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Moziah Julien of Schenectady doesn't seem quite sure who the man in the red suit is at a visit to Indian Ladder Farms last Sunday. Jim Franco

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By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

For the second time in less than years, two а

principal in the **Bethlehem** Central School District is leaving to join the ranks of public school district superintendents elsewhere.

In a meeting Thursday, Dec. 12, the board of the Brunswick-Brittonkill Central School District in **Rensselaer** County approved the appointment of

Glenmont Elementary School principal Teresa Snyder as its next superintendent, effective Jan. 27.

Snyder, selected from more than

two dozen candidates in a process that began in September, replaces John Gratto, who left last July to accept the

superintendency of Saratoga County's Ballston Spa Central School District.

"Brunswick-Brittonkill was interested in Teresa Snyder for the same reasons we have seen to be her an outstanding leader here." Bethlehem Superintendent Les Loomis said. "Teresa Snyder is first and foremost an instructional leader. I've seen Teresa work,

both as a superintendent and as a parent, because my own children went through Glenmont School.

Les Loomis

"I think she is an excellent leader and educator. Teresa knows children, teachers and learning as well as anyone I've met in my career. She cares deeply about each child and the way they learn in school. I know she made a lasting difference in my children, and from hearing the comments of others, in all of our children.'

Loomis said he hopes to have an interim principal in place, and a search for a

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Spotlight executives earn promotions

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Two top employees of Eagle Media Partners LP, the parent company of Spotlight LLC, have been promoted within the state's largest newspaper group of its kind.

Richard Keene is now executive vice president, and John McIntyre is vice president of Eagle Media Partners.

Keene, 38, of DeWitt, Onondaga County, worked with Eagle publisher Stewart Hancock to combine Manlius Publishing in Fayetteville and Brown News Group in Baldwinsville into Eagle Media Partners.

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"I got a call from Stew Hancock in 1989, when I was marketing director at Park Newspapers, asking if I wanted to be part of a new corporation being formed," Keene recalled. "I had worked at daily newspapers my whole career, and I liked the appeal of getting in on the ground floor of a smaller business.' Keene started working at Manlius, developing that plan that would launch Eagle Media in 1992. "We took a 10newspaper group and turned it into one that has 40 publications, with an estimated readership of over 300,000," Keene said of Eagle's growth in the last 10 years. Eagle is comprised of Eagle Newspapers, based in Syracuse; Spotlight LLC, with eight weekly publications and two monthly papers in the Capital District; and the Southern Tier News Group in Binghamton. Most of the publications are weekly community newspapers and monthly publications aimed at specific demographics, like parents and senior citizens.

Eagle also publishes three quarterly

publications that

cover statewide issues - Empire Business, Empire Education, and Empire Fun. Keene's goals in his new position remain as they always were. "We want to grow the company where we see opportunities to expand," he said. "We plan to start and expand publications with an eye to the strategic needs of both the company and the communities we serve. We're trying to develop the largest and best newspaper group in the state." Keene grew up in Sherrill, Oneida County, and graduated from Central Piedmont College in Charlotte, N.C., with a degree in business administration in 1985. Charlotte was booming in the mid '80s, but Keene had his mother mail him the Sunday paper each week, and his first job out of college was as district sales manager at Syracuse Newspapers. From there, he went to Gannett, then Park before joining Eagle. "I had no idea what I was getting into," Keene laughed, recalling his first job. He knows why he's remained in the business, though. "I've stayed with newspapers because they offer a new challenge and new dynamics almost every day." he said. "I deal with the trials and tribulations of small business, ours and our advertisers,

McIntyre

newspapers. My job is to juggle all that." Keene has two children, 13year-old Georgia and 11-year-old William.

McIntyre joined Spotlight Newspapers in July 1998, when Eagle hired him as general manager after taking ownership of the company.

"We started with three newspapers and a circulation of about 15,000," McIntyre said. "We now have eight weeklies and two monthly publications, with a combined circulation of about 40,000. Our ad sales have increased in spite of some tough years, and we've taken some papers that were failing and turned them into Spotlight-quality papers.'

McIntyre, 35, started in the newspaper business when he was 15, as the high school correspondent for

and help make sure we put out quality



The Lawrence Eagle Tribune, close to his home town of Andover, Mass., covering topics that ranged from the dangers of drinking and driving to high school sports.

McIntyre graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's in English and communications from North Adams State College. While in college, he worked with some of the first desktop publishing systems and helped the school's newspaper purchase its first computers. In 1991, McIntyre received a master's from Newhouse School of Communications.

He and his wife Julie, an associate professor of psychology at The Sage Colleges, live in Malta and have two sons, John W., 7, and Joseph, 3.

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At this time of year, snowflakes, usually fall and stick to the ground. At Hamagrael Elementary School this December, it was just the opposite, as paper snowflakes bearing the names of children in need flew off a snowman set up in the lobby.

New toys and clothes replaced . those snowflakes, and this Monday, members of the Hamagrael community delivered them to their destinations. This was the first of three community projects that the new PTA board wants to get kids involved in this school year. We really wanted the kids to be a big part of this," PTA president.

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Delmar native determined to find CF cure

By MELISSA DeSTEFANO

Most people would agree that just the idea of peddling 4,500 miles on a bicycle is enough to make their legs ache. They would probably also concur that the mere thought of cycling from Virginia to Oregon leaves them breathless.

It is safe to say that a majority of people would view a crosscountry bicycling trip as taxing, to say the least. Why then would an individual embark on such a challenging journey? Is it a desire for adventure? Could it be a test of athleticism? What would propel someone to travel for three months on a bicycle? For 27-yearold Jamie Fraser, it was the need for a cure.

At 3-years old, Fraser, a Delmar native, was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis (CF), a genetic disease that causes threatening mucus production within the lungs and pancreas. For years, he experienced common symptoms of the illness such as persistent coughing, wheezing and poor weight gain. He under went regular treatment at the Albany Cystic Fibrosis Clinic and engaged in physical therapy. Quite unexpectedly, the passing years brought with them a steady improvement in his health. He excelled in both academics and athletics and made his way to Bucknell University as an undergraduate student and Division I wrestler. At Bucknell, Jamie had the



Jamie Fraser on one leg of his Tour for the Cure.

with a young man named Burke. blessed with this good fortune." Burke, who also had Cystic infection. Throughout their twoyear friendship, the two would often question why CF had affected them so differently.

just a matter of luck," writes Fraser in a personal account of their friendship, "and, for some unknown reason, I had exceptionally good luck."

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Soon after Jamie received his -Fibrosis, was dying from a lung engineering degree from Bucknell, Burke passed away. Fraser decided he had to take action.

"The day I learned of his "Together we decided it was death," he said, "I went out for a run. I figured out how to use my gifts for the benefit of other CF patients like my friend Burke."

Fraser dedicated himself to participated in a number of

the University of Texas in Austin to study for his master's, Fraser helped coordinate perhaps the largest fund-raiser of them all - the Tour for the Cure.

On the tour, Fraser cycled 4,500 miles across the US in Burke's name. Raising over \$38,000 for CF research, Jamie's journey, which ended in August 2002, was hailed a success. Not only did he surpass the monetary goal he originally set for the tour, but, according to Dawn McGuinness of the Cystic

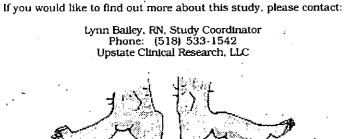
Fibrosis Foundation, he "raised national awareness about CF."

To Fraser's mother, Nancy, this came as no surprise.

"He's a vibrant person," she said. "There is nothing he can't do!'

Jamie's journey is one that many people couldn't even comprehend taking. His determination and stamina on such a rigorous tour are admirable.

However, to the 30,000 people raising money for research that in the United States who suffer Burke believed that Jamie would one day find a cure. He from Cystic Fibrosis, Fraser is more than just admirable. He is a athletic fundraisers in Burke's champion, their champion, who is



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Volunteers help outfit an apartment for a family.

Delmar woman helps furnish homes

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

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Gift-giving is a firm tradition as part of the holiday season's festivities, but some people give all year long, year after year, of themselves and in ways that make a real difference in people's lives.

Delmar resident Karen Pass is one of those people. She has organized a donated furniture program to assist families in neec, a commitment to help others that is a constant effort. Originally, the effort was part of the refugee resettlement program involving many local churches, including her own, Delmar United Methodist Church.

Since its inception, though, the program has expanded beyond the local community. "In the last month and a half, Karen Pass has assisted 14 families in the Albany inner city with gifts of used furniture," said the Rev. John Miller, pastor of the Evangelical Protestant United Church of Christ on Clinton Avenue in Albany and director of the Capital Area Council of Churches.

"These include families moving from the street, batterec women or women in treatment trying to make it on their own,* said Pass.

Working with volunteer help and equipment, Pass picks up good quality furniture from

stores it and arranges for delivery when a call for aid reaches her. Upon receiving a call, she'll determine what the people need. Often, it is a complete household. "People moving from the street have nothing," said Pass, "not even basic hand tools like a hammer or a screwdriver to put up curtains.'

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Pass outlined one situation. Working with the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, we have set up a move," she said. "We provide the goods, and they provide the strong backs. The furniture and household goods (a houseful) are mostly at First United Methodist Church of Delmar, and I'll organize it all — box the linens and dishes, and get the furniture ready for an easy pick up.

"This family is a fragile case," Pass said. "Mom is in recovery and has seven children, five of whom will be with her. Dad is in prison. They were bought to the attention of the Unitarian Church through a prison ministry. The nom seems to want a Letter life. I called to talk about furniture, and her sister said she was at the new apartment hanging curtains. That's a good sign! We started working with the Unitartian Church when they came on board with refugee resettlement."

made himself available as a mover as often as possible since then, bless him," said Pass.

"Many of our clients live in constant fear," Pass said. "We delivered a drver to a woman in Delmar who was not eligible for social services. She was temporarily out of work, having been beaten by her husband who was now in jail.

She was disfigured with a broken front tooth, and appearance is important in her work as a hostess.

Pass said the furniture operation has an

informal structure, with pick-up and delivery schedules, along with the contents of the delivery, handwritten on a stack of pages.

Pass said one current need is decent storage, since donated furniture is stored in the church basement or in church members' homes. Pass daydreams about a storage facility with an equipped workshop to repair donated items and a part-time employee.

The Rev. Art Hagy, district superintendent in the local conference of Methodist churches, was Pass' pastor.

Town board ties up year-end loose ends

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Snow Dec. 11 postponed the Bethlehem town board's meeting. but did not cancel it outright. The board met instead on Monday, Dec. 16, to tie up a few loose ends — and roll out several issues likely to occupy the board throughout the new year.

Among the latter: rezoning requests on behalf of the Beverwyck Retirement Community in North Bethlehem and two large parallel projects in Glenmont by developer Victor Gush; and a periodic assessment review of town property set in motion in 2003.

The board also OK'd a series of end-of-year budget transfers most notably, \$200,000 not expended by the town police department for personnel costs that will be transferred to the town's reserves — as comptroller Judith Kehoe projected ending the year with a surplus.

But first, the town board approved, by a 4-1 vote, a local law restricting car-carrier traffic passing through Cherry and Elm avenues between Kenwood Avenue and the Delmar bypass: After months of heated debate and an October public hearing, the vote on the law and a related negative SEQR declaration passed without discussion. Supervisor Sheila Fuller cast the lone dissenting vote, reiterating after the meeting her belief that the restrictions would contribute to a commerce-hostile image for the town. "It's the wrong thing to do if we want business," she said.

The vote may be rendered moot if the state Department of Transportation grants the September petition of Callanan Industries to designate the road a principal truck route; the 90-day period of review of that request is due to end on Dec. 24.

The board referred to the planning board a request from The Eddy, operators of the Beverwyck community, to rezone of two parcels adjacent to the Beverwyck Planned Residential District. Eddy Vice President and **Beverwyck Executive Director** Douglas Miller said plans to expand the senior complex, doubling the size of The Terrace at Beverwyck, the senior assistive living facility opened in 1999, and adding 14 new cottage units in seven duplex buildings.

The board also discussed and then tabled Gush's rezoning "While all of these things request for a 91-acre parcel on River Road just south of Glenmont Road, currently zoned Heavy Industrial, on which he proposes a 425-unit Planned Residential District of single family homes, condos, town homes and apartments called Beacon Heights. Brett Steenburgh of Ingalls-Smart Associates, representing Gush, said, "We feel that creating a Planned Residential District at a higher density than a residential subdivision would help create a buffer between the (nearby) Heavy Industrial District and the residential districts (along Glenmont Road)."

"Everywhere you go in town, people want to stop the residential growth." said board member Dan Plummer. The board also briefly discussed Gush's other project, the estimated \$800 million to \$1 billion complex of recreational amenities and more than 1 million square feet of office space called The Harbour at Beacon Pointe. Town planner Jeff Lipnicky told the board the two projects ought to be viewed together with respect to environmental impact. and Plummer urged that the developer consider moving on the commercial project first. For his part, Gush said that the two are independent — and that the residential project "will have very little impact on the Bethlehem School District.

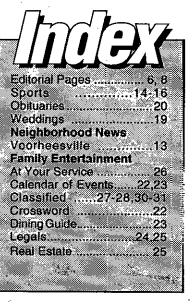
"We had to get some direction from the board on all of this,' Gush said later, saying he was satisfied with the board's input. The board approved town assessor David Leafer's plan to launch a once-every-six-years assessment review next spring, the second since the town went to full valuation in 1993. He projected that property values overall would likely rise on the basis of climbing sale prices, thereby raising the overall assessment base of the town while lowering tax rates.

The board also revisited an old issue — over the town dog park on Delmar Bypass Extension ---in reviewing parks administrator Nan Lanahan's plans to change the park's closing time from dusk to 7 p.m. to accommodate users. Lanahan proposed adding lighting to make the change feasible during the winter months. But several residents of nearby Park Edge Lane, who opposed the park's creation two years ago, spoke against the plan. Art Scheuerman complained of "abysmal" regulation of the existing facility.

"The regulations we adopted that we thought were going to be a part of this thing have been cast aside," he said. "Dog owners pretty much do whatever they want." He objected that Park Edge residents have not been consulted about other changes: "We were supposed to just have a dog run," he said. "We now have picnic tables, we have water facilities, we have port-a-potties. Next, we'll have lights. You might as well put in a concession stand."

Fuller and Lanahan both said they were unaware of any complaints about the park's administration to date. "I think we need to be realistic," Fuller said. "If this was the problem we're being told this evening, we'd have heard about it."

households no longer needing it,



Helping to load the furniture that day was the custod an of the Delmar church, Zdravko Knezevic, a Bosnian refugee.

We provided furniture and financial support when his family moved here a year ago, and he's present limitations, Karen has the ability to get things done, and her work will never be limited by obstacles.

"She has a great organizational ability to recruit and involve people, draw them together and infuse them with her energy and Christian spirit," Hagy said.

Miller, who has ministered in Albany for 17 years, said that Pass refugee program has helped at least 50 refugee families. "This is the best program I have been aware of since I've been in Albany," he said.

> Fuller expressed concern about the tax impact of such a large residential addition to the school district.

The board ultimately approved the new hours by a 3-2 vote. Board members Tom Marcelle and George Lenhardt, though supportive of the park, opposed the resolution.

But Plummer, who opposed the park's creation years ago, voted in favor of the new hours, telling opponents, "It's there. It's not going to go away. I think the request that's being made tonight is a reasonable one."

The board will next meet Jan. 8 for its annual organizational meeting and resumption of its regular bi-weekly schedule.

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omewhere over the rainbow, one simple clue

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

In the early days of December, there was still time for lunch with a friend, who innocently asked what I wanted for Christmas. My own mother's answer to that question when we, her children, asked it each Christmas and Day, Mother's sprang automatically to mind. "All I really want," my mother would say, "is the love of my family." Really, it should be enough. I am fortunate to feel that I have that love, and am bold enough to ask for more.

My wishes still don't stray far into the materialistic realm (although a bauble or two wouldn't go unappreciated), but into the metaphysical. In the early part of the month, it was easy to be dismissive of Christmas stress.



Now, as the zero hour rapidly approaches, I alternate between clenching my teeth, reviewing mental lists of what still needs to be acquired, snapping at my children and muttering under my breath when I trip over plastic bags of gifts yet to be wrapped and mailed.

I won't say the word "stress," but I will wonder once again where in the job description of oldest female in the family it says that I am fully and totally responsible for providing Christmas. The something I'd really like

wish one simple thing for all of them: a clue. A clue about how utter a sound. Christmas really happens.

believing in a man in a red suit, to how all those presents will magically be there on Christmas morning. I wish them a clue about the running of the house that, like Christmas presents, clean laundry doesn't just appear in dresser drawers (or lurk, ready, in the dryer) every morning; that the refrigerator doesn't stock itself, and dinner doesn't magically appear like a Hogwarts feast each night. Lunches don't float into school backpacks every day, and the endless supply of pencils, markers, crayons and that elusive item, Scotch tape, isn't conjured up at exactly the moment the map project must be completed.

I wish for my children a clue and my husband a memory, that I am capable of speech beyond the endless, repetitious narration of our lives. It makes me boring, and bores and exhausts all of us. So for Christmas, I wish for a few days in the year when teeth get brushed, hair gets combed, food gets chewed in closed mouths.

for Christmas isn't for me-it's for trash gets brought in from the car, participant was asked to picture entirely – without my having to

I'd like them to get a clue that Sadly, there's no more I'm not a paid waitress, telephone operator, short-order cook, but there's not much thought as laundress or computer repair person. I'd like them to see a person in here - someone who'd laugh more, read more, sleep more, play more, exercise more, be more content, and yell less, if only somebody else would just pick up the fork that fell behind the table, hang their coats up in the closet, leave their wet boots on the mat inside the kitchen door, practice their instrument without being nagged and return the action figure who's been sitting on the back of the toilet for a week to his rightful place in the playroom.

> Of course, I wish for my own clue, too. Mostly, if these are my biggest problems, then I need to realize that I am a lucky, lucky woman indeed. In addition to getting that particular clue, that the rest of my family are people with their own wants, needs, frustrations, joys and gifts, I would like to see more rainbows this Christmas season --- and for the rest of the year.

Elsmere Elementary School Principal Dorothy Whitney taught me about rainbows. She attended a training session where each unhip.

the people who live with me. I and finger foods are redefined a perfect rainbow. Would they change a thing? Of course not. That, the trainer told them, was how children are — something beautiful to be appreciated just as they are.

> This Christmas, I'd like to look up from the chores around me and see the rainbows that are my family. My husband, who hauled out the boxes of Christmas decorations, wrestled the tree into its stand, did the bulk of the treetrimming, helped Cormac with his map of Cuba and Christopher find information about the digestive tract, is a huge gift in my life. He makes us all laugh every day, a treat too rare in modern life. He gave me the gift of my children, for which I can never thank him enough.

> Even if they don't pick their wet towels up off the bathroom floor, my children are still bright, gorgeous rainbows in the sky of my life. They are marvelously independent, content to play with their action figures or immerse themselves in whatever book they are currently reading. They are old enough that they can bathe and dress themselves and sometimes even make their own sandwiches but young enough that they still offer spontaneous hugs to Mom and Dad, who are just years away from being totally

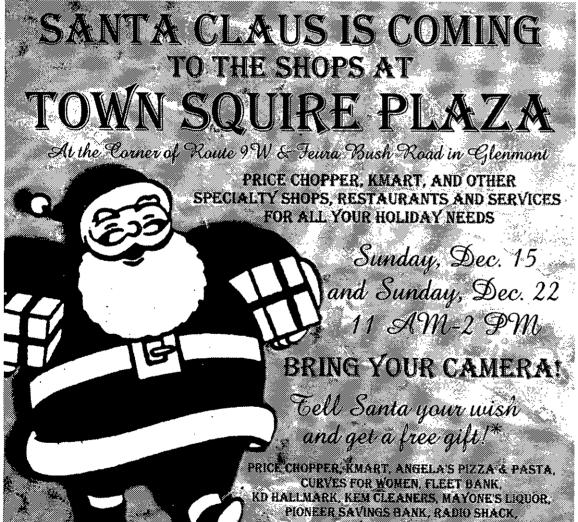
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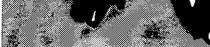
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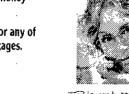
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I miss the days when they were fuzzy-headed or danced to the music in the supermarket, but as they get older, they are excellent from the Adam Sandler school of bodily functions, and their stories of school and friends make us laugh.

They have interesting opinions of world events and dinner table discussions are never dull. I fret that they could work harder in school, but I am blessed that they are good students who buckle to the EBSCO magazine down when they need to — with the proper prompting. It is a delight beyond measure to look into their faces and see a little bit of us, our parents and our siblings



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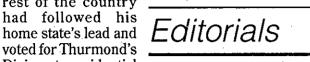
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Race still matters

It took a few days, but the recent comments of Mississippi Republican Sen. Trent Lott, the presumed majority leader once the Senate reconvenes in January, have stirred up quite the controversy.

By saying at Sen. Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party that we wouldn't have had "all these problems' over the years if the

rest of the country had followed his voted for Thurmond's Dixiecrat presidential



campaign in 1948, Lott sounded like he was endorsing racial segregation, since Thurmond was leading a group of southern Democrats opposed to civil rights.

While the debate goes on about whether Lott should keep his position based on this comment and others that race is still is still an issue in this country.

Granted, we have made great strides even since then-Gov. Thurmond raised the "states rights" banner 54 years ago. Blacks and whites can now eat at the same restaurants, use the same restrooms, attend the same schools and swim in the same swimming pools.

When Al Sharpton and his followers protest they did at the Albany trial of the four New York City police officers charged with murdering Amadou Diallo - they may be greeted with derision by some, but not nightsticks and snarling police dogs.

Thanks in part to American pressure, the apartheid governments of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and South Africa have been relegated to the dustbin of history.

But we haven't come as far as we need to. Whether Lott's comments were a public statement of his latent racism or a poor choice of words while overexuberantly honoring an old man, as he says, there are a lot of people who would say the same thing, and mean it.

Many Southerners (and perhaps a few Northerners, too) don't understand why anyone would be offended by a Confederate battle flag flying over statehouses, even though it is an obvious tribute to a way of life that included holding blacks as slaves. It was even an issue in this year's Georgia governor's race.

Decades after affirmative action laws were passed with the intention of helping blacks and other minorities gain more of a foothold in education and employment, we are still not sure what affirmative action should entail, and the Supreme Court will be weighing in with its opinion during this session.

A recent newspaper letter to the editor theorized that one of the causes of suburban sprawl is fear of blacks who live in Albany. It's called "white flight," and it's nothing new.

The sad thing is that race will continue to be an issue, probably for generations to come. Too many decades of socialization will have to change otherwise.

Municipal law causes confusion

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The writer is assistant editor for Spotlight Newspapers.

When is a referendum not a referendum?

When it's a permissive referendum, of course.

If this seems paradoxical, vou're not alone. The editors of the American Heritage Collegiate *Dic-tionary* think, as you do, that "referendum" means "the

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sure or actual statute to a direct popular vote." Surely, attaching that modifier "permissive" merely amplifies that concept.

A colleague. no dummy he. someone

who's been covering local government for awhile, and owner of at least one dictionary thought the same, until I set him straight.

affairs.

A permissive referendum is something not put to a direct popular vote. It's a legal step reminiscent of the slang expression voting with your feet.

Certain public expenditures not already allocated in a municipal budget, through bonding, resolution or tax levy, may be subject, by law, to a permissive referendum. Say a town wants to create a new taxing entity - as in Rotterdam's recent maybe Bethlehem's town highway department wants to pay for the purchase of a piece of equipment out of town reserve funds to replace one that has had the temerity to break down out of sync with the annual budget rocess

Enter the permissive referendum. The public body publishes a legal notice that announces its proposed action, thus "referring" the matter to public attention. If in a certain period of time a certain percentage of the public whose money is to be spent or from

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whom tax is to be extracted does not publicly object in writing, the 'referendum" stands approved.

If the public does "vote with its feet" to deny "permission," the governmental body can go back to the drawing board and seek to reverse the "referendum" by way of a popular vote. In other words, a permissive

referendum could, in fact, The oxymorons that crop turn into an actual referendum — but are not merely a source only after a of amusement. They can permissive referendum has be part of what distances become a dismissive one, semantically speaking. I dance on

> the head of this particular pin because it is just one fine example of the sometimes arcane jargon of municipal law that can prove so elusive to - well, even to a working journalist like my colleague. And if he doesn't get it - and he's paid to — why should you?

> Ordinary citizens often feel frustration at what they perceive as non-responsive government. A good deal of that frustration, I think, stems from procedural misunderstanding — of the role and limits of the authority of local government.

For instance, planning boards as a general rule don't plan, at creation of a sewer district. Or least in the sense many members of the public think. They do not, and cannot, draw up and enforce "master plans." A woman in New Scotland recently invested a great deal of time and effort arguing before that town's planning board that a convenience-store-and-gasstation project along a major public thoroughfare would violate the rural-hamlet character of its surroundings and urged the board to adopt standards to codify that concept.

> Problem is, she was barking up the wrong tree. For it's the town, board, not the planning board, that has the power to create a master plan. No, a planning board really isn't for planning, but for reviewing the plans of others. I have heard a member of Bethlehem's planning board go to great lengths to explain this paradox to puzzled citizens who

embodies in law a community's wishes about what manner of enterprise may locate where in the town, and how it fits in with its neighbors — setting standards for such things as height of buildings, property-line setbacks, density restrictions and signage.

A zoning code is not an instrument for denying a property owner's will to do whatever he or she wishes that is legal under the code's provisions. Once the developer complies with them, public bodies have no purview to say no and can be sued if they do for overstepping their bounds.

The function of a zoning code is misunderstood in the endless debate over adult-use businesses in many of our communities. As the federal courts have made clear, they must be permitted somewhere in a municipality so long as they remain legal, however repugnant they may be regarded by some of the public.

The best a local community can do is set reasonable standards for where they may not go restrictions on how close they may be to a public building, church or school, for instance. But they cannot say, as Clifton Park residents have repeatedly said to their town board, "We don't want them anywhere.'

Speaking of zoning, "zoning boards" don't. Properly called a zoning board of appeals, this body does just what that suggests, hearing petitions from property owners seeking clarification - or variance - from the code.

Another example: when is a negative declaration not negative, and a positive declaration not positive? When you're a property owner staring down the barrel of New York's State Environmental Quality Review law, or SEQR, wielded by a local government body. SEQR - pronounced so it sounds like some kind of laserguided missile — places in boards' hands the responsibility to determine if a given project is likely to have a significant impact on the environment.

Such a determination is called "positive declaration" — and it triggers a requirement that a full environmental impact statement be prepared, an often timeconsuming, comparatively expensive step exploring everything from air and water quality to whether there are any archaeologically significant resources present on the site in question.

A decision to let the developer off the hook from all of that is a "negative declaration" - and like a medical test for some communicable disease, a negative result is, for the developer, good news.

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have stepped forward on some project or another hoping the board will intervene in some way that is beyond the board's reach.

For their job is not to grant, deny or "plan" any project that meets existing zoning standards. Rather, the board member in question has whimsically advocated renaming this body a "site plan review and approval" board — because its primary function is to make sure that the property owner's plans conform with state and local code requirements.

By the way, most communities have a master plan and don't even know it - like Colonie, where residents opposed to retail sprawl recently called for adopting one.

They have one already. It's called a "zoning code." It

The oxymorons that crop up in municipal affairs are not merely a source of amusement. They can be part of what distances the public from public affairs.

Of course, some legalistic municipal-law jargon means exactly what it says. A "public hearing" is exactly that — a chance to hear from the public. Those who ask questions at public hearings are sometimes frustrated not to get any answers, but the government body is not required to give one. It is the public's time to be heard, and the board's time to hear, not talk.

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Political 'eyesores' should be removed

Editor, The Spotlight:

winner, a loser and now, an eyesore in our town.

The loser can chose to be a After the election, we have a good loser or the thing that parents, coaches and teachers have admonished us to avoid since kindergarten --- being a bad We will always have a winner, and they receive congratulations. loser.

Tracey Brooks ran for the state Assembly and lost, but she has heeded the lessons that make for a good loser. Ms. Brooks needs to do what I have to constantly tell my kids to do — pick up their things after they are finished.

A month after the election, we are still passing by her abandoned signs on the bypass.

Ms. Brooks may not have been selected to represent us in the Assembly, but she can still complete a public service to town residents. She can climb the hill to McGee Park and pick up her campaign signs. It is what a good loser would do.

> Ed Marcelle Delmar

Town boards deserve credit for WM action

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is some heartening news about the struggle to keep Waste Management from building a Dumpster facility in Bethlehem's rural corner near the Hudson River.

Residents have begun an "Article 78" proceeding to appeal a recent zoning board of appeal's ruling that would allow Waste Management to add an industrial activity to its original office building proposal.

Meanwhile, the town board has agreed to start the process that should lead, at last, to zoning in the affected area. That's very good news indeed, even though it won't stop the Houston garbage company completely.

the planning board's brave insistence on a detailed, probing Environmental Quality Review of Waste Management's vague longrange plans for what it says will be just a truck maintenance facility.

Bethlehem residents owe the town and planning boards thanks for what they have begun.

But the first line of defense, the Article 78 proceeding, that could yet halt the industrial segment of Waste Management's plans, is costing a lot. Anyone who shares our concerns can send a check made out to SAFER (noted for BREATH), Box 100, Selkirk 12158.

> Edward Jennings Selkirk



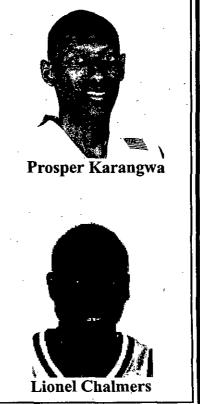


Karangwa's Saints Set To Battle Chalmers & #11 Xavier

Saints Look To Upset Chalmers' sophomore Brent Sniezyk and fresh-Return to Albany

On Monday, December 23, the

men Paul Williams and Micheal Haddix will look to contain Xavier's All-American center David West. While the Musketeers will visit Pepsi Arena as the favorite on December 23, the Saints will prepare to add Xavier to an impressive list of previous upsets that include Georgia Tech, Tulane, South Carolina, and UMASS. To see Prosper Karangwa and the Saints in action versus Lionel Chalmers and #11 Xavier, stop by the Pepsi Arena box office, log onto www.pepsiarena.com or call 518-487-2282.



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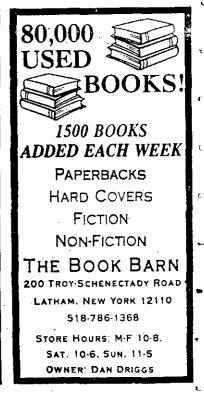
But that same professionalism extends to anyone I've known in a DiNapoli location, especially Mike and Dave Caluori.

So, during this holiday season, I say "Cheers" to DiNapoli and its commitment to Toys for Tots and other civic activity. Thanks most of all for sparing me from the "metoo mall opticians - buzz me when mediocrity is obtained!"

Marlene Rosenfield-Crawford

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2002 MAAC Champion Siena Saints will play host to the #11 ranked team in the nation. The game is set for 7:00 p.m. at Pepsi Arena, and will feature Albany High's Lionel Chalmers' return to the Capital Region.

The contest versus Xavier provides a number of interesting match ups and challenges on the court for Siena. The Saints leader, Prosper Karangwa, will look to continue his recent hot streak of games while likely matching up with Chalmers defensively. In addition, Siena's talented and young frontcourt trio of



Vacation programs should brighten up kids week off

scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 27, for kids in



grades five and up.

Make a "Snowman in a Snow-

should bring a white T-shirt or Russian folk tales on Monday, sweatshirt (prewashed if possible, Dec. 30. Hear and see stories with no fabric softener). The such as The Mitten, Baba Yaga library will provide the rest of the and Peter and the Wolf. materials needed.

Signup is necessary.

"School's out, Library's in" is storm" and go home with a great, Folktale Favorites." Sign up for a to an upcoming changeover to a time to the third Monday of each wearable craft. Participants video/art/story event about

> The program begins at 2 p.m. Just a note to those of you who A vacation program for ages 5 eagerly await the annual Food for

January, the Food for Fines January. program will be held in February reduction month and the system changeover will be available after the holidays.

untentment.

Happy

Holidays!

new circulation system in month at 7 p.m. beginning in

The library will be closed for this year. Details of both the fine the Christmas holiday on Dec. 24 and 25. Regular storytimes resume on Jan. 6.

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Four diverse programs included in calendar

The library is offering programs in January that are not advertised in the latest edition of the library newsletter, Footnotes. Arranged after press-time, they span the globe from New York to Ghana.

Cabaret

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

Musical Journey Through New York City" features a cabaret-style performance by Diane Geddes On Friday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m., "A and Quency René, a.k.a. Two

Broads With Alotta Sound.

The duo's comedy, songs and Capital District.

Slide show on Ghana

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m., Delmar native Shannon Cornelius will present "Ghana: the smiles and trials of a Peace Corps volunteer."

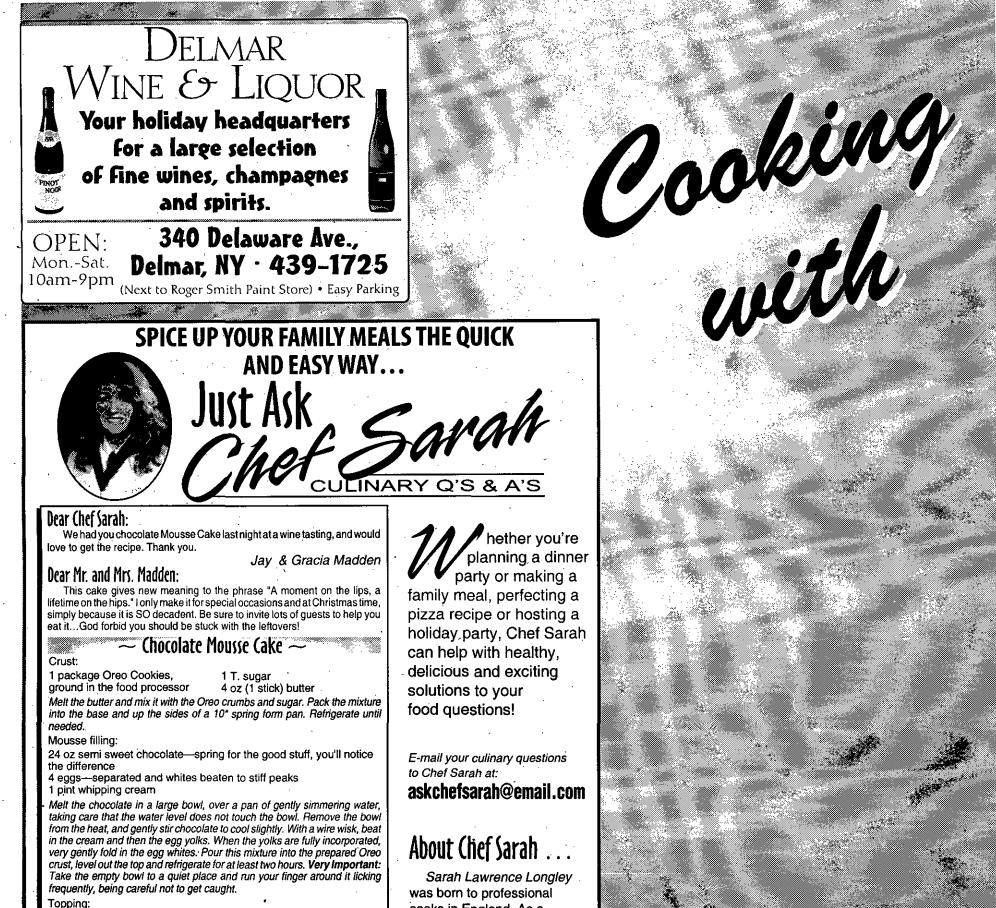
The focus of this slide show stories are well-known in the will be HIV/AIDS education in rural Ghana, a country Cornelius describes as "a lush environment with beautiful, hospitable people and enough yams to sink an aircraft carrier."

Cornelius has worked in

Ghana for the past 26 months.

Her activities have ranged from fund-raising to coordinating a support group for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Cornelius is the daughter of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce president Marty DeLaney. Louise Grieco



1 cup whipping cream 1t. vanilla 6T. powdered sugar Whip the cream to firm peaks. Fold in the vanilla and sugar and spread or pipe cooks in England. As a graduate from the Culinary institute of America, she owned a restaurant in the West Indies and has worked for large catering companies around the United States. Currently, she is the owner of Rent-A-Chef, a personalized Chef Service. Sarah lives in Delmar with her two daughters.

over the filling

Dear Chef Sarah:

I have childhood memories of Gingerbread around the holidays, but don't have a good recipe. Can you help?

Dear M.B:

Try this recipe. It's dense and moist, and fills the kitchen with that amazing aroma that will probably transport you back to your youth.

M.B., Albany

crystallized ginger

~ bingerbread ~

Grease and lightly flour a 9" X 9" X 2" pan. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees 1/2 t. salt

1/2 cup light molasses 1 egg 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour 1/2 cup honey 1T. orange zest 1 cup hot water 1 1/2 t. baking soda 1 cup chopped 1 t. cinnamon 1/2 cup butter 1 T. ground ginger 1/2 cup sugar

(optional) Combine honey, molasses and hot water. Stir well to combine and set aside to cool slightly.

Wisk the egg with the sugar. When pale in color, add the melted butter. Sift in the dry ingredients and stir in the orange zest.

Carefully, stir in the water, molasses and honey mixture, and fold in the crystallized ginger, if using.

Bake for 50 minutes, then check the center of the cake with a toothpick. If it's dry, your Gingerbread is done, if not, let it bake a further 10 minutes.



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Board OKs annual fire department contracts

By MICHELE B. FLYNN

Despite a snowstorm, the New held last Wednesday, though many issues were tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Attendance was light and the meeting was brief. The Highway report and left to plow the roads.

quickly accomplished, including York Municipal Insurance allows municipalities to offer reauthorization of several con-Scotland town board meeting was tracts with volunteer fire and ambulance squads.

The board approved annual contracts for fire department services from New Salem and Onesquethaw, and ambulance citizens and the disabled were Department hastily gave its services from the Voorheesville resolutions to increase the and Onesquethaw districts. Several resolutions passed,

But, all necessary business was including one approving the New exemption program. The state Some final good news was the (NYMIR), and another to continue Advanced Life Support incomes. Services (ALS) from Albany County.

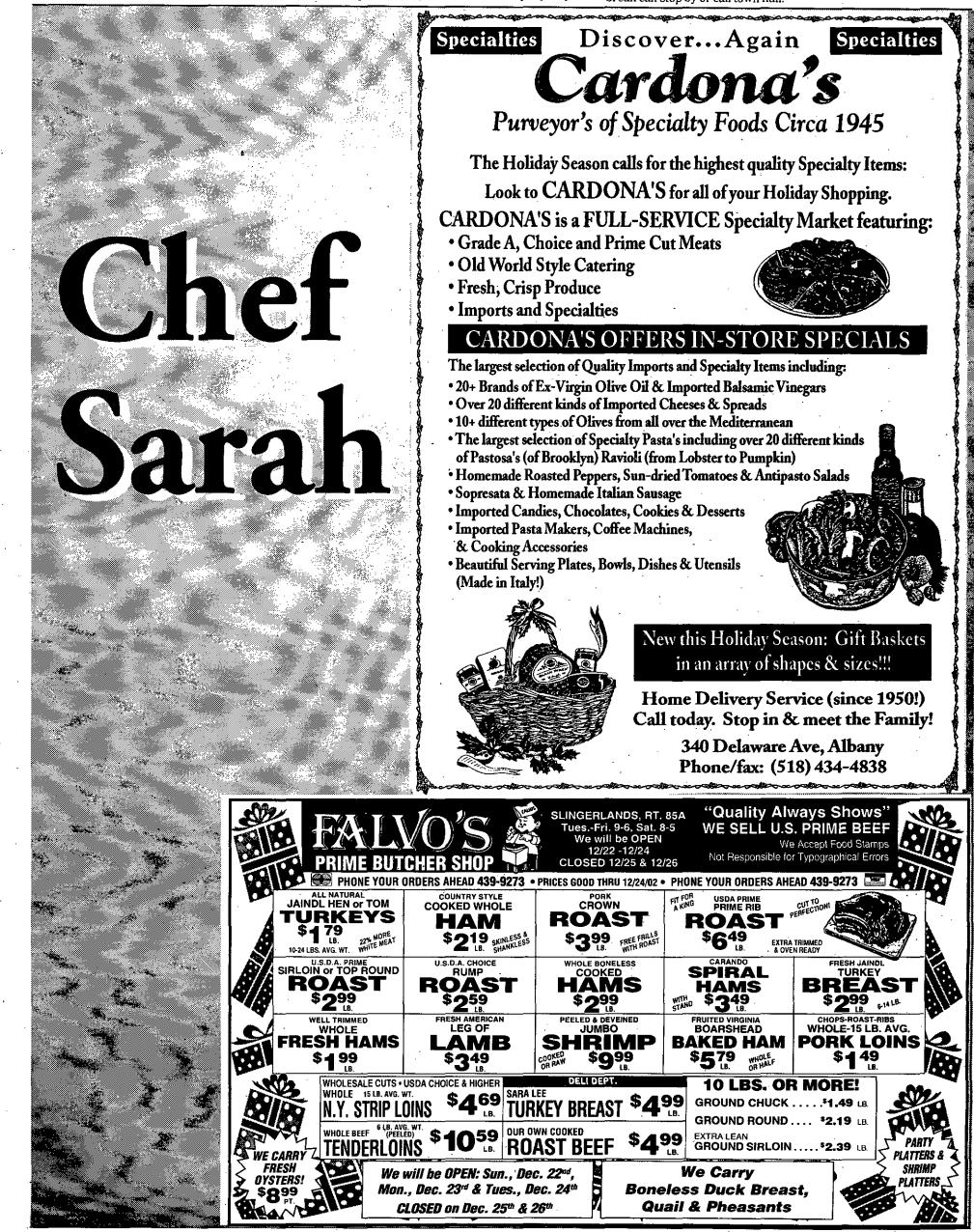
> income limit allowed for qualification in a property tax

Reciprocal Subscriber Agreement exemptions for senior citizens and disabled people on limited

The amount of income allowed changes from year to year, and Welcome news for senior participants must reapply annually.

> Qualified individuals who would like to check out the tax break can stop by or call town hall.

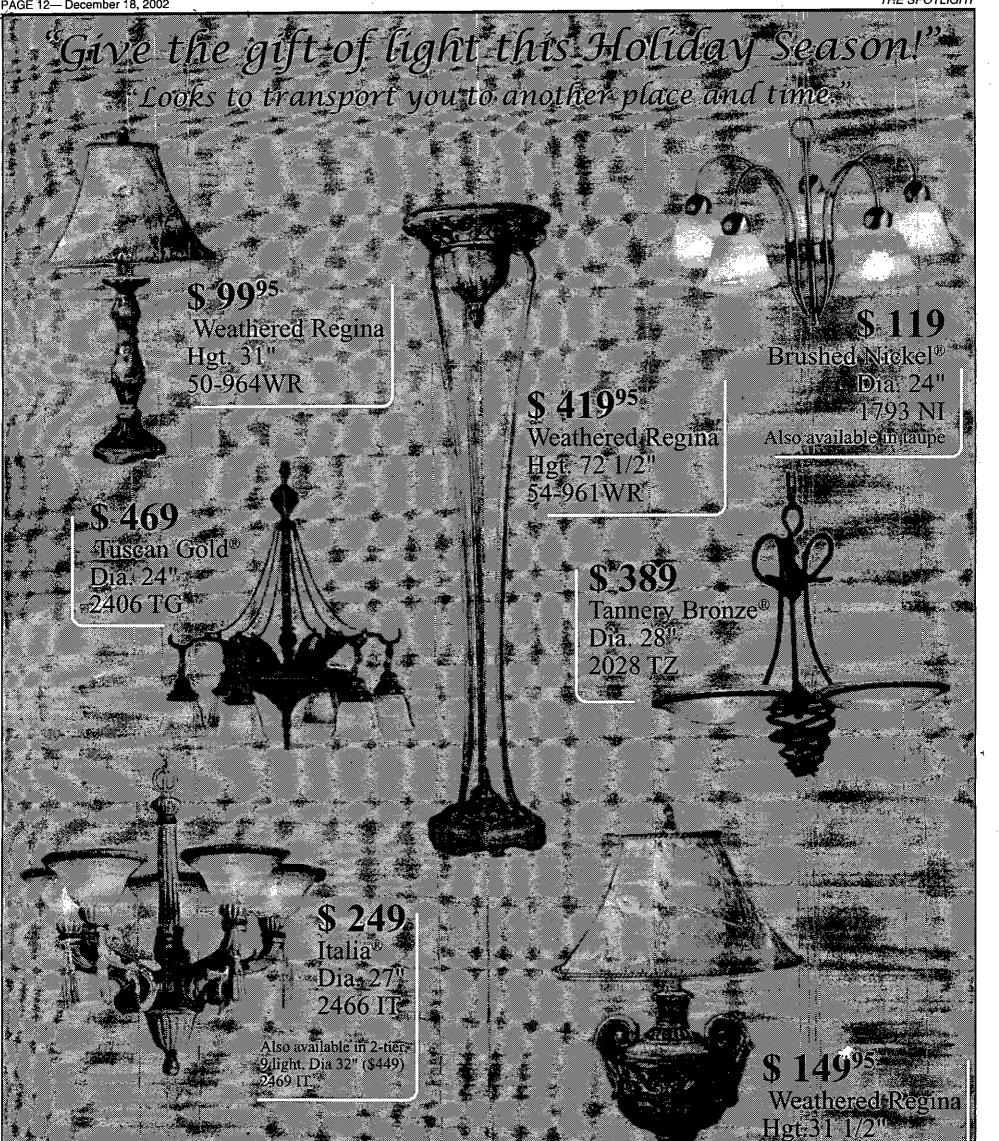
receipt of a \$3,900 grant to install a public address system in the Justice Courts. There are a handful of planning board vacancies. Anyone who would like to know more about the positions parties can call Supervisor Ed Clark. The next town board meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

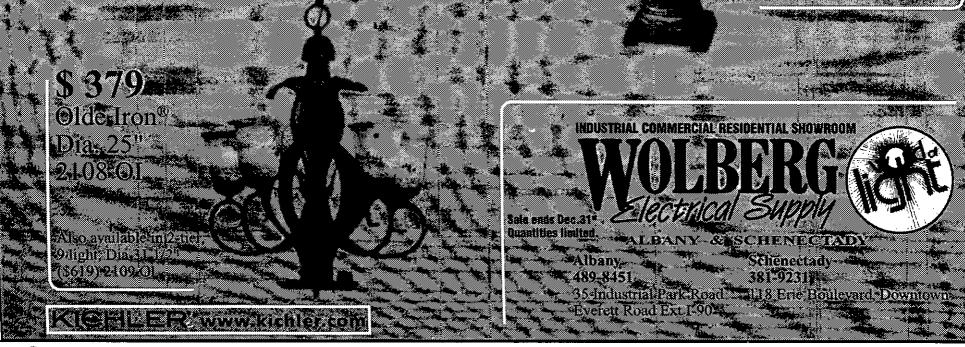


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Christmas Festival to feature local choir

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

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

There will be one more practice before the event on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at closed for winter break from Dec. the Methodist Church. For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Middle school students to present concert

Voorheesville Middle School will hold its winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

This program is free and is open to the public.

St. Matthew's announces 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.

The changes were made in hopes of alleviating the crowded conditions it has experienced in the past.

PTA to meet at library

The next regular PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m at the elementary school.

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Voorheesville Betsy Glath



Schools to close for winter break

Voorheesville schools will be 23 through Jan. 1.

Kiwanis delivers holiday items

Members of the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will be delivering food, clothing and children's toys on Thursday, Dec. 19, to local families in the town of New Scotland and surrounding areas. This Christmas project is being coordinated by Michael Malark, longtime New Scotland Kiwanis Club member.

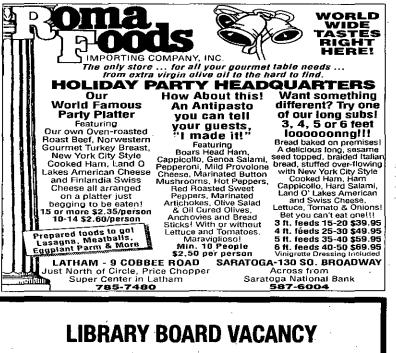
St. Matthew's to host **Advent Penance Service**

St. Matthew's Church will hold its annual Advent Penance Service on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Blood Drive slated for Dec. 21

Stretch Fitness of 18 Drywall Lane in Voorheesville will hold a blood drive for the Red Cross on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call Erik Frederickson at 765-5717 for an appointment.



The Trustees of Bethlehem Public Library have announced a board vacancy as of January 14, 2003. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume and a letter expressing their interest to:

Keep holiday waste under control

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is the town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator. Prevent waste during the

holidays simply and easily. Unpack tablecloths and linen napkins. Make your home look festive while practicing reuse. Use leftover breads for crumbs or feed it to birds in the backyard.

Empty popcorn and cookie tins make great wastebaskets, recycling bins or storage containers.

After reuse, they can be recycled corrugated cardboard. curbside with comingled containers.

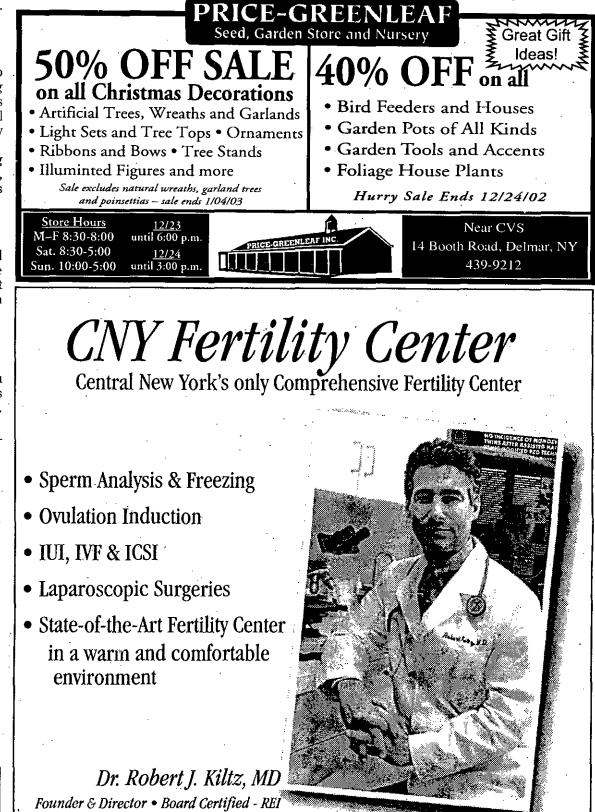
Reuse plastic store bags, then recycle the extra bags at Hannaford's in Delaware Plaza. Each bag should be emptied of paper slips and other trash.

When recycling craft paper bags curbside, include all non-shiny store bags that are brown, green, red or white. Just flatten and remove plastic handles. Paper bags can be recycled with flattened

Do you have too much cologne in the cupboard? If the scent is pleasant, a few drops in the toilet bowl will serve as a substitute for potpourri in the bathroom. Empty glass bottles that are clear, brown and green can be recycled.

Other colored bottles or ceramic porcelain items should be thrown into the trash if not reused.

Leftover ice cubes could be used to water plants, rather than melt in the sink.



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Eagles come up short in two league games

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys basketball team is still searching for its first win of the season.

The Eagles came close in two Suburban Council games last week, but couldn't close the deal in a 55-53 loss to Averill Park and a 44-38 setback against Guilderland.

"Both games were up in the air with 30 seconds left," Bethlehem points before those free throws, coach Chuck Abba said. "We're close and we're just not quite over the top, but we're working very hard.'

A two-day layoff between games - caused when a snowstorm canceled practices last senior center Matt Robbins. Wednesday and Thursday ---hindered the Eagles (0-2 league, 0-3 overall) in their game at Guilderland. Bethlehem hit less been playing well in his absence." than 40 percent of its shots in a defensive battle.

was a factor," Abba said. "Two days off is a long time."

Despite the poor shooting, the Eagles were within one point of the Dutchmen with less than a minute left before Guilderland's Steve Dagostino hit four key free throws. Dagostino finished with 11 points, while Jon Ciancetta led the Dutchmen with 16 points.

We held Dagostino to seven so I thought we defended him well," Abba said.

Dennis Jeffers scored 11 points, and Andy Dolan contributed 10 points for Bethlehem, which played without injured

"Matt, obviously, is an important player for us," Abba said. "But, the other guys have

Bethlehem was looking at overtime in its game with Averill "Both teams didn't shoot the Park last Tuesday, but Matt

ball well, and I think (the layoff) Gagnon hit a shot with one second left to give the Warriors the 55-53 win over the Eagles. Brendan Venter led Bethlehem with 17 points in the loss.

The Eagles have a busy week heading into the Christmas break. After playing Mohonasen Tuesday, they host Niskayuna Friday before participating in the delayed Julius Girmindl Tournament at Shaker High School Sunday and Monday. The tournament was scheduled for Dec. 6 and 7 before being pushed back.

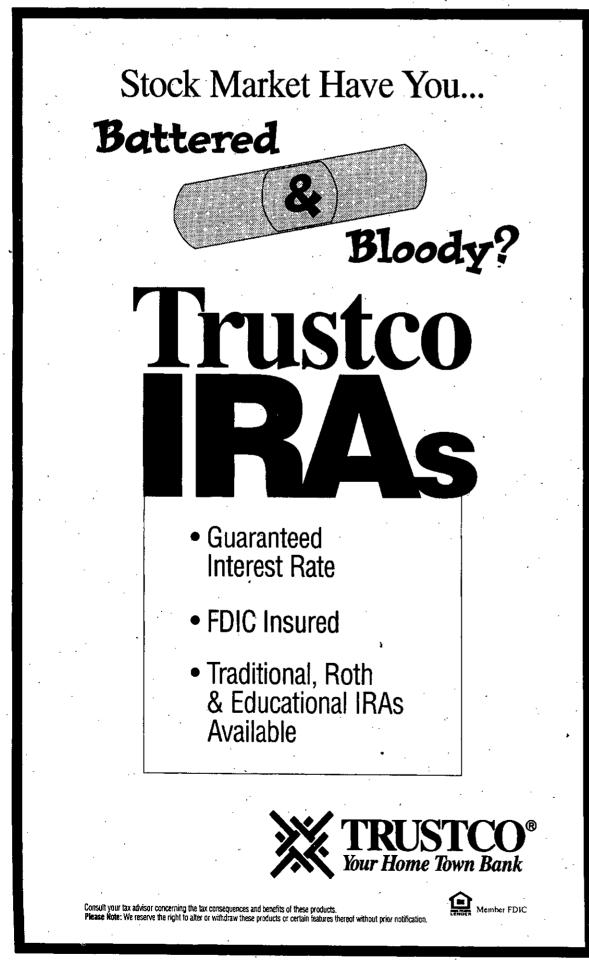
Lady Eagles pound Guilderland

The Bethlehem girls basketball team improved its Suburban Council record to 2-0 with a 72-36 victory over Guilderland last Friday.

Sue Kelly scored 18 points for the Lady Eagles (3-1 overall), who jumped out to a 28-10 lead after the first quarter. Kaitlin Foley chipped in 16 points.



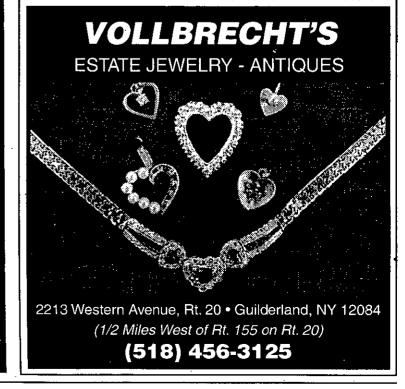
Bethlehem's Brendan Venter goes up for a shot during last Friday's Suburban Council game at Guilderland. Rob Jonas





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Voorheesville girls sweep BC hockey earns first victory weekend league games The Bethlehem hockey team open with four goals in the second first victory last Friday against

ball team earned two Colonial Conference victories last weekend.

The Blackbirds held on for a 57-55 win against Academy of the Holy Names last Friday in Voorheesville.

points, Jackie Markert contri- added 13 points.

The Voorheesville girls basket- buted 12 points and Katie Inglis added 10 points for Voorheesville, including two free throws in the final 15 seconds.

performance with a 60-42 victory over Mechanicville last Saturday. Brittany Baron scored 23 chipped in 15 points and Markert

Inglis netted 16 points, Baron

The Blackbirds followed that

earned its first win of the season last Saturday with an 8-1 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at BIG Arena.

The Eagles (1-4) fell behind 5:28 into the first period when Burnt Hills' Travis Larsen scored off a pass from Julien Merchant, but they tied the game a short time later on a Brian Maher goal. Andrew Kelleher then put Bethlehem ahead for good with a tally off assists by David Farber and Jeff Kattrein at the 11:30 mark.

period. Sandro Gerbini got things going with a tally at the 3:04 mark. Maher then scored for the second time in the game to make the score 4-1. Jon Bartow and Brent Fryar added goals in the final 5:05 to increase Bethlehem's lead to 6-1.

Farber concluded the scoring with two third-period goals for the Eagles.

Matt Guntner made 10 saves to pick up the victory for Bethlehem, which outshot Burnt Hills 42-11.

Niskayuna/Schenectady, but Thomas Gatta's goal 2:44 into overtime gave the Mohawks a 4-3 victory.

Niskayuna/Schenectady (2-1-1) built a 3-0 lead before Bethlehem made its comeback. Joe Hughes and Kattrein scored less than three minutes apart late in the second period to pull the Eagles within a goal. Kelleher then tallied 3:22 into the third period to tie the game at 3.

Guntner had 24 saves for Bethlehem, while Sean Hartz stopped 20 shots for Niskayuna/Schenec-



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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 9-15

Monday, Dec. 9

BOYS BOWLING

BETHLEHEM 17.5, ALBANY 14.5 Leaders: Bethlehem - Billy Comtois 239 game, 685 series. RCS 21.5, VOORHEESVILLE 10.5 Leaders: Ravena - Matt Taber 259 game, 722 series. Voorheesville - Stephanie Scaccia 278 game, 683 series.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

AVERILL PARK 55, **BETHLEHEM 53**

Leading scorers: Bethlehem -Brendan Venter 17 points, Andrew Dolan 10 points.

SCHALMONT 60, RCS 42 Leading scorers: Ravena - Rick Rider 12 points, Victor Bermudez 10 points.

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Stephanie Scaccia 236 game, 633

series; Mike Tesch 244 game, 630

GIRLS BASKETBALL

SCHALMONT 47, RCS 16 Leading scorers: Ravena — Sarah Stott 5 points, Lorin Weidman 5 points.

WATERVLIET 63, VOORHEESVILLE 58

Leading scorers: Voorheesville -Jackie Markert 20 points, Brittany Baron 19 points, Katie Inglis 10 points.

WRESTLING

LASALLE 48, BETHLEHEM 30

Individual winners: Bethlehem -Pat Schneider (112 pounds), Matt Curtin (130), Dan McKay (145), Pete Privatera (152), Dan Keefer (189).

Friday, Dec. 13

BOYS BASKETBALL

GUILDERLAND 44,

BETHLEHEM 38 Leading scorers: Bethlehem ----Dennis Jeffers 11 points, Andrew Dolan 10 points.

ALBANY ACADEMY 81, VOORHEESVILLE 42

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Brian Carey 13 points, Dan Melewski 11 points.

Leading scorers: Ravena - Rick Rider 19 points, Victor Bermudez 14 points, Eric Vasquez 13 points, Justin Ortiz 10 points.

Bethlehem 105, Shaker 79

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BETHLEHEM 72, **GUILDERLAND 36**

Leading scorers: Bethlehem ---Sue Kelly 18 points, Kaitlin Foley 16 points, Jamie Mooney 15 points.

LANSINGBURGH 57, RCS 39

Leading scorers: Ravena --Katelyn Matousek 13 points, Lorin Weidman 8 points.

VOORHEESVILLE 57, HOLY NAMES 55

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Saturday, Dec. 14

BOYS BASKETBALL

MECHANICVILLE 46,

VOORHEESVILLE 32 Leading scorers: Voorheesville -Mark Carson 12 points, Greg Delaney 7 points.

Scoring: N/S - Thomas Gatta 3-

0. Chris Barach 1-0, Alex Neal 0-

3, Pat Carney 0-2, Peter Schick 0-

Jeff Kattrein 1-1, Andrew Kelleher

Moehringer 0-2, David Farber 0-1.

Saves: N/S --- Sean Hartz 20.

Bethlehem — Matt Guntner 24.

1, Carl Christy 0-1. Bethlehem -

1-1, Joe Hughes 1-0, Jim

ALBANY ACADEMY 71, RCS 33 Leading scorers: Ravena - Rick Rider 15 points, Victor Bermudez 7 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

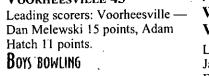
VOORHEESVILLE 60,

MECHANICVILLE 42 Leading scorers: Voorheesville -Katie Inglis 16 points, Brittany Baron 15 points, Jackie Markert 13 points.

HOCKEY

BETHLEHEM 8, BURNT HILLS 1 Scoring: Bethlehem — Brian Maher 2-1, David Farber 2-1, Sandro Gerbini 1-2, Andrew Kelleher 1-1, Jon Bartow 1-0, Brent Fryar 1-0, Nathaniel Drake 0-1, Chris Bub 0-1, Jeff Kattrein 0-1, Justin Contento 0-1, Evan Ball 0-1. Burnt Hills — Travis Larsen 1-0, Julien Merchant 0-1.





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If you're like most Americans, you've probably got high-tech gear on your gift list — or your wish list this holiday season. According to a Best Buy survey of 1,000 adults, the tech gifts most wished for this holiday season are digital cameras and camcorders, laptops and DVD players. But once you give someone the gift of technology, will they know how to use it and enjoy it fully? They might not.

Technology is becoming more advanced and as features and capabilities grow so does the complexity - and all too often - the frustration of owning and

will compliment your relaxed mood.

operating high-tech gear. A recent Roper Starch study reported that 51 percent of consumers think technical products are too complicated. gift with a single source of And you're probably not alone if you feel electronic devices, such as stereos, TVs and video equipment incorporate many functions that are rarely or never used. The solution? A second gift that will keep on giving — the knowledge and guidance they need to enjoy their hightech gear to the fullest. Knowledge Makes Technology Work Reference books are readily available for novice users of high-tech products. Many manufacturers and other vendors offer

online product guides and tools to introduce you to their products. The key is to provide the recipient of your information that's clear, understandable and readily available.

One of the newest, easiest and most concise educational tools is Best **Buy's Learning** Place, a collection of resources developed by technology experts and Best **Buy Service** Center personnel. The tools were built around consum-

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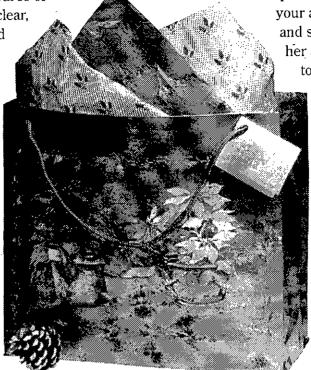
director of Learning Place.

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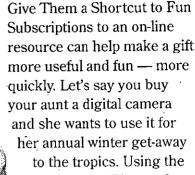
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Bish list for today's small businesses

The United States' 25 million small businesses produce half of the country's gross domestic product but rarely get the recognition or help they deserve. Recently, however, technology companies have been waking up to the needs of small businesses. We've put together a list of some traditionally big business technology that is now within the reach - and budget - of small busi-

range from \$1,099 to \$5,999 and can be installed by a non- Iomega's Mini USB drive techie person in around 15 minutes.

* For the finance and operations team: operations software

While large organizations have long used integrated software applications costing megabucks to run operations such as accounting, payroll, billing and customer service,

port of any computer. costs less than \$100.

* For the marketing team: high-quality printers and paper

For those weary of long lines at Kinko's, high-quality printers are more affordable than ever. For as little at \$125, the Epson 785 EPX is one of the best on the market. And Superior Inkjet

paper from Printasia (\$10.99 for 100 sheets) and photo CD labels (\$14.99 for 20 labels) allow an in-house team to produce beautiful presentations and leave-behind materials as nice as anything from a professional copy shop.

* For the whole office: wireless Internet access (Wifi)

Be connected to the Internet wherever you are in the office. "Wifi" simply

refers to "wireless fiber" (wireless, high-speed Internet access). All it involves is connecting your broadband Internet line to a base station that will broadcast connectivity up to 150 feet, and adding an inexpensive wireless card that receives the signal to your laptop. Base stations range in

price from a \$150 Microsoft model to the \$275 Apple version (both of which work with either a PC or Mac), and, wireless cards from companies such as 3COM or Netgear start at \$50. The total price for creating a mobile workspace can be as little as \$1,000 for connecting up to a dozen users.



nesses. With the holidays coming up, below are some suggestions for products that small businesses might want to treat themselves to.

* For the IT person: network attached storage (NAS)

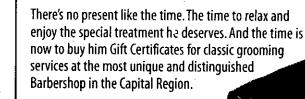
Typically, companies buy new general-purpose servers not because they need more processing power, but because they need more storage space. Network attached storage is the answer to this problem. NAS servers are less complicated (and less expensive) than generalpurpose servers and have been used by large companies for a few years. Now Iomega, world-famous for its storage technology, has introduced a line of NAS

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small businesses have had to make do with a patchwork of dated software. Now a number of big software vendors are making such products available to small businesses over the Web. For example, Oracle's Small **Business Suite costs about** \$100 a month and includes accounting, payroll, Web presence, customer relationships and expense reporting.

* For the sales team: key chain storage

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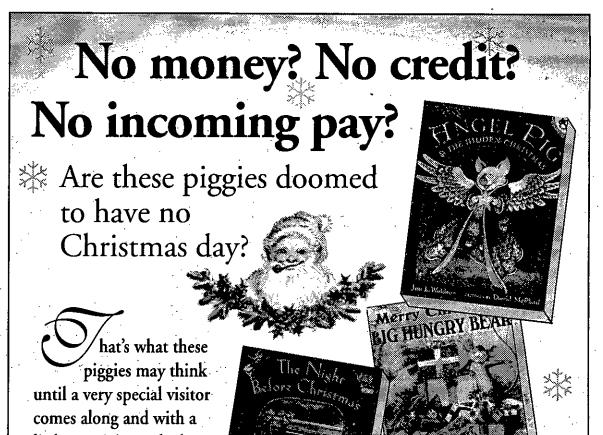


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Barty hearty without paying in pounds

Holiday music is playing. Laughter fills the room. Your waistband tightens, and you're still in the foyer by the lighted tree. The host-ushers you in and your eyes zero in on the buffet.

It's the table you hate to love --- filled with cheese

blintzes. shortbread,

Take heart. You can prepare for the holiday temptation and train for the buffet marathon before you start the race. Whatis more, you can reach the finish line without paying by the pound at the end."

The first rule of thumb is never go to a party on an empty stomach thinking the cocktail buffet is your meal

for the day. This can make you succumb to the entire spread.

Despite what many think, making a meal out of party food can leave you feeling as empty as when you arrived. Thatis because party

powder that, when mixed with liquid, makes a tasty shake. The protein enters your blood stream quickly, stopping that hungry feeling and giving you the energy you need to hit the party circuit and the dance floor,

glazed nuts and crab puffs. Then you spot the deadliest of all — fudge. The pep talk you gave yourself an hour earlier turns into gibberish, and you head straight for the fudge and drill into it like a rivet.

Dimming strategies for the holidays

Exercise a few hours before going to a big meal or party. It will boost your metabolism and your determination.

* Avoid alcohol or restrict your consumption by drinking a glass of water between alcoholic drinks.

* Build an extra work out day into each week's exercise regimen during the holidays.

* Scan the food tables and choose the lowest calorie options." Snack on raw veggies, but watch out for creamy dips and avoid the eggnog!

* Wait until other people have demolished the buffet. It is a lot less tempting after it's been picked over.

* Take your plate and sit down to eat. Think about what you're eating and try not to munch throughout the night.

* Always eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly. Youill feel satisfied sooner.

* Take a few days after big eating events to go on a nutritious, lowcalorie diet. Substituting a high-quality

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Bigital camcorders make home movies easy

When shooting home movies this holiday season, you'll want to create the best memories possible. So enter the world of digital camcorders and enjoy your movies like never before.

Digital video camcorders are growing in popularity among everyone, from mom and dad to amateur filmmakers, because they're convenient, lightweight, and easy to use. The new digital formats like Mini DV and Digital 8 are surprisingly affordable, and offer several benefits over older analog formats like Hi8, 8 mm or compact-VHS.

Digital camcorders offer more than twice the resolution for incredible looking video, and youill hear every

your own cinematic masterpiece that youill want to watch over and over again. Unlike analog video, digital video doesnít deteriorate as it is used, which makes it ideal for making multiple copies of movies.

Here's a quick overview of the digital formats: **MICROMV** camcorders

These are the most compact and portable of all the formats. They record in somewhat lower resolution than Mini DV and Digital 8. They do have all the plusses of digital video, like easy editing and digital audio. MICROMV

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Digital8 camcorders

These affordable camcorders are small, but not as compact as Mini DV models. They'll record

on inexpensive, easy-to-find 8 mm or Hi8 tapes. However, Digital8 camcorders don't offer top-of-the-line lenses, as do other formats, so the picture you record won't be as detailed.

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But the real advantage of digital video camcorders is that you can transfer your footage to your home computer. You can then edit the

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Mini DV camcorders

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Luscious holiday dessserts without the guil

The holidays are fast approaching and many of us will be hosting family and friends for celebratory feasts. Thoughts of all the delicious sugar cookies, sweet potato pie, stuffing and glazed ham — dance like visions of sugarplums in our heads.

However, the dream is cut short by the mere thought of the "10 holiday pounds" that many of us acquire each winter. Shortening or butter, which contain saturated fat, is the key ingredient that makes these tempting treats so rich and delicious. It's not an option to cut this out if you want your pie crust to be flaky and moist, or your sugar cookies to melt in your mouth. But what about the long-term health risks of consuming fat laden goodies?

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ing and margarine. When searching for trans fats in a product, the key ingredient to look for on the ingredient la-bel is partially or fully hydrogenated oil.

> According to the FDA, research suggests that those who eat high amounts of trans fatty acids are at greater risk for cardiovascular heart disease, the number one killer in the United

form of fat called trans fatty acids that have been shown to elevate blood levels of "bad" cholesterol. Trans fatty acids or trans fats are created when vegetable oils are put through a hydrogenation . process to make them solid or more stable. Trans fats are typically used in products such as commercially made, shelf-stable cookies and crackers, and are also found in most commercial shorten-

States. The FDA is in the process of mandating trans fat labeling to help consumers easily recognize ingredients that may cause heart disease. So how can vou have vour cake and eat it too? Don't give up the richness of holiday desserts. Instead of leaving out the shortening, shop for products that are trans fat free (look for the statement on the label).

A good source for healthy holiday baking staples is Spectrum Organic Products. They make an organic shortening produced from organic palm oil that is trans fat free, cholesterol free and contains less saturated fat than butter. They also offer the only organic margarine

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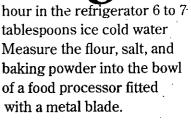
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dough between your fingers; if it holds together it's ready. If it is too dry and crumbles, add

another tablespoon of cold water, cover and pulse another 2 to 3 times.

Remove the dough from the processor and fold it over 2 to 3 times, kneading. Form into a 6 inch disc and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least

one hour until firm, or overnight. This lets the gluten relax, making it easier to roll out. Before rolling, temper at room temperature about 20 minutes, until it softens slightly. Dust a countertop lightly with flour. Unwrap the dough.

Using a rolling pin lightly dusted with flour. "whack" the dough several times first in a horizontal, then in a vertical direction to form a circle, Then, roll the dough, adding a bit more flour if the dough sticks. Try not to add

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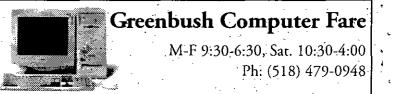
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A holiday classic: the ever-beautiful Poinsettia

In addition to their role as traditional Christmas decorations, poinsettias can serve as tokens of goodwill, friendship, and joy during the holiday season and beyond. More than 50 million Americans will purchase a poinsettia plant this holiday season.

And while 75 percent prefer the familiar red version, there are currently more than 100 varieties available. White, pink, yellow, and even variegated poinsettias are gradually gaining popularity. The newest poinsettia to be cultivated is the Plum Pudding Poinsettia, the first true purple poinsettia.

Named after Joel Poinsett, who introduced this indigenous Mexican plant to the United States during the 1800s while he served as the nationís U.S. ambassador, poinsettias have become Americaís best selling potted plant. More than 85 percent of all potted plants sold annually are poinsettias.

Here are some care and handling tips for your own holiday classic from the experts:

* When purchasing your plant, select a poinsettia with

per day. Keep your room temperature between 68 to 70 degrees. Do not place your plant near drafts, heating vents, or appliances. * Water the plant when the soil surface feels dry to a light touch. It's very important not to allow your plant to. sit in standing water. * It is not necessary to fertilize your poinsettias when they are in bloom. However, after the holidays, a balanced, all-purpose household plant fertilizer will help maintain the rich, green foliage color and promote new growth. * Do not place your poinsettia outside, as the plant is sensitive to chilling tempera-

> dark green foliage; strong, stiff stems, and completelycolored flowers. Make sure your plant has no fallen or yellow leaves and that it is fully balanced and attractive from all sides. * Poinsettias

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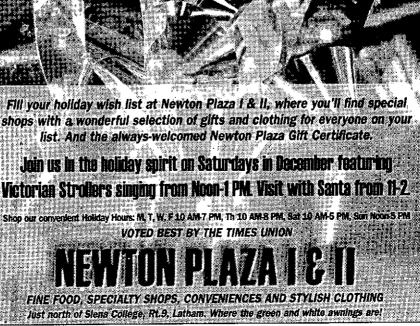
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bow to shop for the best cashmere sweater

There is a common misconception that all cashmere is created equal. Not so. There are several characteristics of this luxurious fiber that affect both the price and the quality of the garment niade from it: When manufacturers are pressed to make a less expensive garment they do two things: use cheaper cashmere and use less of it.

Let your fingers be your guide. Consumers can usually feel the difference in quality among cashmere garments. If a sweater does not feel smooth, soft, and luxurious, don't buy it. A good cashmere sweater should also feel hefty and substantial, even if it is a lightweight garment.

According to Richard Forté, president of Forté Cashmere, there are five main things that consumers should look for when shopping for cashmere garments.

* Density — Cashmere is expensive. A manufacturer pressed to reduce his price will often just make the



garment lighter. The less cashmere used, the lower the price of the garment. The most common way to do this is to loosen the tension on the knitting machine. This will make the fabric of the garment looser, more porous, and limp. Loosely knit fabric

is the hallmark of a cheaply made sweater. Pull the sides of the sweater apart and then, let them go. The sweater should snap back to its original shape. The increased density will hold the fibers in the yarn, reducing pilling and increasing wear. Cheaper

often contain the

combination of shorter fiber and loose knitting. This is a disastrous recipe that will yield a sweater sure to pill.

* Texture — Finer cashmere is softer and therefore more expensive than coarser cashmere. By using the sensitive ends of your fingertips, you will be able to tell

* Color - Dying harms

more expensive because it makes a stronger yarn that pills less. Pilling is caused by the abrasion of short fibers into small balls on the surface of the fabric. Some pilling will occur in most new sweaters, but the problem will not persist in a good garment after the first cleaning. This factor cannot be deduced by examining a





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Promotions

(From Page 1)

Although he was the digital pre-press manager at Coneco Lithographics in Glens Falls before becoming general manager of Spotlight Newspapers, McIntyre had worked for Eagle before. He had been sports editor at Manlius, and when it merged with Brown to become Eagle, McIntyre was interim production coordinator, responsible for combining both companies' production groups. In his position as vice president, McIntyre's duties will expand.

"I'll be working a lot with the Binghamton papers," McIntvre said. "They have four community weeklies, and I'll be working with their advertising department." McIntyre hopes to bring some of the programs the Spotlight Newspapers have to the Binghamton area. "We'd like to look at selling ads by geography — be it village, street or town," he said. "The Binghamton area is a challenging market for small business, but they have good people on the editorial and advertising sides.'

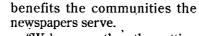
Keene had high praise for. McIntyre. "John has a good, varied background in journalism," Keene said. "He's a pragmatist who works well with others and has a knack for management. That's a rare thing."

McIntyre will continue to be the Spotlight's general manager.

"The franchise we have is very strong, and I'd like to see other communities be part of it,' McIntyre said.

McIntyre cited the number of prizes the Spotlight has won over the years and increasing ad sales. "None of this," he said, "would have been possible without the people we have here. I get to hang out with the best staff anywhere. That's what makes us successful.

Keene and McIntyre both see a symbiotic relationship between advertisers and Eagle's newspapers; a relationship that



"We're more than the cutting edge of news that you see on TV, Keene said. "We're the basis of the news. We cover the things closest to, and most important to, our readers. They want to know what's going on at the local level - from the school board to the town board, to the ZBA. We can also keep people up-to-date with community calendars and arts and events.'

Hancock said that McIntyre's involvement in the communities has been an important part of Spotlight Newspapers' growth. 'John appreciates the sense of community which is part and parcel of our kind of journalism," Hancock said. "It has helped to make him an effective leader. He's done a great job growing Spotlight Newspapers in the Capital District.'

state.'

Kitchen Buyers Outlet

Snyder (From Page 1)

successor to Snyder well under way, before her departure.

An alumnus of Siena College and holder of a master's from Sage College, Snyder was a second-grade teacher at Emma Willard School before becoming assistant superintendent for instruction of the Albany Roman Catholic diocesan schools prior to her Glenmont posting. A certified administrator, she completed a doctorate in educational theory at Eagle Publisher Stewart the University at Albany, with a specialty in curriculum and instruction, during her tenure.

> Debora DuJack, president of the Brunswick-Brittonkill board, cited Snyder's "childcenteredness" and her credentials as the key to her appointment, with academic standards in New York's public school districts coming under increasing state scrutiny.

"With her educational Hancock was also pleased to background, she is one of the announce Keene's promotion. forerunners in the area as an 'He's been there in all three educational leader, which was markets," Hancock said. "He laid such a great opportunity for our the foundation to make this the district," said DuJack. "All largest news organization in the through her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to

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children that we feel will be a real shape." complement to our strong staff. We want to be way beyond state standards. We feel she will help us take a big step forward. She brings a lot to the table."

Snyder expressed regret at her departure. "It's hard for me to even talk about it without getting quite teary," she said. "I love the people here, and I love the children. They'll be forever a part of my life. It's been a gift to school is very solid and very strong, and people are working together in a very positive way. It's a hard thing to leave, but in that sense it's a good time to leave, with everything in excellent said.

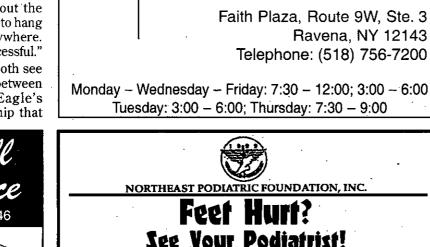
She is excited by her new challenge. "It was a long and arduous (selection) process, but I'm very satisfied it's a good match," she said. "I've always envisioned myself having something to do with a full Kthrough-12 school environment." Her new district serves roughly 1,600 students in a close-knit campus.

"As superintendent, you can be here." But, she added, "The never forget what you're all about, because the superintendent's office is right there in the school buildings, and you're in constant contact with the students and the people doing the educating," she





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Sharon and Christopher Berschwinger

Orsini, Berschwinger wed

Sharon Marie Orsini, daughter Stephen Pritchard were ushers. of Gerald and Lois Orsini of Guilderland, and Christopher Leonard Berschwinger, son of Dawn and Richard Berschwinger of Guilderland, were married on Aug. 3.

The Rev. Dana Carroll performed the ceremony at Fisher United Methodist Church in Rotterdam.

Amy Hilton was maid of honor. E.C. Stumpf was best man. Jacob Smith was ring bearer, and McKenzie Smith was flower girl.

Michelle Barrington, Kerrianne Pace, Megan Tice, Wendy Carpenter, Shylo Blaauboer, Jillian Berman, Megan Hughes, Christina Barlow and Codi Taft were bridesmaids.

Dion Andrzejewski, Michael Abbruzzese. Chad Berschwinger, Cody Berschwinger and Craig Berschwinger, the groom's brothers, David Orsini, the bride's brother, Ronald Smith and



Vicki Morrell, Event Coordinator

Here's Wonderful V

The couple took a wedding trip on a Caribbean cruise.

The bride is a graduate of Guilderland High School, Cornell University and the University at Albany. She is a kindergarten teacher for the Mohonasen School District.

The groom is a graduate of Guilderland High School, SUNY Brockport and Ohio State University. He is a physical education teacher and football coach for the Bethlehem Central School District.

They reside in Guilderland.

Five Rivers slates January events

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will host the annual New Year's Day bird count at 9 a.m. on Jan. 1. The count began 22 years ago, and more than 66 different species have been observed. Visitors can use binoculars outside or stay inside and record the birds at the feeder.

On Jan. 10, the Center will host an outdoor "coyote prowl" at 7 p.m. The coyote is the main mammalian predator at Five Rivers.

Visitors will tour the coyote habitat and play recorded coyote howls to encourage the coyotes to "sing."

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.



Michael and Jennifer Radin

Curtis, Radin wed

Jennifer Ann Curtis, daughter of Mary and Gerald Curtis of Lilburn, Ga., and Michael Radin, were married in Richmond, Va., on April 6.

Bethlehem Central High School, Pennsylvania State University and the Medical College of Georgia.

The groom is a graduate of Trinity College, in Connecticut., and the University of Connecticut Medical School.

The couple resides in Pitts-The bride is a graduate of burgh, Pa. They are both pursuing advanced medical education at the University of Pittsburgh Hospital.

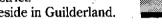


Mail weddings, engagements The Spotlight would like to

publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to P.O. Box 100, Delmar 12054.



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ALL IN THE FAMILY

New research shows that the best way to ensure that you will live to 100 is to have a sibling who did. This study provides overriding evidence of the strong role that genetic factors play in longevity. The study looked at 2,092 siblings of 444 people who had lived to be 100 and compared them with information on the survival rates of Americans born in 1900. Researchers found that the survival advantages enjoyed by the siblings started in infancy and continued throughout their lives. At all ages, sisters of centenarians had mortality rates of about half the national average. Brothers were found to have a similar edge except during adolescence and young adulthood.

We may not be able to choose our genes, but we can choose how we care for the bodies we've been given. At Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center, 125 Rockefeller Road, we offer sympathetic and professional support to seniors to increase their ease, comfort, and health. Call us at 439-8116 for more information. May you have a restful and peaceful holiday season!

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Nature Center to host children's nature walk The Thatcher Nature Center will celebrate the last day of the year with "Nature on New Year's Eve," a nature walk on winter wildlife. The walk is designed for children ages 5 to 8 years old, and will take place at 10 a.m. on Dec. 31.

There is a 15 child limit. Visitors must call 872-0800 to register.

Albert Holbritter

J. Albert Holbritter, 83, of

Delmar died Friday, Dec. 6, at «

Born in Boyntonville, he was a

Community Hospice of Albany

graduate of Hoosick Falls High

School. He received a bachelor's

degree from Hobart College, a

master's degree from SUNY

Albany and a Ph.D in education

World War II, serving as a 1st

lieutenant with the 7th infantry in

education as dean of admissions

at SUNY Plattsburgh. He then

served as deputy director of the

state Education Department and

He was an Army veteran of

He began his career in

from New York University.

County at St. Peter's Hospital.



Elmer Piurek

Elmer "Lefty" Piurek, 83, of Guilderland, and formerly of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, Dec: 10, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Amsterdam, he was a resident longtime of Voorheesville before moving to Guilderland.

Mr. Piurek was a bartender at Albany Country Club and also worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

a resident assistant at Teresian House Nursing Home in Albany.

He was a member of the Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club and a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and Christ the King Church in Guilderland.

Rudolphine Schluter; two daughters, Linda Piurek of Slingerlands and Christine or Blackman of Voorheesville; two Association, 440 New Karner sisters, Bertha Rapka and Laura Schoonmaker, both of Amster-

After he retired, he worked as dam; two brothers, Peter Piurek and Zygmunt Piurek, both of Amsterdam; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church.

Contributions may be made to Survivors include his wife, Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 the American Heart Road, Colonie 12205.

Sidney Vining

Sidney Erastus Vining, 67, of Delmar died Tuesday, Dec. 10, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Lexington, Greene County, he lived in Prattsville before moving to Delmar.

He was a master sergeant in the Air Force stationed at Landstuhl Air Base in Germany.

He was a member of the Virgil E. Deyo American Legion Post in Prattsville.

After he retired from the service, he worked for Carmen Trucking of Prattsville.

Mr. Vining was supervisor of the town of Prattsville from 1979 to 1981.

He was the husband of the late Ingeburg Vining.

Survivors include his wife, Cemetery. Annette Vining; a daughter, Peggy Olson of Prattsville; two stepsons, Larry Rivenburg of Latham and Gary Rivenburg of Oswego; two stepdaughters, Shari Riggins of Delmar and Laurie Ellis of Delmar; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Decker Funeral Home in Windham and Reformed Dutch Church of Prattsville.

Contributions may be made to the Prattsville Rescue Squad or the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Claire Sivaslian

Claire J. Sivaslian, 93, of Delmar died Thursday, Dec. 12, at St. Peter's Hospital.

Mrs. Sivaslian was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Albany, the Women's Club of Albany and the Delmar Progress Club.

She was the widow of Peter Sivaslian.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Mattozza of Delmar; a granddaughter; and three greatgrandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

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 Tri-County Teachers the Retirement Council, a former

the Pacific Theater.

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, Jane Baldwin Holbritter; two daughters, Eleanor H. Nasner and Margaret F. Holbritter; a sister, Francis S. Holbritter of Hoosick Falls; and five grandchildren.

Services were private.

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.

Community dinner set for Christmas

The 15th annual Community Christmas Dinner for town residents and Bethlehem " community church members will be hosted by First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood, k Ave., Delmar, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Christmas Day at the church hall.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation will provide transportation for town residents over 60 years of age. To make dinner reservations or arrange for transportation, contact the Senior ervices office at 439-4955, ext. 4. There is no charge for the dinner, but a good will offering will be accepted. Those who wish to make a donation for the occasion can contact Art Copeland, Christmas Day Committee chairman at 439-4050 or Joyce Becker at Bethlehem Senior Services, 439-4955, ext. 169.



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.



Library announces board opening

The trustees of Bethlehem Public Library have announced a board vacancy as of Jan. 1.

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.

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By BILL FONDA

he photographer who rode in the car with the Beatles on the way to their famed U.S. debut on the "Ed Sullivan Show" and chronicled their rise to stardom originally turned down the job.

"I was working for the London Daily Express at the time," Harry Benson said. "I was prepared to go to Africa the next morning on a very political story. The phone rang, and they said, 'We want you to go to Paris with the Beatles."

Although he realized the Fab Four was beginning to emerge, Benson did not want to go and only went after the newspaper's 'editor insisted.

"Who wants to go with a rock group when you can cover a big "political story in Africa?" Benson said of his thoughts at the time.

When he got to Paris, Benson went to a Beatles show.

"When you heard the music, you knew this was something -else," he said.

While in Paris, the group received the cable that "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" had hit No. 1. Thirty minutes later, they got a cable inviting onto Sullivan's show.

"It meant they were going to America, and I was going with them," Benson said. "I always wanted to go to America, and I wanted to work for a magazine like *Life*, which I did."

Benson eventually took thousands of photos of the group over the next 2.5 to three years, sometimes 20 rolls a day. Eighty examples of his work will be on display at the Albany Institute of History & Art through March 2, as the museum presents "The Beatles: Now and Then, Photographs by Harry Benson."

In addition to Benson's work, the museum is also hosting "The Beatles: Community Stories" — an exhibition of Beatles memorabilia on loan from Capital District residents. Items include toys, tea towels, posters, photographs and autographs.

Local lenders include James Andrus of Delmar, Joe Condon of Menands, Linda Cox of Guilderland, Brian Egan of Clarksville, Mary Rose Fox of Latham, the Hill family of Scotia, Randy Goldfischer McDermott of Rexford, Claire McDonald of Delmar, Mary Ellen O'Brian of Loudonville, Bernice Parks of Guilderland, Barbara and Jamie Slater of Niskayuna, Regina Treffiletti of Delmar.

Benson and his wife Gigi picked the photos for his exhibition.

"Some of them were quite obvious: the Beatles with Muhammad Ali, the Beatles having a pillow fight, the Beatles arriving in America," he said.



Beatles show comes to Albany Institute

leader of the group and Ringo Starr fit in well with the others.

"He was very good at press conferences, very funny," he said of Starr. "Socially, the other Beatles were a bit higher-up. Paul and John went to university; they were educated."

In spite of his feelings toward the Beatles, Benson said he viewed photographing them strictly as a job.

"I was never a rock 'n' roll photographer," he said. "It was basically staying on the payroll at the end of the week."

That attitude even extended to when Benson photographed Mark David Chapman, the man who killed Lennon, a few years ago.

"He apologized to me for killing my friend John Lennon," he said. "It was a weird moment, but I don't hang around on these kind of things. You become a basket case."

As an example of what happens when a photographer gets too close to the subject, Benson points to the assassination of Robert Kennedy, where he was one of three photographers standing next to RFK when The Beatles exhibition will be part of a 45-minute tour of all the institute's galleries Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 p.m., and the museum will host a 45-minute "Magical Mystery Tour" of the Beatles exhibit Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2:30 p.m. Both are free with museum admission.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the institute will hold a Museum Explorers Day from 10 a.m. to noon. Visitors of all ages can take part in family activities, including learning to dance, trying on 1960s fashions and making tye-dye T-shirts.

A Magical Mystery Tour for families is



scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 16, at 1:30 p.m., and is free with museum admission. From Wednesday, Feb. 19, to Friday, Feb. 21, children can participate in a winter break photography camp from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Space is limited to 20 children per day, and the cost is \$65 per child for all three days.

Registration is required for the camp, and can be done by calling 463-4478. Participants should bring brown-bag lunches; beverages will be provided.

Skidmore College professor Gordon Thompson will present "Twist and Shout: British Beatles and American Roots" Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2:30 p.m. He will discuss the roots of American music and the way the Beatles changed reinterpretations of pop music, country, rhythm-andblues and rock 'n' roll.

University of Albany professor Mark Anthony Neal will present "A Rhythm and Blues Nation: Black Music's

Influence on American Culture" Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2:30 p.m. Neal will examine how black music has affected everyday American life and sign copies of his two recent books.

Both lectures are free with museum admission.

The museum will host a LET IT BEatles" party Friday, Feb. 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will be an exclusive night of Beatles music, dancing, food and silent auction items. Admission is \$40 for museum members and \$50 for nonmembers.

For information, call 463-4478.



Pictures from the "Ed Sullivan Show" on Feb. 9, 1964, are also part of the exhibit, but Benson said the photo of the pillow fight is his favorite.

The Beatles ascent to legendary status, Benson said, was "like an explosion."

• "Everything was changing," he said. "Men were changing their haircuts. The music was everywhere. Everyone wanted to be a Beatle, women too. It was a phenomenon I might never see repeated."

: Benson said he liked the Beatles, that they were very good for his career. He said he got to know George Harrison the best because Harrison was interested in photography. Although John Lennon may be have been the most popular and the funniest, Benson said Paul McCartney was the he was shot.

"I know one photographer who was never the same after that," he said.

Benson will be at the institute Saturday, Jan. 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. for a lecture and book-signing. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., local radio and television personalities who were disc jockeys when the Beatles invaded America and lenders to the community exhibition will discuss memories of the band and the popular music scene in Albany a generation ago.

The activities are free with museum admission; a cocktail reception following Benson's talk is \$10 for museum members and \$20 for nonmembers.



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FULLY COMMITTED holiday cornedy, 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.

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.

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22, 4 and 7:30 p.m., \$20 to \$30 for adults; \$20 for students and children. Information, 413-243-2539.

THE NUTCRACKER

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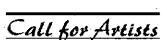
YATES GALLERY

of Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, portraits by John Hampshire, through Dec. 19. Information, 786-6557.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Cool Views," through Jan. 31, Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 786 6557.

OTTER HOOK GALLERY 121 Adams St., Delmar, holiday show, through Dec. 24, Thursday to Sunday,

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COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL **BRASS CHOIR**

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS **COMMUNITY CHORUS**

openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Altamont Village Hall, 115 Main St. Information, 861-8000

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-2360.

SIENA CHAMBER **ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR**

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

ANNIE SCHAFFER ORCHESTRA openings in the string section, rehearsals Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to noon, Nott Terrace and Eastern Avenue. Schenectady. Information, 372-5146.

MALE SINGERS NEEDED 😵

for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 .p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

CRAFTERS WANTED

for 2003 New Scotland Plum Fest on Sept. 20. Information, 439-5488.

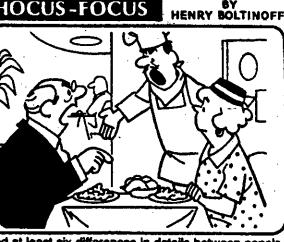
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DANCE CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES

watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.



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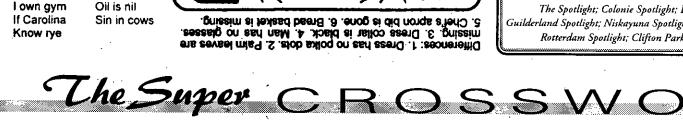


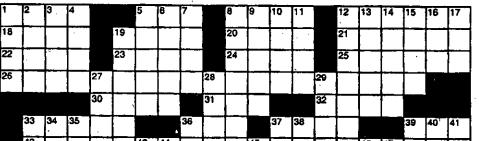
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NEW SCOTLAND

VPL LIBRARY

Wed. 12/25

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MEETING SCHEDULES

Public Libraries, municipal buildings

for reopening schedules.

closed in observance of holiday; check

See Sunday for church listings; contact

about special Christmas Day services.

NEW SCOTLAND

AA MEETING

Thurs. 12/26

BETHLEHEM

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed

2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499

New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar

Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.,

Fri. 12/27

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush .*

at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information,

NEW SCOTLAND

'SCHOOL'S OUT, LIBRARY'S IN'

Program, "Snowman in a Snowstorm,"

for kids grades 5 and up. Bring white t-

shirt or sweatshirt; go home with a

wearable craft. Voorheesville Public

Signup necessary. Information, 765-

Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. -noon.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem,

Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-

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439-8280.

8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

First United Methodist Church of

Information, 489-6779.

Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m.

Call to confirm holiday meeting schedule. Glenmont Community Church,

Closed, reopens Dec. 26.



o update or correct calendar listings, all 439-4949, ext. 28.

• Wed. 12/18

BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

neetings for families, caregivers, and reinds; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS One public hearing. Belfiletheim Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 Eismere Elementary School, 247 Belaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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.

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

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NEW SCOTLAND

WINTER CONCERT

Voorheesville Middle School concert at Clayton Bouton High School, Route 85A, Voorheesaville, 7:30 p.m. Free, open to public.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

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

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.

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

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Featured speakers Fran Mehm and Eleanor Bolduc; holiday party and gift exchange to follow. Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624 or 765-2791.

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

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Advent Penance Service, St. Matthews's, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2805.

PTA MEETING

Voorheesville Elementary School, Maple Ave., Route 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Fri. 12/20

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 Eismere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 12/21

BETHLEHEM

'ADVENT ADVENTURE'

Weekly fun-filled learning environment for children, ages 3-6, offering child-free shopping time for adults. Register by

BETHLEHEM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

DELMAR REFORMED

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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

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

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11

a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, vespers 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

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

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

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

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m.,

evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510. UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN

FELLOWSHIP

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

438-7740

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

Sunday school and worship service,

Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood

Ave. Information, 439-4314.

10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY

CHURCH

Services Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mill Road,

Normansville, beneath the Normanskill

NEW SCOTLAND

THE DRAGON'S EGG

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FEST

Voorheesville Community Christmas

68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

Festival; First United Methodist Church,

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68

Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information,

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship

service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship

service, 10:30 a.m., followed by

fellowship, Delaware Turnpike.

Information, 439-5001.

Information, 768-2916.

Information, 765-3390.

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Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-

UNIONVILLE REFORMED

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY -

CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship

service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee

hour, nursery care provided, Route 443.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL

FREE CHURCH

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service,

7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-

Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship

service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care

provided: Route 155, Voorheesville.

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday

school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road,

Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship

celebration, 10 a.m., church school

8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View

Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-

Welsh language group of the Saint

New Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Information, 861-6976.

Information, 765-4442.

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David's Society of the Capital District,

Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Information, 439-5710.

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN Church

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

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

JERUSALEM REFORMED

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

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

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

<u>Mon. 12/23</u>

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.

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

EXPLORER POST 157

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

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. 12/24

BETHLEHEM

Information, 767-2930.

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

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.

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BETHLEHEM

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekiy meeting at Delmar Reformed - Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1Friday. 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.

NEW SCOTLAND

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donors must be over 17, 110 lbs. and in good health. Appointments recommended. Stretch Fitness, 18 Drywall Lane (off Voorheesville Ave.), Voorheesville, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Appointments, 765-5717.

Sun. 12/22

Contact churches for any special Advent, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day observances. Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

KING'S CHAPEL

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

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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



120 Everett Road, Albany • (Near Shaker Road)

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE OF FORMATION

OF LIMITED LIABILITY COM-PANY. 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 18, 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 else where. 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 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 activwhich a limited liability company may be formed under section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law (December 18, 2002)

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 18, 2002)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW **SECTION 1203 (C)**

The name of the professional service limited liability company is THE ANDERSON GROUP,LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was July 22, 2020. 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, P.C.,, c/o Timothy E. Casserly, 255 Washington Avenue Extension,

LEGAL NOTICE

which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. (December 18, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC").

Name of LLC:Blue Owl Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/8/02. Office location: Albany county. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against LLC served upon him/her to: Kevin M. Webb, 35 Domenico Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: To engage in information technology consulting and any other lawful activity. (December 18, 2002)

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 Albany,NY 12207, St.

registered agent upon whom pro-cess 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 18, 2002)

NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO.1125.19.122

In accordance with the provisions of title 23, U.S. Code, Section 128 and title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500 to 1508 a design public hearing will be conducted by the Department at the Bethlehem Town Hall, (located at 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar at 7:00 p.m. on January 28,2003 (snow date is January 29,2003) on the proposed Slingerlands Bypass project, (Route 85 be-tween its intersection with Route 140 and the Albany City line). The total length of the project is 2.6 miles all in the town of Bethlehem, Albany County. Design plans for the project have been developed by the Department after coordinating with Federal, State and local agencies and will be available for inspection at the public hearing. Department engineers will be on hand one hour prior to the start of the hearing to discuss the project and answer any questions. Tentative schedules for right - of -

way acquisition and construction will be discussed. Information will also be available regarding the Department Relocation Assis tance Program which provides assistance and advice to those who must relocate if the property they occupy is acquired for this project. Procedures will be de wherein occupant

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their views concerning the eco-nomic and social effects of the design plans, their impact on the environment and their consistency with the goals and objectives of such planning as has been promulgated by the community. The proceedings will be recorded. Persons may file written state-ments and other exhibits in place of or in addition to oral statements made at the public hearing. Written statements submitted at the hearing or mailed and received before February 18, 2003 at the Project Manager's Office will be made part of the record.

Please advise this office if a sign language interpreter,assistive listening system or any other accommodations will be required to facilitate your participation in this public hearing. Our contact per-son is Robert S. Cherry, whose phone number is 473-7034.

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) Relay Service: New York Relay Operator-Trans-lates calls between TDD & non -TDD users. For In-State calls Only.

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(December, 18, 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 & Prop-erty 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 18, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Elmwood Park Fire District located at 589 Russell Road. Albany, New York 12203-5819 in the Town of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland will accept bids for the manufacture and delivery of a new 2003-4 Wheel Drive Sport Utility Vehicle for use by the Chief Officers of the Elmweod Park Fire District. Copies of the specifications for said vehicle may be obtained by con-tacting the Fire District Chief, Paul Miller by telephone at (518) 482-7387. The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids and all bids must contain a non-collusive bid statement. All bids will be publicly opened and read on January 8th,2003,at 7:00 pm. All bids must be submitted in writing to the Board of Fire Commissioners by 6:30 pm January 8th,2003 by mailing the bids to 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203-5819

Paul Fuino, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District. (December 18, 2002)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

STATEMENT

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available for review and copying during business hours at the of Robert S. Cherry, NYSDOT- Re-gion One, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY: the FHWA Division Administrator, Robert Arnold, Leo W. O"Brien Federal Building, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany NY: Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY, Albany City Hall, Rm 202, Albany, NY: Albany County Clerk's Office, County Court-house, Rm 128, Corner Eagle & Columbia, Albany, NY: Albany Public Library-Reference Dept 161 Washington Avenue, Albany NY: Albany Public Library, New Scotland Branch, 369 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY; Bethlehem Public Library, 451

Delaware Avenue, Delmar,NY; Guilderland Public Library, 228 Western Avenue,Guilderland,NY. Executive Order 11990 will be implemented as the project will involve impacts to wetlands. A Findings Statement will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Executive Order 11988, Flood Plain Management is not applicable as significant floodplain encroachments do not exist in alternatives under consideration.

Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to the Project Manager, Robert S. Cherry NYSDOT, -Re-gion One, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany NY 12208 or the EHWA Division Ad-

ministrator, Robert Arnold, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Clinton Ave. and North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207 by February

(December 18, 2002)

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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 18, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC").

Name of LLC: Glass Tapestry Concepts, LLC. Articles of Orga-nization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/ 8/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against LLC served upon him/her to: Beth D. Webb, 35 Domenico Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: To engage in custom glass painting and any other lawful activity. (December 18, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is GRECO

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 42-12 Queens Boulevard, Sunnvside. New York 11104. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (December 18, 2002)

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

Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2002. Of-fice 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 18, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MP ADVÍSORY SERVICE, LLC .

The Articles of 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 18, 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 Boad, 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 cer-tain 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 desig-nated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency. The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project (B) to finance the Project

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payments and (B) the Bonds of the Agency will be special obligations of the Agency payable solely out of the proceeds of the Agree ment 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

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(December 18, 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 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 18, 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, atham, New York 12110.

The name and business address of the sole general partner

Shopping Center Development Co. III, LLC

596 New Loudon Road

Latham, 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

by issuing from to time revenue bonds of the Agency (the "Bonds")

in an aggregate principal amouni

of approximately \$7,000,000, If

the issuance of the Bonds is ap-

proved, (A) the Project Facility will

be subject to a financing agree-

ment (the "Agreement") requiring

that the Company or its designee

make payments equal to debt ser-

vice on the Bonds issued by the

Agency and make certain other

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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 18, 2002)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION

The name of the professional service liability company is ANDER-SON 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 Abany. 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

such acquired properties may qualify for moving expenses. The project under consideration will include construction which affects wetlands covered by Ex-ecutive Order 11990 of the President of the United States dated May 24, 1977, "Protection of Wet-lands". A Findings Statement will be included in the Final Environ-mental Impact Statement following notice of the wetland impacts and formal review of the project by the public and involved agen-

There are no significant floodplain encroachments contained in alternatives under consideration. Maps, drawings and other perti-nent information developed by the State and written views received as a result of the coordination with Federal, State and local agencies will be available for pub-lic inspection and copying at the Office of the Project Manager, Robert S. Cherry, NYSDOT- Re-gion One, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to express

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. 1125.19.122

The New York State Department of Transportation is developing design studies to address identified transportation problems along 2.6 +- miles of State Route 85, all in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County. The proposed improvements for the project known as the Slingerlands Bypass, involve the construction and rehabilitation of the existing route be-ginning in the vicinity of its inter-section with Route 140 and extending to the Albany City Line. Design plans for the project have been developed by the Department after coordination with Federal, State, and Local agencies, A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared which assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Olicy Act of 1969 P.L. 91-190 (NEPA). Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are

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 18, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ISRAEL REALTY ASSO-CIATES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secre-tary of State (SSNY) on 11/25/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/312102. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon date hereof.

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT, CO.III, LLC BY: KENNETH B. SEGAL Trustee Member

(December 18, 2002)

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 lawful purpose. (December 18, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of Sherwin Capital LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 10/2/ 02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process:15 Kunker Ave. ,Latham, NY 12110.

Purpose: any lawful purpose. (December 18, 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 pur-pose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The of-fice 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 Secre-tary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (December 18, 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 pur-pose 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 18, 2002)

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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 Uni-versity St., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity.

(December 18, 2002)

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF SPHERION ATLANTIC RESOURCES

LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/3/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/24/02. 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 2050 Spectrum Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Ofg. filed with DE Secy. of State,401 Federal St. Ste. 3 ,Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activ-

(December 18, 2002)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF

Spherion Atlantic Workforce LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y (SSNY) on 12/3/02, Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/24/ 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...80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC:

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2050 Spectrum Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose:any lawful activity. (December 18, 2002)

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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 Loca-tion: 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 18, 2002)

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF STOCK TRANSPORTATION LLC.

Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y (SSNY) on 10/30/02. Of-fice location:Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/2/02. SNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to:c/o CT Corpo-ration 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 18, 2002)

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 18, 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 law-ful 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 pro-cess against the LLC is 116 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. (December 18, 2002)

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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/

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02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Corpora-tion 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.Ste. 4, Dover,DE 19901. Pur-pose: any lawful activity (December 18, 2002)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION of TW Flyers, LLC, a Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State and effec-tive on November 4,2002. The name of the Limited Liability Com-pany is TW Flyers, LLC. The Principal office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purpose of the com-pany 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 des-ignated 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 pro-cess served against it is 73 Henderson Road, Glenmont, New York 12077, Attention: Manager. (December 18, 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

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Exchange Street. 700 Security Mutual Bidg., P.O. Box 5250, Binghamton,NY 13901-5250, Attn: John G. Dowd, Esa Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 18, 2002)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF VEHICLE PROTECTION PLUS ,L.L.C.

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 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 372323. Purpose: any lawful activity

Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 18, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Wel-come Home LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/17/02. Office location: Albany (DE) on 5/22/02. SSNY desig-nated 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 8 th Ave., NY, NY 10011., registered agent upon whom pro-cess may be served. Principal of-fice of LLC: 309 D RaleighSt, Wilmington,NC 28412. DE Secy. of State,401 Federal St. Ste 4 Dover, DE. 19901. Purpose:retail home accessories and gifts.

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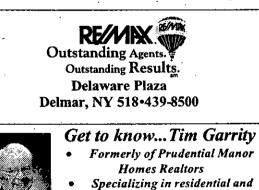
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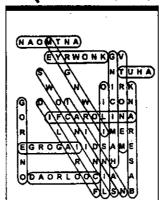
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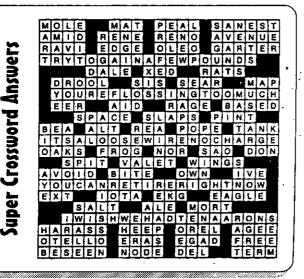
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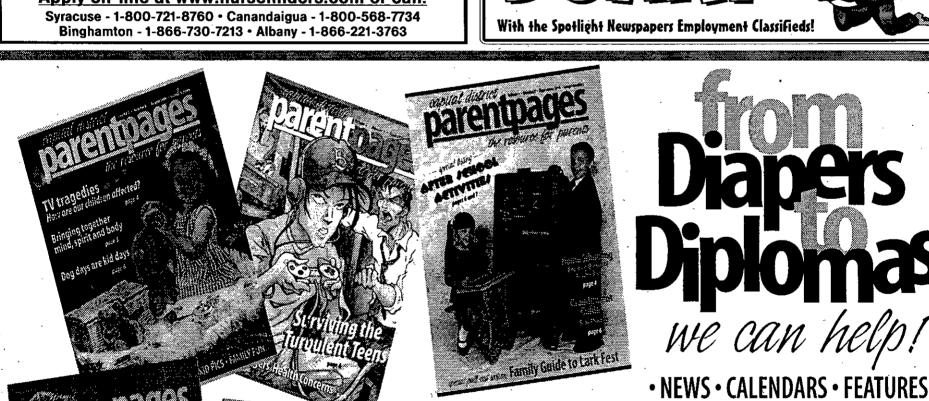
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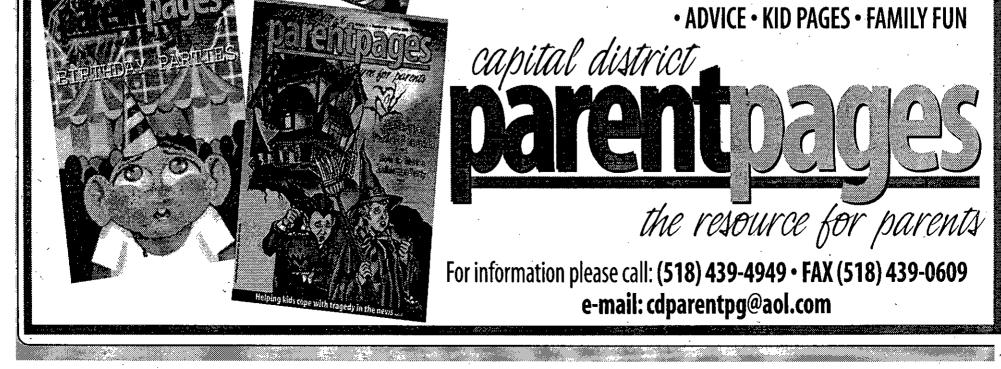
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Winter tips from Napa's top tech

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

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

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

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

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

you don't lose visibility at critical times this

While it may not -be something you think about in terms of winter car care, Piraino says brake maintenance is among the most important upkeep items this time of year. Because braking efficiency declines when roads and brake systems get wet, winter is when you can expect troubles to turn- \downarrow up. Now is the ideal time to get your brake parts and brake fluid inspected and, if necessary, replaced. Piraino also suggests getting familiar with your anti-lock braking system (ABS) before a risky winter situation demands it. Applying your ABS brakes in a safe place will allow vou to re-familiarize yourself with the feel and function of the system before you have to employ it in earnest.

Piraino's fifth tip is to check your battery. This simple test can be performed by your local car care specialist in a matter of minutes

and save you from being unnecessarily stranded for hours out in the cold. ---- -

Taking these few simple steps today can make all the difference in the world when old man winter arrives. If time is short, see the friendly folks at your neighborhood NAPA AutoCare Center for a simple preseason inspection. Their ASEcertified technicians can help with all of your winterizing needs. If you're a do-ityourselfer, stop by your local NAPA AUTO PARTS store for the fluids, parts, accessories and advice to face the coming winter with confidence. Call 1-800-LET-NAPA for the NAPA AUTO PARTS store or NAPA AutoCare Center nearest you.







Hamagrael

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Theresa Weinman said. "We encouraged parents to have the kids do some chores around the house to earn money, so they could buy the gifts themselves.'

Weinman said the response been overwhelming. has Through her work with Albany Medical College's Department of Family and Community Med- information onto the snowflakes.

kids from Our Lady of Angels Food Pantry, Albany Med's Pediatric HIV program, Unity House's battered women's shelter and the Koinonia Health Clinic in Arbor Hill.

Four students from Judy Languish's fifth-grade class and Mary Szech's combined secondand third-grade class wrote the

signed permission slip from their parents, could take a snowflake, or parents themselves could pick up the snowflakes.

'The kids made 100 snow-- flakes," Weinman said. "We put them up on Dec. 9, and they were all gone by noon on the 10th. I at the school. called Unity House and got 30 more, and they were gone in a day."

Most of the wishes, Weinman sleds and skateboards."

Hamagrael students wrote to the recipients. Each snowflake listed a child's first name, age and wish. "Some of the letters brought tears to my eyes," Weinman said.

"Rob Helm's fifth-grade class turned it into a public relations project," Weinman said, "with different kids making public announcements each day on the loudspeaker. A lot of teachers adopted a child as a class. Szech's class took a field trip to Price Chopper to buy food for the food pantry. Languish emptied the drop box every day, and pulled it back out into the lobby every from Take City Hall

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icine, Weinman got the names of Hamagrael students, with a were the letters that a lot of the morning. The principal and secretary have been wonderful, keeping us updated about what's there. And the whole board just took this project and ran with it."

> The reaction of the community Weinman has been awed by has doubled Weinman's pleasure the support the project received - at being able to help so many people in need.

> > "A lot of parents have called" and said how pleased they've been to have an opportunity to talk about need with their kids." Weinman said. "Everyone did so much more than they needed to. It's been a great bonding experience for our school.'

Delmar author to read

Author, journalist and former congressman Dan Button reads from his new book, Take City Hall! on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Llbrary. The book focuses on the late Thomas M. Whalen's historic decade as Albany's mayor from 1983 to 1993, a crucial period of reform against the O'Connell-Corning machine.

Button, who served two terms in the U.S. Congress, is a former editor of the Times Union and editor of "Science Digest" magazine. In the eight years he worked on this book, he held several interviews with Whalen and numerous political figures.

Button has also written a book about former New York City Mayor John Lindsay.

The program is free and open to the public. Call 439-9314 to register.



