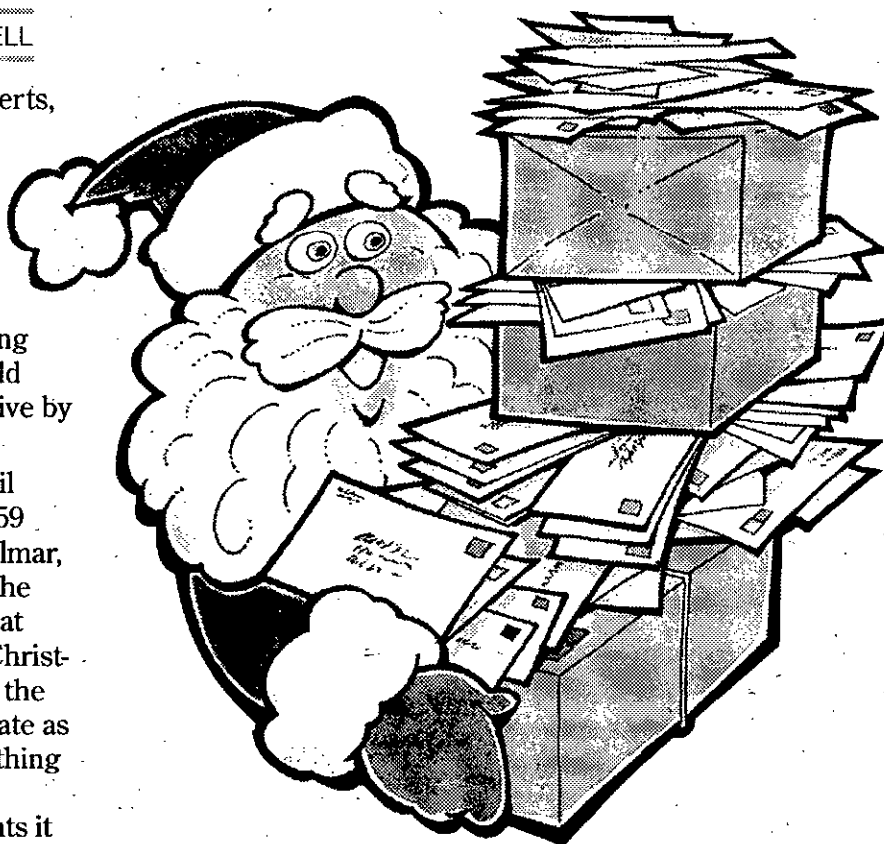
RONALD E. CAMPBELL

According to the experts, if you are going to ship holiday gifts, the time is now. Ground shipment to the west coast should go the week starting Monday, December 9. Those going out of the country should also go that week to arrive by Christmas.

Rich Schaeffer of Mail Boxes Etc., located at 159 Delaware Avenue in Delmar, said "air service out of the country should be sent at least one week before Christmas. Ground service to the west coast could go as late as December 16 but if anything happens like inclement weather or mis-shipments it leaves no time to accommodate the changes and guarantee a delivery by Christmas."

"We use the US Postal Service, UPS and Federal Express (FedEx) and the customer can select which shipper they prefer," said Schaeffer. "But if they want us to make a recommendation we are very aware of the strength of each service and would be happy to offer a suggestion." If a package exceeds the 150 pound weight limit of UPS and FedEx Schaeffer has arrangements with long distance trucking companies to handle those items.

One recommendation Schaeffer was very firm on "if the article is the least bit



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"We have convenient holiday hours through Christmas Eve," continued Schaeffer. "Monday through Friday we are open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4 a.m. Schaeffer cautions "overnight shipments must be in our hands by 5 p.m. to arrive next day."

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Ralph DeLuke from Mail 'N More will also package gift items for shipment. His store is at 2728 Saratoga Road in Scotia, right at the northern Schenectady County line. "We have special holiday hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.," said DeLuke.

DeLuke expects "the peak shipping weekend will be December 14 and I recommend west coast shipments leave our facility no later than December 17. After that it gets expensive for express or overnight shipments."

While the customer can select the shipper DeLuke, store will make recommenda-

tions and there are some differences. "UPS and FedEx have better rates on heavier pieces and the US Postal service on smaller lighter pieces," said DeLuke. "Also UPS and FedEx automatically insure parcels with a value less than \$100.00 for no extra cost," he continued.

"UPS and FedEx will handle packages up to 150 pounds and with a girth plus length not exceeding 130 inches. The US Postal service will handle weights up to 70 pounds," continued DeLuke.

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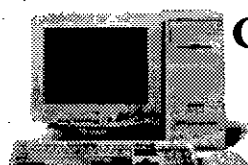
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Things Remembered provided those ornaments for Elysia and from that simple start, the partnership has raised nearly \$700,000 for the Foundation over the ensuing years.

This holiday season, the retailer is offering three collectible items to benefit the foundation — a snowflake ornament, a musical snow globe and a star-shaped keepsake box. "We are hoping that our fifth-anniversary year with the Make-A-Wish Foundation will truly be a million-dollar year," says Suzanne Sutter, president of Things Remembered. "These special, limited-edition gifts have become such a holiday favorite, we feel our goal of raising \$300,000 this season will be easily met."

The ornament, which can be engraved with a personal message, features a pewter snowflake bejeweled with sparkling Swarovski crystals and tied with a white satin bow. The holiday snow globe holds two festive snowmen posing by a Make-A-Wish lamp post. The charming snow globe winds up to play "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and can also be engraved. New in 2002, a Star Keepsake Box with inspirational wishing stones is the first-ever, year-round Make-A-Wish gift from Things Remembered. The box features clear Swarovski crystals on each of the star's five points. Inside, five

lovely wishing stars are inscribed with the words "Peace," "Hope," "Love," and "Dreams," with the fifth star adorned with the Make-A-Wish logo. "Things Remembered has set their sights high toward helping us grant wishes," says Paula Van Ness, president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. "By teaming with us once again and creating these beautiful holiday gifts and the extraordinary year-round gift, they continue to show their commitment as a company to bringing hope, strength, and joy into the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses and their families."

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## Shopping survival tips for men

When it comes to holiday shopping, men and women are alleged to be very different. The conventional wisdom is: women shop and men buy. Most women spend time carefully planning their purchases and do their shopping over a period of time. Many men, on the other hand, wait until the very last minute, and often end up choosing whatever happens to be on display that day. Not usually a successful strategy for getting the right gift.

For those who are anticipating the upcoming holiday shopping season with fear and trepidation, here are some holiday shopping survival tips for men.

- \* Start shopping now so you don't have to get something at the last minute. (Last-minute power shopping is not a sport).

- \* Take advantage of gift-wrapping services to save time and aggravation (and to make a good impression).

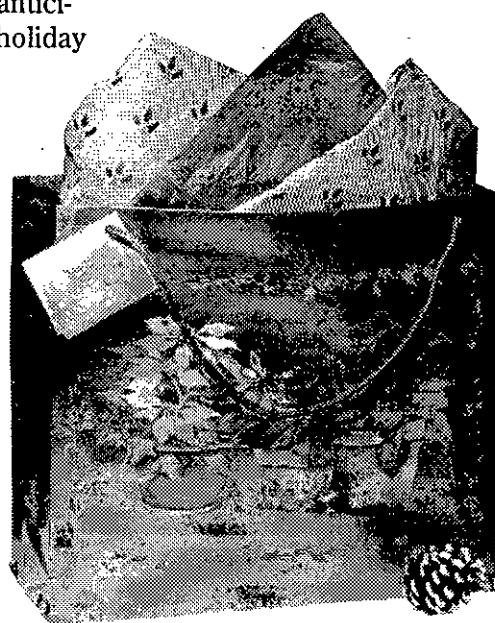
- \* Before shopping for clothes for your significant other, check for her preferred sizes, colors, fabrics and brands. (Important: when in doubt, always buy the smaller size.)

- \* Be on the lookout for possible hints your partner

may be dropping. Also, your children may be able to help you think of gift ideas for your spouse.

- \* Always check the store's return policy before you buy and always keep receipts.

- \* Don't forget to include a romantic card with any gift for a spouse.



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# Take steps to avoid the identity theft grinch

The holiday season is synonymous with shopping and spending, but can also be a "holiday" for identity thieves. According to the Federal Trade Commission, more than 86,000 Americans were victims of identity theft in 2001; credit card fraud accounts for 42 percent of

only does it show more thought, but it is also more meaningful.

## Don't let someone steal your identity

The holiday season is the perfect time for identity theft to occur because the likelihood of misplaced items or

which someone wrongfully uses another person's personal information to commit fraud. Once criminals have your identity, they can open new credit card accounts, drain bank accounts, apply for jobs and housing, and much more. You can help prevent identity theft by

taking some simple precautions:

\* Pay attention to your billing cycles and contact creditors if bills do not arrive on time.

\* Make a New Year's resolution to review your credit report every January to ensure that your credit's in check and no one else is shopping on your credit. Contact credit bureaus for copies of your credit report (see sidebar).

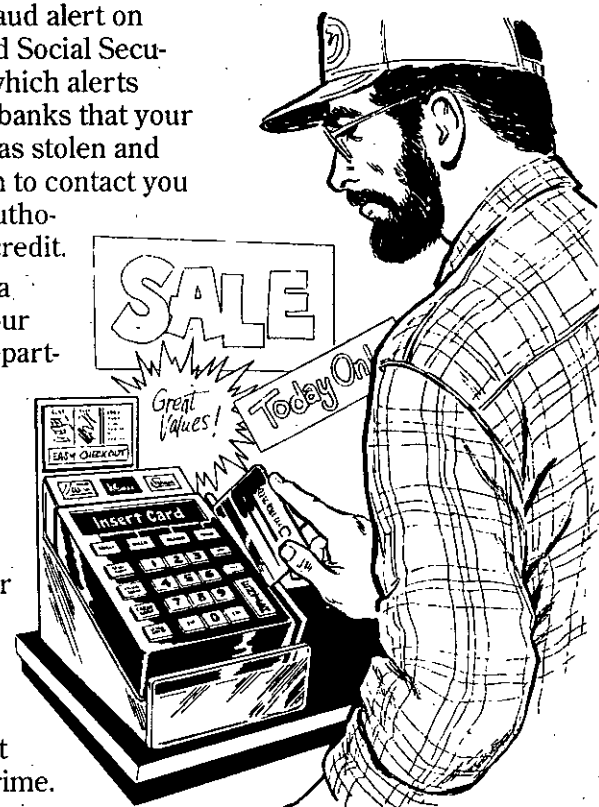
If you become a victim, immediately contact the card issuer or banks to report the lost/stolen account information and maintain a written record of what happened, what was charged and the steps you took to report the incident(s). Be sure to include

also place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number, which alerts creditors and banks that your information was stolen and instructs them to contact you by phone to authorize any new credit.

Always file a report with your local police department in the community where the fraud took place. Get a copy of the report for your records, in case your banks, creditors, or others request proof of the crime.

For additional tips on how to track your spending, visit [www.capitalone.com/credit101](http://www.capitalone.com/credit101). This Web site also offers an Identity Fraud Action Tracking Sheet to

help you track the actions you've taken to handle the situation. For more information, visit these other helpful resources: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and [www.natlconsumersleague.org](http://www.natlconsumersleague.org).



these crimes. This year plan ahead, be cautious and try to avoid holiday stress by simply addressing a few tasks before even walking out the door.

According to a survey conducted on behalf of Capital One, the top holiday hassles are deciding what gifts to buy (20 percent) and budgeting for gifts (19 percent). This year, don't let holiday hassles give you the holiday blues.

\* Before you even walk out the door, determine the total dollar amount available in your budget for holiday spending. Then prepare a list of gift recipients and set a budgeted amount for each person's gift.

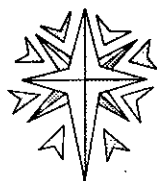
\* Just remember, it's the thought that counts. Don't feel that you have to spend a lot to show someone you care. Consider giving homemade gifts such as baked goods, ornaments or handwritten notes in the place of more expensive items. Not

leaving some type of personal information behind greatly increases due to the fact that consumers shop more, stores are more crowded and people are easily distracted.

Identity theft, sometimes also called identity fraud, refers to all types of crime in

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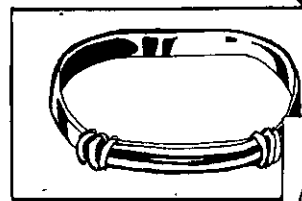
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# Change your tune for the holidays

It is a few days before the holidays and you have 12 people on your list, but are not sure where to begin. You are standing in the mall, surrounded by hundreds of harried shoppers — all trying to accomplish the exact same thing in one hour or less. Strollers are whizzing by, lines for checkout are spilling

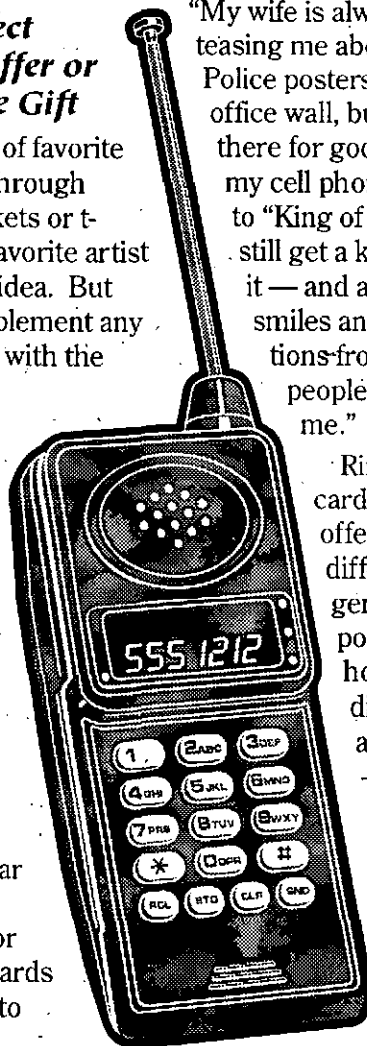
out from store entrances and your feet are aching. What to do?

Simple solution: most people own cell phones, most people love music. Combine the two and you're in for a personal and fun holiday gift that friends and family will enjoy and use — every time their phones ring. People of

all ages are changing their cell phones to ring with a favorite song or TV show theme — think "The Pink Panther" or "Mission Impossible." More than 35 million ringtones are purchased each month, yet many people are just hearing about them.

## The Perfect Stocking Stuffer or Standalone Gift

Giving the gift of favorite music, whether through CDs, concert tickets or t-shirt sporting a favorite artist is always a great idea. But now you can supplement any one of these gifts with the perfect stocking stuffer. In addition to availability on sites like yourmobile.com, ringtone cards are sold at many stores that sell music, such as Wherehouse Music, and even some that don't, like 7-Eleven and your local Cingular Wireless and T-Mobile stores. For \$4.99, Ringtone cards allow music fans to change their cell phones to ring with their favorite song. From the Beatles to Pink Floyd, the music lover on your list will be reminded of their favorite tunes each time their phone rings.



"My all-time favorite band would definitely have to be the Police. I have every CD they ever made, plus a few boot-legs I've collected over the years," says Harvey Teres, a professor at Syracuse University. "My wife is always teasing me about the Police posters on my office wall, but they're there for good. When my cell phone rings to 'King of Pain,' I still get a kick out of it — and a lot of smiles and questions from the people around me."

Ringtone cards are offered in five different genres — pop, hip-hop, rock, disco and movie and TV themes — with three ringtones and graphics offered on each card, including songs like:

\* Pop: "Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears, "A Little Bit" by Jessica Simpson, "There You Go" by Pink and more.

\* Hip-Hop: "Not Tonight" by Lil' Kim, "Hot in Herre" by Nelly, "No More Drama" by Mary J. Blige and more.

\* Rock: "American Woman" by Lenny Kravitz, "Another One Bites the Dust" by Queen, "London Calling" by The Clash and more.

## Easy Access to Favorite Music

The great news about ringtones is that they're easy to use and personal, yet



appeal to many people with varying interests. Ringtone cards contain simple 1-2-3 instructions for downloading the ringtones, which include calling an 800 number or visiting a Web site address found on the card itself. Each card is activated immediately upon purchase and you can select additional ringtones from a content library of more than 2,000 tones and 5,000 graphics from sites like [www.yourmobile.com](http://www.yourmobile.com). Going the prepaid route means you don't need a computer to set up a fancy ring.

So, when you are standing in the mall considering whether to panic or go buy some gift certificates, just remember that nearly everyone loves music and a lot of your friends have cell phones — giving you the opportunity to give a gift they will have fun with! Look for the cards this holiday at Wherehouse Music, 7-Eleven, Cingular Wireless and T-Mobile stores.

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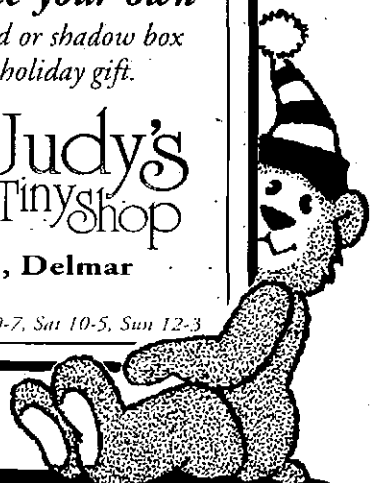
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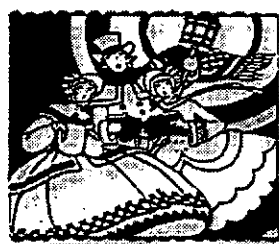
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# It's ok to go nuts this holiday season

If you're among the many people who love to munch on nuts, but who gave them up because of health concerns, there's good news this holiday season. Recent research shows that nuts, in moderation, are actually a boon to your heart. So when you see a bowl of nuts at holiday gatherings, go ahead and grab a small handful instead of the chips and dip.

"Nuts used to be something people felt guilty about eating because they're high in fat," says nutritionist Gigi Acker, MPH, RD, of NutritionInsights in Los Altos, Calif. "But not all fat is bad. Healthy monounsaturated fats, like those found in nuts, actually reduce the risk of heart attack."

The recent Nurses Health Study found that nurses who ate nuts five times a week had less heart disease and on average were thinner compared with those who did not eat nuts. And a study published in the April 2002 Journal of Nutrition had people replace half the fat in their daily diets with almonds for six weeks. Researchers found that the almond eaters' LDL (bad) cholesterol went down 6 percent, and HDL (good) cholesterol went up 6 percent. In addition, their triglycerides (blood fat) dropped 14 percent. These studies and others indicate it's

the combination in nuts of monounsaturated fats and protective plant compounds known as flavonoids that reduces the risk of heart disease.

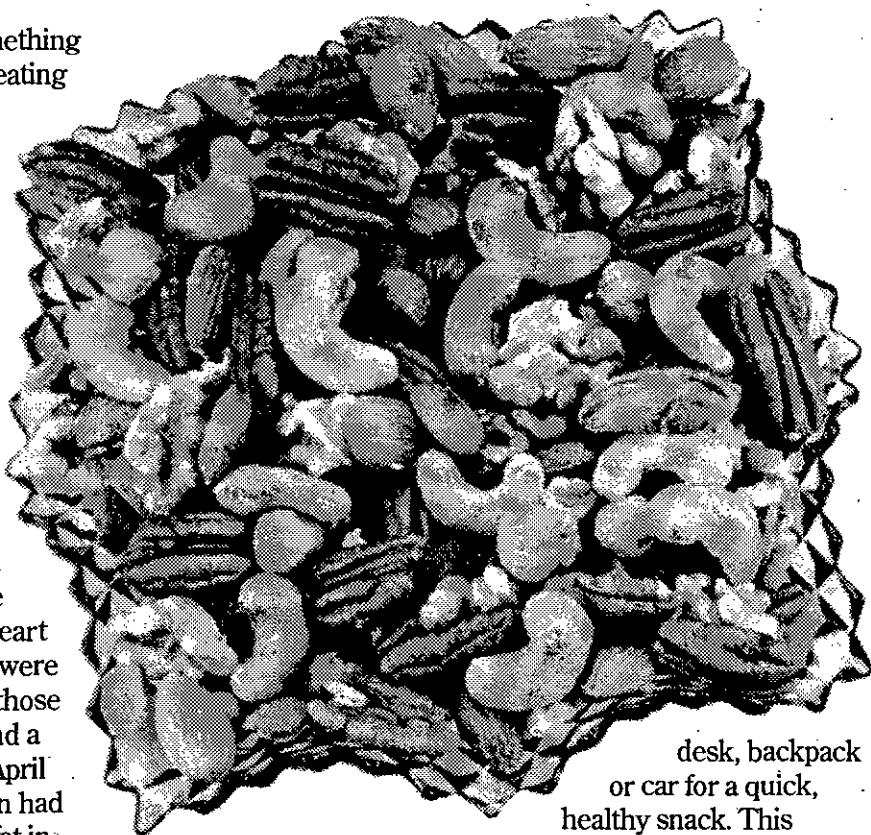
In addition to their heart-healthy benefits, nuts make a great snack because they provide protein, fiber and fat. That combination makes them satisfying — they fill you up

eating them out of hand, there are many flavorful ways to include nuts in your diet. Here are some of Acker's favorites:

## Almonds

\* Sprinkle toasted almonds over your low fat cereal in the morning or slice toasted almonds on a salad.

\* Keep a Honey BBQ Almond Mojo Bar in your



desk, backpack or car for a quick, healthy snack. This delicious, first-of-its-kind savory snack bar is convenient and tastes great.

## Peanuts

\* For a fresh twist on an old standby, try a peanut butter with fresh fruit sandwich.

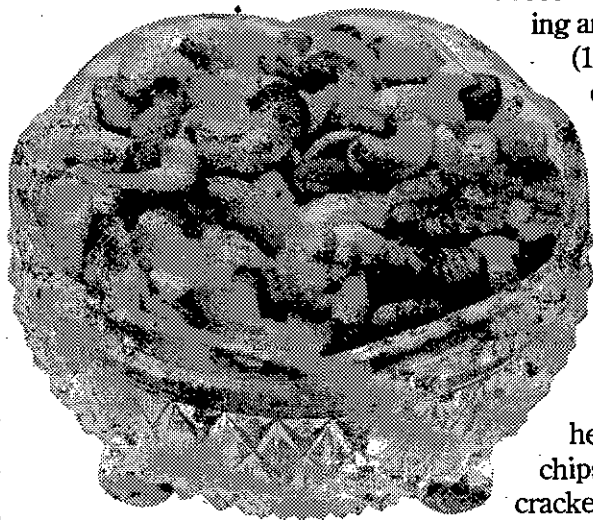
\* Add peanuts to Indian food like curried rice dishes.

\* Drizzle peanut sauce over grilled chicken or tofu.

\* Make your own trail mix — peanuts, raisins and chocolate chips.

and have staying power, notes Acker. Mojo Bars, a new savory snack option, incorporate the advantages of nuts. Available in five different flavors, each bar contains a half ounce of nuts. "When the snack urge hits, Mojo Bars are a great choice," says Acker.

She recommends enjoying an ounce of nuts (1/8 of a cup) every day. But, she cautions, you can't simply add nuts to your daily diet. Instead, you should substitute nuts for less healthy fat from chips, cookies, crackers and cheese. In addition to simply



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## Cashews

\* Sprinkle a few cashews on chicken salad or in Chinese stir-fry dishes.

\* Try cashew butter — use it as a bagel spread instead of cream cheese, which has no protein and lots of fat.

\* Add an ounce of cashews to your granola.

## Walnuts

\* Top your salad with toasted walnuts and a little blue cheese.

\* Bake cookies and breads with walnuts.

If you buy raw nuts, simply toast them in a dry skillet over medium heat until you start smelling their wonderful aroma. Be sure to store them properly. "All nuts should be stored in the refrigerator so they stay fresh longer," notes Acker.

So go ahead and make nuts a part of your healthy eating plan, along with fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains. And don't forget moderate amounts of exercise as part of that package as well.



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If you're trying to think up some gift ideas for friends or family in a nursing home consider the following:

- Small photo albums, the kind with one picture on a page, are especially welcome for those with cognitive losses. Create a label for each picture by describing who it is and what they are doing. Caregivers can "read" the album with the resident.

- Plants and flower arrangements should be small because space is very limited

in most facilities. Consider whether the resident will be able to care for the plant or whether a caregiver is able and willing to care for it.

- Residents who are still able to write cards and letters might appreciate a box of varied greeting cards to keep in touch with old friends.

- Grandparents will enjoy an audiobook of messages from their grandchildren. Artwork from grandchildren is also highly valued.

- Large-print books and magazines and those with colorful photos can be a great addition to the common area of your family member's care facility. Musical tapes or CDs that can be used by everyone are welcome gifts, as are travel videos and movie classics.

- If your family member or friend is unable to enjoy a gift for him or herself, remember the facility. New games, contributions to a fund for a new rocking chair or physical therapy equipment, activity supplies or artwork can brighten the lives of all the caring people who work in the facility.



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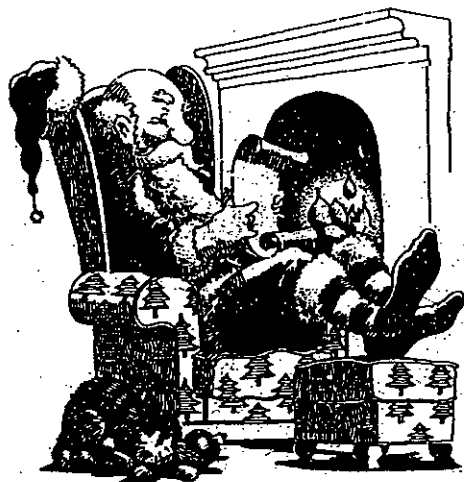
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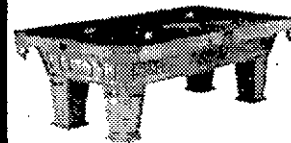
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# NiMo offers tips for safe holiday lighting

With the holiday season upon us, many Niagara Mohawk customers will soon be hanging decorative lights inside and outside their homes. The company recommends that customers take a few simple steps to ensure their holiday season is bright, festive and safe.

"Just taking a few common sense precautions when using holiday lights can go a long way to keep you and your family safe from the threat of electric shock injury or fire this holiday season," said Ralph E. Dudley, vice president, Safety.

Niagara Mohawk offers the following tips:

- \* Make sure your lights have a safety listing from a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as the Underwriters Laboratories. A safety approval seal means the lights have been tested and are safe to use. Use lights only as intended.

- \* Plug outdoor lights into Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters. They are available at hardware and local electrical supply stores. If there is an electrical fault with a light string, GFCIs will automatically shut off the electricity well before any electric shock could occur. Also, cover outdoor plugs and connector joints with a water resistant layer of plastic wrap and electrical tape.

- \* Always unplug your lights before going to bed or leaving home.

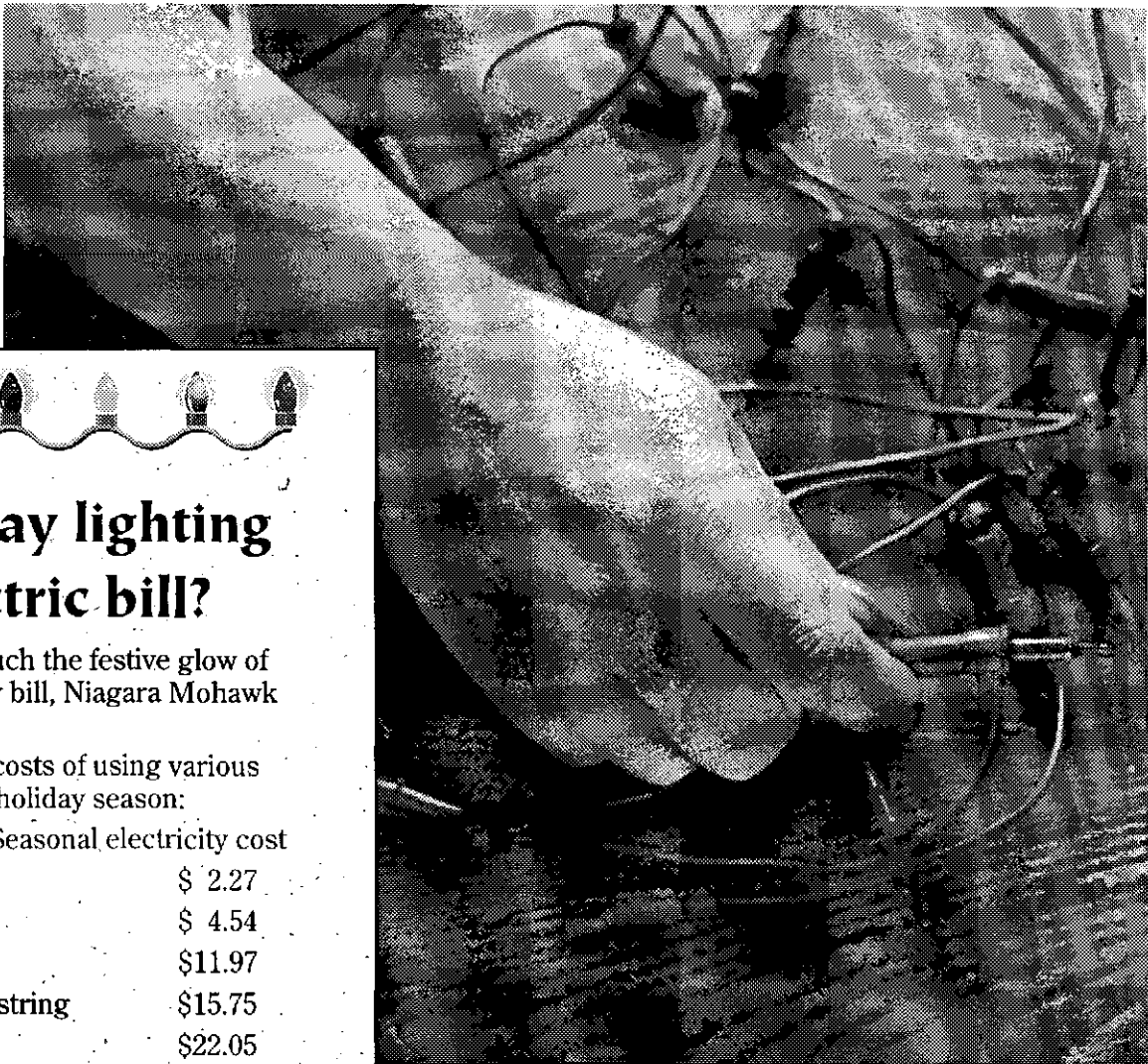
- \* If you have an artificial tree, make sure it's been tested for flammability by the Underwriters Laboratories. To prevent electrical shock, never use electric decorations on artificial trees with metallic needles, leaves or branches. Instead, place colored spotlights above or beside the tree—never attached to it.

- \* Protect little fingers: Make sure there's a bulb in each socket. If a bulb has burned out, leave it in until you have a replacement.

- \* Don't overload your electric circuits. Check your fuse or circuit breaker panel

to see how much your home can handle, and stay well within limits.

- \* Keep your natural tree well watered to prevent bulbs from igniting dry branches. Keep extension cords and light sets away from the tree stand.



## What does holiday lighting add to your electric bill?

If you've ever wondered just how much the festive glow of holiday lighting adds to your electricity bill, Niagara Mohawk has collected some numbers for you.

Calculated below are the electricity costs of using various decorative lighting units for the entire holiday season:

Lighting unit (four sets each)	Seasonal electricity cost
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Feeding birds is a great way to bring wildlife closer to home and according to the National Bird Feeding Society, more than 70 million people in the United States and Canada put out more than a billion pounds of bird feed each year. Winter is a difficult time for birds and feeding helps them to survive a tough time when many bird populations are in decline.

"When people purchase the right birdfeeder and place it in a bird-friendly location in their yard, they're

always amazed at the amount and the variety of birds that visit throughout the year," says Kathy LaLiberte, a founder of Gardener's Supply, a Vermont-based company that offers gardening and backyard habitat.

Feeders are simply a vehicle for offering food to birds in a manner in which the birds find attractive. Not all birds like the same kind of feed from the same kind of feeder. So it's not surprising that the more types of feeders you provide, the more birds you will attract. The most successful feeding stations include an assortment of feeders at different heights to best stimulate the way birds feed in the wild. Here are the four primary kinds:

Platform Feeders. Ground-feeding birds will feed off of platform feeders that are either on the ground or

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The Squirrel-Proof Platform Feeder has a special grid to frustrate squirrels and is elevated off of the ground to protect birds from predators. The Songview Feeder allows you to have a close-up view of the birds as they feed.

A hanging or pole-mounted feeder will attract a wide variety of perching birds. Black-oil sunflower seed is the hands-down favorite of most seed-eating birds and will attract chickadees, cardinals, titmice and nuthatches. Some of the best feeders for sunflower seed include the Mesh

Feeder, Squirrel Proof Platform Feeder, Silo Birdfeeder and Porcelain Feeder. The Top Flight Feeder lets you put three

of energy for birds who feed mostly on insects such as woodpeckers, bluebirds and nuthatches. Hang suet feeders from tree branches

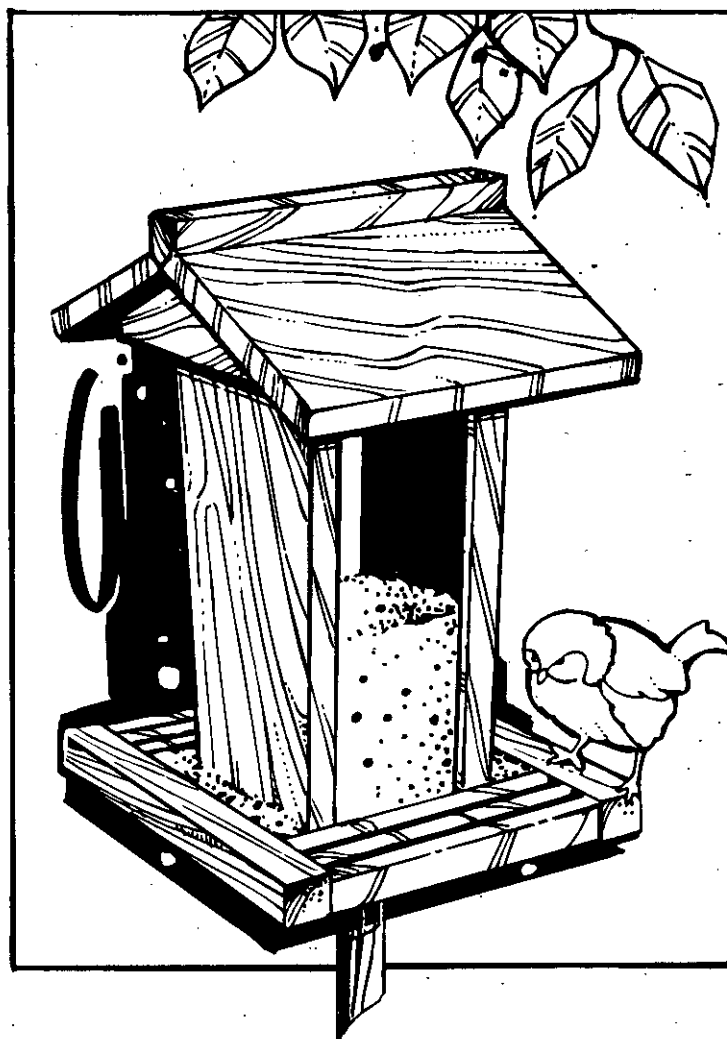
with the Star Suet Feeder, the Spring Feeder or a simple mesh bag. Most suet should only be used during the colder months. However, if you become friendly with your woodpeckers and want to feed them year-round, Gourmet Suet won't melt and is suitable to use in the summer.

Birds need more than just the food your feeders provide. They also need shelter, water and natural

foods. In fact, studies show that a bird that regularly visits your winter feeders will only get about a quarter of its food there. Yards dominated by perennials, shrubs and trees will support far more birds than those dominated by lawns.

No bird-friendly yard is complete without a birdbath. Birds need water all year round for drinking, bathing and preening their feathers to ensure adequate insulation. A heated birdbath will keep the water open even when the temperature drops well below freezing. There are three options for a heated birdbath offered by Gardener's Supply, one that rests on the ground, a standing one or one that is deck-mounted.

Birds spend much of their time feeding, especially in the winter, but they also need to rest — and nest. To keep birds in your yard year-round, provide shelter and places to raise young. Edible Birdhouses and the Roosting Pockets provide a cozy place to rest. Also, put out nesting materials, such as dryer lint, dog hair or 6-inch lengths of yarn, in the spring for birds to use. Put these materials near feeders on a tree branch, on the ground or in a Spring Feeder.



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# Find the perfect toy with this holiday hot list

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The eToys 2002 Holiday Hot list is a good place to start your holiday shopping. From the rugged Fisher-Price Rescue Heroes to charming Disney Princess toys, a quiz game called Cranium Cariboo to an innovative LeapFrog activity table for toddlers, the cuddly Care Bears to the inquisitive Dora the Explorer, the list includes the top popular and educational toys for children of every age group and interest.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles can find exactly what the child in their life wants this season with convenient, one-stop shopping for toys, collectible toys, video games and software. eToys offers an incredible selection of popular toys and video games, plus unique learning and specialty toys. Features like Shop by Age and Wish List, great gift ideas in the soon-to-launch Holiday Gift Center and award-winning content create an outstanding online customer experience. Plus, beginning this holiday, the best of eToys comes to malls across the country with special shops inside selected KB Toys stores.

"We chose toys and games guaranteed to make kids smile," said David Novitsky, vice president of merchandising for eToys. "These toys won't be forgotten when the holidays end. Because of their lasting appeal, children will reach for them month after month. Plus, our list includes educational items designed to stimulate learning and creativity."

## Here's the complete eToys 2002 Holiday Hot list:

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In its recent American Express Retail Index, American Express found that those receiving travel as a holiday gift would most like to wake up to find the following travel components under their tree: air tickets (36 percent); a cruise package (34 percent); a gift certificate for a trip of choice (36 percent); a hotel stay (24

percent) or a spa getaway (16 percent.) The survey found that travel-related gifts rank sixth on American's wish lists, and six percent of holiday gift-givers plan to present a friend or loved one

with a gift of travel this holiday season.

When asked about the type of holiday gift Americans would most like to receive this season, travel ranked among sixth with clothing, gift certificates or cash leading, followed by music, books, an experiential gift such as event tickets and travel.

According to Ed Plog of owner, Empress Travel & Cruises/American Express, holiday shoppers have an unlimited number of travel options when shopping for unforgettable holiday gifts.

A gift certificate for a cruise or vacation package can be accompanied by a travel brochure so recipients can select the dream vacation of choice, said Plog. Gift cheques also allow prospective vacationers to choose a trip component or spend the money on a shopping spree when they arrive at their vacation paradise.

In addition, holiday shoppers can also opt for Travelers Cheques or

foreign currency as a whimsical stocking stuffer.

Increasingly popular is the purchase of foreign currency, particularly Euros. "Know someone heading off to Europe within the next few months, why not surprise them with a gift of Euros so

restaurants, shopping or other travel advice.

American Express travel agents also offer the following travel gift advice:

Have fun wrapping your holiday travel gift: Luggage tags on the outside of the package will tip off the gift recipient to the fabulous contents inside. Stuff a stocking with sunscreen, sunglasses, a destination guide and the travel gift of choice. Purchase a piece of luggage and wrap the travel gift certificate inside. If a road trip is part of the plan, include a road map and some tapes or CDs to liven up the journey, along with the Gift of Travel certificate.

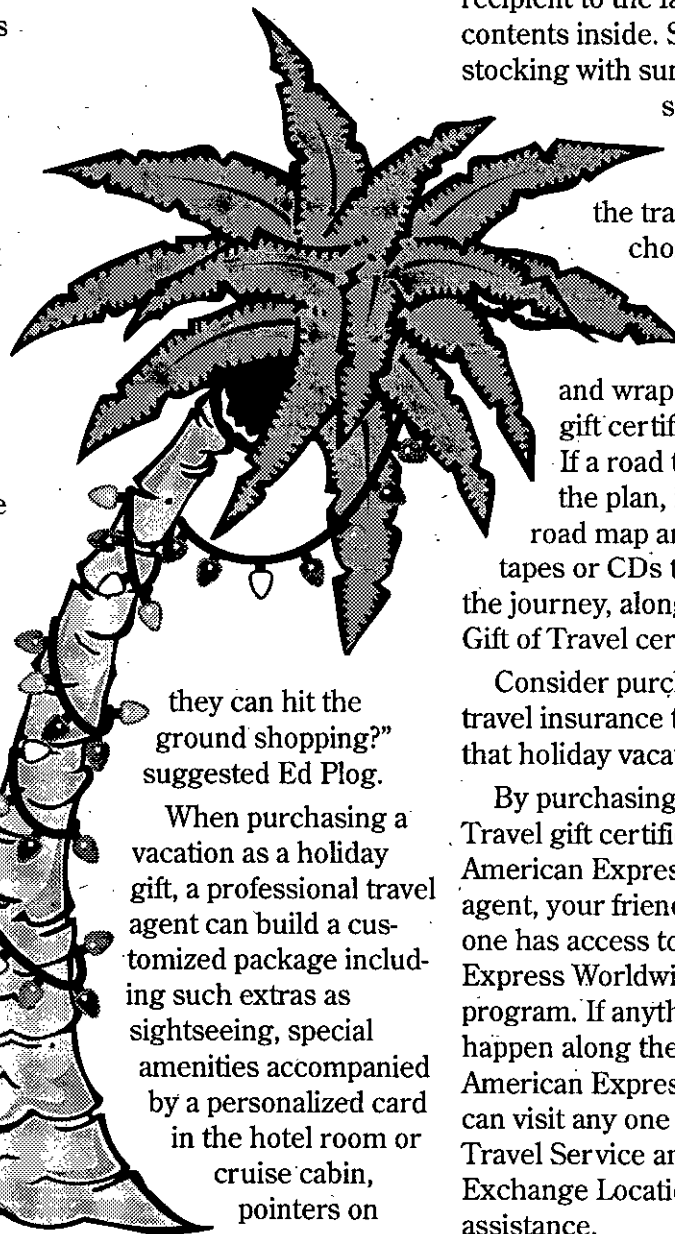
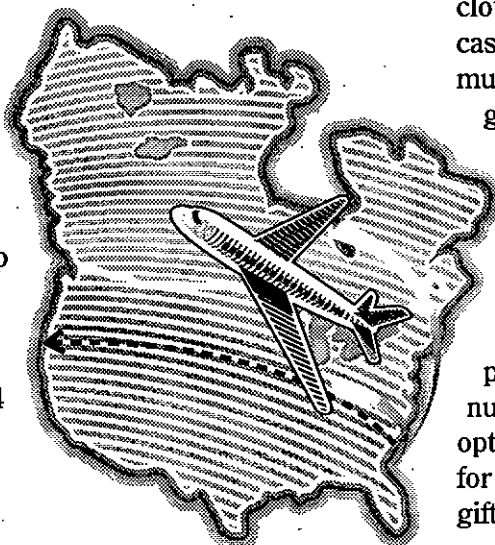
Consider purchasing some travel insurance to safeguard that holiday vacation gift.

By purchasing your Gift of Travel gift certificate from an American Express travel agent, your friend or loved one has access to American Express Worldwide Care program. If anything should happen along the way, American Express travelers can visit any one of 1,700 Travel Service and Foreign Exchange Locations for free assistance.

Advise your friend or family member to carry a mixture of credit cards, travelers' cheques and cash when traveling away from home. It is good to carry cash in small denominations for tips and other incidental expenses. If lost or stolen, cash is gone for good so travelers should only carry what's needed and store the rest in the hotel safe.

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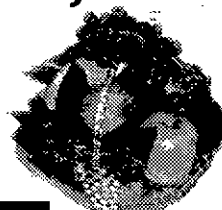
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# Bethlehem board continues review of Walden Farms plan

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

With 2002 drawing to a close, Bethlehem's planning board last week continued its review of the proposed 92-unit Walden Farms townhouse development on Elsmere Avenue — and took a first look at another large residential subdivision not far away, on 128.9 acres straddling Elm Avenue East.

At the Dec. 3 meeting, the board also gave thumbs-up to a proposed three-lot subdivision on Wemple Road, following a brief public hearing. Planner Lynn Sipperley presented a preliminary site plan on behalf of Schenectady's Amedore Home Builders for two parcels owned by Kerlee Enterprises, west of the town highway garage on Elm Avenue East. The northerly parcel, roughly 75 acres in an AA-residential zone, would include a proposed 87 single-family residence lots, and the southerly

portion, 53 acres zoned AR-residential, could be subdivided into 28 lots. The preliminary site plan shows duplex units on the latter parcel, but Sipperley said Amedore had also considered other options, from single-family homes to fourplexes. Both lots are within the bounds of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district.

The Amedore subdivision has already undergone a preliminary wetland delineation, Sipperley said, outlining some 12 to 16 acres possibly eligible for protection under state Department of Environmental Conservation regulations. There is also a landlocked parcel in the northern section of roughly 3 acres that will probably be offered to adjacent landowners for purchase.

Planning board members questioned Sipperley about road access to the parcels and plans for as many as 12 of the parcels to have driveway access to increasingly-busy Elm Avenue

East before tabling the project for future discussion.

Sipperley also represented Rosen Development as discussion resumed about Walden Farms, conceived as a townhouse development to be marketed to empty-nest homeowners, presented before a public hearing on Nov. 7.

As a planned residence district, final approval of the site plan will require approval by the town board — which will now have to wait until after the new year, as the planning board continued to raise questions about the site plan.

More than an hour and a half of discussion centered on developer Lee Rosen's request for flexibility in the eventual placement of homes, one-of-five models available to buyers, on the individual lots in the development — and on details of the project's proposed plantings to screen homes from traffic along Elsmere

Avenue and their future maintenance. Town planner Jeff Lipnicky also raised concerns about a lot, included in earlier versions of the site plan among land to remain forever wild, that Rosen now proposes to set aside for future development as a "homeowners' amenity lot" — most likely for recreational use, such as a pool.

"Don't look at it as a (building) lot," said board counsel Keith Silliman. "Think of it as another common area owned by the homeowners association, with limited use."

The board tabled the project while the planning department drafts a resolution of recommendation to the town board on how to proceed.

A proposal by owners Norm

and Kathleen James to subdivide a 26-acre lot on Wemple road east of Weisheit Road received quicker approval.

The Jameses plan to sell a 7.6-acre lot with an existing home on it, to use a second 4.9-acre lot to build a new home for themselves — and to reserve a 13.3-acre parcel for future construction of a home for relatives.

With no opposition raised at a brief public hearing, the board adopted a SEQR "negative declaration" — a finding that the proposed subdivision did not warrant the drafting of a full environmental impact statement — and granted conditional approval of the final.

The board will meet again on Dec. 17, but an agenda has not yet been drawn up for that meeting.

## Ring

(From Page 1)

sell, they took." Some of the buyers of the stolen property are cooperating with the investigation, "but a number of people are going to be charged (with possession)," Cox said. "It's going to be huge."

The value of the thefts is still being calculated, he said, "but it's an awful lot of money. These guys have hurt a lot of people, stealing things like wedding bands, personal stuff."

Arraigned last Friday before Town Justice Frank Milano in the Glenmont incident, Lynn has been charged with felony counts of second-degree burglary and third-degree grand larceny, and sent to Albany County jail pending a preliminary hearing set for Dec. 10 and an appearance in Bethlehem Town Court on Jan. 7.

Biel, Nesbitt and Labuff were arraigned Monday in Coeymans town court on similar charges in the Glenmont theft. The fifth individual is in custody but has yet to be charged.

Investigators from the multiple police jurisdictions involved in the case were due to meet yesterday with officials of the Albany County district attorney's office to sort out the various charges, Cox said, and information will then likely be presented before a county grand jury.

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Albert J. Holbriiter, 83, of Delmar died Friday, Dec. 6, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Boyntonville, he was a graduate of Hoosick Falls High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Hobart College, a master's from SUNY Albany and a Ph.D in education from New York University.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a 1st lieutenant with the 7th infantry in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Holbriiter began his career in education as dean of admissions at SUNY Plattsburgh. He then served as deputy director of the state Education Department and deputy executive secretary for the state Teachers Retirement System. He was also dean of the Sage Colleges Evening Division.

He was a longtime member of the Tri-County Teachers Retirement Council, a former president of the Fathers Association of Albany Academy for Girls and a former director of the Capital District Hunter/Jumper Council.

He enjoyed reading, painting and creating original stained glass pieces.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Baldwin Holbriiter; two daughters, Eleanor H. Nasner and Margaret F. Holbriiter; a sister, Francis S. Holbriiter of Hoosick Falls; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be private at the convenience of the

family.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Ruth Hale

Ruth M. Hale, 84, of Delmar died Thursday, Dec. 5, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mrs. Hale was an active member of Delmar Reformed Church for 71 years.

She was a former member of the Bethlehem Historical Association. She enjoyed writing poetry.

She was the widow of Richard F. Hale.

Survivors include a son, Richard Hale; a daughter, Margaret R. Monaghan of Marriotsville, Md.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Mary Ann Cohen

Mary Ann Elsworth Cohen, 52, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., she received a bachelor's degree in economic/business administration from Elmira College and a master's in marketing from The College of Saint Rose.

Ms. Cohen worked for International Business Machines Corp. in Albany for 20 years and at Key Corp. in Albany for five years.

She was an avid skier and bicyclist.

Survivors include her husband, Nathan Cohen; her parents, Harry and Olive Ellsworth of Brownsville, Vt.; and a brother, Toby Ellsworth of Minneapolis, Minn.

Services are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. today, Dec. 11, at Union College Chapel in Schenectady.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Brain Tumor Research Fund, c/o Dr. Elizabeth Mahar, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, Mass. 02115.

## Willis Coons

Willis G. Coons Jr., 71, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of Coeymans Hollow.

Mr. Coons was a commercial technician for Main Care before he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Lightsey Coons; two daughters, Maureen E. Clark of Selkirk and Lori P. Myers of Colonie; a brother, Peter Coons; four sisters; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravenna.

Contributions may be made to

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

## Linda O'Toole

Linda L. O'Toole, 57, of Selkirk died Thursday, Dec. 5.

Survivors include her husband, Richard O'Toole; two sons, Robert O'Toole of Greenville and Sean O'Toole of Selkirk; three daughters, Dawn O'Toole, Jeune O'Toole and Carrie O'Toole, all of Selkirk; three sisters, Alma Perrotte of Scotia, Mary Bell of Coxsackie and Dawn Reviello of Nevada; and seven grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

## Library to close for holidays

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday.

The library will be closed from 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday. Patrons can access the catalog and online services via the library's Web site, [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org)

## QUILT to meet at Methodist church

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) will meet on Friday, Dec. 13, at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. There will be a holiday party meeting with mini-demonstrations. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. with a \$3 fee. Call 456-0552 for information.

## HILL to present free lectures

The Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL) is offering a series of three free lectures during the winter months.

The first will be held today, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

Peter Hienegg, professor of English at Union College, will present "A Secular Reading of the Qur'an."

Future lectures are scheduled on Jan. 23 and Feb. 10, at the library.

For information, call 439-5754.

## Holiday concert on deck at library

"Tis the Season" offers a festive evening of stories and songs for children in kindergarten and up and their families at Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

Irish-born storyteller Bairbre McCarthy is accompanied by the music of Frank Orsini. A reception follows the concert. Call 439-9314 to register.

## Astronomers to meet under the stars

Join the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers on Friday, Dec. 13, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center for an evening of sky watching and star lore.

Club members will focus on seasonal deep-sky objects and common constellations with telescopes and naked-eye observation.

In case of cloudy weather, this program will be cancelled.

## Christmas festival slated at church

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

All interested area singers are welcome to join the Community Choir for this performance.

Practice sessions will be on Dec. 12 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Call 765-4442 for information.

## Sunday family swim set at BCMS pool

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

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

An adult must accompany children under the age of 8.

## Church adds additional service

First United Methodist Church of Delmar has announced that it is adding an additional worship service on Sunday mornings.

In addition to the existing 9:30 a.m. service, there will be an 11 a.m. service in the chapel. The church is located at 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.



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## Death Notices

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

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.





Seth and Carly Friedman

## Friedman, Cushman marry

Carly Ann Cushman, daughter of Paula and Brian Cushman of Selkirk, and Seth Andrew Friedman, son of Cheryl and Jerry Friedman of Delmar, were married on May 25.

The wedding took place at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany. The Rev. Samuel Trumbore performed the ceremony.

The bride's sister Kristen Cushman was maid of honor. Marilou Bick, Katie Carazza, Elle Dornan, Laurie Dudzik, Kim Guiffre, Lindsay Vito were bridesmaids.

The groom's brother Justin Friedman was best man. Matt Morgan, Mike Fekete, Scott

Lobel, Brian Lenhardt, R.J. Teixeira and Louie Vito were ushers.

The reception was at the Glen Sanders Mansion.

The couple took a wedding trip to Aruba and Curacao. They reside in North Brunswick, N.J.

She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Ohio State University and Marymount University of Arlington, Va. She teaches English at Sayreville public schools in Parlin, N.J.

He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and University of Maryland. He currently attends the College of Staten Island.

## Local student joins renowned orchestra

Brown University sophomore Chanda Laniece Brown, daughter of Dorothy and Eugene Bryant of Feura Bush, has been selected as a member of the Brown University Orchestra for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The orchestra, one of the outstanding college orchestras in the nation, recently performed at McGill University in Montreal, Canada with the McGill Chamber Singers and Opera Chorus.

The concert was broadcast nationally and recorded by ARSIS Records. The program included works from Anthony Burgess and Carlyle Sharpe among others.

About 90 accomplished musicians make up the orchestra, rehearsing twice weekly and performing five to six times per year. Brown plays the trumpet.

## Local student to study abroad

University of Rochester senior Andrea Shaye will spend her winter recess in England participating in the Theater in England program.

Shaye is the daughter of Janet and Steven Shaye of Slingerlands. She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Each December, more than 20 students at the university travel to London and Stratford-Upon-Avon to view up to 20 plays. Accompanied by Russell Peck of the Department of English, they will join audiences for the best of what is running, with a diverse selection of plays from all periods of drama, from tragedy and comedy to pantomime and musicals.

Students take back-stage tours, and will also visit Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford.



Erica Roos and Jeffrey Williams

## Roos, Williams to wed

Erica Kirstin Roos, daughter of Peg and David Roos of Slingerlands, and Jeffrey Taylor Williams, son of Joan Franks and Arthur Williams of Columbus, Ohio, are engaged to be married in May.

She is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Fordham

University and Case Western Reserve School of Law. She is an attorney for Hahn Loeser & Parks.

He is a graduate of Oakwood High School, University of Utah and the University of Utah Law School. He is a partner in the law firm of Baker & Hostetler.

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## Community



## Legion to host Christmas buffet

The Voorheesville American Legion will host an all-you-can-eat Christmas buffet on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Legion Post, located on 31 Voorheesville Ave. Breakfast includes eggs, french toast, home fries, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and free for kids age 5 and under.

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# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

By DEV TOBIN

**T**he holiday theatre season offers wide variety, from an R-rated look at a high-end Manhattan restaurant to a new version of the "A Christmas Carol," from a Santa musical written by a local woman to a staged reading of a Rod Serling story.

Capital Repertory Theatre has scheduled "Fully Committed," which debuted several years ago at the Adirondack Theatre Festival, for December.

The one-man play is a tour de force for Oliver Wadsworth, who plays Sam, an aspiring actor whose day job is reservations clerk at a very high-end Manhattan restaurant, and a score of other characters.

On the reservations phone; the restaurant intercom and a special red hot-line phone to the chef/owner, Sam deals with (and Wadsworth portrays, with a wide variety of accents and body language) the kind of egomaniacs and prima donnas one would expect to find at such a place.

There is a holiday theme in the play, as Sam wants to get home to the Midwest to spend Christmas with his newly widowed father, but has to find a way to have someone work for him Christmas Eve and Christmas.

After several hilarious trials, Sam wins out in the end, both with his family and with a call-back for a big acting job.

"Fully Committed" is onstage at Capital Rep, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 22. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays; 8 p.m. on Fridays; 4 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$28 to \$38. For reservations, call 445-7469.

The New York State Theatre Institute brings a new look at the basic Christmas story, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," to the stage with W.A. Frankonis' "The Circle of Christmas."

Frankonis said he found "a new approach that didn't violate the spirit of the original" by focusing on Scrooge as the curmudgeon uncle to the Cratchit family.

The large cast of the show includes several local student interns, including Krysta Dennis of Colonie Central High School, Aaron Marquise of Gowana Middle School in Clifton Park, Meg Cupernall of Shenendehowa High School and Michelle Geisler of Hebrew Academy in Colonie.



David Bunce, left, as Bob Cratchit and John Romeo as Ebenezer Scrooge star in the world premiere of the New York State Theatre Institute production "The Circle of Christmas." The play, written by W.A. Frankonis and based on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, will be presented through Dec. 19.

## Holiday themes take center stage



Oliver Wadsworth tackles the challenging role of Sam, an out-of-work actor who moonlights as a reservation clerk at a trendy New York City restaurant. He gives voice to 40 different characters in the Capital Rep production of "Fully Committed." The play runs through Dec. 22.

Performances are Dec. 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19 at 10 a.m., Dec. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$19, \$10 for children under 13. For reservations, call 274-3256.

An updated version of "Santa's List," a holiday play with music by Brenny Rabine of Saratoga Springs, returns to the Egg at Empire State Plaza this weekend.

The Saratoga Theatre Workshop production is the story of what happens

when Santa loses his list. An elfin efficiency expert argues for fewer gifts, but Mrs. Claus and the other elves save the day, winning the argument for "Gifts for All."

"Santa's List" will be at The Egg on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 and 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1 and 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 13.

For information and/or reservations, call 473-1845.

The Russell Sage College drama department presents a rare production of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" this weekend in the school's Meader Little Theater in Troy.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5, with a family package price of \$15 for up to five tickets. For information, call 244-2248.

Curtain Call Theatre at 210 Old Loudon Road in Latham features a Christmas Eve

comedy, "It Had to Be You" by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna, through Dec. 22.

Performances are Wednesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$15.

Curtain Call will also present a staged reading of "The Messiah on Mott Street," a Christmas story from Rod Serling's "Night Gallery" TV series, on Dec. 15, 16 and 17. The reading is free.

For information, call 877-7529.

Schenectady Civic Players will present "Inspecting Carol," a comedy about a stage production of "A Christmas Carol," through Dec. 15.

Performances, in the playhouse at 12 S. Church St., are Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. For reservations, call 382-2081.

And Scrooge's ghostly partner gets his due in "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," on stage at Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 27, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and \$14. For reservations, call 438-5503.



"Santa's List," featuring Joe Phillips as Santa, will be presented at The Egg on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### FULLY COMMITTED

holiday comedy, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 22, \$28 and \$38. Information, 445-7469.

### THE CIRCLE OF CHRISTMAS

new holiday play based on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 19, \$19, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children. Information, 274-3256.

### A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Sondheim musical, Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Dec. 12 to 15, \$18, \$9 for children under 13. Information, 399-9359.

### INSPECTING CAROL

"Christmas Carol" comedy, Schenectady Civic Players, 12 S. Church St., Dec. 11 to 15, \$12, \$10 for students. Information, 382-2081.

### IT HAD TO BE YOU

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

### THE MESSIAH ON MOTT STREET

adaptation of Rod Serling "Night Gallery" show, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Dec. 15 to 17, 7 p.m., free. Information, 877-7529.

### MISS SAIGON

Broadway musical, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 17 to 22, \$39, \$42 and \$49. Information, 346-6204.

## Music

### GEORGE WINSTON

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., \$26 and \$28. Information, 273-0038.

### BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

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

### ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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

### MENDELSSOHN CLUB

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

### NOWELL SING WE CLEAR

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

### ANONYMOUS 4

vocal quartet performing holiday concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 15, 4 p.m., \$25 and \$28. Information, 273-0038.

### A ROYAL CHRISTMAS

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

### DAVE MATTHEWS BAND

Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 17, 7 p.m., \$48.50. Information, 476-1000.

### BOSTON CAMERATA

Renaissance Christmas program, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 372-3651.

### THE HOLMES BROTHERS

Caffe Lena, Phila Street, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 20, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### MOUNTAIN SNOW AND MISTLETOE

holiday folk concert with Bridget Ball and Christopher Shaw, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m., Dec. 22 at 2 p.m., \$17. Information, 273-0038.

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### THE NUTCRACKER

presented by the Youth Ballet Company/Dance Eclectic, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 21 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., \$22.50, \$17 for seniors and children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

## Family Fun

### PINOCCHIO

Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., \$12, \$10 for students and seniors, \$2 discount for advance purchase. Information, 438-5503.

### ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday Symphony for Families program with works by Tchaikovsky, Bizet and others, Dec. 15, 2 and 4 p.m., \$6 to \$12. Information, 465-4755.

### SANTA'S LIST

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

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

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

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

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### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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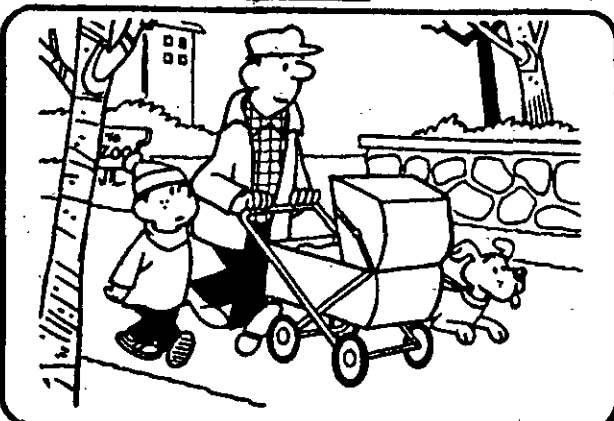
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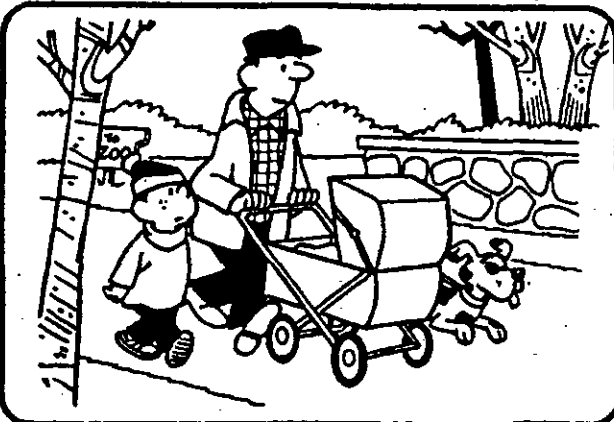
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90 Part 4 of definition  
94 Borscht ingredient

95 Diva Leontyne  
96 Petty or Chandler  
97 Stallion's sweetie  
99 Mideastern kingdom  
102 "The Ramayana," e.g.  
105 — song (cheaply)  
106 Casual cloth  
107 School founded in 1440  
108 Absorb, with "up"  
111 "The Barber of Seville" heroine  
114 End of definition  
118 Carved a canyon  
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121 Avid  
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123 Guitarist Paul  
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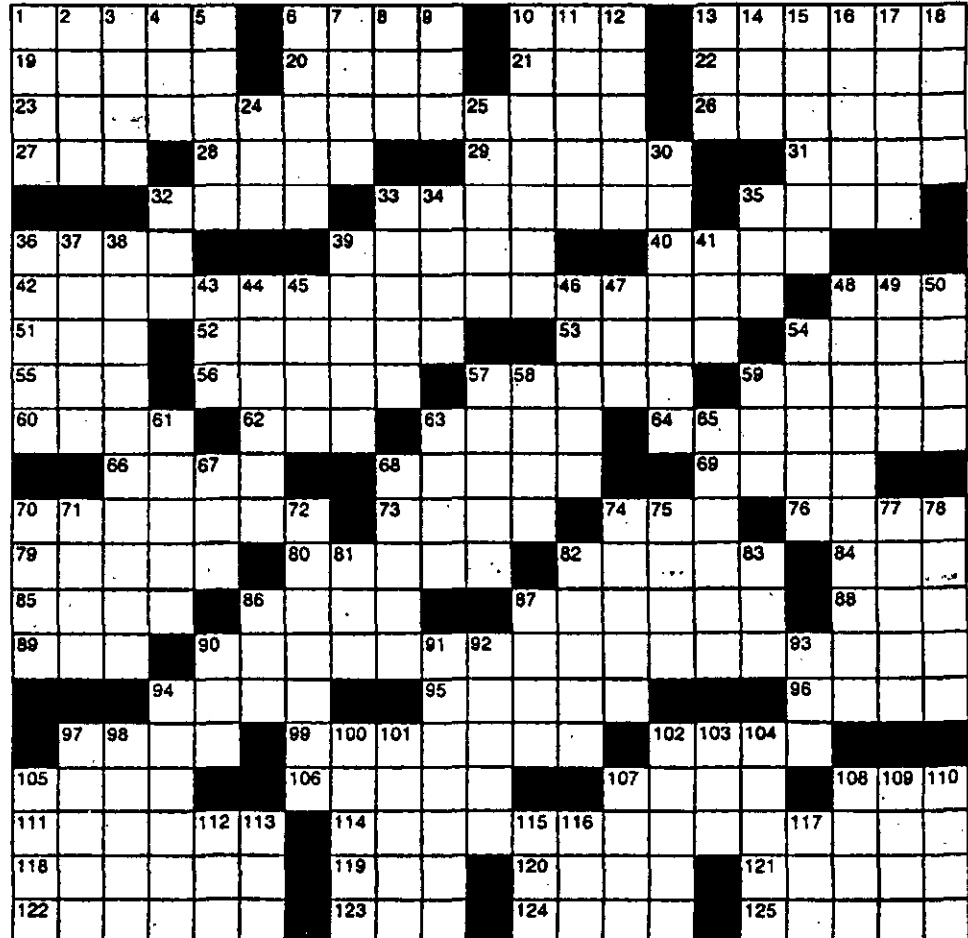
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2 Drac's wrap  
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5 Follow  
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8 Speedometer abbr.  
9 "— Beso" ('62 hit)  
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12 Mid-size band  
13 Contains  
14 — deco  
15 One in a million  
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17 Pizza serving  
18 Son of Adam  
24 Time-honored  
25 Office worker  
30 "Georgy Girl" group  
32 Pigeon English?  
33 Med. professional  
34 Unwelcome visit?  
35 Donkey  
36 Pansy part  
37 "West Side Story" role

38 "The New Yorker" humorist  
39 Where to find a plover  
41 Positive vote  
43 Singer Sumac  
44 Steering device  
45 Potter's need  
46 Ancient Sanskrit  
47 Mineral spring  
48 Indecisive  
49 Burn remedy  
50 Firewood measure  
54 One of the Aleutians  
57 Chavez or Romero  
58 "— go brag!"  
59 Rocker Morrison  
61 Astrologer Leek  
63 Mrs. Jupiter  
65 Skater Ito  
67 Postal abbr.  
68 Club creed  
70 Apparel  
71 Concept  
72 Pulled a sulky  
74 Hiawatha's transport  
75 Declare  
77 Join up

78 Abolitionist author  
81 Aah's partner  
82 Use  
83 Across  
83 Hurried  
86 "Pshaw!"  
87 Vaudeville bit  
90 Effin  
91 Revoltis  
92 Freddie the Freeloader, e.g.  
93 Father Brown monogram  
94 Pigtales  
97 Boxer Archie  
98 Fiery felony  
100 Copper or cobalt  
101 — fell swoop  
102 Patriot Allen  
103 Luau dish  
104 Map feature  
105 Worry  
107 Admiral Zumwalt  
108 Adventure story  
109 Portant  
110 Company car, e.g.  
112 Bom  
113 Slap on  
115 Shady character?  
116 Leeds lavatory  
117 Uh-uh



# The Spotlight CALENDAR

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

## Wed. 12/11

### BETHLEHEM

#### 'NONFICTIONADOS'

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### 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.

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### TOWN COUNCIL

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

#### 'HOLIDAY LIGHTS' AT VPL

Themed family story time at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### 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.

#### 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. 12/12

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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

#### 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.

#### ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

#### BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

#### AA MEETINGS

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### POETRY PROGRAM

Every Other Thursday Night Poets, newcomers welcome. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

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

## Fri. 12/13

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

#### CHABAD CENTER

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

#### SKY WATCHING AT FIVE RIVERS

Albany Area Amateur Astronomers sponsor an evening of sky watching and star lore, focusing on seasonal deep-sky objects and common constellations visible to telescopes and naked eye observation. Cancelled in event of cloudy weather. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, Call for time. Information, 475-0291.

#### 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. 12/14

### BETHLEHEM

#### 'ADVENT ADVENTURE'

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

#### AA MEETING

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

## Sun. 12/15

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Contact churches for any special Advent observances. Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135. Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328. Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929. Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512. First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF VEHICLE PROTECTION PLUS, LLC.

Authority filed with Secy of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 1/30/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 268 Christian Church Rd., Ste 1, Johnson City, TN 37615, principal office of LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with TN Secy. of State, Corps., Sec., James K. Polk BLDG., Ste 1800, Nashville, TN 37233. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 11, 2002)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wei-come Home LLC. Authority filed

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, new service at 11 a.m. in addition to 9:30 a.m. 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976. Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710. King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955. Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510. Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766. Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314. South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953. St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265. St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951. Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Contact churches for any special Advent observances. Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086. Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916. Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021. Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548. Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390. Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133. New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454. St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805. Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001. United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

## Mon. 12/16

### BETHLEHEM

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

#### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donors must be over 17, 110 lbs. and in good health. Appointments recommended. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 2 - 7 p.m. Appointments, 439-9314.

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/17/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/22/02. 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. Principal office of LLC: 309 D Raleigh St., Wilmington, NC 28412. DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4 Dover, DE. 19901. Purpose: retail home accessories and gifts. (December 11, 2002)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

"Woolley LLC" was filed with the SSNY on 10/30/02. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall

#### 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.

#### HOLIDAY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Seasonal classics and pop favorites performed by the Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of David Beck. St. Thomas Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Free. 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. 12/17

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, 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.

#### DEER HIDE COLLECTIONS

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

#### PLANNING BOARD

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

#### BINGO

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

#### ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

mail, any process against the LLC served upon him: 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 11, 2002)

##### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VFM DEVELOPERS, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "VFM DEVELOPERS, LLC." SECOND: The county within the State in which the office of the limited company is located is Albany County. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 1, 2055. FOURTH: The Secretary of State

#### V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. (6 p.m. workshop meeting). Information, 765-2692.

#### VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

## Wed. 12/18

### BETHLEHEM

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

For children grades K-5, make a Candy House; bring a tub of white frosting and an assortment of small candies; other materials provided. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

#### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

#### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

## Thurs. 12/19

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

#### AA MEETINGS

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it 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 limited liability company served upon him or her is: VFM Developers, LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. 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 one or more of its members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 28th day of October, 2002 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. Victor Gush, Organizer (December 11, 2002)



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**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF FORMATION**

**OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: 1705 CROSBY AVE. LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/22/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2102. 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, 12 Columbus Circle, Eastchester, New York 10709. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 11, 2002)

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED****LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**

**FOUR BROTHERS, LLC**  
Dated: November 27, 2002  
Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited liability company ("Company") for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York, your attention is directed to the following facts:

1. The name of the Company is Four Brothers, LLC
2. The articles of organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State on November 21, 2002.
3. The County in which the office of the Company shall be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company to the following post office address: Four Brothers LLC, 6211 Johnston Road, Albany, New York 12203.
5. The character of the business of the Company is as follows: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of ACI Electronics, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/18/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/8/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a 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. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. Of Corps., P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903 Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ALAN CLOUGH PRODUCTION SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company. (LLC) Formation filed with SSNY on 11/13/2002. Office loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 170 West 23rd Street, Suite 4D, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (December 11, 2002)

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION****PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION**

The name of the professional service liability company is ANDERSON HOLDINGS, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was November 15, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly & Gable, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE****LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Chase Merchant Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/26/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/26/1997. 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: 6200 S. Quebec St. Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: credit card processor for merchants. (December 11, 2002)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Deborah Cullinan for Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50, Single Family Dwellings, Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-49, Total Building Area of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition which would exceed both the allowable Percent of Lot Occupancy and Total Building Area at premises 20 McMillen Place, Delmar, New York 12054.

Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(December 11, 2002)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**

Elite Landscaping & Property Maintenance, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 24, 2002. 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 Elite Landscaping & Property Maintenance, LLC, 264 Waldermaier Rd., Feura Bush, NY 12067. 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 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Estherwood LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/19/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/13/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co. (CSC) 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400 Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Ste. 4 Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 11, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is GRECO CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 15, 2002. 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 801 Smith Blvd., Port of Albany, Albany, New York 12202. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ISRAEL REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/

**LEGAL NOTICE**

25/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2102. 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, 42-12 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, New York 11104. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 11, 2002)

**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF L.A. FITNESS INTERNATIONAL, LLC.**

Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 9/29/1997. 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. CA address of LLC: 8105 Irvine Center Dr. Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St. Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: own and operate sports fitness clubs. (December 11, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is MP ADVISORY SERVICE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 8, 2002. 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 15 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (December 11, 2002)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a (2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 8th day of January, 2003 at 8:00 am., local time, at the Town Hall Auditorium located at 445 Delaware Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem, New York in connection with the following matters: New Scotland Road, LLC (the "Company") has requested that the Agency consider financing the cost of a project (the "Project") consisting of (A) (1) the acquisition of approximately 13 acres of land (the "Land") and an 80,000 square foot building to be used as commercial, medical and administrative office space (the "Facility") thereon located at 1251 New Scotland Road, town of Bethlehem in Albany County, New York; (2) the reconstruction and renovation (including site work thereof) of the Facility; and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery and equipment related thereto (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the financing of all of the costs of the foregoing by the issuance of revenue bonds of the Agency in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$7,000,000 (the "Bonds"); (C) the granting of certain other "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854 (14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, sales tax and mortgage recording taxes (collectively with the Bonds, the "Financial Assistance"); and (D) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other persons as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency. The Agency is considering whether (A), to undertake the Project (B) to finance the Project by issuing from time revenue bonds of the Agency (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$7,000,000. If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, (A) the Project Facility will be subject to a financing agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make payments equal to debt ser-

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vice on the Bonds issued by the Agency and make certain other payments and (B) the Bonds of the Agency will be special obligations of the Agency payable solely out of the proceeds of the Agreement and certain other assets of the Agency associated with the Project pledged to the repayment of the Bonds. THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW YORK AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON.

A copy of the application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. The Agency will at said time and place provide all interested persons reasonable opportunity both orally and in writing to present their views with respect to the Project.

Dated: November 29, 2002  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Michael Tucker,  
Chairman  
(December 11, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is NXIUM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 25, 2002. 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 445 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. (December 11, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: OLD WORLD COFFEE CO., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/02/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Post Office Box 274, Glenmont, New York 12007. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Phoenix TelNet, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/21/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/16/02. 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: 526 Superior Ave., Ste 540, Cleveland, OH 44114. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 11, 2002)

**CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF ROTTERDAM ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, L.P.****UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT**

1. The name of the limited partnership is "ROTTERDAM ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, L.P." 2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York 3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. 4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is: Shopping Center Development Co. III, LLC 596 New Loudon Road Latham,

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New York 12110 5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is November 4, 2102. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 4th day of November, 2002 and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT, CO. III, LLC  
BY: KENNETH B. SEGAL  
Trustee Member  
(December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SENNETT REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/06/02. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 141 Freemans Bridge Road, Scotia, New York 12302. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 11, 2002)

**SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. LL, LLC,**

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 1, 2002. 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 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (December 11, 2002)

**SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. LLL, LLC,**

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 4, 2002. 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 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York, 12110 (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Sixtus Pictures, LLC, has filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/16/02. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as the agent upon whom process against it may be served. A copy of the process shall be mailed to: 80 University St., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SRK ENTERPRISES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of SRK ENTERPRISES, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 6, 2002. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to SRK Enterprises, LLC, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Law Office of Kara Conway Love  
450 New Karner Road, Suite 203  
Albany, New York 12205-3898  
(December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Stock Transportation LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/30/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/2/02.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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. TX address of LLC: 9011 Mountain Ridge Drive, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78759. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Rm 105, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: school bus transportation services. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: T WILSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 3054 New Williamsburg Drive, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 11, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is THE CROSSING, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 30, 2002. 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 116 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Thor Treatment Technologies, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/6/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/02. 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: 720 Park Blvd., Boise, ID 83712. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION of TW Flyers, LLC, a Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State and effective on November 4, 2002. The name of the Limited Liability Company is TW Flyers, LLC. The Principal office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purpose of the company is to do all things to the extent permitted by New York State and federal law. Management of the Limited Liability Company shall be vested only in a manager or managers and shall not be vested, either express or implied, in any member or members of the Limited Liability Company. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this State to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 73 Henderson Road, Glenmont, New York 12077, Attention: Manager. (December 11, 2002)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of VECO LEASING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/5/01. 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: Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, 80 Exchange Street, 700 Security Mutual Bldg., P.O. Box 5250, Binghamton, NY 13901-5250, Attn: John G. Dowd, Esq. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 11, 2002)

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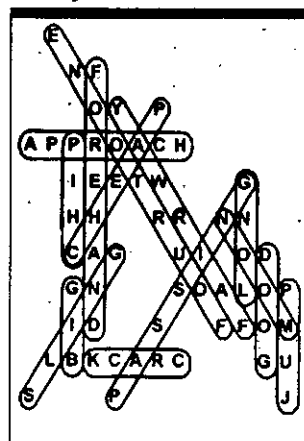
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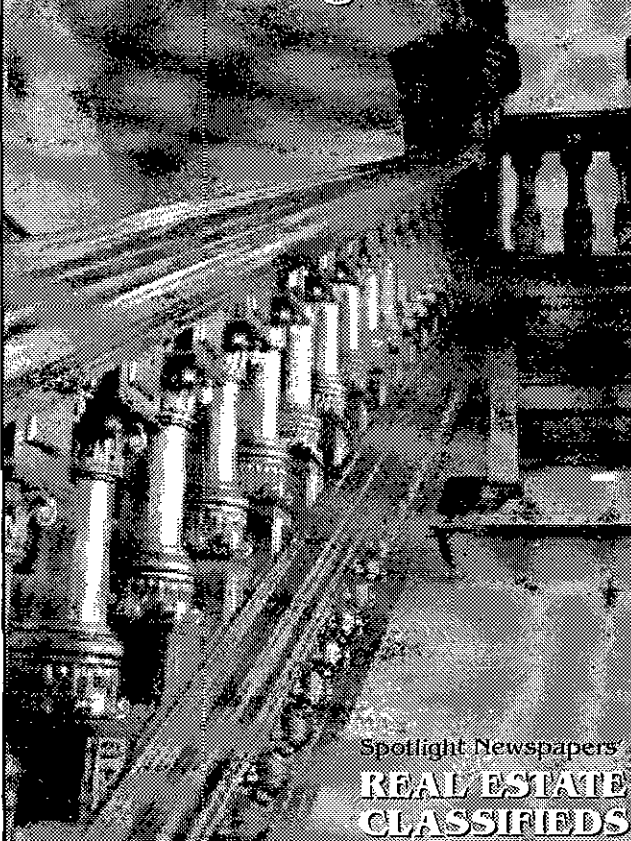


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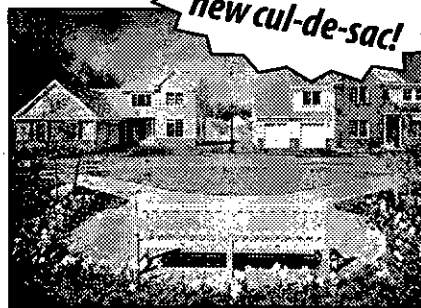


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# Stewart's

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before both boards, says Stewart's hopes to get under way with construction quickly, pending permits and good weather.

The hearing occupied nearly two hours of a busy agenda on Tuesday, Dec. 3, as several town residents, stressing that they were not opposed to the project conceptually, challenged whether its scale and design were in keeping with the rural character of the commercial district near the intersection of Route 85A.

"I don't think there's any reason the town of New Scotland shouldn't have as a consideration being a beautiful community," said resident Edie Abrams, who has called for some sort of master planning for the entire Route 85 commercial strip.

Added Ken Carlson, "This has

impacts that go way beyond the site. This is the gateway to New Scotland. Because it's so visible, it's going to kind of set the tone for the rest of development in the hamlet."

Bulmer addressed some of those concerns at the outset of the hearing, a continuation from the November meeting of the planning body.

He cited figures that showed only 18 traffic accidents in the nearby stretch of Route 85 over a three-year period — most of those at the 85-85A intersection. Only one accident, he said, involved a vehicle turning in to a business.

He also presented a modified building design, not the typical Stewart's profile but a brown-brick structure with a hipped roof and dormers. "I think it's a much more aesthetically-pleasing design that hopefully will appease

the board and the public," Bulmer said.

Others weren't so sure. "To me, when I look at this, I think it says Central Avenue," said Carlson. "Once you start drifting off toward strip-commercial type development, you're heading in the wrong direction. It sends the wrong message."

Critics also questioned the size of the gas operation, four pumps and eight fueling-access points along 120 feet of canopy in front of the store. "If I wanted to live near a gas station, we would have moved to Guilderland," said Kristen Kranz.

But Bulmer argued that fuel is an impulse purchase for most Stewart's customers. "I can't stress enough the impact of having those pumps in that location," he said.

Resident Daniel McKay called for reducing the number of fueling points: "Eight cars fueling at any one time is really quite a significant number of cars," he said. Others argued for situating at least some of the pumps

alongside or behind the building, but ultimately, the board did not require that.

Others sought some provision for future sidewalks. "If you look down the road 10 or 15 years from now, I think we'll need sidewalks," said Adams. "Even if we don't put them in right now, I think we need to plan for them."

The board agreed on language to require participation by Stewart's, up to and including an easement for the town, should sidewalks eventually be added.

Jim Olsen, proprietor of Olsen's Nursery, bordering Stewart's lot, expressed concerns about drainage that might have an impact on his property.

Board chairman Bob Stapf offered assurances that the town building department would review the drainage plan carefully.

"The only thing I can guarantee around here is death and taxes," he said. "I can't guarantee that nothing will happen. But we have met all the design standards here."

The project was not without its vocal supporters. "We're a long way off from Central Avenue," said Kevin Kroencke — and he argued that too many conditions could drive away economic development. "When we put too many constraints on a business, you get to the point where they say, forget it," he said.

Moreover, supporters said the new design compared favorably to other nearby businesses, like Stonewell Plaza. McKay conceded the point. "I think we are holding Stewart's to a higher standard," he said. "But we are asking that Stewart's be a reference point, not only to new businesses but to businesses that are already there."

After more than two hours' discussion, the board approved a negative SEQR declaration — a finding that the project did not warrant a full, and lengthy, environmental impact review — and approved the site plan, with conditions on lighting, materials and other elements of the plan. It now awaits review by the Albany County Planning Commission and other necessary state and local permit review.

Bulmer said he was satisfied with the outcome.

"In seven weeks, we can have it up and running from when we turn the shovel," he said. "We won't waste any time. As soon as we get our approvals, we'll get under way."

Critic Joel Birkman expressed disappointment that the board "didn't do its job" of insisting on more exacting planning standards. He pointed to planning efforts in Delmar's Four Corners: "There's been a recognition there that it has historic significance and character," he said. "The problem with the Route 85 corridor is, there's no legitimate or significant point of reference for what we want the corridor to look like, what we're going to build off of. We're not going to get that from Stewart's either."

But Abrams said, "I feel the community process improved the ultimate project. I hope we'll continue to have this kind of discussion over future development."

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