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## NiMo reps defend system in Delmar

By KRISTEN OLBY

A community forum held Thursday night to address frequent power outages in an Elsmere neighborhood drew a standing-room-only crowd to town hall, in part because many of the residents had lost power that evening.

High winds brought some lines down around 6 p.m., knocking out power to hundreds of houses in Bethlehem.

***I'm considering putting my house up for sale because of this, plus the taxes.***

Jim Holland

Being caught in the dark is nothing new for many homeowners in the Kenholm Gardens community, located between Kenwood Avenue and Oakwood Drive. Residents claim they often experience frequent power outages lasting anywhere from 20 minutes to 12 hours, even in calm weather.

They called for the meeting with Niagara Mohawk seeking an explanation and solution to the problem.

"It's a huge inconvenience," said Tom Sheraw of Devon Road, who says his home has lost power 12 times in six months. "The house is dark, it's cold and in the dead of winter, when the power goes out even more frequently, the temperature is sub-zero."

Sheraw said he was forced to purchase a \$700 generator for back-up electricity after the cost of staying at hotels each time the power was lost began to add up.

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## Town will rebury old bones

By KRISTEN OLBY

The mystery surrounding the identity of three partial skeletons unearthed more than a decade ago off Elsmere Avenue may never be solved, but the remains will be laid to rest once again.

The town board has passed a resolution to proceed with burial of the bones at a local cemetery, after attempts to identify the deceased proved unsuccessful.

The bones were discovered in a shallow, 3-foot grave by a crew digging a trench to install electrical service in the summer of 1992.

## Lord of the rings

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Elf Sean Fagan tosses a ring to Wolfgang Gehring at Indian Ladder Farms Saturday.

Jim Franco

## Waste Management nixes Selkirk project

By KRISTEN OLBY

A group of Selkirk residents has emerged victorious in the fight to halt a garbage company's proposed regional headquarters from being built along the Hudson River.

Signs scattered throughout southern Bethlehem opposing Waste Management's facility are now covered

over with banners reading, "We Won" and "It's Over."

Waste Management announced it would discontinue efforts to build the complex on 148 acres of land along Route 144. The company had hoped to construct a 5,000-square-foot office building and a maintenance facility for 77 garbage trucks. Residents feared the facility would bring pollution and greater truck traffic.

"The project, which would have brought over 100 jobs and significant school and town tax benefits to the community, will be constructed elsewhere in the Capital District," according to a company statement released Friday. Waste Management representatives could not be reached for comment.

The decision brings a lengthy legal battle involving Selkirk residents, the town zoning board and Waste Management to a close.

The zoning board had voted to allow the project, determining that it was a permitted use for that zone. Last year, residents filed an appeal in state Supreme Court challenging the decision. The court found the facility should be prohibited and called the boards' interpretation of the zoning code "irrational."

Waste Management appealed the

ruling and, last month, the case was heard before the Appellate Division of the state Supreme Court. The court was expected to rule on the matter early next year.

"We're very grateful to Waste Management for deciding to look elsewhere," said Selkirk resident Laurel Dickerson, who filed the initial appeal challenging the zoning board's decision. "It's just put such a ray of hope for grass-roots organi-

zations to have a powerful effect on their community."

The victory cost the opponents thousands of dollars. The group, Bethlehem Residents Environmentally Against Trash Hauling (BREATH), formed in 2001 to fight the proposal, and has racked up roughly \$12,000 in legal expenses. BREATH is now seeking donations from the community to help pay attorney fees.

"We had to pay so that the town could uphold its own zoning laws and that doesn't seem fair," said Dickerson.

The silver lining may be that the legal proceedings prompted the town board to make changes to southern Bethlehem's Rural Not Zoned code earlier this year.

Under the revised zoning code, projects similar to Waste Management's truck maintenance facility would not be considered permitted uses.

***We had to pay so that the town could uphold its own zoning laws and that doesn't seem fair.***

Laurel Dickerson



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# N.S. board debates Baron's status

By MICHELE FLYNN

It's not Christmas until the elections are over. At 7 p.m. on Dec. 23, the town of New Scotland will hold a public hearing on whether or not newly-elected town councilwoman Deb Baron can hold office. There may be a conflict of interest due to her day job as Justice Court clerk for the town.

The Dec. 10 meeting of the New Scotland town board was Councilwoman Kathy Connors last. She did not run for office this fall. Councilman Scott Houghtaling read a proclamation thanking Connors for her four years of service.

"I am honored to have served,"

Connors said. "I have made the most wonderful friends, lifelong friends."

In other business, the town board approved a credit card program for paying fines. The cost to the town is approximately \$500 for the year, and is expected to expedite the collection of fines.

Water remains a subject of discussion for the board.

"It's been two years since we first discussed the Albany water contract," town resident Katie O'Rourke said. "It's a big issue for many people in town, not just myself. We'd like to hear what our representatives are doing."

A recent delay is caused by the wording of a contract between the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. John Biscone, town attorney for New Scotland, had concerns regarding the additional liability required.

Town Engineer Mark Dempf said that the city of Albany requires Bethlehem to hold the liability, obliging Bethlehem to pass the responsibility to New Scotland.

Biscone advised that the contract should read, "Our liability is limited to the amount

of our insurance policy."

Starting in 2004, the town will have a monthly agenda item addressing water issues.

Other discussion centered on adoption of the long-range plan for parks and recreation.

Town Supervisor Ed Clark was hesitant to sanction the plan.

"I don't think that we should hold future board members to a future plan," he said.

Town Councilman Rich Reilly pointed out that a plan doesn't handcuff the board.

Houghtaling agreed. "I don't think the long term plan ties our hands," he said. "We can move where funds are available."

The board approved the plan.

The town will hold its organizational meeting Jan. 1 at 1 p.m., and public hearings on tax exemptions for senior citizens and disabled citizens Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. and 6:40 p.m., respectively.

Albany County has amended the provisions of laws providing property exemptions to both groups, increasing the sliding scale income limits from \$29,900 to \$32,400. The monthly town board meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

# Local restaurateur busted for bookmaking

A Slingerlands businessman is charged with taking part in a sports gambling ring that stretched across four local towns.

Andy Kung, 39, of 30 Bittersweet Lane is charged with three felony counts of promoting gambling. Kung was arrested Dec. 5, following an investigation by several police agencies and the Albany County Sheriff's Department Drug Interdiction Unit.

The investigation netted nine arrests, and officers seized a total of \$150,000, gambling records, computers and five vehicles from several homes and businesses.

Kung owns Andy's Place Sports Bar on New Scotland Avenue in Albany and the Gold Coin Chinese Restaurant in Slingerlands.

# Boston Market closes

By KRISTEN OLBY

Boston Market has closed its Delmar restaurant, located on Delaware Avenue, reportedly because it lagged in sales.

The store closed Monday, Dec. 8, according to an Albany Boston Market restaurant manager, and the store's lease was scheduled to expire by the end of the year.

By Tuesday morning, the

restaurant's sign and green awnings had been removed, while parchment paper covered the windows. The restaurant offered roasted chicken and home-style meals.

Angel Willis, a manager of the Western Avenue Boston Market in Albany, said the Delmar store failed to garner enough revenue, bringing in only a quarter of the profits that other area Boston Markets generate.

# Police reserve calls it quits

By KRISTEN OLBY

The final four members of a volunteer group formed thirty-three years ago to provide police officers with a helping hand, will retire at the end of the year.

The Bethlehem Police Reserve was formed in 1970 to assist police agencies in

Bethlehem and Albany County.

On Dec. 31, the four remaining members: Chief Donald W. Geurtze, Assistant Chief Jonathan Van Derpoel and Officers Stephen Bugler and Jonathan Hough will retire from service.

Each volunteer was presented with a proclamation of service at the Dec. 10 town board meeting.

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# Whooping cough on the rise

By LINDA DeMATTIA  
and MICHELE FLYNN

The flu might be getting all the headlines this season, but whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is another concern for public health officials throughout the state.

Lisa Whalen, a physician with the Albany County Health Department, said nobody knows why whooping cough has made such a strong appearance this year. Last year, there were 17 reported cases in Albany County; this year there are 84 to date. Almost half of those cases were linked to a mini-outbreak in June, she said.

"We have outbreaks every few years, and they are not linked to the flu season," she said. "We know it occurs in three-to-five-year cycles and we know in this outbreak there were patients undiagnosed, and therefore exposed more people."

Whooping cough is an easily communicable bacterial infection, Whalen said.

"Seventy to 80 percent of those who haven't been vaccinated that are exposed to it will get it," she said. "Because of the high degree of communicability, we treat family and close contacts with prophylaxis."

Easily treated with common antibiotics, whooping cough can be extremely dangerous, especially in the very young, Whalen said.

"Their airways are smaller and they stand a greater chance of the airways becoming occluded," she said. "There can also be a significant impact on the central nervous system."

Whooping cough begins with mild upper respiratory symptoms including a cough and irritation in the nose and throat. Untreated, the cough becomes so severe that the classic "whooping" sound develops when the child tries to breathe in.

Sometimes coughing is so severe the child may vomit afterwards. It rarely includes a high fever, Whalen said, and can last more than six weeks.

"It can go away on its own, but if someone has pertussis, they

will be contagious for three weeks," she said. "If they take antibiotics, they are not infectious after five days."

The course of treatment is generally two weeks, she said.

While many children are vaccinated against pertussis, the vaccine does not provide 100 percent immunity. Children

know it's in the community."

Pospisil said there have been 748 cases diagnosed throughout the state to date. "One of the reasons that number is up is because doctors are being told to be on the lookout for it," she said.

The Voorheesville schools have been especially hard hit, with approximately 35 cases

confirmed in the middle and high schools since mid-October. No cases have been reported in the elementary school, and no adults have contracted the disease.

High School Principal Mark Diefendorf said the first case, a seventh grader,

was confirmed at the end of October. Soon after, a ninth grader was diagnosed and a letter outlining symptoms went home to parents.

Last week, only four or five children were diagnosed, an indication that the worst is over.

"There's very little we can do because there's an incubation period of 21 days," he said, adding that the upcoming holiday recess may help slow the spread of pertussis.

Bethlehem Central School District has had only two confirmed cases of whooping cough, one in a middle school student and one in a high school student, said BCSD spokeswoman Jessica Sheckton. Less than a half-dozen other students were tested and two students who were non-symptomatic but had close contact with infected students were being treated prophylactically, she said.

Although there have been no confirmed cases of pertussis in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district, administrators have asked parents of students showing signs of illness to keep their students home from classes to avoid the large outbreaks of influenza or pertussis that have occurred in neighboring school districts.

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Lisa Whalen

should receive their first vaccine at two months and boosters at four to six months; 15 to 18 months and again before they enter school. The vaccine is often "bundled" with diphtheria and tetanus and in the past was called the DTP vaccine. A newer version, A-cellular pertussis is now being used and is called DTAP, Whalen said.

"The take-home message is that people should check their child's vaccinations and make sure they are up-to-date," she said. "They don't stop until the child is three to five years old."

As people get older, they become more susceptible, she said, and there is no booster vaccination available for those over the age of seven. Add to that the fact in New York State the pertussis vaccine is not required for school entry, and it is not surprising that the disease can sweep through the school environment.

The number of cases of pertussis is up in New York and across the nation, according to Clair Pospisil, spokeswoman for the state Department of Health.

"This is a national trend, not just in New York," she said. "We can't pinpoint the exact reason, but the important thing is that health care professionals need to

## Route 9W traffic light needs funding

By KRISTEN OLBY

Funding for a traffic light in front of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk middle and high school campus will be discussed with business leaders and school officials again in early January.

An accident last week in front of the Route 9W campus underscores the need for the traffic signal, according to school Superintendent Vicki Wright.

Around 5 p.m. on Dec. 11, Ravena police said 17-year-old Anthony Gannon of Selkirk was leaving the high school campus when he pulled out in front of 28-year-old Amanda Wolfe, who was traveling south on Route 9W. Both drivers were taken to local hospitals with minor injuries.

"This accident is one more example of the need to move forward on this traffic signal and get it installed as quickly as possible," said Wright.

In September, a Selkirk man was killed when his motorcycle struck a car pulling out of the campus. That accident prompted the state Department of

Transportation to re-evaluate the number of crashes in front of the campus.

In October, DOT determined a traffic light was warranted but the agency, under state law, can't purchase it. The traffic signal and installation expenses are expected to cost around \$60,000. The village of Ravena does not have enough budgeted funds to purchase the light, according to the district.

Early next year, a public meeting will be held to discuss the light and its funding. Letters will also be sent by the district to all area businesses and district vendors seeking financial support for the signal.

Meanwhile, the district has scheduled a meeting with community and business leaders on Jan. 7.



Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, receives a plaque honoring her community service from Bethlehem School Superintendent Les Loomis and School Board president Robin Storey on Dec. 9 at a party celebrating her retirement. Planning board member Parker Mathusa, who co-hosted the event, looks on.

## Board bids farewell to Fuller and Davis

By KRISTEN OLBY

The last town Bethlehem town board meeting of the year opened with a number of goodbyes.

The Dec. 10 meeting marked the last time Supervisor Sheila Fuller and town board member Doris Davis would sit before residents, tending to town business.

Both women were presented with proclamations recognizing their years of service to the town.

For the last 10 years, Fuller has served as town supervisor. She opted earlier this year not to seek a sixth term.

"The Town of Bethlehem was fortunate to have had Sheila Fuller, a caring and compassionate person, as its leader of town government, read board member and deputy supervisor George Lenhardt. "She will be greatly missed."

The town board declared

Wednesday, Dec. 31 Supervisor Sheila Fuller Day, in recognition of a job well done.

Doris Davis was also awarded a proclamation recognizing her years of public service. Davis was appointed to the board in 1994 to fill Fuller's unexpired term after Fuller became supervisor. In 1995, Davis was elected to her first full four-year term and later won a second term.

"The people of Bethlehem were fortunate to have had Doris Davis selflessly devote her time and talents to help make the town she loves so dearly a better and brighter place in which to live and work," read Fuller from the proclamation.

Davis was also a founding member of Bethlehem Youth Court and co-chair of its board of directors, a member of the Bethlehem Pedestrian Safety Committee and a volunteer member of the Bethlehem Senior Projects.

## Low-fat on menu at RCS

By KRISTEN OLBY

Breakfast and lunch menus at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools are offering kids healthier food choices, in an effort to help trim the obesity

from the menu.

"The biggest change is the a la carte items," said RCS Director of Food Service George Dardani. "We reviewed all of them and we made changes. All of the chips that we have are now baked chips."

Trail mix is substituted for traditional favorites like chocolate Ring Dings and cupcakes. To date, Dardani said he hasn't heard many complaints from students.

"I think 90 percent of the kids' responses are positive," he said, acknowledging that the change isn't foolproof since kids can still bring in those favorite snacks from home.

Primary menu items served as part of a meal package had previously been made more nutritious, with baked foods replacing fried foods, said Dardani.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Office, an estimated 15 percent of children in the nation are overweight — a ratio that has tripled in adolescents in the last 20 years. The increase has led to more childhood diabetes and places the children at a greater risk for heart disease and other life-threatening ailments.

***The biggest change is the a la carte items. All of the chips that we have are now baked chips.***

George Dardani

epidemic among children.

The district has modified its snack and a la carte menu selections to remove fat-laden, high carbohydrate foods.

The decision comes partly in response to a petition signed by 128 parents seeking changes to food offerings that would provide students with healthier options at the middle and high schools. New nutritional snacks will also be introduced at the elementary schools. Foods that are high in saturated fats, total fats and carbohydrates will be removed

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# So many child-rearing lessons, so many tomorrows

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It's a book collection out of control. *How to Talk So Your Child Will Listen; How to Listen So Your Child Will Talk. Loving Your Child is Not Enough. Raising A Son. Endangered Minds: Why Children Don't Think and What We Can Do About It. Real Boys. Parenting for Prevention. Your Three-Year-Old. Your Four-Year-Old. Your Five-Year-Old.* Your — well, you get the picture.

All these books are in my house in the hopes that they will help me to gently guide my

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children to being good, kind, calm, rational people — the sort of person I wish I were myself. I will confess to having read all of only one of those books, some of most of them and a tiny bit of a few of them. On a particularly trying day, I flung one across the

room. It's also been a while since I opened any of them, as my children have gotten older, and I try to apply common sense to my periodic episodes of conflict.

Some of the information from those books stays with me. I try to keep words to a minimum; I try to be consistent; and I try to make the punishment fit the crime.

None of the books was ever able to keep me from feeling bad when I have to discipline the kids, though. When I have to send them to their rooms, make them sit in the green chair or ground them, I'm overcome with a sense of chagrin and failure. Where did I go wrong? Why are my children not perfect? My husband, who's out of the house for more of the day than I am, once tried to reassure me that an instance of child-like misbehavior wasn't my fault. I could only look at him in astonishment.

"It's always the mother's fault," I reminded him.

There are many surprises in parenting. One is that the love

parents feel for their children isn't conditional, it's complete and sometimes overwhelming. Another is that this love that fills us so very full is also completely draining. The physical exhaustion of caring for little people is huge, and pretty quickly we realize that we will spend the rest of our days cleaning, feeding and keeping our precious ones safe.

When the cocoons we weave for our children begin to feel too snug, they feel their way towards the outside world and the less tangible part of child-rearing begins. Too soon, our children learn that they can contradict us, defy us, steal Hot Wheels toys from their little friends and throw themselves down in the checkout aisle of the supermarket when they aren't allowed to buy the Ring Pops they want so very much.

The times when our kids can't figure out how to behave are when they most need us to be firm and loving. The problem is that our own emotions sometimes stop us from providing the right combination of discipline and love. It's easy to watch somebody else's child fall apart and say, "Oh, well." It's really distressing to be the parent of a child behaving in such a way that the old woman two supermarket checkout aisles away is raising her eyebrows.

It's just as hard to be the parent of older children who, in the privacy of her own home, has to make a judgment call about when sibling rivalry has gone too far, who's entitled to the last bowl of Reese's Puffs cereal or whether making Mom repeat herself three times is a punishable offense.

Our reluctance to discipline probably also comes from the fact that we want to believe that our children are truly just good people misbehaving because of external influences. He's wailing because he's hungry; he's cranky because school was hard today; he's being mean to the other kids

because they pick on him.

While it's sometimes appropriate to talk things out with a child, sometimes action is required to teach them that no matter the reason, certain behaviors just aren't acceptable. We've all met kids whose mothers excuse them so often that the children become unbearable. Come to think of it, we've probably all met adults so caught up in the way the world's treating them that they never stop to think about how their behavior affects the people around them.

So parents have to work on one of their calling's greatest balancing acts — figuring out if and when to punish a child and what exactly the punishment should be. Our first pediatrician, the man we refer to as The Sainted Dr. John Larsen, expressed it perfectly when I told him about my difficulties with a strong-willed 3-year-old.

"If you never punish him, you create a sociopath," he said. "Punish him too much and you create a psychopath."

It's a creed to live by, although at the time he said it, it felt like he was revealing the actual spot between the rock and the hard place.

The other thing the books downplay is how children react to the discipline we mete out. Some of the books that I read had actual snippets of dialogue between children and parents, which always ended with the children seeing the reason of the situation. Well, maybe that happens in other homes, but my kids take very unkindly to many kinds of parental intervention.

"Do you want us to be automaton droids?" they'll demand insistently when I point out that at that exact moment, their behavior leaves a little to be desired.

"Yes," I always tell them, figuring honesty is a good policy.

What I really want, and the reason most parents stand firm in spite of their children's protests, is for them to make good choices.

The other tricky part of discipline is that by the time parents arrive at the point of action, we're usually pretty pooped, physically and emotionally. Too often, I lose myself in a torrent of words with an ever-increasing volume. It feels great momentarily, but I'm always put in mind of Dr. Terry Brazelton, who once listened to a mother describe an encounter with her toddler. "Hmmm," he said when she finished, "I wonder who was really having the temper tantrum?"

More than once, I've sent myself to the green chair — which is really a great, quiet place to be. It's a good place to reflect on the most hopeful piece of child-rearing advice. As America's great literary heroine Scarlett O'Hara once realized, tomorrow is another day. Before turning in at the end of each day, whether it was great or exhausting, there's time to sit at the edge of my sons' beds and lay my hand gently on their heads. Tomorrow. We'll all try again tomorrow.

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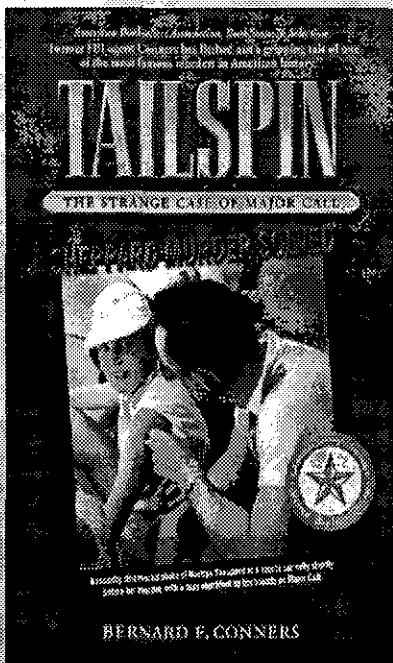
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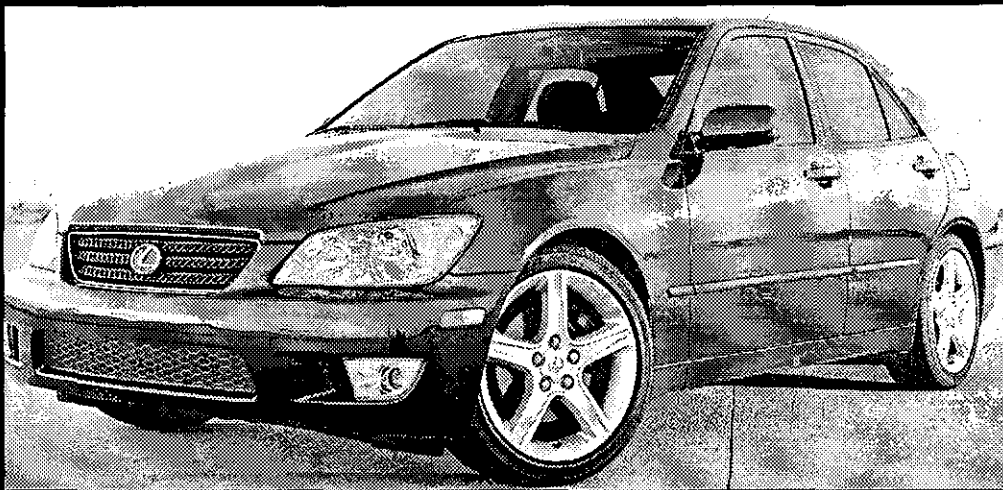


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# V'ville board looks at whooping cough, tax challenge

By MICHELE FLYNN

At last week's meeting, the Voorheesville school board addressed the high number of cases of pertussis, or whooping cough, in the district at last week's meeting.

There have been 35 cases since mid-October, all in the middle and high schools.

High School Principal Mark Dieffendorf said that he hoped the holiday recess will continue the slowing of the disease, since the time away from school will reduce contact between students.

Also at the meeting, the board

agreed to share the cost of legal counsel with the town of New Scotland. Last month, the town approached the school district requesting support in fighting Atlas Copco's and Colonie Country Club's challenge of their town tax assessments.

Board president Robert Baron pointed out that the challenge means a lot of money is at risk.

Board member John Cole, who had previously voiced opposition to the measure, said, "I will support this motion, but in principle, I oppose it."

The school district will pay 80 percent of the costs for the appraisal, consulting and legal

expenses, and the town will pay 20 percent.

School business official Sarita Winchell updated the board on the long-range plan for debt services and bus purchases. Part of the ten-year plan is to purchase two buses annually, so that the district does not have to play catch-up as old buses conk out.

Superintendent Alan McCartney noted that since

moving the buses from the parking lot behind the Voorheesville firehouse to the grade school, the district has saved money by not having to plow the firehouse lot.

The buses were moved at the start of the school year, after the district and the village were not able to agree on a contract.

Regarding the new arrangement, Winchell noted, "It's a little

tight at the grade school, but generally it's okay. It's working."

The next Voorheesville school board meeting will be held on Jan. 12 in the high school commons at 7:30 p.m.

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Performing alone and as a guitar duo, Tony Califano and Dan Peters will be entertaining teens on Dec. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at a cabaret-style concert at the

display of antique Santas and Santa-themed collectibles in our showcase this month. Stop in to see them.

It's re-run season. Check out these new titles and others in the video/DVD collection this month: "The Hours," "Schindler's List," "Rabbit-proof Fence," "Holes," "Whale Rider," "Chicago," "Get Shorty," and "Matrix Reloaded."

Sign up at the reference desk and receive a copy of *On Green Dolphin Street* by Sebastian Faulkes to read for the January adult book discussion.

Nimblefingers will not meet Dec. 23.

The library is closed for the holiday on Dec. 24 and 25 and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Dec. 26.

Regular story times resume on January 5.

Sign up for library programs by calling 765-2791 or e-mail voorefq@uhs.lib.ny.us.

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

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Barbara Vink

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library. The talented pair are former members of the popular local band "Shifty" which was very impressive entertaining at the library on two previous occasions. Dan and Tony will play a variety of covers, instrumentals and original songs. Teens are invited drop in with friends (parents optional) for good listening and refreshments.

Also during school vacation, elementary-age kids can come to the library for some holiday stories and crafts that will make lovely ornaments or gifts. This program is on Monday, Dec. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Sign up at the reference desk to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone.

Andy Spence, known locally with husband Bill as the heart and soul of Old Songs, has a wonderful

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# Matters of Opinion

## The heat is on

We are not surprised any more when energy prices go up for no apparent reason.

Take, for instance, the inevitable gasoline price hikes in May, which are annually explained as the result of refineries switching from making fuel oil to making gasoline.

We are somehow expected to believe that warm weather and summer's increased driving are new and surprising phenomena every year.

Of course, we believe no such thing. Rather we suspect that a handful of oil companies, colluding with well-bribed legislators and revolving-door regulators, conspire to raise the price as high as they think they can get away with during a predictable time of high demand. They put out press releases replete with self-serving lies about their annual conspiracy, and the media report most of them verbatim.

It's like what Enron and other energy criminals did to California, only it's evidently legal and happens every year.

And now, we have the unpleasant prospect of natural gas prices skyrocketing just as the cold weather kicks in in the Northeast.

Natural gas has become the heating fuel of choice, generally cheaper and much more environmentally friendly than the alternatives.

According to a recent AP story, the price of natural gas for January delivery has risen 46 percent in the three weeks since Thanksgiving.

Natural gas traders and analysts cannot explain the sudden price spike. One remarks, "Any of us in the business see that the amount of natural gas in storage argues for a much lower price."

Another notes bluntly, "There is no supply shortage," and argues that New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer should "take a closer look at the market."

Are energy price-fixers and profiteers manipulating the market, taking advantage of an early snowstorm and cold spell in the East to make people think there's some kind of shortage? Is snow white?

Of course, the manipulations may be legal, given that the energy laws in this country are largely written to accommodate energy companies.

It's also interesting that a Wall Street analyst would mention Spitzer, who has been a well-publicized scourge of Wall Street's illegal traders.

Like financial services, energy prices should have strong national regulation to prevent price-fixing and other shady practices. But, at the national level, special interest bribery has been so effective that there is no real regulation protecting consumers.

So Eliot Spitzer may be the only chance natural gas customers have that this suspicious price rise will be investigated before it hits home in their utility bills.

## Editorial

## Lighting candles, creating memories

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

*The writer lives in Delmar.*

Every Chanukah when I was younger, my mother gave me a new diary. The diary had a lock (and two keys), a single page for each calendar day (with the date pre-printed at the top), and a small section for addresses and phone numbers.

There were also other gifts, one small package for each of the eight nights of Chanukah, but none of them stand out in my mind.

What I remember most is lighting the menorah. Ours was a silver menorah, rectangular in shape, with the shamash candle in the middle, rising slightly higher than the surrounding candles.

We displayed the menorah on a glass tray on the dining room table. Next to the tray was a children's Chanukah storybook. The book had a purple hard cover and the characters were a brother and sister, drawn with similar diamond-shaped heads and brown hair.

Even after I outgrew the story, we kept the book on the table because it contained the prayers to recite while lighting the menorah.

Inside the book, my mother kept a piece of loose-leaf paper upon which my fifth-grade self had handwritten the story of Chanukah.

I still have the paper and each year, as a bit of a joke and a bit of nostalgia, I read the essay to my husband. I recite it with exaggerated enthusiasm, pronouncing the words exactly as presented on the now-yellowed page.

My favorite sentence is: "Then the miracle occurred the oil burned for eight days long enough to make the more oil that was needed."

Chanukah, which begins this Friday, commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. More than 2,100 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek king of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods.

Jewish rituals were outlawed and the Jews' holy temple in

## Point of View

Jerusalem was seized and defiled.

The Jews eventually won the long war against the Syrian army. While preparing to re-dedicate their reclaimed temple, the Jews found one flask of holy oil, enough to light the lamps for just one day. A miracle occurred and the oil burned for eight days, enough time to obtain a new supply of oil.

That's the condensed account of the story. My childhood version, now safely stored in a plastic sleeve, provides more details.

Reading it has become a tradition, along with making potato latkes, playing dreidel,

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eating chocolate gelt and lighting the candles — these simple pleasures are what make Chanukah so much fun.

A few weeks ago, I asked my daughter Rachel, "What is your favorite part of Chanukah?"

I fully expected her to say it is the presents.

Her answer surprised me. The conversation went as follows:

Mom: What is your favorite part of Chanukah?

Daughter: It's when Chanukah is on a Friday and we get to light more candles. First, the Chanukah candles, then the shabbat (Sabbath) candles.

Mom (flabbergasted): You mean your favorite part isn't getting presents?

Daughter: Nooooo! I just told you. It's when Chanukah is on a Friday!

Mom: Wow. That's really cool. So you wouldn't care if you didn't get presents?

Daughter: What? If I didn't get presents, I would cry every day for the rest of my life.

Mom: But you just said your favorite part was Chanukah on Friday night.

Daughter: Yeah, that's my most favorite part, but there's got to be presents, too. And you can even get five presents on one night.

Mom: Five? On the same night?

Daughter: Yeah, remember that time I got the markers and colored pencils and three other things?

Mom: Yes, I remember. The craft-related gifts. I considered that one set of gifts, but I see how that could count as five.

How lucky for Rachel that this year Chanukah begins and ends on a Friday night. She will get to experience her "favorite part" twice.

And how lucky for my husband and I that our daughter's first thought is the candle-lighting, not the presents.

Of course, she enjoys getting presents and we enjoy giving them. At 7, Rachel is relatively easy to please. Like her mother, she can't seem to have enough notebooks, pocket folders and writing instruments (I prefer pencils; she likes markers.)

She's forever creating "books" by folding stacks of paper and stapling down the folded side. They are really only the beginnings of stories, with little more than interesting titles and one or two opening sentences. But they are full of potential.

I already had gift ideas meant to fuel her love of reading and writing, but I was also interested to know if she wanted something special.

Our conversation continued:  
Mom: So, what would you like for Chanukah?

Daughter: A tennis racket.

Mom: A tennis racket? But you won't have any opportunities to play tennis until summer. You'll be growing all winter. I won't be able to tell in

December what size racket you'll need for tennis weather.

Daughter: They sell them at a store named Dick's.

Mom: What other ideas do you have?

Daughter: A toy dog with a leash. And on the end of the leash there are buttons. You press a button and the dog barks and wags its tail. You press another button and it walks. It looks like Pluto.

Mom: The planet Pluto?

Daughter (laughing): No. Mickey Mouse's dog Pluto.

Mom: Oh, that Pluto. And where did you see this?

Daughter: Someone in my preschool had one.

Mom: Preschool? That was three years ago. That toy may not exist anymore!

I doubt my own mother got stressed out over giving Chanukah gifts. She was (and remains) wise enough to keep things simple and she could always count on my needing a new diary. In fact, she continued buying one for me each year well into my adulthood.

This Chanukah, I plan to start a new tradition with my daughter: a shared journal.

She already has several of her own diaries for private thoughts. Those are for her eyes only. This new book will be one in which we will both write.

I envision writing entries that begin, "I'm proud of you for" and/or "I get frustrated when you don't keep your room clean."

Hers might say, "Thank you for taking me to Friendly's" and/or "You never let me do anything!"

My first entry will be about how touched I am that her favorite part of Chanukah, like mine, involves lighting the candles.

Over the years, in practice and in words, I will emphasize the beauty of the ritual, the significance of religious freedom, and the joy of sharing the holiday with friends and family.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Kenholm Gardens deserves reliable power from NiMo

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last night my family sat in the dark and cold of our home in Kenholm Gardens, just like the majority of our neighbors, for an all-too-regular night without electric power from Niagara Mohawk.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending upon your perspective, this was also an evening that one of my neighbors, Carol Dillon, had arranged a community meeting for our neighborhood with officials from NiMo at the town hall. I joined a crowd of over 300 people at the meeting, an impressive turnout.

By comparison, more people were present than the plurality that passed the recent \$90 million-plus education bond issue in Bethlehem. We were all there to hear NiMo officials explain why we had problems getting a constant, reliable source of power from their system, to listen to what real solutions they had to rectify the problem, and to voice our concerns and personal experiences with the almost constant power outages.

The people in attendance offered story after story of disruptions in their lives that have occurred because of NiMo's inability to fulfill its commitment to provide a constant, dependable, reliable source of power to Kenholm Gardens. People spoke of the elderly and young forced to be cold and without power, of appliances small and large destroyed by power surges, of basements damaged by mold, mildew and rising water because of sump pump failures caused by power outages, and of the little inconveniences like dinners ruined, homework unfinished and planned family events disrupted.

The common thread in the room was the people of our neighborhood are way beyond the point of tired of the all-too-frequent frustrations caused by losing power. The people of Kenholm Gardens are joined together by the fact they are frustrated and angry with the lack of real solutions or responses offered by NiMo.

NiMo officials, to their credit, took the time to come to the meeting and speak to the people. They told us of possible causes and they quoted documented statistics from their own records that categorized the nearly 60 power outages we have experienced in our neighborhood over the last five years, that's roughly one power disruption per month.

Unfortunately, they offered few real solutions. As usual, they insisted the problem was predominantly tree trimming. They also suggested some of their fuses needed better coordination and there was a need to upgrade some of their insulators. They assured us there was not a voltage problem and that, in their opinion, the system was working well. They also informed us a tree was either sparking or on fire in our neighborhood as we conducted the meeting, proof positive, I guess, in their minds, that the

system was working well and that tree trimming was the real problem.

All of their answers sounded plausible until a recently retired 37-year veteran employee of NiMo and resident of Kenholm Gardens spoke. You see, this individual had actually supervised two of the NiMo individuals present at the meeting and was qualified to speak openly of the real reasons for the power disruptions.

He spoke of a need to reconstruct the electric line wires in the neighborhood, of bare wires arcing out in the wind, of old wires needing replacement, of the need for modern candlestick pole design, of eliminating some trees, of upgrading the copper and aluminum wires and of particular problems unique to a location known as Pole 76 in the neighborhood.

The real problem is obvious, and contrary to NiMo's suggestions, tree trimming isn't a solution, it's merely the cheapest way that NiMo can throw a band-aid on a much bigger problem, without making the changes that are really necessary and needed.

You see, NiMo has downsized, staff has been cut and budgets reduced, even the emergency dispatch staff has moved to Massachusetts since merging with National Grid, so really addressing our problem would cost money, time and resources. Even the limited tree cutting NiMo did in the fall was partially subsidized by tax dollars from the town of Bethlehem budget, a fact NiMo left unstated at the meeting.

Electric power issues aside, Kenholm is a great place to live. It's a well-maintained, beautiful, quiet, conveniently located subdivision where a nice mixture of recently married couples, families with young children, and retired long-term elderly residents live. The people living here are friendly, caring, educated people who take care of their properties and who care about others who live in their

neighborhood. In our opinion, it's what makes this neighborhood so very special. We deserve much better from NiMo.

I'd like to thank Carol Dillon for taking the time to organize the meeting and Theresa Egan, our newly elected town supervisor, for attending. I have no doubt Ms. Egan will be a terrific public servant who really cares about our issues.

I'd even like to acknowledge, with thanks, the folks from NiMo who attended. I'd especially like to thank the 300 or so neighbors who attended. Together we do have real power.

NiMo has asked us to wait until our next meeting in February before we take any further action. As a group we can

wait, we can be patient, heaven knows we all have been, but we must work collectively as a single voice to see we have power.

We need to call and write the state Public Service Commission, both Bill Flynn the commissioner, and Paul Powers, the deputy commissioner in charge of PSC staff activities, every single time we lose power. We need to ask the PSC to officially attend our future public meetings and we need to demand they do field audits to make sure NiMo really allocates the necessary resources to remedy the problem. We need to reach out to our legislators, the Attorney General's Office, and especially our town supervisor and town board, and demand that they hold NiMo accountable

every time we lose power.

Kenholm Gardens has a constant dependable source of power, no thanks to NiMo. It's the good people who live in our subdivision who write monthly checks for their NiMo electric and gas bills and have a reasonable expectation of a constant, reliable source of electric power.

We need to be heard, we need to sign petitions, and these people need to listen or nothing will happen to correct this problem. We can work cooperatively with NiMo, but at the same time we need to work together to have real power.

Jim Dombrowski  
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## Opinion Manger missing from display

Editor, The Spotlight:

With the Christmas holiday upon us, it's a pleasant sight to see the Four Corners, just recently renovated, further enhanced with additions for the season. However, the scene is incomplete, an obvious point which stares at me every time I pass by.

As I understand it, Christmas is the commemoration of the birth of Christ. That day is designated on every calendar printed in the United States and is an officially proclaimed holiday. Why then, would the depiction of this event be missing when its occurrence is the essence of the holiday?

The centerpiece of the Four Corners holiday scene is a Christmas tree and menorah. The former is an embellishment, added many years ago to make a joyous event more festive. The latter designates the Festival of Lights, the clear symbol of an historical event celebrated during the winter season.

It is incongruous that in this instance, the most obvious and clearest symbol of Christmas has been omitted in favor of a benign and pleasing association. In similar fashion, the simple display of a dreidel, another festive embellishment associated with the Festival of Lights, would not represent the full significance of Chanukah and might even be interpreted as a foolish exercise.

I encourage the inclusion of all religious symbols, which reflect events and traditions of joy and good will during this special time. However, I cannot comprehend the exclusion of the manger scene, the foundation stone upon which Christmas and all of its ramifications have been based for centuries.

Edward Wilcenski  
Delmar

## Supervisor deserves thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

As Sheila Fuller retires as town supervisor, we want to thank her for her over 25 years of service to our community. This covers membership first on the Bethlehem Central board of education, then on the town board and finally, 10 years as town supervisor. Not many people have served our community in such important posts for so long.

We wish Sheila and her husband Jim many happy and healthy years ahead.

Bertold Weinberg  
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# Matters of Opinion

## NS residents disagree with letter

Editor, The Spotlight:

What kind of person fires off a letter to the local newspaper as a way of solving problems with a neighbor? Eric Miller's rant against a local small business and the town of New Scotland in the Dec. 3 edition offended many good people too polite to dignify it with a response.

It seems suspicious that Mr. Miller chose to single out one person from among the numerous crummy-looking parcels along the Route 85/85A corridor, especially given the fact that much time and money has recently been invested restoring the building that houses New Scotland Sales and Rentals. How come you don't tell us what you think about the Dumpsters and garbage piles on the corner where the dilapidated old house once stood? Is Mr. Guyette's display of power equipment somehow more offensive than the other commercial window dressing along Route 85?

Garry Guyette and his crew have been conducting business in New Scotland for years now and we are lucky to have them. Stop in to meet him and you will find an honest, hard-working man who is also open-minded enough to consider your opinion of his property. He started New Scotland Sales and Rentals because he perceived a need within the community; since then he has shared his vast knowledge of the building industry, helping many local home/business owners with the tools and advice they need to complete all kinds

of construction projects.

I admit when the banners went up on that beautifully rehabbed Victorian, I wondered whether they fit with the rural character our community so values. Town Hall wondered too. If Mr. Miller were more civically active in New Scotland and less a complainer, he would've realized that Garry Guyette was called back to the planning board to answer a host of concerns, after which there was a public comment period. This would've been an appropriate venue for him to directly address both the business owner and town officials.

For the record, just about anyone who has ever tried building anything in the town of New Scotland will attest that our building and planning departments are quite vigilant in upholding the existing law, but exactly what kind of power do you think they possess? Do you understand the way the zoning law works in regard to the difference between new and existing structures? Is trashing someone's livelihood a justifiable vehicle for enlightening us with your vision?

Many residents say they want lower taxes without big box stores on every corner, and maybe we can figure out a way to make that work, but not by tattling to the newspaper before we've got the facts. New Scotland is on the verge of change and we hope everyone participates in that process in a positive way. Residents' opinions and feelings about issues like these are exactly

what town officials hope to better understand through devices such as the RPAC (Residents Planning Advisory Committee) and the townwide survey, which should have arrived at every household. Please share your vision of the future of New Scotland by dropping off your completed survey at a nearby Stewart's. You'll qualify for a free cup of coffee.

William and Kathryn O'Rourke  
New Scotland

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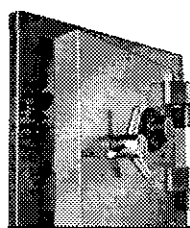
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## Elementary students collect coats and shoes

Students at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School collected approximately 275 coats that are in the process of being donated to less fortunate children throughout the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district community.

At the same time, the students are collecting pairs of shoes through a "Shoes for the Shoeless" campaign that concluded Dec. 10.

So far, the students have collected 221 pairs of shoes,

which will be distributed to needy families in Appalachia.

The collection totals are up from last year, when about 125 coats and even fewer pairs of shoes were collected, said fifth-grade teacher Joann Palmer, who oversees the program as fifth-grade student council adviser.

"I feel terrific. We are meeting the needs of people with good things that people would otherwise discard," said Palmer.

The coats are dry cleaned for

free and distributed to needy families by the Ravena-based Choices program.

The shoes are being transported to the Appalachian region by the Delmar Bootery.

"These young students have shown they already understand the meaning of being an up-standing member of the community," said school Superintendent Vicki Wright. "Their generosity is just one example of the many positive things going on in this wonderful region."

## Opinion

### Egan should re-appoint deputy supervisor

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to congratulate Theresa Egan on her victory in the election for Bethlehem supervisor.

Clearly, Theresa received support from across the political spectrum. Voters sent a clear message: navigating Bethlehem toward a bright future depends on collaboration in town hall.

In that same spirit, I strongly urge Theresa to re-appoint George Lenhardt, Bethlehem's current deputy supervisor, to continue serving in that capacity.

George has the longest tenure on the town board, having been elected nine years ago. And he has served as deputy supervisor with distinction since 1998. George offers the institutional knowledge upon which Theresa can draw to address the numerous challenges facing our community.

Yes, Theresa is a Democrat and George is a Republican. But by re-appointing George deputy supervisor, Theresa has the opportunity to rise above partisan consideration and prove she is willing to put the best people in important positions in town government, regardless of political affiliation.

L. Jeff Perez  
Delmar

### Student earns honor

David Bagg of Delmar was recently inducted into Maine's Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

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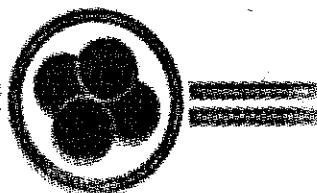



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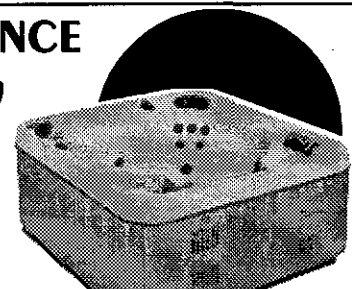
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## Legion to serve breakfast Dec. 21

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The menu includes made-to-order eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, home fries, toast, coffee, tea and juice.

### Middle schoolers tuning up for concert

Voorheesville Middle School will hold its winter concert today, Dec. 18, at the high school in the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is free of charge and open to the public.

### Youth group to sing carols

The Impact Youth Group from First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will be singing Christmas carols in the village park on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The youth group will also be serving cookies and cocoa.

Everyone is invited to attend.

### Nature center offers winter solstice program

Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will hold its third annual winter solstice celebration on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Winter solstice marks the longest night and shortest day in the Northern Hemisphere and signals the beginning of winter.

This celebration is appropriate for families and people of all ages and is free and open to the public.

For information, call 872-0800.

### Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. in village hall.

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### District schools closed for holiday

Schools in the Voorheesville school district will be closed from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2 for the December recess.

### Kiwanians to deliver Christmas gifts

Members of the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will deliver gifts of food, clothing and children's toys on Thursday, Dec. 18, to needy families in the town of New Scotland and surrounding areas.

### Entertainment books available at church

Entertainment books are still available from the Men's Association after Masses at St. Matthew's Church.

They are valid immediately.

The cost is \$40 and the proceeds are used to subsidize many parish functions.

### Delmar doctor joins Albany Med

Dr. Brian Valerian of Delmar has joined the staff of Albany Medical Center's division of surgery as a colorectal surgeon. Valerian was previously at the Cleveland Clinic Florida.

He is a graduate of Rutgers University and received his medical degree from New Jersey Medical School. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the Albany Medical Center Ethics Committee.

## Phase 1 construction nearing end

Phase 1 of our five-phase renovation project is just about done. Our refurbished youth services area will reopen this Friday, Dec. 19. The new "Children's Place" will be a bright delight for youngsters and their parents. Enter through the new portal and check out the reading and parent-teacher nooks, improved lighting, new furniture, carpet and computer stations, and some very cool "clouds."

The fish will be back as well, getting accustomed to the new scenery outside their tank.

Early and efficient carpet installation has allowed virtually continuous service in a crucial area. The nonfiction area was recarpeted late in Phase 1, closing the section for only three



days, rather than for the duration of Phase 2 as originally planned.

### Construction closing

In preparation for Phase 2, the library will be closed tomorrow, Dec. 18. Temporary walls will be built—insulated double-drywall, as before. Loaded bookshelves will be repositioned to accommodate construction.

Bookdrops will be open, and you can always visit us online at [www.bethlehempublibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempublibrary.org). To request materials or use our databases, all you need is a valid library card.

### Phase 2 features

Phase 2 will see the addition of new quiet study rooms, a new local history room, and renovation of the adult services area to include updated lighting and wiring, additional computer stations and dataports, and of course, new carpet.

### The more things change ...

Just as you've gotten used to the new locations for your favorite library materials, some of those locations will again be changing. As we begin Phase 2, several collections and services will be in different places. What is constant is our desire to make all this as easy for you as possible. Don't hesitate to ask us to help you find what you need.

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- Post emergency plans near the phone. Include home address and phone number, state where you will be, a phone number to reach you, and a trusted neighbor to contact. Make sure your child knows how to use 911 for police/medical emergencies.

- Sit together and answer your child's questions, like What should I do if someone comes to the door? Can friends visit? Should I answer the phone? Can I play outside? Walk the dog? Ride my bike? Can I use the stove? The microwave?

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# Sports

## Blackbirds stuck on a rollercoaster ride

By ROB JONAS

The Voorheesville girls basketball team experienced some highs and lows in its most recent stretch of games.

Voorheesville upended Albany 57-47 in last Saturday's opening round of the Lady Falcons

Tournament, but its offense went into hibernation in a 47-25 loss to Colonial Council rival Academy of Holy Names in last Sunday's championship game at Albany High School.

"It's an up and down thing," Voorheesville coach **Jon McClement** said. "You never know how

these tournaments are going to be, especially a big-school tournament."

Against Albany, the Blackbirds (2-1 league; 3-2 overall) jumped out to a 15-8 lead after the first quarter before the Falcons tied the game at halftime. The two teams remained neck and neck through the third quarter before Voorheesville pulled away late.

**Brittany Baron** scored 21 points, **Michelle Nadratowski** contributed 14 points and **Jackie Markert** added 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Blackbirds.

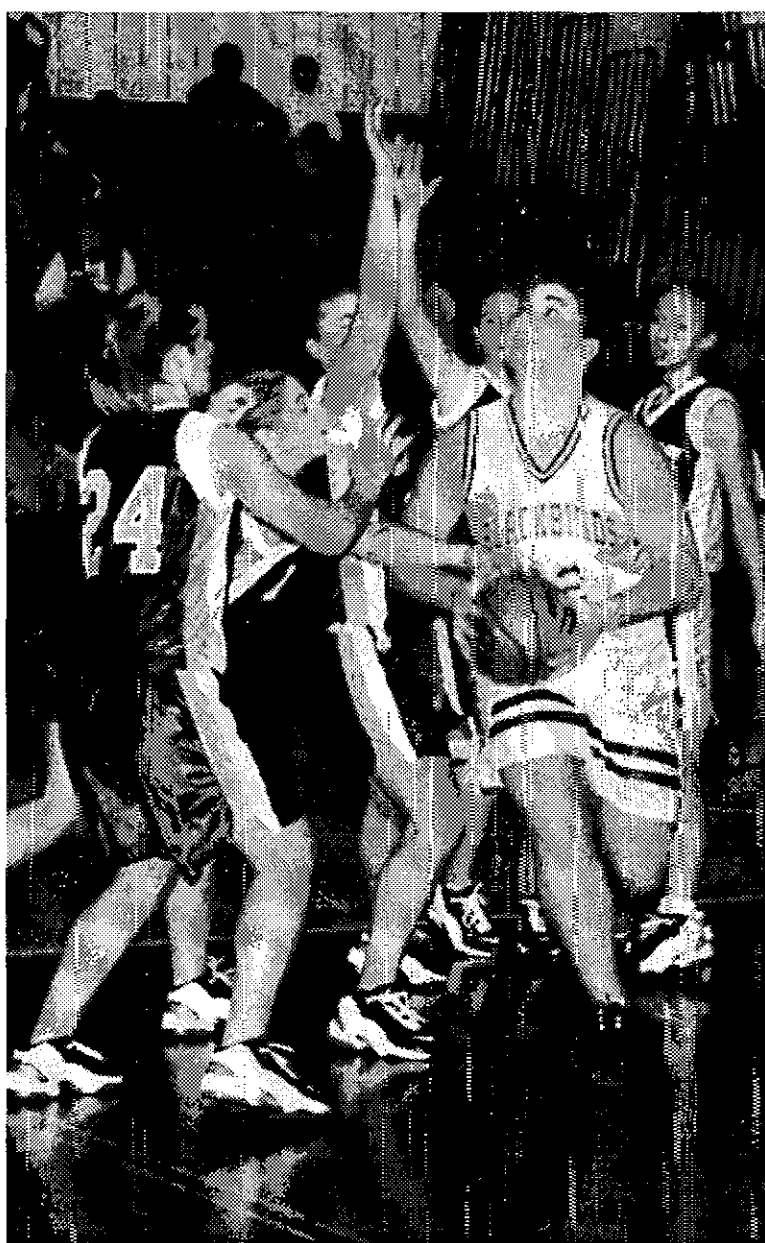
Voorheesville didn't reach that level of scoring in last Sunday's championship game against Holy Names. The Blackbirds scored only 11 points through the first three quarters, and no one had more than five points. Holy Names senior forward **Emily Gottstein** scored 26 points and hauled in several rebounds.

"Emily Gottstein was really active on the inside, so that hurt us," McClement said. "But the poor shooting hurt us more."

The loss to Holy Names capped a week in which the Blackbirds suffered their first Colonial Council loss of the season, a 58-56 setback against Watervliet last Thursday.

Baron had 19 points, and **Megan Maikoff** added 16 points for Voorheesville, which missed two chances to tie the game with three seconds left.

The Blackbirds had an opportunity to avenge their most recent loss when they visited Holy Names Tuesday for a Colonial Council game.



Voorheesville's Jackie Markert is defended by three Ravena-Creymans-Selkirk players during last Tuesday's Colonial Council game at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School. Markert scored 18 points to lead the Blackbirds to a 44-35 victory over the Indians. Laura Persico had 14 points and 14 rebounds for RCS.

Rob Jonas

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## Club schedules New Year's Day races

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club is hosting its annual Hangover Half Marathon and 3-mile Sober Up Run on Thursday, Jan. 1, at the University at Albany.

Both races start at noon from the physical education building. The courses follow roadways on the university and state office campuses.

The races are open to runners of all ages and abilities. Awards are presented to the male and female division winners, as well as the top age group finishers.

The entry fee is \$6 for club members and \$9 for non-members. Runners may register at 11 a.m. on the day of the race in the physical education building.

For information, visit the club's Web site at [www.hmrrc.com](http://www.hmrrc.com).

## Mahany named first team all-star

Bethlehem senior lineman Matt Mahany was named a first team Blue Division defensive all-star by the Suburban Council coaches.

Mahany was the lone Eagle named either a first or second team all-star by the league. Senior Chad Languish received an honorable mention for the defensive line.

On the offensive side of the field, honorable mentions went to junior running backs Ryan Eder and Geoff Wilcox, as well as senior tight end Will Ryan.

## BC girls receive all-state honors

Three members of the Bethlehem girls cross country team earned all-state honors in Class A after leading the Eagles to a second-place finish at last month's Federation meet.

Emily Malinowski was a third-team selection, while Roxanne Wegman was placed on the sixth team. Kristen Kenny received an honorable mention.

The Eagles finished as the second-ranked Class A team in the state behind Federation champion Saratoga.

## Coaching clinic visits Bethlehem town hall

A youth baseball and softball coaching clinic takes place at the Bethlehem town hall auditorium on Tuesday nights starting Jan. 6 and running through Feb. 10, with a final session on Thursday, Feb. 12.

The clinic is presented by LaSalle Institute and Bethlehem Mickey Mantle coach Jesse Braverman and Bethlehem Central High School and former minor league baseball player Matt Quatraro.

Basics of hitting, pitching, catching, fielding, baserunning,

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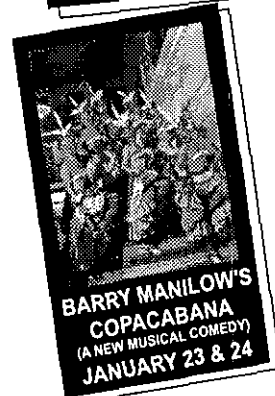
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# HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 8-14

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Averill Park 68,  
Bethlehem 56**

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 14 points, Brendan Venter 13 points.

**Voorheesville 56, RCS 54**

Voorheesville leaders: Mark Carson 23 points, Andy Catellier 10 points.

Ravena leaders: Joe Fisk 19 points, Ricky Rider 12 points, Victor Bermudez 12 points.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Bethlehem 59,  
Averill Park 56**

Bethlehem leaders: Katie Rowan 22

points, Holly Storm 13 points.

## Voorheesville 44, RCS 35

Voorheesville leaders: Jackie Markert 18 points, Brittany Baron 13 points.

Ravena leader: Laura Perisco 14 points.

## BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem 111, Albany 54

Burnt Hills 108, Guilderville 75

## GYMNASTICS

Shaker 149.8, Bethlehem 145.375

## Wednesday, Dec. 10

## BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem 30.5, Colonie 1.5

Schalmont 20.5, Voorheesville 11.5

Cohoes 19, Ravena 13

## GIRLS BOWLING

Ravena 29.5, Hudson 2.5

## WRESTLING

Bethlehem 72, Shaker 18

## Thursday, Dec. 11

## BOYS SWIMMING

Shenendehowa 113, Bethlehem 73

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Watervliet 58,**

**Voorheesville 56**

Voorheesville leaders: Brittany Baron 19 points, Megan Maikoff 16 points.

## GIRLS BOWLING

Ravena 26, Watervliet 6

## WRESTLING

Voorheesville 47, Albany Academy 21

Ravena 55, Lansingburgh 25

## Friday, Dec. 12

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Guilderland 63,**

**Bethlehem 43**

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 16 points, Brendan Venter 11 points.

## Schalmont 60, RCS 46

Ravena leader: Ricky Rider 21 points.

**Watervliet 57,  
Voorheesville 38**

Voorheesville leader: Greg Delaney 12 points.

## BOYS SWIMMING

Albany Academy 107, Guilderville 78

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Guilderland 40,  
Bethlehem 35**

Bethlehem leader: Liz Casline 10 points.

**RCS 41, Schalmont 36**

Ravena leaders: Katelyn Matousek 12 points, Laura Persico 11 points.

## Saturday, Dec. 13

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Proctor 67,**

**Bethlehem 55**

Bethlehem leader: Brendan Venter 11 points.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Troy 47, Bethlehem 44**

Bethlehem leader: Katie Rowan 12 points.

## Albany Tournament

**Voorheesville 57,  
Albany 47**

Voorheesville leaders: Brittany Baron 21 points, Michelle Nadratowski 14 points, Jackie Markert 10 points.

## GYMNASTICS

## Shaker Invitational

Team scores: Saratoga 163.300, Shenendehowa 157.750, Bethlehem 155.350, Shaker 154.675, F.D. Roosevelt 151.200, Ketcham 150.200, Guilderland 142.750, Norwich 116.050.

Top Bethlehem all-around finisher: Kendall Day (11th place, 31.600).

## HOCKEY

**Guilderland 10,  
Bethlehem 2**

Bethlehem scoring: Erik Russo 1-1, Andrew Kelleher 1-1, David Farber 0-1, Tim Moriarty 0-1.

Bethlehem saves: P.J. Pittman 20.

## WRESTLING

## Glens Falls Tournament

Team scores: Schenectady 198.5, Glens Falls 189.5, Schuylerville 151.5, Voorheesville 130, Watervliet 129, Canajoharie/Fort Plain 119.5, Mechanicville 88.5, Albany Academy 74.5, Broadalbin-Perth 72, Waterford 72, Catskill 59, CBA 39.5, Tamarac 37, Ichabod Crane 29.5.

Top Voorheesville finishers: Mike Ashline (first place, 145 pounds), Dan Denn (first place, 152), Jay Spaulding (third place, 112), Zak Fluster (third place, 125), Paul Hagenstadt (third place, 160).

## Sunday, Dec. 14

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Albany Tournament

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## Slingerlands man receives award

Lindsay B. Hough, Ph.D., professor and associate director of the Center for Neuropharmacology and Neuroscience at Albany Medical College, was named "Outstanding Alumnus for 2003" by the department of pharmacology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Hough, a Kentucky native, earned his Ph.D. in pharmacology at Michigan in 1978.

He performed post-doctoral work and served as an assistant professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and has been with Albany Med since 1984.

He specializes in pain research, and recently was awarded a four-year, \$900,000 research grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to continue his work on the development of new pain relievers.

Hough lives in Slingerlands.

In Clarksville, *The Spotlight* is sold at Clarksville Mini Mall and Stewart's.

## Obituaries

### Helen Atkins

Helen Fiske Atkins, 96, of Delmar, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Teresian House in Albany.

An accomplished poet, she graduated from Smith College and continued her studies in French at Columbia University.

A lifelong volunteer, she was a supporter of the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood, and a member of the Salvation Army auxiliary, Delmar Progress Club, Monday Musical Club, Church Women United and First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

She was wife of the late Dr. Richard Annesley Atkins.

Survivors include three daughters, Elizabeth Kimball of Toronto, Virginia Porter of Stamford, Conn., and Carolyn Atkins Lathey of Albany; and a granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to WMHT, P.O. Box 1701, Albany 12201.

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## Doctor named Physician of the Year

Dr. Pedro J. Caraballo of Slingerlands, chief of primary care at Stratton VA Medical Center, has been selected by his peers as Physician of the Year.

This award honors Caraballo's dedication to provide outstanding medical care and highlights his leadership and commitment to improve overall healthcare through medical education, clinical research and clinical management.



Caraballo

Caraballo received his medical degree from the Central University of Venezuela. He completed his internal medicine residency at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and an advanced internal medicine fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

He joined Stratton VA Medical Center in October 1998 and was named chief of primary care in 2000.

Caraballo is also an assistant professor of medicine at Albany Medical College.

He is responsible for the quality of care provided by all of the 11 VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics dependent on the Stratton VA Medical Center.

On being named Physician of the Year, Caraballo said, "It is a great honor that recognizes the team work in primary care. It is always the team that makes it possible to deliver great primary care. To provide excellent care is always my goal."

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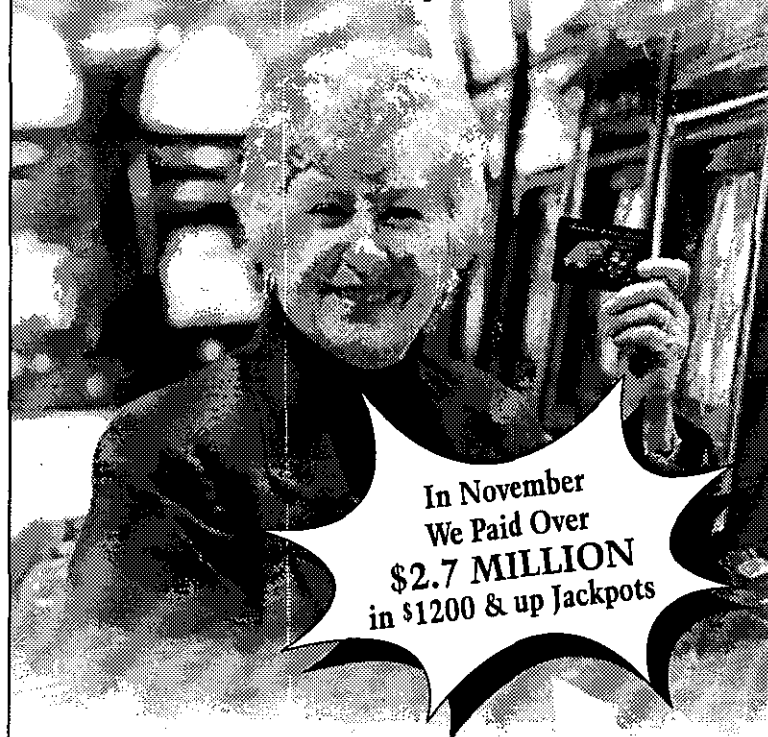
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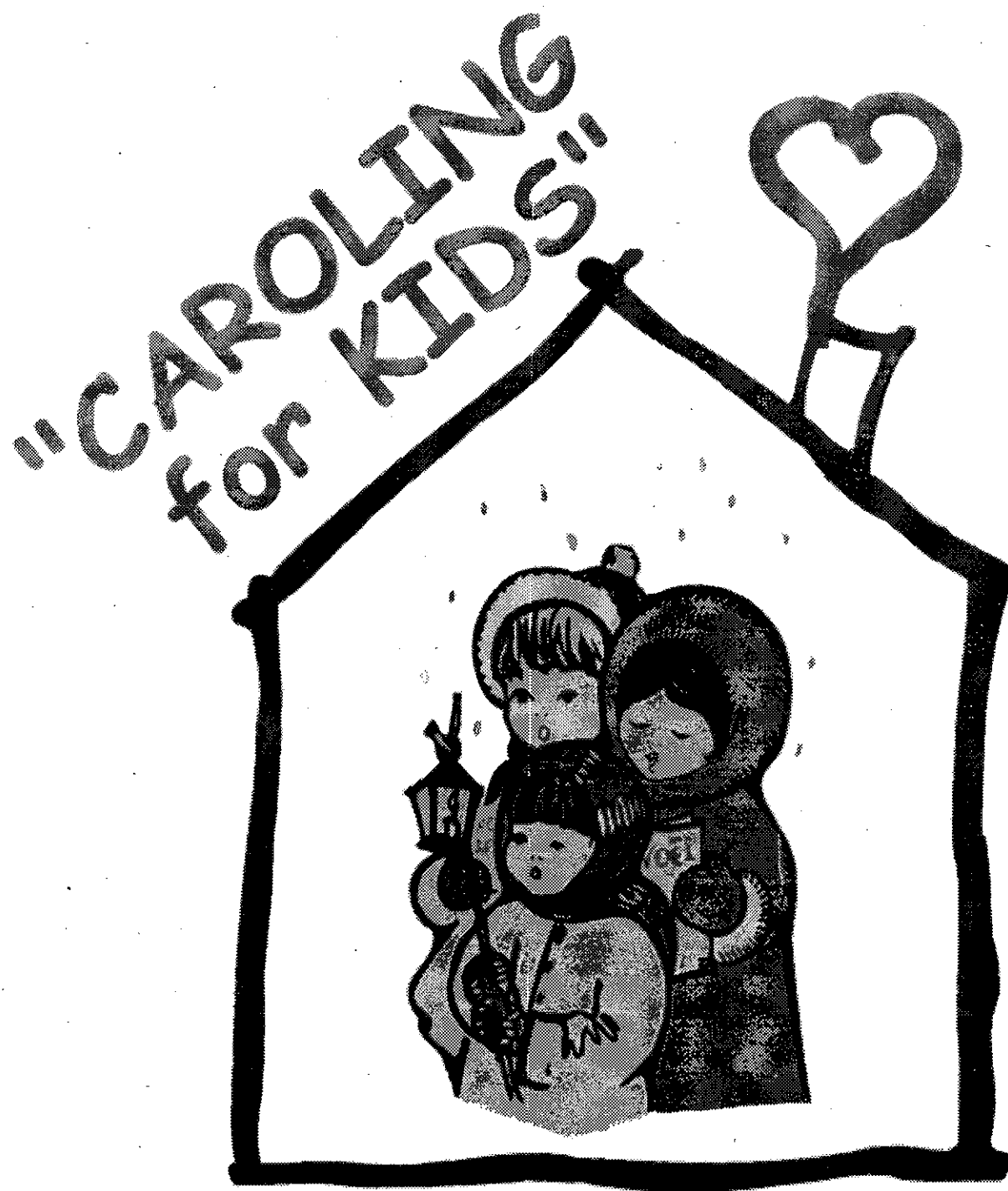
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# 'Tis the season to be jolly — or is it?



The holidays are upon us and we are bombarded with expressions of "Good Cheer" and wishes for a peaceful holiday season. It's supposed to be a happy time of year — but the holidays amplify many situations that can be difficult for individuals. It is a time when underlying conflict in relationships often rears its ugly head.

While we can't expect to make major overhauls in many of these relationships, there are some things we can do to help make the holidays better. The New York State Dispute Resolution Association (NYSDRA) is offering some suggestions or holiday resolutions from people who

deal with conflict of all kinds on a daily basis — alternative dispute resolution (ADR) practitioners. These people mediate, facilitate, negotiate, conciliate, arbitrate and most of all, listen to the conflicts of people across the state.

## Tips on dealing with conflict and frustration

- Focus on your reaction. It is the only thing you can control. Realize that you can only control your own behaviors and if you've given it your best shot, that's all you can expect of yourself.

- Think before reacting. Many times we say something out of anger or defensiveness that escalates the conflict and that we regret as soon as the words leave our mouth. Take a deep breath or count to five before reacting angrily. Say nothing. Ask why they feel that way before arguing or defending.

- Acknowledge that your expectations may be unrealistic. Making demands and counter-demands may not change a thing. Anger over the loss of a friend or loved one, childhood memories of past holidays that just don't seem to be the same anymore, neighbors who aren't so friendly or the coworker who is definitely not a team player. If you approach your relationships

realistically, you can better prepare our reactions. You cannot expect people to act differently. The brother will still drink too much, the mother-in-law will be critical of the food, and the uncle will be as obnoxious as ever.

- Be responsive to a difficult person, but do not push them. Push creates resistance, tension and more conflict.

- Address concerns directly. Holiday stress can also be caused when conflict or misunderstandings occur between family members or friends. It can be

tempting to avoid conflict, so we often end to ignore the problem and hope it goes away. A better solution is to address your concerns directly with your family or friends in a gentle, but honest manner. Work together to find a solution that is satisfactory to everyone.

- Decide what you can do. Choose one thing you will do differently this year that will help resolve conflict. Small changes can add up.

## Tips on bringing about small change

- Send a holiday card to someone who would least expect it.

- Create and participate in making your holiday the kind you always remembered; i.e., make that special fudge your aunt made, have a snowball fight with the kids, go sledding, etc.



- Make an effort to call a loved one and express that despite the unresolved issues, you would like to spend more time with them in the future to improve the relationship, and perhaps you can agree to begin to talk about things that are important to each of you.

- Apologize to someone you may have wronged.

These suggestions are meant to help make your holiday experience free of damaging conflict. However, some people are faced with conflicts that need more assistance in dealing with the problem. For information on referrals to ADR practitioners in New York, call NYSDRA at 687-2240.

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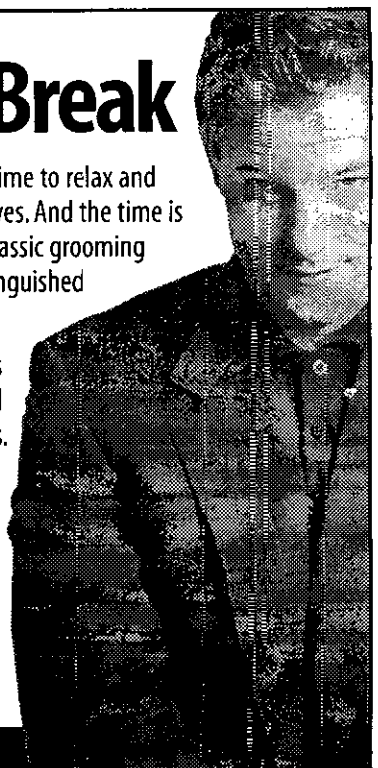
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By KATHERINE McCARTHY

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available to all our members," DeLaney said. "We have 75 participants representing 15 different businesses right now."

Those businesses run a wide gamut and include jewelry stores, florists, bookstores and car washes.

Mary Vail, owner of Joyelle's Jewelers in Delmar's Main Square, is a participant in the program.

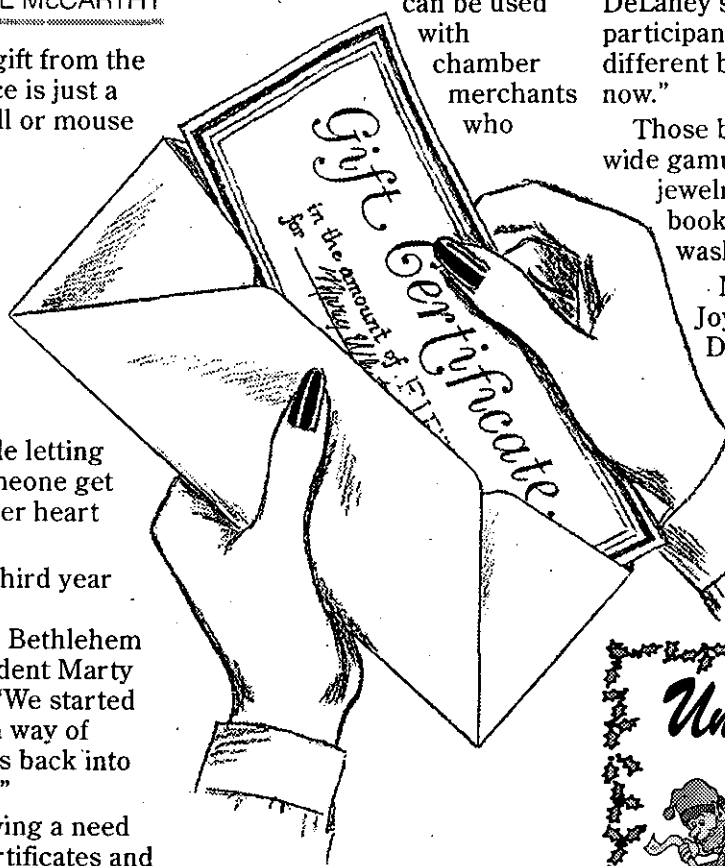
"We've had people use them this month," Vail said. "They're great. We're

guaranteed payment, and customers can use them in a lot of different places."

DeLaney said the CertifiChecks are good for many different uses. "We sell a lot of them at the end of the school year when people don't know what their teachers would like," she said.

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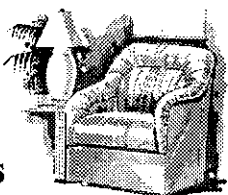


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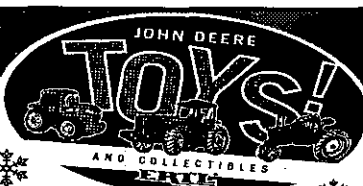


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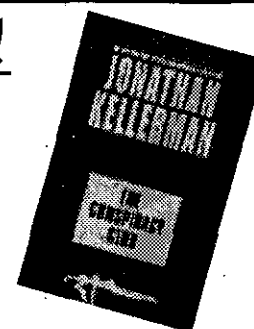


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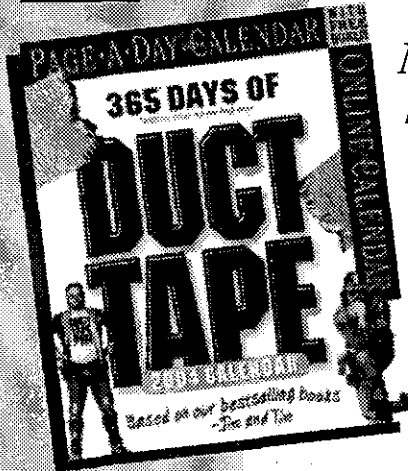
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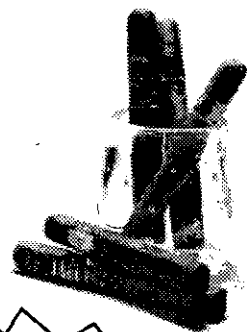
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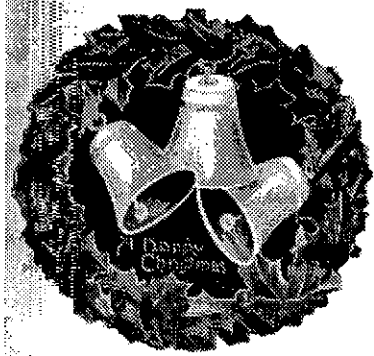
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# Holiday toy safety do's and don'ts



Each year more than 150,000 toy-related injuries serious enough to require emergency room treatment are reported, says the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Since toy sales skyrocket during the holiday season, the likelihood of toy-related injuries increases, too. CDPHP, a leading Albany-based health plan, offers the following toy safety do's and don'ts as you embark on holiday shopping for your children.

• Do avoid toys with small, removable parts.  
The small parts can pose a

choking hazard to children under age 3. General rule of thumb — using a cardboard toilet paper roll, drop the part into the tube. If the piece fits entirely inside the tube or falls through, then it is considered a choking hazard.

• Don't provide toys with sharp points, edges or propelled toy darts and other projectiles.

Children may unintentionally cut themselves or another person. Propelled toys can cause cuts or serious eye injuries.

• Do heed child age recommendations for toys.

Many toy-related injuries occur when parents

overestimate their child's ability to handle a toy designed for an older age group. Be especially aware of safety labeling on a toy's packaging, such as "this toy is not appropriate for children under 3."

• Don't purchase toys with strings, straps or cords longer than 7 inches.

Long strings and cords could wrap around a child's neck and unintentionally strangle him or her. Also, never hang toys with long strings, cords, loops or ribbons in cribs or playpens where children can become entangled.

• Do present the appropriate

protective gear with the gift.

Bicycles, in-line skates, scooters, skateboards and sleds are popular gifts for the holidays, but a gift is not complete unless the proper protective gear is included.

• Don't buy toys that produce loud noises.

Toy guns and high-volume portable cassette recorders can permanently impair a child's hearing.

• Do teach your children to clear away their toys.

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Retailers throughout the state reported the results through the council's annual "Holiday Sales Watch," a weekly snapshot of sales activity in stores small and large.

"Retailers were testing the waters of an improving economy this Black Friday weekend," said council President and CEO James Sherin. "Some strategically curtailed their promotional activity while others offered colossal door-buster sales and exciting promotions to see how consumers would respond."

Many analysts predict that merchants will fare well this holiday season, claiming that an economic turnaround — including a drop in unemployment, a rebounding stock market and a return of

consumer confidence would encourage shoppers to spend more in 2003. In the midst of a recession and international tensions, the 2002 holiday season was the worst many retailers had experienced in a decade.

"Although the economy is turning around, consumers are still very price conscious, and it showed this past holiday weekend," Sherin said. "Retailers will respond to meet consumer preferences and turn shoppers into buyers for the rest of the holiday season."

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# Avoiding bad teen gifts for Christmas

As the holidays go by year after year, trendy gifts come and go. A few years ago we witnessed the truly engaging battery-operated, wall-mounted singing fish. Rewind to the decade prior and we find the puzzling Rubik's Cube, as well as a dozen theory books on how to solve it.

But holiday seasons throughout time have shared one common truth. It's a constant struggle to find that perfect gift for teens, especially one that adults can feel good about. This should come as no surprise. Most parents and grandparents, not having been constantly glued to MTV or regular cruisers of the local high school's hallways, feel hopelessly out-of-touch with what's cool for teens this and every holiday season.

In addition, teens have high demands and a fickle sense of style, making it hard for even the hippest parents to stay on top of the latest trends. Still, according to published reports, the National Retail Federation is expecting the best holiday sales in four years in 2003 with an expected 5.7 percent spending increase over the previous holiday season.

So the question remains: will adult shoppers be in touch with the cool barometer for teens? To clear the air and

avoid perplexing shopping situations, here are a few fundamentals that teenagers tend to look for in gifts. These factors hold steady for technology, fashion, games and most any kind of teen gift.

- **Coolness** — Teens want the latest, greatest thing out there. It has to be pleasing to the eye and in tune with what's fashionable these days.

- **Customizable** — While teens usually want what everyone else has, they also want to be able to put their own twist or stamp on it for self-expression.

- **Multi-functional** — The more ways to use it and still look cool, the better; in social capacities, for entertainment, for organization or for school.

There are guidelines that savvy gift-buyers can follow to make this holiday season fun and functional for teens. These tips revolve around ways to ensure you hit the hot buttons for teens this season.

First, stick to fashion seen in today's teen magazines and on TV. Editors and on-air personalities with these outlets are usually trustworthy when it comes to what's cool to the younger crew. They often publish or broadcast on-air gift guides a month or so before the holidays.

Secondly, the latest technology provides a sure

bet for coolness. When it comes to technology, consider a product that delivers what kids crave in terms of speed, coolness and fun, while also delivering what parents crave in terms of longevity and educational value.

Third, in the wake of rising homeland security issues, today's teens are developing a deeper sense of social responsibility. For teens in this category, a donation to a favorite charity in his or her name can be a welcome and heart-warming gift.

Furthermore, there are certain items that will likely never be cool gifts to teens. The following are prime examples of gift-giving faux pas often committed by unwitting parents and grandparents.

- **Socks and underwear** — Never cool. Few teens are capable of opening this type of present without some degree of embarrassment, no matter how multifunctional or

customizable they may seem.

- **Footed or flannel pajamas** — While these might have made a comeback in some isolated species of teen in the Galapagos islands, footed PJs just aren't what teens in North America want to show off to their friends. And, beyond being mildly entertaining to other family members, they don't have any redeeming qualities from a functionality perspective.

- **Portable cassette tape players** — Yikes. It's hard enough to stay on top of the hottest music for teens without having to work with an outdated mode of playback.

And lastly, Santa made a list — so should your teen. Identifying the scope of your holiday shopping smorgasbord ahead of time will shorten time spent in long lines at the mall and free up time for family and friends. It might also save some embarrassment for both you and your teen.

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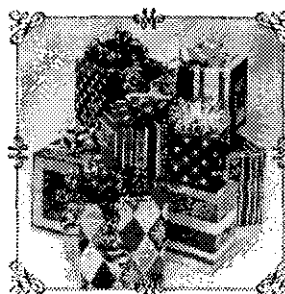
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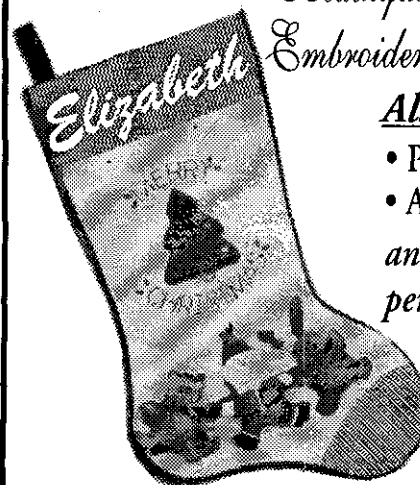
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# Creative recipes beyond pumpkin pie

After a fantastic holiday dinner, out comes the traditional pumpkin pie. Year after year, the same desserts grace the dining room table. Maybe some brownies or cookies, but the one true staple is the pumpkin pie.

This year, why not add some variety? The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council has compiled the following recipes, sure to please your guests and keep them coming back for more. But feel free to have a pumpkin pie too. It just wouldn't be the holidays without one.

This recipe appears courtesy of *Fresh Tastes from the Garden State*, by Carol Byrd-Bredbenner (Rutgers University Press, 2002). The book features more than 100 recipes featuring produce from New Jersey.

## Maple-Apple Indian Pudding (pictured)

Yield: 9 servings

### Ingredients

4 tart apples, pared, cored

and cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
1-1/4 cups maple syrup, divided

4 cups milk  
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal  
1/3 cup sugar

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon salt

3 eggs, beaten  
frozen yogurt or ice cream, optional

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 400° F. Lightly coat a 9-inch square baking dish with

cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir together the apples and cornstarch.

Distribute apples evenly across the bottom of the baking dish. Drizzle with 1/4 cup syrup. Set aside. Place the milk in a large, heavy saucepan. Cover the pan and bring to a boil. Be sure to watch the pan closely because the milk will quickly boil over. While stirring or whisking constantly, slowly and steadily pour the cornmeal into the boiling milk. Continue stirring constantly until the mixture is smooth and slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat.

Into the cornmeal mixture, stir the sugar, cinnamon, ginger and salt. Next, stir in 1 cup maple syrup. To keep the eggs from forming lumps in the pudding, temper them by rapidly stirring 1 teaspoon of the hot cornmeal mixture into the eggs. Continue mixing hot cornmeal into the eggs, 1 teaspoon at a time, until 5 teaspoons have been added. Then, while quickly stirring or whisking the cornmeal mixture, slowly pour the egg mixture into

the pan. When all the ingredients are well blended, pour the cornmeal mixture over the apples.

Cook in a hot-water bath by standing the dish holding the pudding in a larger dish. Place both dishes in the oven and add enough hot water to the larger dish to come within 1/2 inch of the top of the dish holding the pudding. Bake 50-60 minutes or until a knife tip inserted in the center of the pudding comes out clean. Serve warm or hot with ice cream or frozen yogurt, if desired.

## Cranberry Pudding Cake

Yield: 9 servings

The glistening cranberries cushioning this quick and easy cake add a delightfully tangy end to holiday meals. This recipe is also from Carol Byrd-Bredbenner's book.

### Ingredients

2 cups whole cranberries  
2 cups sugar, divided  
2 tablespoons cold butter  
2 cups all purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 cup nonfat milk  
1 cup boiling water

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 400° F. Lightly coat the bottom of a 9-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. Spread the cranberries evenly across the bottom of the dish.

With a hand mixer, beat the cold butter and a cup of sugar in a large bowl until they are thoroughly blended and the mixture is light and fluffy.

Combine the flour and baking powder in a medium bowl. Alternately beat one-fourth of the milk and one-fourth of the flour mixture into the sugar mixture until all of the milk and flour have been added. Beat until smooth. Pour the batter over the cranberries.

Combine one cup of the sugar and the boiling water. Pour over the cake batter, the water mixture will form a sauce in the bottom of the dish.

Bake until a toothpick comes out clean (about 40-45 minutes). Cool and serve right from the pan.



Maple-apple Indian pudding mixes the creaminess of dairy with the sweet holiday taste of maple syrup and brown sugar.

## Cranberry Bread Pudding

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Yield: 20 servings

### Ingredients

15 eggs  
2-1/2 cups milk  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
2-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt  
15 cups white bread cubes (1-1/2 large loaves), cut into one-inch cubes  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature  
2 1/2 cups dried cranberries, divided

### Directions (Day before):

In large mixing bowl, lightly beat together eggs, milk, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt until combined. Add bread cubes, cover with plastic wrap and soak in the refrigerator at least 30 minutes or overnight.

(Day of): Spread butter on all sides of nonstick 10-cup fluted baking pan. (Be sure to use only butter so bread pudding unmolds.)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Sprinkle 1/4 cup dried cranberries into baking pan. Stir remaining cranberries into bread cube mixture and pour mixture into baking pan. Bake until top is golden and firm to touch, about 50 to 60 minutes. Unmold bread pudding, transfer to serving platter and drizzle with Gingery Orange Syrup. Serve slices of bread pudding with a dollop of Fluffy Lemon Butter.

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Yield: 2-1/2 cups

#### Ingredients

2 cups fresh-squeezed orange juice (about six oranges)  
1 cup corn syrup  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lemon juice  
1 tablespoon finely minced fresh ginger  
1 tablespoon finely grated orange zest  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature

*Directions:* In a small heavy saucepan, combine orange juice and corn syrup over medium heat, stirring occasionally until corn syrup is dissolved. Bring to low boil and cook until thick and syrupy, about 15 minutes. Stir in salt, lemon juice, ginger and orange zest. Finish by gently whisking in butter. Serve warm.

Keep tightly covered in refrigerator for up to one week.

### Fluffy Lemon Butter

Yield: 2/3 cups

#### Ingredients

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature  
1 tablespoon powdered sugar  
2 teaspoons lemon zest  
1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lemon juice

*Directions:* In small mixing bowl, cream butter with rubber spatula. Stir in sugar until evenly mixed. Add lemon zest and lemon juice. Stir to combine. Transfer to small serving bowl. Keep tightly covered in refrigerator for up to two weeks. Bring to room temperature before serving.

### Pumpkin-Cheesecake

Yield: 8 servings

#### Ingredients

##### Crust:

3/4 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted  
3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/3 cup butter, melted

##### Pumpkin mixture:

2 envelopes unflavored gelatin  
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2 packages (8 ounce) cream

cheese, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon allspice  
2-1/2 cups canned or cooked pumpkin  
2 cups whipping cream, whipped  
Pecan halves to decorate (optional)

#### Directions (For crust):

Combine pecans, graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter. Press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Bake at 325°F

for 10 minutes. Let cool.

For pumpkin mixture: Soften gelatin in water; stir over low heat until dissolved. Combine cream cheese and sugar, mix at medium speed until well blended. Add cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and pumpkin; mix at medium speed until blended. Gradually add gelatin to cream cheese mixture and mix until blended. Chill cream cheese mixture until slightly thickened, approximately 20 minutes. Fold in whipped cream; pour over crust. Chill until firm.

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# Fill your stockings with these stuffers

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The same can be said when stuffing holiday stockings. With the average stocking measuring just seven inches in diameter, some gift items simply don't fit. But don't get discouraged. Consider these items that will fit in stockings and within loved ones' wish lists.

## Picture perfect

The disposable camera has become a convenient and affordable way to capture memorable moments. Measuring about three inches around, disposable cameras are ideal for kids who want to experiment with photography or for adults hoping to document the holiday celebration.

For a rainy or snowy day

No matter the size of the stocking, movie tickets make a great stuffer item. A trip to the theater isn't complete without soda and popcorn, so pair the tickets with a gift certificate to the concession stand.

## Keep in touch

Prepaid phone cards are the ideal gift idea for just about anybody — college students, travelers, teens or far-away friends and relatives. Sprint sells cards in denominations of 30 to 250 minutes, and these cards are small enough to fit in a standard-size wallet. Another great item and a safe way to stay in touch is with wireless accessories. Stuff your loved ones' stockings with a hands-free wireless phone kit or car mount and keep them safe all year long.

**Tick tock**  
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## Sweet tooth

Candy and chocolate are a big hit with adults and children. With some extra planning, you can include a personal touch with homemade cookies, toffee or caramels.

## Mind benders

Small hand-held mind games are fun gifts that provide hours of mind-bending entertainment. Plus, they keep travelers occupied during long car rides or flights. Electronic versions of old board game favorites also can be a fun gift among young and old alike.

## Massage can relieve holiday stress

If jingle bells have jangled your nerves, massage may provide a healthy way to relieve tension and help you cope with stress more effectively.

As the popularity of massage therapy continues to rise, an increasing number of Americans make massage a part of their daily lives.

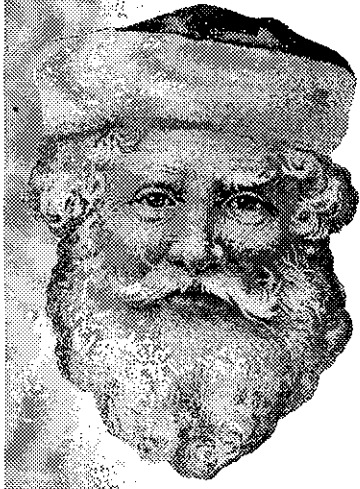
Massage therapy and bodywork can help relax stressed holiday goers and help people to reconnect with their bodies so that they take better care of themselves. By alleviating stress, regular massage and bodywork may also be effective in preventing illness and other physical ailments.

In addition to reducing stress and tension levels, other benefits of massage therapy and bodywork may include:

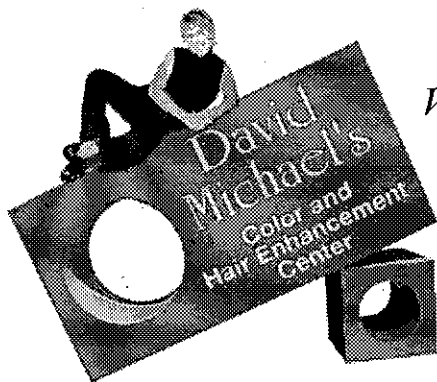
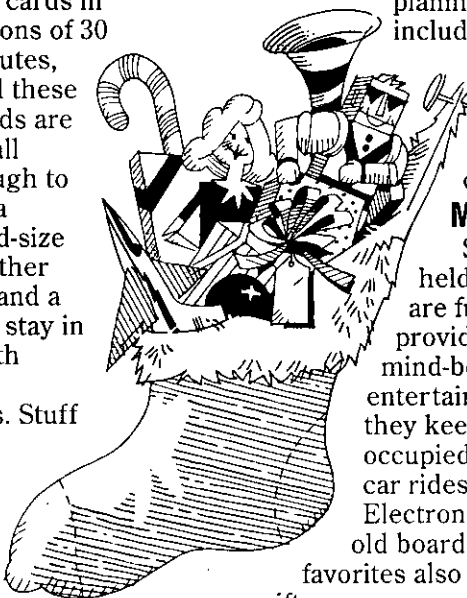
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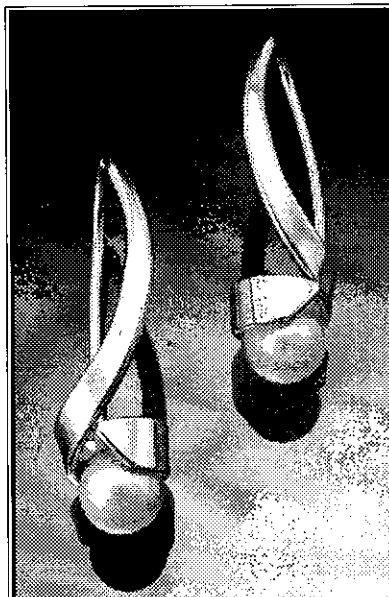
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# Obituaries

## Robert Ehmman

Robert Ehmman, 77, of Alpharetta, Ga., died Thursday, Dec. 11.

Born in Albany, he lived in Delmar for many years.

He was a graduate of Albany High School, where he played football and was named All Albany, as right guard.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in Adm. Aulsey's 3rd Fleet.

He retired from the underwriting management team at Amica Mutual Insurance Co.

He was an accomplished violinist. He played golf and loved all sports.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Claire Poniatowski Ehmman; two daughters, Karen Watts of Roswell, Ga., and Susan Thomas Pritchard of Fort Thomas, Ky.; a son, Robert Ehmman of Houston; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

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

## Louise Amedio

Louise M. Amedio, 86, of Ravena and formerly of South

Bethlehem, died Thursday, Dec. 11.

Born in South Bethlehem, she lived most of her life in Ravena.

She was employed by the state Division of Audit and Control, retiring in 1983 after 37 years of service.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena, a member of the Rosary Altar Society and did volunteer work at St. Patrick's Thrift Shop.

She was a supporting member and treasurer of the Catholic Daughters of America and belonged to Cursillo, a prayer organization.

She also was a member and former treasurer of Senior Projects of Ravena.

Survivors include two sisters, Angela Biscone and Mary Behan; and a brother, Eugene Amedio.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena and St. Patrick's Church.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., Ravena 12143 or to St. Peter's Hospice Inn, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Harriet Warner

Harriet Layne Warner, 81, of

Selkirk died Wednesday, Dec. 10, at her home.

She was born in Blue Island, Ill.

She was a graduate of MacMurray College and earned a master's degree in education from Syracuse University.

She was wife of the late Dr. George M. Warner.

Survivors include two daughters, Happy O'Neil and Laura Rodolakis; and a son, Kendrick Warner.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, P.O. Box 185, 126 Maple Ave., Selkirk 12158, Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 246, Selkirk 12158 or Bethlehem Police Officers Union, 447 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Robert Hamilton

Robert Gordon Hamilton, 94, of Delmar, died Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Schenectady, he was a graduate of Colgate University.

He was the owner of Hamilton Food Market in Schenectady, which he inherited from his father.

Mr. Hamilton was district sales manager for Schrafft's Ice Cream Co. He retired to Florida for 25 years.

He had a lifelong passion for playing the organ and studied under Elmer Tidmarsh.

Mr. Hamilton was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Albany.

He was husband of the late Ardath Niles Hamilton.

Survivors include a son, Lawrence Robert Hamilton of Riverside, Calif.; a daughter, Gail Hamilton Scott of Delmar; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be

held on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany.


Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany 12207.

## Martha Smith

Martha D. Smith, 89, of Voorheesville, died Saturday, Dec. 13, at Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She worked in sales and public relations.

She did volunteer work for


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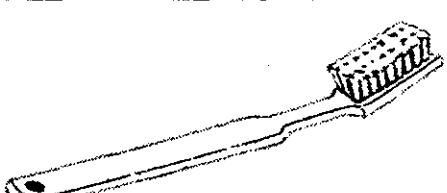
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

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many years.

She was a former member of Zion Episcopal Church in Douglaston, Queens, where she was awarded the Bishop's Cross for service.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia B. Rupprecht of Voorheesville; four grandchildren; and

12 greatgrand-children.

Services were from the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Burial will be in Crestview Cemetery in Barnesville, Ohio.

Contributions may be made to Gideons International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, Tenn. 37214.

## Arthur Ritchko

Arthur Ritchko, 82, of Glenmont, died Saturday, Dec. 13, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He was born in Oneonta and was a Marine veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. He also served in the occupation of Japan.

He played defensive end for Colgate University under coach Andy Kurr. He earned an undergraduate degree in biology and a master's degree in physical education from Springfield College.

He had a 35-year career as physical education teacher and coach. He taught in Gloversville and Bath before coming to Bethlehem in 1958.

During his career, he coached football, basketball, baseball, wrestling and tennis. At Bethlehem Central High School, his football teams won five Suburban Council championships over 21 years.

In retirement, he studied his Russian heritage and took Russian language courses at Siena. He traveled to Europe to find his relatives.

He was also an avid golfer

and gardener.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Ann; a son, Peter Ritchko; a daughter, Cheryl Buley; and two granddaughters.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to a fund being established to benefit Bethlehem Central football players, in care of John Sodergren, 22 Sheffield Drive, Delmar 12054.

## Asha McCourt

Asha McCourt Elmendorf, 86, of Delmar, died Sunday, Dec. 7.

Born in Memphis, she attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere, serving on the Altar Guild.

She loved handcrafts, especially knitting and sewing, giving most of what she made to charity. She also enjoyed fishing and boating.

She was wife of the late John W. Elmendorf.

Survivors include a daughter,

Donna Elmendorf of Stockbridge, Mass.; a son, Lee Elmendorf of Latham; and four grandsons.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Avenue, Delmar 12054 or the American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205.

## Robert Vache

Robert Bonner Vache, 86, of Glenmont and formerly of Leeds, Greene County, died Monday, Dec. 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in the Bronx, he was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a power line foreman for the Panama Canal Co. in Panama from 1951 until his retirement in 1977.

He was a member of the Catskill Elks Lodge and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He was husband of the late Anna Ledogar Vache.

Survivors include three daughters, Roberta Buono of Castleton, Donna Fish of Glenmont and Pamela Borock of Yaphank, Long Island; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Traver & McCurry Funeral Home, and St. Patrick's Church, both in Catskill.

Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Catskill.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad, 1121 Route 9W, Selkirk 12158 or the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville, 12211.

## Wanda Mead

Wanda L. Fish Mead, 60, of Meads Lane in Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 8.

Born in Albany, she grew up in Bethlehem and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School.

She enjoyed her years at the Village Shoppe and Walden Horse Farm.

She was committed to agriculture and property rights issues, through her involvement in Albany County Farm Bureau and Bethlehem Rural Landowners.

Survivors include her husband John Mead; three daughters, Karen Burrows of Feura Bush, Nancy Neff of Delmar and Debra Pitkin of New York City; a son, John Mead Jr. of Delmar; her mother, Ruth Fish; three brothers, Deane Fish, James Fish and Gary Fish; two sisters, Nancy Getz and Cary Fish; and four granddaughters.

Services were from the Durant Funeral Home and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Contributions may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran School, building expansion fund, 63 Mountain View Ave. Albany 12205.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

LIBERTY WAY, LLC  
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9146 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

MM ELMIRA, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 25, 2003. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-9241 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

MM FAMILY ELMIRA, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 25, 2003. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-9243 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NM ELMIRA, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 25, 2003. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-9242 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOEL E. GEBAUER, LLC  
Notice of formation of Noel E. Gebauer, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 12/1/03. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, New York 12054. The purposes of the LLC are to act in connection with retailing of golf merchandise and service to those interested in golfing; and to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the Lim-

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ited Liability Company.  
LCD-9255  
(December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PGA SAFEGUARD 2, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/3/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/12/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/c CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9260 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FRADANA, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/05/03. 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, 217 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9257 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: UNGERMAN REALTY, L.L.C.. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/17/03. 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, 395 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9256 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Arroyo Copland & Associates, PLLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/19/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 219 Great Oaks Blvd., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9250 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Rubloff Jet Express, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/1/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 1/31/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. IL address of LLC: 4949 Harrison Ave., Ste. 200, Rockford, IL 61108. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Howlett Bldg., Rm 351, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9251 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 151 4th Street Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o Mercer Development, LLC, Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9249 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Conversion of Aero Drive Limited Partnership, to Aero Drive, LLC. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Prentice Hall Corporation Systems, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9237 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of ELF SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/28/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 550 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-9230 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HATF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/21/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9228 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Axis Point LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/4/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9227 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for 1648 WESTERN AVENUE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 4, 2003. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 1648 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. LD-9229 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Free Stick Productions, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 25, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, One Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-9223 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Elmira Apartments LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 16, 2003. 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 Elmira Apartment LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. 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.

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LD-9077  
(December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC TOC, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 15, 2003. 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 TOC, LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. 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. LD-9075 (December 17, 2003)

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW 206  
(1) The name of the Limited Liability Company is: MPM PROPERTIES, LLC  
(2) The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on July 15, 2003.  
(3) The limited liability company is located in Albany County.  
(4) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the following is the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her:  
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1971 Western Avenue  
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(5) The character and/or purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in Real Estate Management.  
LD-9066  
(December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Elixir Columbus Circle, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-I, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9210 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Elixir Church Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-I, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth

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Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-9211  
(December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC). Name: Black River House, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-9217 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.)  
The name of the L.P. is TUPPER LAKE OF ALBANY, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of the L.P. was filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 20, 2003. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.  
LCD-9208  
(December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of All American Homes of Ohio, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/17/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 12/19/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LexisNexis Document Solutions, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. OH address of LLC: 4005 All American Way, Zanesville, OH 43701. Arts. of Org. filed with OH Secy. of State, P.O. Box 670, Columbus, OH 43216. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9204 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication EAST HARLEM DEVELOPERS, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 47 LEE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9207 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Publication DURYEA PLACE REALTY, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 119-15257TH AVENUE, FLUSHING, NY 11354 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9206 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NAMCO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/19/03. Fictitious name in NY State: NAMCO (DE), LLC. Office Location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/22/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Pullman & Comley, LLC, 90 State House Square, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn: Eric J. George, Esq. Principal office of LLC: 100 Sanrico Dr., Manchester, CT 06040. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9200 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of MAXANCE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 234 Hudson Ave., #3036, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9202 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Barbera Associates, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9201 (December 17, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SERENA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12241. Term: until 4/1/2103. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9195 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of HAF Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/6/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9192 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MNR REAL ESTATE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/03. 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, 66 Madison Avenue, Apartment 5J, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9190 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: KIRBY BURNT HILLS REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/03. 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, 66 Madison Avenue, Apartment 5J, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9189 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of ACS IT Solutions, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/25/03. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LP: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purposes. LD-9186 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Chat LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 3724 Carmen Rd., Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9183 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Paypoint Electronic Payment Systems, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/24/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/15/1994. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered

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agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: Mailstop M23A6 12500 E. Mt. Belford Ave., Englewood, CO 80112. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9182 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Publication DIPLOMATIC INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 STATE STREET, 3RD FLR, ALBANY, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA CORPORATE SERVICES INC. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9181 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of TexPar Energy, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Wisconsin (WI) on 10/3/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. WI address of LLC: 920 10th Ave. North, P.O. Box 189, Onalaska, WI 54650. Arts. of Org. filed with WI Dept. of Financial Institutions, P.O. Box 7846, Madison WI 53707. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9175 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of ACS Business Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/12/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/21/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2828 N. Haskell, Bldg. 1, Fl.-10, Dallas TX, 75204. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-9172 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Articles of Organization of Home Run Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 13, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 34 Princess Taylor Lane, North Bethlehem, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-9160 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Pet Wellness Clinic, LLC, a foreign professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/2/03. Office location: Albany County. PLLC formed in Ohio on 9/13/01. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Susan Sanders, 1 Bay Club Dr., #1400, Bayside, NY 11360, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: practice the profession of veterinary medicine. LD-9155 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of CH Realty II/Amboy, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY)

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on 10/17/03 as amended. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/14/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 2100 McKinney Ave., Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9152 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 98 Fourth Street, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/9/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Bernard Dillenberger, 320 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: to deal in real estate and any other lawful purpose. LCD-9151 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of James M. Gaughan, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/3/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Box 102, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9150 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Westminster Holdings, L.L.C. Fictitious name in NY State: Westminster Holdings Realty. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/10/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Office address of LLC in jurisdiction of organization: 18 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, Div. of Rev., 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9144 (December 17, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law New Scotland Florist, LLC (LLC) articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 24, 2003. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 263 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. LCD-9143 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ALBANY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/30/03. 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, 23 Glenda Drive, Deer Park, New York 11729. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9141 (December 17, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TECH VALLEY REAL ESTATE L.L.C. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/06/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has

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been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sheldon Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9140 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TECH VALLEY PARTNERS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/18/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sheldon Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9139 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: AZAD-JESMIN HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/09/03. The latest date of dissolution is 09/01/2102. 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, 9 Ternan Avenue, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9125 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Risk Based Lender, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/17/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 26 Locust Dr., Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9123 (December 17, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Nelick's Home Furnishings of Rochester, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/03/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1440 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9121 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is RED OAKS RESIDENCES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 3, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-9105 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REGISTERED LLP. Budd, Tribble & Von Ahn, CPAs, LLP, filed a Certificate of Registration with the New York Secretary of State on October 29, 2003. Its principal office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any such process shall be mailed to P.O. Box 687, Fonda New York 12068. Its business is to engage in the practice of certified public accountancy and any other lawful activity for which limited liability partnerships may be organized under Section 121-1500(a) of the New York Partnership Law. LCD-9103 (December 17, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Notice of Formation of Z-LAND ACRES, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on 10/21/03. NY office location is Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon Sandra Zabarsky, One Mann Drive, Apt. 6, Castleton, NY 12033. The Purpose of LLC is real estate investments. LCD-9101 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of AIMCO 311/313 EAST 73RD STREET, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/17/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/14/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 4582 South Ulster Street Parkway, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80237. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 32 Lookerman Sq., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9100 (December 17, 2003)

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PINETREE Mgmt., LLC. Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9147 (December 17, 2003)

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Real Property Options, LLC. Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/09/2003. Office location, County of Albany. Spiegel & Utrera, P.A., P.C., 45 John Street, Suite 711, NY, NY 10038 has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: The LLC, P.O. Box 1251, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful act. LCD-9135 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

ROCKMORE, LLC. Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9148 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SELLNOW REALTY, LLC. Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9149 (December 17, 2003)

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SOBE PROPERTIES, LLC. Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/5/2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copies of any process against it to SOBE PROPERTIES, LLC, 420 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077. LLC is member-managed. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LCD-9120 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ALBANY, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Index No. 3012/03. ORIGINAL SUMMONS FILED: May 15, 2003. INDIAMAC BANK, Plaintiff, - against - GEORGE BURCHELL A/K/A GEORGE BURSHELL, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Defendants: TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Albany County is designated as the place of trial on the basis of the fact that the real property affected by this action is located wholly within said County. Dated: Westbury, New York, November 19, 2003. MARIA SIDERIS FRAZIS, ESQ., DRUCKMAN & SINEL, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Office and P.O. Address, 242 Drexel Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590. (516) 876-0800. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. Joseph R. Cannizzaro, A Justice of the Supreme Court of Albany County entered Nov. 24, 2003, and filed with complaint and other papers in the Albany County Clerk's Office, Albany, NY. THE OBJECT of the above-entitled action is to foreclose a mortgage dated in the County/City Register of the County of Albany on January 24, 2001 and recorded February 14, 2001 in Liber 3910 at page 462 covering premises described as follows: 792 Livingston Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The relief sought in the within action is final judgment directing the sale of the premises described herein above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against any defendant in this action EXCEPT GEORGE BURCHELL A/K/A GEORGE BURSHELL. DRUCKMAN & SINEL, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff. LD-9264 (December 17, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of LADP New York LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/12/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: c/o LA Digital Post, Inc., 11311 Camarillo St., Toluca Lake, CA 91602. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9219 (December 17, 2003)





Rebecca and Brian Moore

## Lazarus, Moore wed

Rebecca Lazarus, daughter of Stuart and Martha Lazarus of Delmar, and Brian Moore, son of Henry and Mary Moore of Victor, Ontario County, were married July 26.

The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn performed the ceremony at the Helen Hughes Memorial Chapel in Silver Bay on Lake George.

A reception followed at the Fort William Henry Hotel in Lake George.

Bridesmaids were Kelly Link Cerza and Kate Moore, Kerry Moore and Colleen Moore, all sisters of the groom. The junior bridesmaid was Bridgid Moore, sister of the groom.

Ushers were Stephen Dawson, Peter Vanderwater and Louis Lazarus and Benjamin Lazarus, both brothers of the bride. The junior groomsman was Nicholas Gildae, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Geneseo.

She has a master's degree from Roberts Wesleyan College and is a second-grade teacher at Byron-Bergen Elementary School in the Rochester area.

The groom is a graduate of

SUNY Cortland. He has a master's degree from SUNY Brockport and is English department chairman at Canandaigua High School.

After a wedding trip to a dude ranch in Montana and Yellowstone Park, the couple lives in Rochester.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Lucas Coburn Allen, to Monica and Brian Allen of Voorheesville, Nov. 3.

Boy, Connor Joseph Bertrand, to Lynnemarie and Lawrence Bertrand of Selkirk, Oct. 20.

Girl, Madilyn Jane Delisle, to Amy and Scott Delisle of Voorheesville, Nov. 12.

Girl, Lily Theresa Graf, to Nicole and Raymond Graf of Delmar, Nov. 15.

Girl, Elsa Ruth Hennessey, to Carie and Mark Hennessey of Delmar, Nov. 13.

Boy, Ryan Christopher Leonard, to Leah and David Leonard Jr. of Feura Bush, Nov. 5.

Boy, James Richard McMullen, to Christine and Lester McMullen Jr. of Selkirk, Oct. 23.

Boy, Aidan Peter Schultz, to Kristen and Peter Schultz of Delmar, Nov. 12.

Girl, Rowan Judith Tearoe, to Tammy and Richard Tearoe of Delmar, Nov. 12.

Girl, Maxine Weiss, to Caroline and David Weiss of Selkirk, Nov. 3.

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Keith Campbell of Slingerlands (master's in electrical and computer engineering.)



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## Chanukah on Ice set at BIG Arena

There will be a special "Chanukah on Ice" ice skating program at the BIG Arena in Delmar on Wednesday, Dec. 24, from noon to 2 p.m.

Chanuka and Jewish music will be played and free dreidels will be given out. There will be Kosher refreshments. In addition, hot latkes will be sold. All ages are invited.

For information, call BIG Arena at 439-2211.

## NiMo

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Sheraw's story was echoed many times throughout the forum, with residents explaining the hardships they've endured during outages.

After retiring in 1997, Jim Holland moved to Sutherland Court. He once called living there heaven, but now, he said, the frequent outages have made it anything but heavenly.

"I'm considering putting my house up for sale because of this, plus the taxes," said Holland, adding that electricity service should be more reliable. "I'm really fed up, totally fed up."

A handful of NiMo representatives addressed the crowd of nearly 200, attempting to quell what became a free-for-all shouting match at times.

The company attributed the outages in the last year to equipment problems, a plethora of trees in need of trimming, storms and car accidents.

Much of the neighborhood had a rear-lot electricity system installed roughly 50 years ago, according to NiMo, with lines and poles located behind homes.

"It's simply more difficult for our laborers to get into the rear lots and maintain those wires," said NiMo Regional Design Manager Terry O'Brien. "It's much easier when the poles are on the streets."

In December, NiMo completed its five-year cycle of tree trimming work for the circuit that feeds Kenholm Gardens, which the company claims should help alleviate outages. In addition, workers will begin placing



Niagara Mohawk lineman Joe Flanagan works on a pole on Kenwood Avenue last week. *Kristen Olby*

additional fuses on lines to limit the number of homes affected when power is lost.

"By having additional fuses placed and coordinated, when power outages occur, instead of

taking out 150 homes, it will take out 10 or 12 houses," explained O'Brien.

NiMo said the process is expected to be complete in January, with additional surveys

of insulators and poles slated for next spring.

NiMo denied that faulty wires and old equipment are to blame for the frequent outages.

"We do not have a voltage problem in this particular area," said O'Brien. "In stable conditions, this system is working well. That means the wires are doing their job; that means the transformers are doing their job."

Once work is complete, O'Brien estimated that the number of outages will decline, affecting fewer people.

A committee comprised of residents is being formed to work in cooperation with NiMo, and a follow-up community meeting is scheduled for February.

## Bones

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confusion as to the bones' identity.

The inconsistencies led some to speculate that the remains were actually those of runaway slaves who may have been part of the Underground Railroad.

"The identity of the remains is inconclusive, there is no question about that," said Town Attorney Michael Smith at the Dec. 1 board meeting. "Unfortunately, we're never going to know the answer. We do not have the means to determine the answer in order to take action."

Because the bones were handed over to the town, Bethlehem became responsible for interment and all expense associated with it. Up until now, the bones have sat in a cardboard box at Albany Medical Center morgue. Earlier this year, an Albany County coroner requested the town remove the bones and act on interment.

The town board was slated to vote on the reburial in July, but board member Tom Marcell urged the board to refrain from pending his search for a national organization that could claim the remains. Marcelle's search proved unsuccessful.

Passage of the resolution allows the town to petition the state Supreme Court — a move legally required — to bury the bones. Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar is slated to handle the arrangements at an estimated cost of \$2,300. The remains will be laid to rest in Bethlehem Cemetery sometime next year.

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# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

If the holiday season leaves you feeling like there's just too much stuff out there, an upcoming exhibit at the New York State Museum might provide an antidote.

Starting this Saturday, Dec. 20, the museum's west gallery will be home to the 11th installment of the Fleet Great Art Exhibition and Education program. The program brings art from New York City's leading art museums to the Capital District, and until March 14, 2004, visitors will be treated to "Form/Structure/Place: Minimalist Art from the Guggenheim Museum Panza Collection."

There are nearly 350 works in the collection that the Guggenheim Museum acquired from Dr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Panza di Biumo.

"The Panzas had an enormous collection that they gathered in the '60s, '70s, '80s and some of the '90s," said Susan Cross, associate curator at the Guggenheim Museum. "They still collect, but we acquired most of their minimalist pieces." Cross is curating the exhibit at the State Museum.

"Minimalism is not a formal movement or school," she explained. "It grew out of an attempt to rid the art world of illusion. Before these 20th-century artists were abstract and impressionist artists, who created the myth of the artist as hero. This generation reacted to that." As a result, Cross said minimalism tends towards the elemental, simple and iconic. Just as important as the work itself is the space surrounding it.

"The artists of the time designed work for specific spaces," Cross said. "It's not just the work itself, but how it's installed in a space." Robert Ryman, for instance, has a series of 12 pieces that are one work.

"They are meant to hang in one room," Cross said, "and be regularly installed, with the same distance between each piece. The negative space then becomes part of the work. We're used to a painting being one piece. This is different pieces, and the way they hold the room is an important part of the exhibit."

Likewise, she said, is a large-scale sculpture by Robert Morris.

"It's three-dimensional," Cross said, "and the viewer can walk around it. From certain vantage points, it looks like a triangle. It provokes a different

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— Susan Cross

works provide a new emphasis."

Walking on the exhibit makes it

reaction from the viewer."

Unlike many museum pieces, a Carl Andre piece in the exhibit isn't just for viewing.

"Andre emphasized the outline of development," Cross said. "He's best known for his works that are on the floor, large squares made of metal. It's almost a rug. We're used to sculpture having a vertical thrust, and his horizontal

— from the Adirondacks exhibit to the circus — and pleased with the education program she saw there.

The Guggenheim has three museums besides its New York City home, and its curators frequently create exhibits for other spaces.

Thanks to former Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Albany has its own significant collection of contemporary art in the Empire State Plaza, and a sculpture by Donald Judd — Untitled, 1968 — from the plaza collection will

interactive, and it becomes not a work, but a place.

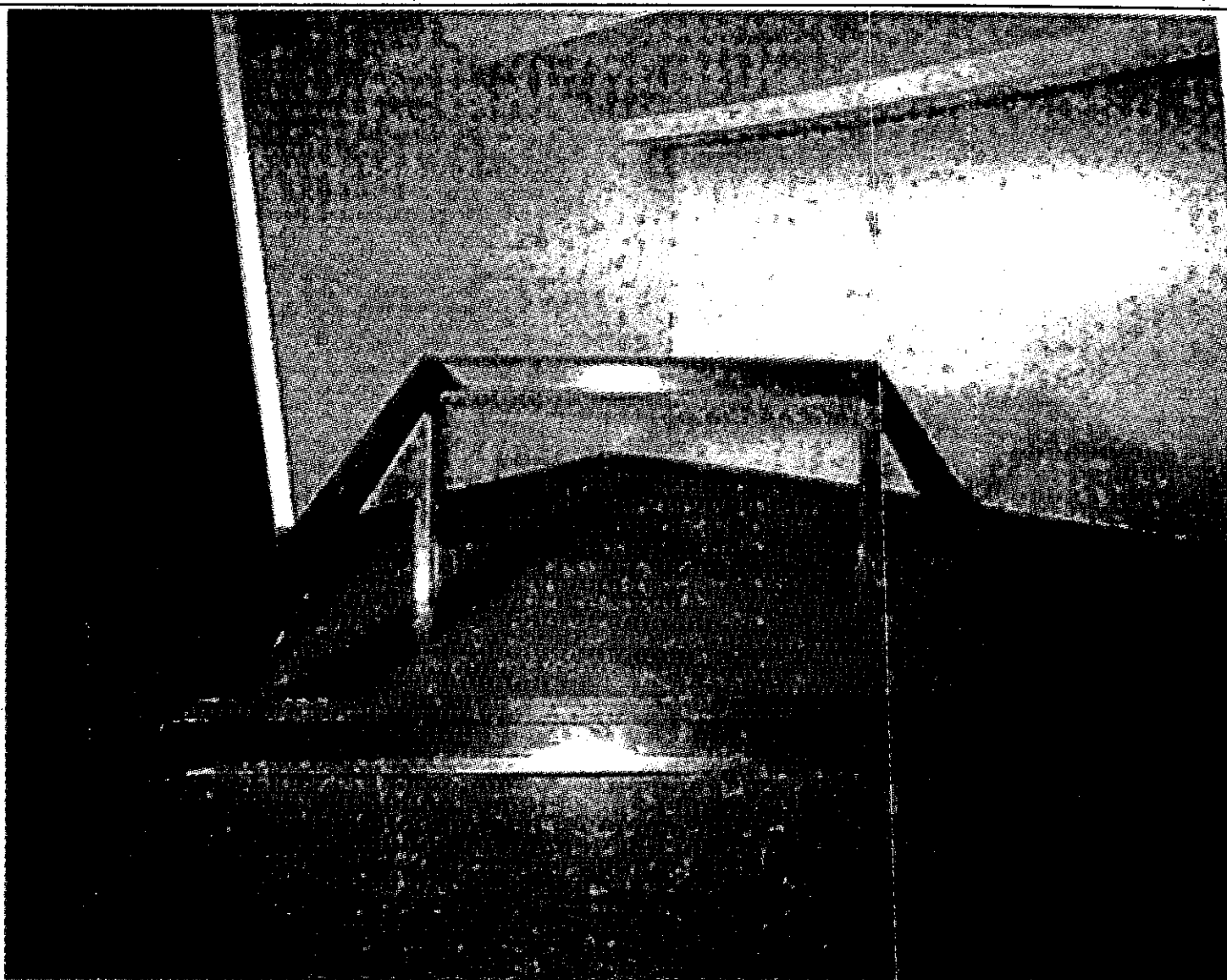
"The eye might not find the edge of the work," Cross said, "and that ties in with Andre's emphasis on space. A perfect artwork is endless."

Since space is such an important part of the exhibit, Cross visited the State Museum before designing the exhibit. It was her first visit to the museum, and she was impressed with the range of collections

join "Form/Sculpture/Place: Minimalist Art from the Guggenheim Museum Panza Collection."

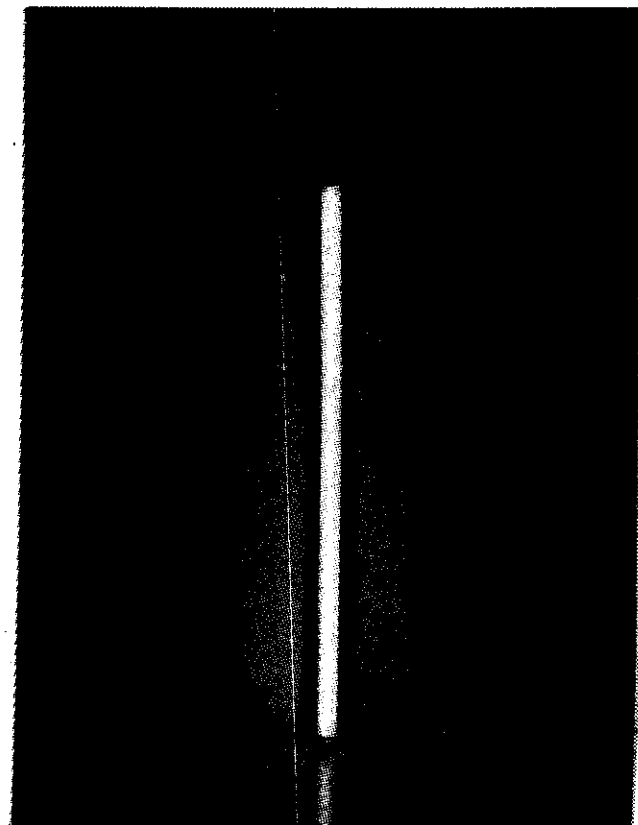
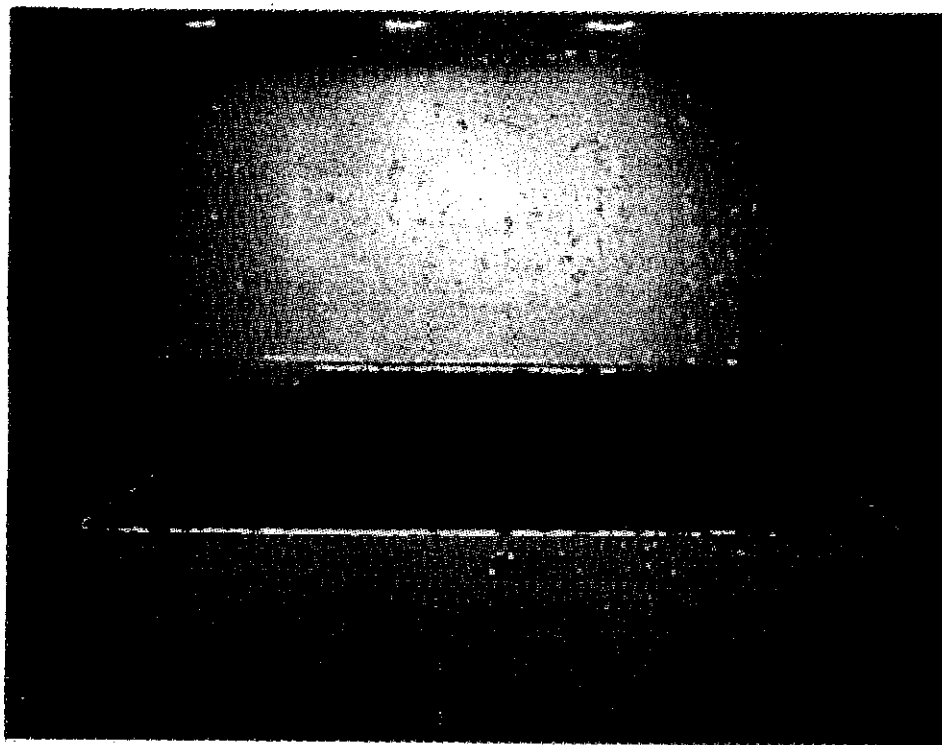
Tours of the exhibit will be held every Sunday, except Feb. 22, on the hour, from noon to 3 p.m. A teachers' workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8, at the museum from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be school tours, information about which can be obtained from the Capital Region Center for Arts in Education, 442-4240.

The New York State Museum is located on Madison Avenue, on the south side of the Empire State Plaza, in Albany. For information, call the museum at 474-5877.



## without illusion

### *museum show features minimalist art*



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 18, \$20, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children under 13. Information, 274-3286.

### NUNCRACKERS

Nonsense Christmas, C-R Productions at Cohoes Music Hall, weekends, through Dec. 21, \$16 to \$26. Information, 237-7999.

## Music

### BOSTON CAMERATA

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

### AN IRISH CHRISTMAS

with Andy Cooney, Noel McGinnity, etc., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.,

\$22.50. Information, 273-0038,

### THE THREE IRISH TENORS

Christmas show, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., \$25 and \$35. Information, 463-4663.

### MANTOVANI ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

Christmas show, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 20, 2 p.m., \$25 and \$35. Information, 463-4663.

### BRIDGET BALL AND CHRISTOPHER SHAW

annual holiday show, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m., Dec. 21 at 2 p.m., \$17. Information, 273-0038.

## Dance

### THE NUTCRACKER

presented by Albany Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theater, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 21, 4 and 7:30 p.m., \$25 and \$30, \$17 and

\$20 for children and students. Information, 426-0660.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

permanent collections on New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

holiday model train exhibit, through Jan. 4, Spirit of Schenectady and Collection Highlights, planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

### ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, Unplugged: Painting in the Age of

Technology, through Jan. 4. Information, 242-2222.

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, Holiday Show and Children's Art Exhibit, through Jan. 31. Information, 786-6557.

## Call for Artists

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### 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 SCHAFER 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, Thirce 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.

### ARTISTS WANTED

exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

## Classes

### DANCE CLASSES

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

### ART CLASSES

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

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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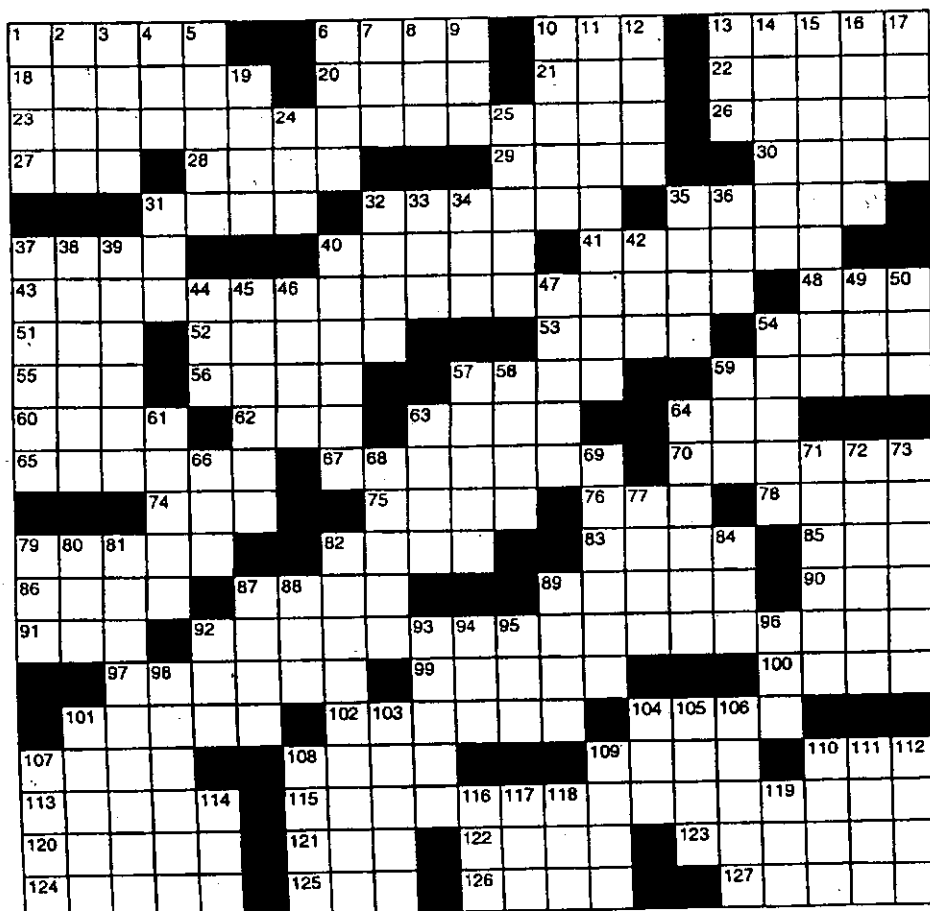
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- 1 Tiffany treasure
- 6 Zoom
- 10 Likely
- 13 Send the money
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- 20 In the thick of
- 21 Med. test
- 22 Leave out
- 23 Injudicious pageant winner?
- 26 Williams of "Happy Days"
- 27 Crank's comment
- 28 Facilitate a felony
- 29 "homo"
- 30 Tropical spot
- 31 Literary lioness
- 32 Couch kin
- 35 Mobile homes?
- 37 Leading man?
- 40 One of twelve
- 41 Musical key
- 43 Argumentative pageant winner?
- 48 "The Raven" monogram
- 51 Cookbook phrase
- 52 Pan-fry
- 53 Dynamic

### start

- 54 Shade of green
- 55 Spigot
- 56 The Brothers
- 57 Trudge
- 59 Teach on the side
- 60 He gave us a lift
- 62 Homeric character
- 63 Pound piece
- 64 Chic, in the '60s
- 65 Bean's brother
- 67 Nonconformist pageant winner?
- 70 Come up
- 74 Liotta of 127
- 75 Start fishing
- 76 Accounting abbr.
- 78 "Lang Syne"
- 79 Aromatic spice
- 82 Rocker Townshend
- 83 Unwelcome visit?
- 85 TV's "My Sister Sam"
- 86 Wet blanket
- 87 Stead
- 89 Sweetly, to Solti
- 90 Dallas coll.
- 91 Slangy sib
- 92 Inarticulate

### pageant winner?

- 97 French pointillist
- 99 Lose one's tail?
- 100 Cooking fat
- 101 Play ground?
- 102 Congenital
- 104 Coalition
- 107 "Oh, woe!"
- 108 Scored, to Sampras
- 109 Impartial
- 110 Exec's deg.
- 113 Ditka and Douglas
- 115 Deceptive pageant winner?
- 120 "Die Fledermaus" maid
- 121 PA hours
- 122 With 25 Down, aquarium fish
- 123 Expiated
- 124 Thick
- 125 Crosses (out)
- 126 Casanova's cry?
- 127 "Unlawful" ('92 film)

### DOWN

- 1 Window part
- 2 Director Kazan
- 3 Desire
- 4 Slalom curve

- 5 Resident
- 6 Diplomacy
- 7 Aussie walker
- 8 Feel awful
- 9 Nutritional abbr.
- 10 Clerical vestment
- 11 Went on
- 12 Prong
- 13 Singer Chris
- 14 Weather factor
- 15 Abusive pageant winner?
- 16 Sacred cows
- 17 Shoe size
- 19 Collars a crook
- 24 Where goats gambol
- 25 See 122 Across
- 31 Marmaduke has two
- 32 Positive (out)
- 33 Hesitater's sounds
- 34 Little one
- 35 Baseball's Martinez
- 36 Chang's sib
- 37 Explosive mixture
- 38 Expand
- 39 Neat
- 40 Shore sight
- 42 Bach's "Bist du bei mir"
- 44 Neighbor of

- Mex. That is
- 46 Sonny & Cher song, e.g.
- 47 Mother Judd
- 49 Commotion
- 50 Part of MPH
- 54 Biblical region
- 57 Oater extras
- 58 Departed
- 59 Hen's hubby
- 61 Remove varnish
- 63 HS exam
- 64 Florentine family name
- 66 Holm of "Brazil"
- 68 Freeze
- 69 Actor Power
- 71 Zhivago's country
- 72 Star quality
- 73 Halley or Hillary
- 77 Soft mineral
- 79 LP replacement
- 80 Psychic Geller
- 81 Inaccurate pageant winner?
- 82 DDT, for instance
- 84 Narcos' org.
- 87 Italian bread?
- 88 "It's a Wonderful Life"

- far better
- 89 Teen title
- 92 Toby, for one
- 93 Rips to shreds
- 94 Slangy suffix
- 95 Squirrel's snack
- 96 RN's specialty
- 98 Art supporters?
- 101 Playground feature
- 103 Homes on high
- 104 Candy quantity
- 105 Ohio city
- 106 Declaim
- 107 "Diary of a Housewife" ('70 film)
- 108 NYSE rival
- 109 Baptism site
- 110 Make money
- 111 Transvaal resident
- 112 He's Devine
- 114 Diocese
- 116 Hostelry
- 117 Society column word
- 118 Crafty critter
- 119 Heavy weight



# The Spotlight CALENDAR

## Wed., Dec. 17

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

#### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Normansville Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP

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

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (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.

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

## Thurs., Dec. 18

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

#### BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-3948.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir,

7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

### AA MEETINGS

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

## Fri., Dec. 19

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

#### CHABAD CENTER

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

### 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., Dec. 20

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

## Sun., Dec. 21

### 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, youth education 9 a.m., church school 10 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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 through grade 7, 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 or INFO@DRCHURCH.ORG.

#### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worship service 10 a.m.; nursery and Sunday school through grade 5 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 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information 767-2243.

### FAMILY OF GOD COMMUNITY 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 9:30, Worship service 9:30 & 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

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 Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-9955.

### BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

### GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

### NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Services Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mill Road, Normansville, beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information 439-5710.

### NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

### UNIONVILLE REFORMED

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

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Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

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

### FAITH TEMPLE

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

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

### FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

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### NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

In the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Carols and Christmas program presented, free, 6 to 8 p.m., Family Worship Center Church, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information 768-2021.

### BREAKFAST BUFFET

Voorheesville American Legion, all-you-can-eat buffet, 8 a.m. to noon, 31

Voorheesville Ave. Information 765-4712.

## Mon., Dec. 22

### BETHLEHEM

#### PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners into section, Delmar, 5-6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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#### DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

#### AA MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

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## Tues., Dec. 23

### BETHLEHEM

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

### BINGO

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

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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### NEW SCOTLAND

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#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

#### V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD

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

## Wed., Dec. 24

### BETHLEHEM

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

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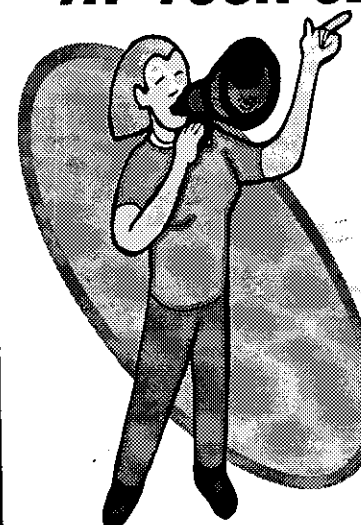
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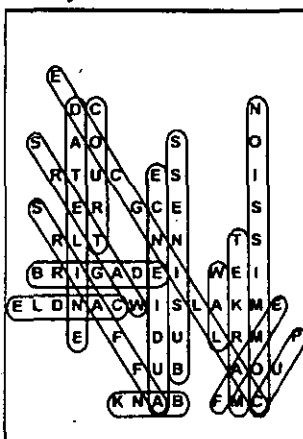
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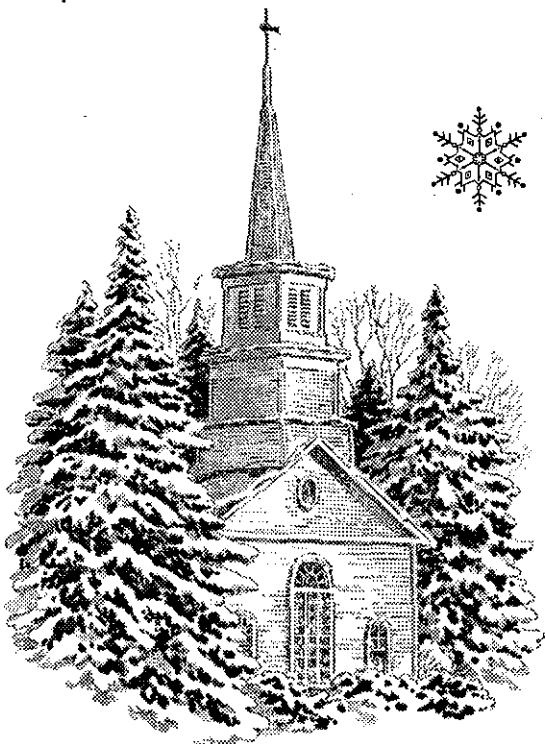
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Thursday, Dec. 25

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### Christmas Eve Services

6 PM — Young Families Service

7:30 PM — Early Candlelight Service

11 PM — Candlelight Service with  
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4 PM — Children's Worship

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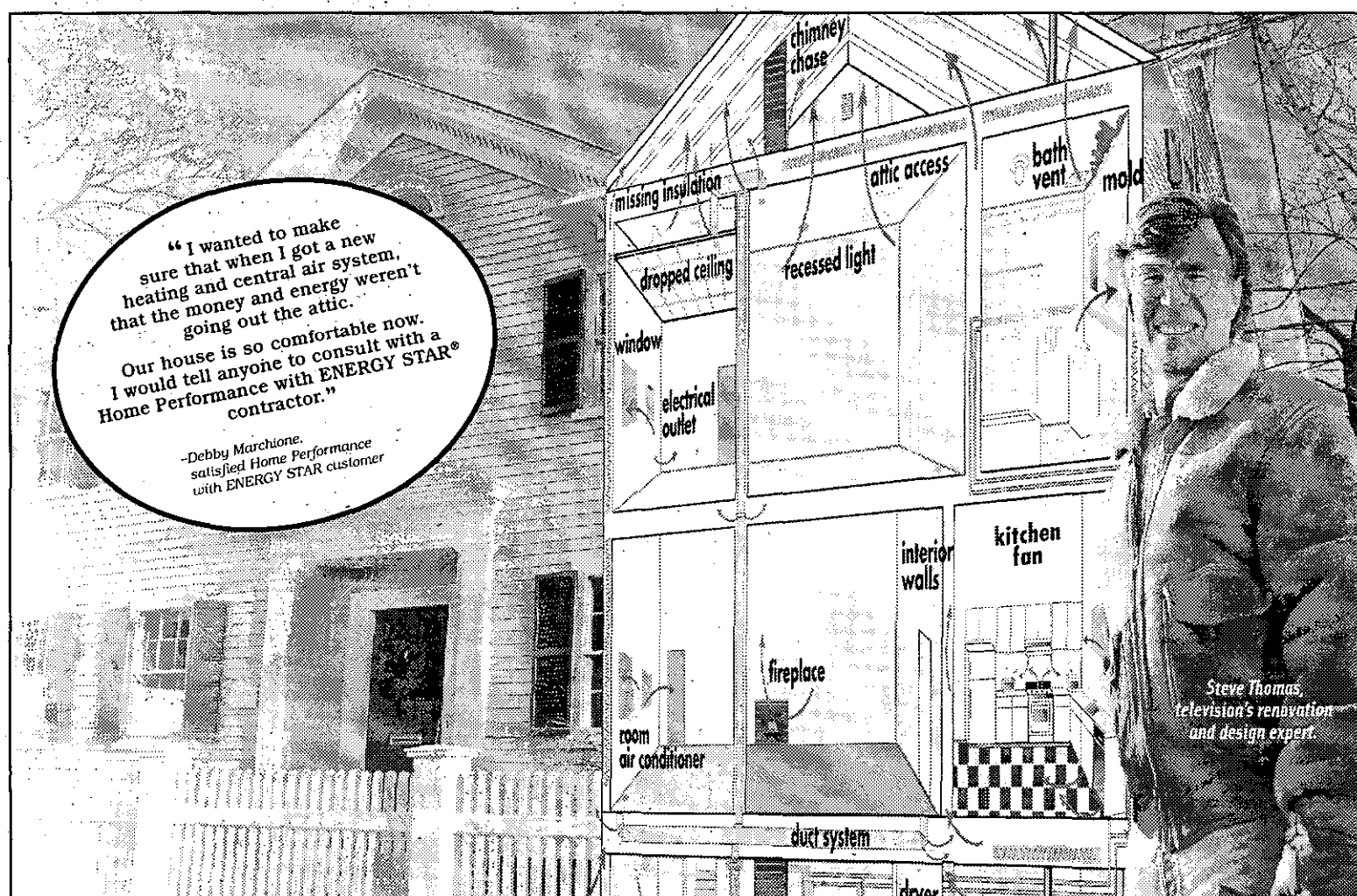
your home during the day and close them at night to reduce heat loss. Make sure your furnace receives a professional tune-up each year and replace the furnace air filter once a month.



Place insulation wrap around your hot water heater and lower the temperature to 125 degrees or the "low" setting. This avoids accidental scalding and reduces energy consumption. Since 90 percent of the energy used for washing clothes is for heating the water, use the cold wash and rinse cycles whenever possible.

Caulk and weatherstrip around doors and windows. If you can slide a playing card through the crevice of an outside door or window, you need more weatherstripping. Place plastic-seal wrap around old or drafty windows. Use door sweeps to prevent unnecessary drafts and insulate your attic or other areas that may be poorly insulated. Kitchen and dryer vents are often poorly sealed where they pass through walls or ceilings. Use heat-resistant caulking and metal collar plates to fix faulty seals. If you have a fireplace, install glass doors and close the damper when not in use to keep heated air from escaping up the chimney. But keep in mind, air sealing affects the amount of combustion air available for your heating system.

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