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Porco granted bail; evidence under review

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Christopher Porco was granted bail last Tuesday after a Nov. 4 indictment for second-degree murder and second degree attempted murder on Nov. 4, but he is still in jail. Judge Jeffrey Berry of Orange County set bail at \$250,000 cash or \$1 million bond.

Porco's lawyer, Terence L. Kindlon of Delmar, said Porco would probably remain in jail until Thursday or Friday.

"We've got all the funds necessary to post cash bail," he said. "I don't know exactly how many people put up money, at least four or maybe six. We're waiting for the check to clear."

The whole amount must be posted with the Albany County Sheriff's Office by certified check, Kindlon said.

Kindlon said cash bail was chosen over a bond. When the bail is paid in cash, if a defendant is acquitted, all of the bail money is returned.

"Porco is a happy young man right now, but he'll be even happier when he is on the outside," said Kindlon.

When released, Porco will again live with Elaine LaForte and her partner, John Kearney, both of whom are veterinarians who own Bethlehem Veterinary Hospital. Kindlon said Porco truly thinks of them as surrogate parents.

"Elaine has demonstrated to Chris that she is the best friend he ever had," said Kindlon.

Joan Porco is out of town, staying with relatives. Her other son, Johnathan, is on active military duty.

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"Porco is a happy young man right now, but he'll be even happier when he is on the outside."

Terence Kindlon

Auditor cautions district: Fund balance too low

Operating deficit in June was \$1.5 million

By JIM CUOZZO

An outside auditor hired by the Bethlehem School District warned officials the district is under fiscal stress and there is no extra fund balance to cover unanticipated expenses.

"You cannot go to the well again," said Ray Pruesser of Pruesser C.P.A.P.C. of Claverack. Pruesser audits several school districts and the Bethlehem board hired him this year because state law requires that all school districts receive annual outside audits of their financial practices. Pruesser's message came just moments after the board approved construction of a sixth elementary school in the district that will increase annual operating expenses \$450,000 by 2008.

"You don't have money in your fund balance to cover unanticipated costs,"

Pruesser stressed. "You will have to be more vigilant."

The outside auditor's message left district officials a bit bewildered.

"You are saying we haven't been vigilant in the past, and I take issue with that," said board member Stuart Lyman.

The board agreed with Pruesser's assessment that increased special education costs, an increase in transportation, retirement and health insurance costs, contributed to the

board using much more fund balance than expected in 2004-2005. According to figures received from the district business office, over \$1.78 million of fund balance has been used from the

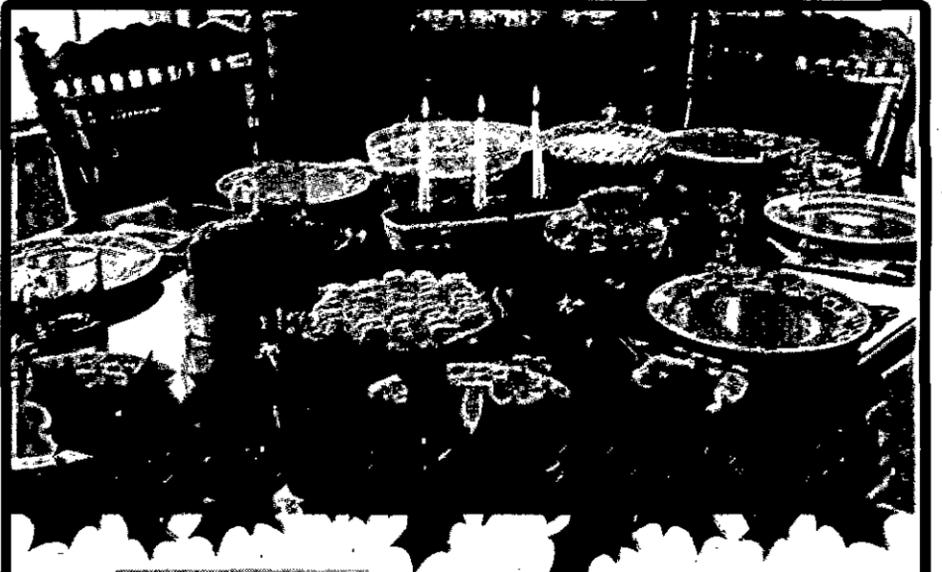
past two district budgets, leaving a total of \$5.22 million remaining, of which \$200,000 remains unappropriated for the current fiscal year. The district also had a \$1.5 million dollar operating deficit at the end of its fiscal year in June, according to the audit report.

Superintendent Les Loomis said, however, that the board and administration are well aware of what took place last year and what they need to do in the next fiscal year to keep taxes stable.

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Ray Pruesser



By STEPHANIE LUBIS

No matter what your nationality, food undoubtedly plays a large role in holiday festivities. Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa all have traditional foods with either religious or ethnic significance, or both.

Many holiday feasts revolve around meat. Goose, fish, and turkey are the most common, and various vegetables and pies complete the holiday feast. Many dishes have religious or other special significance, which is why they are reserved for the holidays.

The traditional German meal consists of roast goose, "Christollen," a long loaf of bread with nuts, raisins, citron and dried fruit; "Lebkuchen", or spice bars; mar-zipan and "Dresden Stollen," a moist, heavy bread filled with fruit.

Steve Nicolaus, manager of the Spa Bauhaus German Restaurant in Ballston Spa, said his German family varies its Christmas menu from year to year. "Usually we have turkey for Thanksgiving, and Christmas we usually have ham, and sometimes a loin of pork," he said.

Another traditional meal for Christmas is sauerbraten with a sweet and sour gravy over noodles called

spatzle.

In Italy, a traditional holiday meal consists of fish, and there may be as many as 10 to 12 fish dishes prepared. In Rome, the traditional Christmas Eve dish is "Capitone," a big female eel which is roasted, baked or fried. North of Rome, a traditional dish may be pork, sausage packed in a pig's leg and smothered in lentils, or turkey stuffed with chestnuts.

All Italian Christmas sweets, as a rule, contain nuts and almonds.

Peasant folklore theorizes that to eat nuts favors the fertility of the earth and aids in the increase of flocks and family. In ancient Rome, honey was offered at this time of year so that the new year might be sweet.

A Polish traditional meal is called "Wigilia," and it is the most carefully planned meal of the year. Traditionally meatless, the meal is still plentiful, based mainly on fish. The meal begins with the breaking of "Oplatek," which is a semi-transparent wafer of unleavened dough stamped with nativity scenes, and everyone at the table breaks off a piece and eats it as a symbol of their unity with Christ.

"We still pass the Oplatek" at

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Tinselly Treat or Yuletide Yuck

By MARTY BANNAN

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When most people think of their favorite Christmas goodies, things like carp, jellied or dried fish, whale blubber or chocolate chicken doesn't rank too high.

But all of them are holiday favorites elsewhere in the world.

Fish tops the menu on many European Christmas and especially Christmas Eve gatherings.

The tradition dates back to medieval times when most Europeans practiced Catholicism. Church customs held that evenings before religious feasts were vigils meant for fasting.

Out of this came a variety of meals and dishes from every culture and nation.

One of the more familiar meals is the Christmas Eve "Feast of Seven Fishes."

Popular among Italians, the meal may include fish soup, fried calamari, pasta with anchovy or clam sauce, smelt, shrimp or scallops in scampi and baked sole.

Why seven?

Explanations for what the number symbolizes include the seven days of the week, the seven sacraments and seven days of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem. Nobody knows for

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Police Blotter

Police arrest 2 men on drunken-driving charges

On Nov. 21 at 2:06 a.m., police arrested John A. Voss, 29, of 895 Delaware Ave. in Delmar for DWI. Officer Scott Anson stopped Voss' car for speeding. The vehicle was in both lanes and going over the center line. Voss pulled into McDonald's parking lot and he said he did not have a license and that he was driving his girlfriend's car, police said. A strong odor of alcohol was detected, and Voss admitted to drinking earlier at home and said he was only going out for

cigarettes, police said.

Police discovered Voss already had an arrest warrant from Albany, but officers there advised they could not pick Voss up at that time, and suggested he turn himself in at the Bethlehem Police Station. Voss failed field sobriety tests.

Additional arrests

On Nov. 19 at midnight, police arrested Kenneth Frodyma, age 22, of Indian Fields Road in Feura Bush for DWI.

Officer Gina Cocchiara observed the vehicle traveling west on Delaware Avenue and the vehicle crossed the white fog line three times, police said.

After being stopped, a strong odor of alcohol was detected. Frodyma failed field sobriety tests, and stated that he had recent surgery to his right leg due to an ATV accident and could not pass the test, police said. Frodyma is due in court on Dec. 6 at 4 p.m.

On Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m., police arrested Charles Thomas Wagner, age 37, of 363B Delaware Ave. as a sex offender failing to register a change of address.

Officer Chad Rice received information that Wagner was possibly living at 363B Delaware Ave. Wagner is a Level 2 sex offender and as such, he must report an address change, police said. Rice and Officer Charles Radliff responded to a written

deposition from April Rowley, stating that Wagner has been living with her since last September, police said.

An arrest warrant application was completed and signed by Judge Paul Dwyer for Wagner's arrest, and Wagner was arrested and then arraigned by Dwyer and sent to Albany County jail on \$2,500 cash bail or a \$5,000 insurance bond. He is due in court Dec. 20 at 4 p.m.



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Birthday bash for Beethoven at University at Albany

The University at Albany Department of Music presents faculty member Findlay Cockrell in a marathion concert to celebrate Beethoven's 325th birthday Friday, Dec. 16.

The concert is from 3 to 10

p.m. in the recital hall of the performing arts center on the uptown campus. The program will include piano music, chamber ensemble pieces and songs performed by Cockrell and his colleagues, friends and students.

This is the first of two marathion concerts scheduled for this season. The second will take place Friday, Jan. 27, when Cockrell will celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday.

Since 1966, Cockrell has been on the faculty of UAlbany where he is an associate professor of music and a Collins Fellow. This is his 40th and final season of performances at UAlbany.

Admission is free; and no reservations are required.

For information, contact the box office at 442-3997 or the visit Performing Arts Center Web site at www.albany.edu/pac.

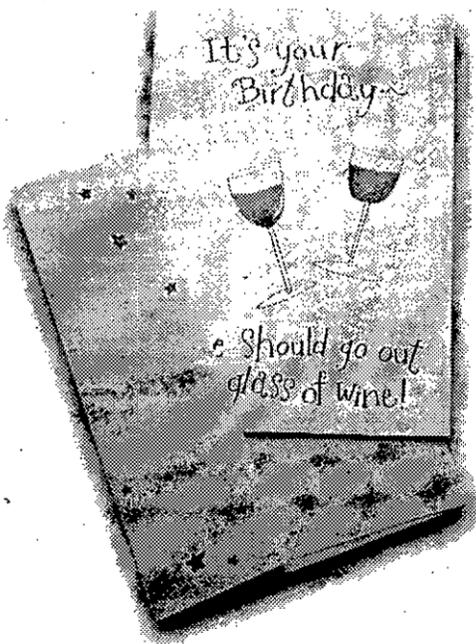
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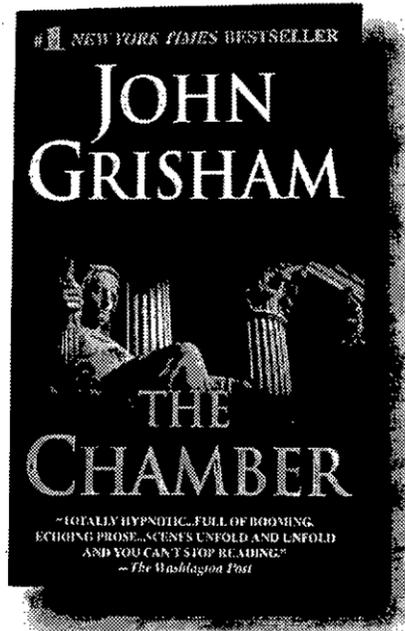
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'End of an era' for local businessman

Bob's Service shop owner retires after more than four decades of service

By STEPHANIE LUBIS



Bob Woodside is retiring after 43 years of owning Bob's Service on Delaware Avenue.

After 43 years, Bob Woodside has said goodbye to his business. Bob's Service, at the Mobil on Delaware Avenue, began in 1962, and now, Woodside will finally have time to spend traveling and enjoying his "seven and a half" grandchildren.

"There's one on the way," he explained.

Mobil Oil Corp. is now selling all of its facilities in New York,

too much for him.

Woodside worked every day up until his retirement. The business officially sold on Nov. 17.

"When you are in business for yourself, you are on call 24/7," he said. "Christmas was the only day that I was closed."

Still, during his time, he has been known to work even on Christmas.

"One time, a customer's daughter was coming in, and she had a flat tire," he said. "At first, I tried to get her to come in the following day, but she was a doctor on call, so my son-in-law and I changed a tire for her that

day."

Woodside is a lifelong resident of Delmar, and he and his wife, Pam, plan on staying in town. Although his service station was a rewarding business, one thing he is happy about is to finally be away from the pressures, especially with the recent hike in gas prices.

"It's the end of an era," he said. "The business has been very good to me. We're lucky out here to have such nice people in the

community. Of course, I will miss it."

Bob's Service is only Woodside's second job. The first was working part-time for Mobil. Then, he went to Mobil Training, and after, began Bob's Service, which he ran with Pat Capparella of Ravena.

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Bob Woodside

of Ravena.

"The rest is history," he said. "This is a great little town, even though it isn't so little anymore."

'The Tempest' returns to Bethlehem

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The Bethlehem Central High School theater group, called Theatre Without a Net, will be staging its second performance of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in December, the first performance since 1990.

"This show is the most technically challenging given the time and space," said English and drama teacher and the play's director, James Yeara. "When you wrestle with Shakespeare and interpret the language, it's a real accomplishment."

Yeara actually resisted doing another showing of "The Tempest" earlier, ironically, because it was so successful.

"It is a very difficult play," he said. "Especially for high school."

Theatre Without a Net began nine years ago for students who wanted to perform Shakespeare. Originally voted down by the school board, the group was eventually approved, but receives no funding from the district. Yet, donations from parents and community members keep the troupe alive and well.

About 70 kids tried out for "The Tempest," and 35 were cast, Yeara said, which is still using more than in a professional theater group.

Despite his devotion to theater, Yeara said he would not encourage any of his students to pursue a career in acting.

"We have kids who go into acting and we hear from them occasionally, but it's a horrible profession," he said. "It's designed to break your heart. I do this because these are talented bright kids, and because it's fun. Not a career. For me and for my



Jacob Abolafia, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, rehearses his role of Prospero, in the production, 'The Tempest.'

students, acting is like breathing, and we love it."

"The Tempest" is one of Shakespeare's final plays, and is full of treachery, love and spirits good and evil. Prospero and his daughter Miranda have lived on a primitive island for 12 years, after Prospero's brother Antonio usurped his dukedom. Prospero has honed his skills as a magician and sorcerer, and has a spirit named Ariel who does his bidding, even as an evil spirit, Caliban, is loose on the island.

Prospero works his magic to cause a shipwreck — bringing his brother, Antonio, the king of Naples, the king's son, Ferdinand, and other nobles onto Prospero's island. Miranda and Ferdinand fall in love; the nobles plot to put one of their own in the king's place, and in good Shakespearean form, everything resolves itself and everyone resolves to be better people by the end of the play.

Molly Moriarty, a junior who plays one of the Ariels, said she likes being in the theater troupe because she gets to play different Shakespeare roles. Jacob Abolafia, a senior who plays the main character Prospero, said it's a treat to play Shakespeare roles.

"I've played an old man for all four years," he said. "One of the best things about being in a Shakespeare play is that we're reading it in English class, but we get to learn a lot more by more by being in the play."

Junior Caroline Lang agrees.

"You really have to understand it to play the characters correctly," she said.

Tess Avitabile, who played the

sweet sister Bianca in last year's production of "The Taming of the Shrew" said she gets so into it that she becomes the character. Both Avitabile and Lang said they find themselves sitting and talking in certain ways that are like the characters they are playing.

Katrina Tulloch said the Ariel role is one that requires daintiness and flexibility.

"We get into weird positions," she said.

As much as they like being in the acting troupe, they do not want to be actors. Tulloch aspires to becoming a journalist, while Lang is interested in becoming a research scientist.

"They're a remarkable group of kids," said Yeara. "They all encompass a range of experience and talent."

Becca Lewis, another Ariel, said her experience is so great because of the friends.

"The best is really knowing the work, and the friends that you make," she said.

"The Tempest" will be showing Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.; on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 and 7 p.m.; on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for all performances will be \$5 for students and seniors and \$8 for all others.

Tickets will be sold at the door at each performance and to the BCHS students during school in the week prior to each performance. Tickets can also be reserved in advance on the play's Web site, www.theatrewithoutanet.org.

Former deli owner carves out a new niche

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Glenn Durlacher got tired of the long hours working at his deli and did what many of us would like to do: packed it in and started a new career. He became a full time wood-carver, and he makes a pretty good living at it, too.

Eagles, bears, sports mascots, cartoon figures, and almost anything else that comes to mind, Durlacher can carve. His sculptures vary in size and price, but most are between 18 inches and 6 feet tall. People show him pictures, bring figurines or choose from his selection of figurines to show which sculpture they want done.

Durlacher sold Durlacher's Deli on Delaware Avenue last February so he would have the time to be more creative, a move he says he's glad he made. He didn't go into wood carving blindly. Durlacher has been an ice sculptor for over 20 years, and learned the skill when he worked for Marriott Hotels as a banquet chef years ago.

"I had to get good fast," he said. "So when I moved here and started the deli, I also carved ice sculptures professionally."

Durlacher has carved for a lot of "First Night" celebrations in Albany and Saratoga, as well as for ceremonies for Hilary Clinton. After becoming tired of the long hours in the deli, wood carving was a natural choice.

"I met some carvers about a year ago, and they did a lot of bears and eagles," he said. "I met them in Saratoga, and they invited me to carve in Amsterdam with them. I carved a stallion head, which sold within a few hours, and they were amazed. I could see the ice sculpting skill could transfer to wood carving, so I decided to switch careers. It took courage, but it's going really well."

Wood is more difficult than ice to carve, he said, because it's opaque, but it doesn't melt and you don't have to work as quickly. Special tools like carving chainsaws with pointed ends for fine work; sanders; chisels; and a Dremel, which is like a dentist's drill that can shave and sculpt wood, make the job easier.

Now, Durlacher works full-time, but he can set his own schedule, allowing him the



A wood-carved sculpture of Buddha by Glenn Durlacher.

flexibility and time to travel.

Recently, Durlacher found out that his great-grandfather, who was a silversmith in New York City, was a top designer for Tiffany's. While Durlacher isn't comparing his skill to his great-grandfather, he is always up for new challenges. A sculpture of Buddha is his favorite so far, because it was the most difficult piece.

"Maybe my ability was inherited from my great-grandfather, or at least the appreciation," he said. "I do a lot of unique sculptures and I can pretty much carve anything."

Durlacher gets the wood from various tree services in town, and uses all different kinds of wood, like pine, spruce, hemlock or walnut. Cost of the sculptures vary, but are normally between \$200 and \$500.

Durlacher is taking a lot of orders for the holidays, and he operates out of two locations, one at the barn on 9W and Wemple Road and one at Petrol on Route 9W. His business is simply called Glenn Sculptures.

This weekend, Durlacher will be demonstrating wood carving at Hewitt's Garden Center in Guilderland, and will be working with the chain of garden stores for other promotions in the near future. He may also be demonstrating his carving ability at the State Tree Lighting Ceremony next weekend in downtown Albany.

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If ever there was a time to light a single candle, this is it

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Commentary:



It happened even before the insanity of Black Friday hit. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, returning home from an idyllic weekend in Vermont, I pulled into the outlets at Lake George. My thought was to buy just a few bags of treats from Harry & David's for the husband and sons who are at the top of my gratitude list on the last Thursday each November. As I pulled past the row of cars into the parking lot, I came side by side with a little red car whose driver took offense at my driving style. I braked when I saw that I needed to; apparently, not soon enough for the 20-something blonde driver who threw her arms up and mouthed a rude question, followed by a rude gesture.

I have to confess to not being as mature as I could have been, since it seemed to me that we both had plenty of room to pass each other had we each adjusted a little bit, and I had slowed and stopped when I saw she wouldn't. I threw my arms up too and mouthed, "driving, that's what" in answer to her question. Maybe most disturbing though was that the woman in the passenger seat — who looked like a slightly older duplicate of the driver — laughed as her daughter

gesticulated at me. Apparently it's no longer the season to be jolly; 'tis the season to have road rage.

As I pulled into the last spot in the parking lot, I made the first of my Christmas season vows, which is to drive courteously. And perhaps give people the benefit of the doubt — I know I hadn't set out that day to aggravate a mother and daughter; perhaps they'd just gotten a call that a beloved family member had been stricken and had to rush right home.

Let's hope that — like the new TV show, "My name is Earl," all my attempts at behaving well will result in the kind of karma that will bring only good things in December. The final, dark month of the year.

I'll start in my neighborhood — a real, live walkable community, full of crosswalks that people cheerfully ignore. Cormac and I stood on one side of a white-striped crosswalk this past summer, one day, in hopeful expectation that somebody would stop. In fairness, the

crosswalk is at the top of a tiny rise, but still, at the top of the cars whiz by as we waited patiently to cross. "Here comes a police car," Cormac said. "Bet he stops and nobody tries to pass him."

He did and we went on our merry way, with me vowing to pay more attention to pedestrians on my car-bound traveling days. I can almost excuse people who don't stop for pedestrians in crosswalks; some days, I'm so absorbed in all I do and in getting where I'm going that I forget to look for them. But there's another place that's a driving nightmare, and for which there's no excuse, and that's at schools in the morning.

We get more than one raised eyebrow when we say that we drop our children off at school. I know it's a crazy thing to do when we live in walking distance of one of our children's school and pay perfectly good tax money for the buses that transport the kids going to the same public school our other child attends. When our boys were in grade school, we walked them to school in the morning, but that was when the morning school bell rang at the very civilized hour of 9:13 a.m.

Our family is one of nocturnal people in a land of early risers, and to ensure that our young scholars actually make it through the doors to their futures, we deliver them to their destination. We are apparently not the only people keeping our eyes on the prize, and sometimes the parking lot is so chaotic it's terrifying. And, folks, no matter what time you get there, there will be other people, and trying to pass cars dropping off young adolescents is a very dangerous idea.

Also, let me save all of you who have not yet made the mistake that I made exactly once: that stop sign protruding from the school bus, even when it's parked and the students are getting out onto the sidewalk right in front of the school, it

means stop. So if you love your kids enough to drive them to school, love them enough to not endanger them or their classmates as you rush through your morning paces. The crazy side of what should be a time of joy is at worst in parking lots, and makes me hate shopping even more than I usually do.

It also makes me miss New York City the most. I used to love leaving my midtown office in December, when the light from store windows and Christmas displays kept the early dark at bay. Before our children were born, it was easy to just stop in at one

store or another on the way home from work, and possibly stumble across the perfect gift. Between the subway stop and my apartment, there would always be a stand of Christmas trees for sale. It was magic to be striding down a Manhattan street and be engulfed in the smell of some of the happiest times of my childhood.

I love living in the Capital District now, but there's less of a sense of discovery during the holidays. It all feels too focused, too artificial, all those striped parking lots, fluorescent lighting, stale air and the tinny sound of Christmas songs that have come to evoke shopping, not families gathered around the hearth.

As December approaches, I promise myself to be less critical; to draw a deep breath and pin the miniature Advent wreath to my coat to remind me that this holiday is about the birth of a child sent to save us from ourselves.

I try to stay calm and let the season feel magical, putting off the day that I will be like Jerry Stiller's character on Seinfeld, making my own gestures toward the sky, shrieking "Serenity now!"

I promise myself to stay alert and discover the signs of seasonal magic. Just as I've had my first crazed shopping incident, the first dose of wonder came on

Thanksgiving Day, as our little group joined the long line of Equinox volunteers in the Empire State Plaza.

It's inspiring to see thousands of volunteers ready to deliver Thanksgiving dinners around the Capital District; it's humbling to think about the generosity and logistics that go into preparing enough food to feed more than 7,000 people.

I had thought briefly about taking a pass on the Equinox meals this year. It's harder and harder to pull our children from their beds on this day off; I've started working full-time and getting Thanksgiving together for my family was going to be an interesting feat in itself; delivering meals meant leaving visiting relatives at home on Thanksgiving morning.

My conscience reminded me of the blessings of my life, and so we found ourselves with the best of the Capital District on Thanksgiving morning. We watched a toddler run across the floor into his dad's waiting arms, and laugh with glee when his dad pretended that his tiny life force had knocked him over. I looked at Cormac lost in iPod-land and shared a quiet smile with Chris, as we remembered Chris playing the same game with our boys when they had been little. But most touching was the woman ahead of us with her 13-year-old son.

"His dad's in Iraq," she told us as he wandered off in search of a comfy corner to sit in for a few minutes. She's a member of the National Guard and as the line snaked through the concourse, she shared her light with us — stories of being in New York for four weeks right after 9/11; praying every day when a week went by without any word from her husband; the way she keeps the news off when her son's awake; discussions about the war in his presence.

If anyone were entitled to sleep late and gorge on turkey on Thanksgiving, she was it. Some lights shine too bright to keep hidden, though, and hers was an inspiration to all of us, to be grateful for all that we have and to try to make this a season of comfort and joy.

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Thursday, December 1	67°/1934	-5°/1875
Friday, December 2	66°/1998	-2°/1875
Saturday, December 3	58°/1998	-1°/1976
Sunday, December 4	63°/1998	-9°/1940
Monday, December 5	65°/2001	2°/1989
Tuesday, December 6	68°/2001	-5°/1901

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This week in weather
December 3, 1992 A Noreaster brought heavy, wet snow to hilly sections of eastern New York and the Berkshires. In Massachusetts, Monterey received 19", Peru and Great Barrington got 15". In New York, Stephentown reported 14 inches. Albany received less than 5 inches of snow.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:05am	4:23pm
Thursday	7:06am	4:23pm
Friday	7:07am	4:22pm
Saturday	7:08am	4:22pm
Sunday	7:09am	4:22pm
Monday	7:10am	4:22pm
Tuesday	7:11am	4:22pm

Moon Phases
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Planets	When	Where
Venus	Evening	Bright WSW
Mars	Evening	High, South
Saturn	Evening	Low East
Jupiter	Dawn	Low East

Rivers & Recreation

Tides at Albany		
Day	High	Low
Wednesday	3:30am, 4:03pm	10:10am, 10:53pm
Thursday	4:15am, 4:45pm	10:53am, 11:39pm
Friday	4:58am, 5:28pm	11:36am, -----
Saturday	5:42am, 6:12pm	12:26am, 12:21pm
Sunday	6:29am, 6:59pm	1:13am, 1:10pm
Monday	7:20am, 7:49pm	2:01am, 2:03pm
Tuesday	8:17am, 8:43pm	2:52am, 3:01pm

River Levels

Hudson River		Mohawk River	
Location	Level	Location	Level
North Creek	4.4	Tribes Hills	279
Hadley	5.2	Schenectady	211
Fort Edward	22.9	Cohoes	11.3
Troy	18.1		
Little Falls	7.0		

Levels as of November 25th, 2005

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Black Friday bright for local merchants

BY STEPHANIE LUBIS

Although the infamous Black Friday doesn't pack the same kind of punch with local small businesses as it does with the mall, several area businesses reported higher sales and more crowds this past weekend.

"Black Friday was great," said Melissa Steen, owner of I Love Books at the Four Corners in Delmar. "We usually have a special sale for this weekend every year, and it was very crowded and a lot of fun. But we still have plenty of stock left over for Christmas."

This is the first year that I Love Books was open on Black Friday, and while Steen said the store was certainly busier than usual, it is not the same kind of craziness that greets store owners in the mall.

"We may be four or five times busier than normal, but the stores in the mall are about 10 to 20 times busier," she said. "But even though it wasn't crazy or unbelievable, we still had great sales this weekend."

Peter Harris Clothes, which sells off-price women's and men's clothing, also had great weekend sales.

"Last year the sales were good, but this year we did even better," said Linda Tozer, manager of Peter Harris. "We had a 25 percent off sweater sale, but that was the only sale we had. This whole weekend the store was really busy, I actually couldn't

believe it."

Flaunt Boutique, which has been open for one year and sells women's clothing and accessories, also reported great weekend sales. Rachel Stark-Riemer, an employee, said the sales on Black Friday were not the typical Friday sales for the store.

"We didn't have lots of people in the morning, but it picked up as the day went by," she said. "We didn't have any special sales this weekend."

Even at The Floral Garden, sales increased. According to Katie Pietrykowski, an employee, the biggest sales days are Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, but Pietrykowski said this year there were more funeral flower arrangements and other

business.

"Black Friday is not such a big thing for us," she said.

One store that did not report added sales this Black Friday was the Closet Shop, which sells designer and vintage clothes. The reason: it was closed.

"I needed a day off, and I figured most people would be at the mall," said owner Kelly Nisiewicz. However, that doesn't mean Nisiewicz didn't benefit from the weekend.

"On Saturday, the sales were tremendous," she said. "I just didn't think it would be beneficial to have the store open on Black Friday, and I had a sign in the door all week saying that I would be closed. But on Saturday, I was rested and ready."

"Black Friday was great. We usually have a special sale for this weekend every year, and it was very crowded and a lot of fun."

Melissa Steen



Area merchants saw brisk sales over Thanksgiving weekend.

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

More helpings needed

Perhaps the day after Thanksgiving isn't the right time to be thinking about food, but that's because most of us don't have to. Some of us might rather be thinking about cutting down our food intake to avoid ballooning over the upcoming holidays.

But for some of us thinking about food is a 24/7 concern.

On Thanksgiving Day, there were pictures galore of the annual Equinox Thanksgiving repast that feeds thousands of people.

It feels good for us to see pictures of people receiving food who might not otherwise have any meal during this most bountiful of holidays.

We don't ever see much of people who are hungry and must rely on handouts for sustenance every day of the year.

The Regional Food Bank says more people will go hungry in our region than ever before. A large number of the hungry are children.

Perhaps it's easier to not see hungry, homeless people on a daily basis; perhaps it assuages our guilt. But still we know they are there.

We wish there were a ready-made solution, which could help feed hungry people all year long. Have we made no progress since the 1930s when endless numbers stood in soup lines?

Random acts of kindness cannot begin to address the enormity of very large numbers of hungry men, women and children. Food Stamps clearly do not provide a wide enough mechanism to fulfill the needs of all the people who go hungry every day.

Except for food banks, not much is done to help the hungry.

Has any politician come up with a plan or even acknowledged there is a need for one?

We believe human priorities in this country need a wake-up call.

Americans have shown their generosity recently, by providing serious aid to hurricane victims in the form of money and services. Even our children have shown a desire to help by adopting schools in the south to helping them get back on their feet.

Maybe we don't help the hungry more often because they tend to be anonymous, perhaps because they are ashamed and reluctant to share their stories. Most of us don't spend any time with them or truly understand their needs. We don't know why or how they got to be hungry or homeless in the first place.

We simply don't connect — except when we're expected to help out like on Thanksgiving Day.

We wish the food from the holiday would be multiplied, like the loaves and the fishes, but alas, miracles are scarce in today's world.

Editorial

Toasty slippers, low-stress holiday

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The writer lives in Delmar.

I am not a shopper. VISA expects me to buy gas, groceries, restaurant meals and an occasional item from J.C. Penney or Payless Shoes. So the morning I purchased an herb-filled, cloth-covered microwave-safe hot/cold pack from a mall kiosk and a set of tranquility marbles from an Asian imports shop, the credit card company called my husband.

Unusual purchase patterns, they told him.

They were right. I was killing time between a doctor's visit and a chest X-ray appointment, and ended up at the mall.

"Try it out," urged the friendly salesclerk. I held one of the heated herb-packs on my sore throat. It felt great. Sold! What other comfort items might a browser find?

Now is the time of year when I crave extra peace. There's limited daylight, the weather's cold, and the frenzy of the holiday season swings into overdrive. So here are some ways to reduce holiday angst:

Avoid buying too many presents for too many people who already have too much stuff. One way to simplify is to avoid shopping for every relative or to just buy for the children.

My husband's family uses a multi-tier system of "drawing names" for gift buying. There is one drawing for the adults (he and his siblings) and a separate one for the children (the cousins). After you get the name you contact the other party and ask what they want.

Sounds simple, but each year we participated, Jeff's sisters sent not only what we requested, but also included an extra "fun" gift, like amusing T-shirts. The anxiety of coming up with the extra "surprise" gifts for someone else's siblings drove my mall-phobic self over the brink.

After about eight years we

Point of View

opted out of the "adults gift exchange," but kept our daughter Rachel in the children's version. It's a nice way of keeping families connected across the miles. A package in the mail is a fun reminder to your child that she has a cousin living in Pennsylvania.

There is a large age span between the oldest and youngest cousin. The oldest cousins are now married adults and they "graduated" to the adults gift exchange. Then they started having children, so the cousins' children are now part of the children's exchange. It's a bit of a pyramid scheme, where pets might eventually become involved.

Once you scale back on gifts, you can also scale back on cards. Several years ago I pretty much stopped sending holiday cards. The holiday card production stresses me out. There is so little time for basic activities like cooking dinner or finding matching socks, that cramming in card writing no longer feels like a good use of resources.

My last holiday mass mailing was a postcard. It said "Seasons greetings from our home to yours. We have lots of boxes covering our floors." We had moved in November that particular year, so the cards served a dual purpose of providing our new address and good cheer.

The reason holiday cards drain me is because I feel compelled to hand-write a personal message to each recipient. I can't just sign our family name after the pre-printed greeting. I have to complicate the process into a term-paper sized writing assignment. Creating dozens of unique sentiments is time-consuming.

One year I took my supply of cards with me when I went to get a first-come, first served haircut. Why just relax and flip through a magazine when you can fill every waking moment with a "must-do" assignment? So I sat in the waiting area with my box of cards, address labels, and a book of stamps.

"Dear So-in-So. Here's wishing you a hairy holiday season. I mean, happy holiday haircut. Rather, shampoo greetings to all. I'm an overscheduled maniac. How's by you?"

I don't begrudge people who send cards. In fact, I enjoy getting cards, photos of the kids and even those typed family newsletters. But, alas, the number of cards we have received has dwindled. Not, I believe, due to others giving up this tradition, but rather non-card senders do tend to get dropped from other peoples' mailing lists. So, understand the trade-off before deciding how to proceed in this area.

Speaking of photos of the kids, avoid the mall portrait studios during the fall season.

For many of you it is already too late to heed this advice. You already stood in a diaper bag over your shoulder. Your tiny tots were decked in velvet, their spare outfits hanging from the stroller. You watched your normally photogenic children spitting up and refusing to even face the camera, let alone smile. It was naptime and there was a lot of crying. And the kids were tired and teary also.

Parents contemplating this type of photo shoot in December must ask themselves, "Is this the type of memory we want to capture and share with others?"

Don't get me wrong. I love those studio portraits, but I take my family off-season when there are no crowds and less pressure.

Pressure comes in various forms, including glossy coupons. Beware of coupons. Your goal is to scale back on shopping. This is hard when your mail is filled with special offers: Take \$10 off any purchase of \$50 or more. Take \$25 off any purchase of \$75 or more.

"The more you shop the more you save!" These words are printed on the coupon, and we actually believe them.

The hardest offer for me to pass up is the personalized gift certificate for "\$10, with a minimum purchase of only \$10." I don't even enjoy shopping, but I feel like ignoring the coupon is like throwing away a \$10-dollar bill.

I warn you now: You must resist these offers. Nothing in the store will be \$10. Everything will be \$9.99 or more. Tax does not count toward your minimum purchase.

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Once in the store you will see many things you didn't know you needed, such as slippers you can microwave.

Really, I've seen these slippers. I try to imagine using them at home. "Honey, you can heat up your leftover pizza after mommy's slippers are done?"

I wonder: Would the slippers get food residue on them? Would floor dirt from the bottom of the slippers get absorbed into the microwave? Is there a special dish for microwaving one's footwear? Perhaps other people keep their microwaves cleaner than I do. Or maybe other people keep their floors cleaner than I do. Or both.

So this holiday season, save your sanity and save your cash. Just enjoy spending time with the people you love. And keep your old slippers. You can get them toasty in the dryer, and perhaps locate a missing sock along the way.

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Board hires architectural firm for firehouse project

By JIM CUOZZO

The village of Voorheesville has hired the architectural firm of Barton and Loguidice Engineers at a cost not to exceed \$123,500 for work involving the firehouse expansion project. The village hired the firm without going through the bidding process because of its past involvement with the village.

In a referendum Nov. 1, Voorheesville voters approved the \$1.2 million firehouse extension and renovation.

"Barton and Loguidice prepared the engineering plans, and they will be appointed as engineers on the firehouse project without having to go through the bidding process," said Village Attorney Anne-Jo McTague, reading from the resolution the board passed. Bids are expected to go out this winter on the project and work will begin in the spring. The date of completion on the project is expected to be the end of 2006.

Other action

The Voorheesville Public Library is looking for assistance from the village board to secure a grant to store documents. Deputy Mayor Bill Hotaling, acting as mayor in the absence of Jack Stevens, read from a letter that Library Director Gail

Sacco had sent to the board.

"I would like the grant to include a letter of support from the village trustees and the mayor saying the trustees support a feasibility study for the repository of historical documents because they think that there is a need for document conservation," Sacco's letter read.

Grant funds are currently available from the New York State Archives and Records Administration to support the preservation of historical records, Sacco said. Village trustees unanimously approved sending a support letter to the library to help secure the funds. If the grant is approved, the money will go toward a feasibility study for an archival

repository with enough space to house historical documents for both the town of New Scotland, the village of Voorheesville and the Voorheesville Central School District.

Public Works Superintendent Will Smith gave an update on the progress of improved signage near village pedestrian crossings.

"I've talked with representatives from D.O.T. and Albany County, and I am waiting to hear from regional headquarters," said Smith.

Village residents and officials are concerned that motorists are not obeying the rules of the road and stopping at village crosswalks for pedestrians. Since the roads

with crosswalks in the village are either state or county roads, the state or county would need to grant approval before the new signs could be put in place.

"We may be able to request the sheriff's department and the state police start enforcing crosswalk laws," Smith said. "Other communities have received grants to enforce the

rules."

The village is considering sending a letter from the mayor to state and county officials asking for the stepped-up enforcement.

The board named Ernie Papa to the village zoning board of appeals, replacing Charlie Devine.

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Season's Readings is now available in a booklet for you to take home and peruse for holiday

gift suggestions or just good reading for yourself. The Library Friends group have also purchased copies of all the materials which are displayed on the table behind the reference desk for you to look at and purchase to take home immediately. We think these items would make great presents to create unique and lasting experiences. Stop in and see them soon.

Book ends

Trip to New York

The Friends of the Library bus trip to New York leaves the elementary school at 7 a.m. Saturday. Don't miss the bus.

Library reception

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, the library hosts a reception to honor Suzanne Fisher for her NYTimes Librarian award. The public is invited to greet and congratulate her and enjoy refreshments.

Book talk

• Grades two and three will be meeting to talk about Horrible Harry and the Christmas Surprise Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. (The library will be closed except for program.)

• Adults meet to discuss Case Histories by Kate Atkinson Dec. 7, at 7 p.m.

Poets to meet

The Thursday Night Poets meet Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Bring a poem to share.

No signup necessary.

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is still in need of hats and mittens. Bring your donations of cold weather warmers to be distributed to the kids at Phillip Schyler School before Dec. 16.

Stay tuned

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Retired businessman thankful

Editor, The Spotlight:

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We started running Bob's Service in 1962, and every year there has always been something or someone to remember. Thank

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Bob and Pam Woodside

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Egan lauds residents for hurricane relief efforts

Editor, The Spotlight:

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The generosity of resources and time from our Bethlehem businesses, community groups and resident volunteers contributed to raising more than \$23,000 in support of our neighbors in the south. Everyone involved in this event deserves to be very proud of its success.

Those of us who live here know what a wonderful place Bethlehem is to live and this is just one more example of our community's commitment to others.

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Movie night

The town of New Scotland Recreation Committee presents Movie Night featuring the film Madagascar (PG), Friday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be sold by the Voorheesville Methodist youth group. Admission is free. For information, call 475-0385.

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Preschool plans 'Tarzan' trip

The Voorheesville Community Preschool is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City to see the new Disney Broadway musical, "Tarzan," featuring the music of Phil Collins. There is a bus only option for those not interested in the performance. The trip is Saturday, Sept. 9. Reservations must be paid for in advance. The reservation deadline is Dec. 9. Cost for the bus and performance is \$92 per

person. The bus cost is \$35. For information, call Peg McQuade at 872-9035.

Thacher Nature Center holds workshop

The Thacher Nature Center is holding two holiday wreath making workshops Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Participants should bring a pair of garden shears for cutting greenery. The workshop is appropriate for ages 14 and older and the fee for the workshop is \$10 per wreath. For information or to register, call 872-1237. In the event of inclement weather, the workshop will be rescheduled to Dec. 4.

Food-pantry items needed

The Community Food Pantry, located in St. Matthew's Church, is always in need of food and personal items. Shampoo, toothpaste, spaghetti sauce and canned fruit are always appreciated, not only at the holiday time

but throughout the year. Donations can be left at the church. For information, call 765-2805.

High school concert

The Voorheesville High School fall concert will take place at the high school Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. All are invited, and admission is free.

School board to meet

The next meeting for the Voorheesville school board is set for Monday, Dec. 12, in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

Theater guild presents Christmas musical

The Classic Theater Guild presents the play, "A Child's Christmas in Wales," a family musical based on a Dylan Thomas story and adapted for the stage by Jeremy Brooks and Adrian Mitchell.

The play tells the story of a young boy's experience on a typical Christmas growing up in Wales in 1920s.

Performances are Dec. 9, 10, 11, and 16, 17, 18. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, Dec. 17. The theater is located at the Hilton Center for the Arts, Russell Road, Albany. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children younger than 14.

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• The Adirondack Baroque Consort offers music of the season Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Founded in 1962, the 12-member ensemble performs on a variety of Renaissance instruments including guitar, lute, recorder, viol, hurdy-gurdy, crumhorn, harp and psaltery. The concert is



part of our annual series, "A Little Sunday Music," sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

• People in our community celebrate in different ways, but

food, family and fun are common to all. Drop in for "Holidays Around the World" Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. and sample the sounds, tastes, costumes and crafts of Denmark, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland and Sweden.

• "Candy Houses," a confectionery construction project for kindergarten and up, has become such a perennial favorite that we are offering two sessions this year: Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 4 and 7 p.m. Bring a container of frosting and an assortment of small candies. All other building materials will be provided.

• Our annual "New Year's Eve at noon" party for ages 3 to 6 and families is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. Ring in the new year with a puppet show, stories, games and refreshments. Call

439-9314 to register.

December displays

"Seeing Red," an exhibit of oil paintings by Carol Turner, is on display in the northwest lobby in December. Turner renders the effects of light and shade on solid images such as houses and barns. She exhibits her paintings regularly in the Capital District and Cape Cod. She has a Master's degree in fine art from the University at Albany.

"View from Thirty-Six Inches," an exhibit of mixed-media work of 5-year-old Cadao Rain, is on display in the southwest lobby.

The Delmar Craft Club displays handmade items in the lobby exhibit case and Margaret Triller shares her collection of lions in the Children's Place exhibit area.

Vacant trustee seat

Bethlehem Public Library is soliciting applications to fill a vacant seat on its board of trustees. The appointee will serve until the end of next June; the seat will be up for election in

May. Interested individuals may send a resume and a letter of interest no later than Dec. 9 to Nancy Pieri, library director, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 12054. For information, call Nancy Pieri at 439-9314 or e-mail pierin@uhls.lib.ny.us.

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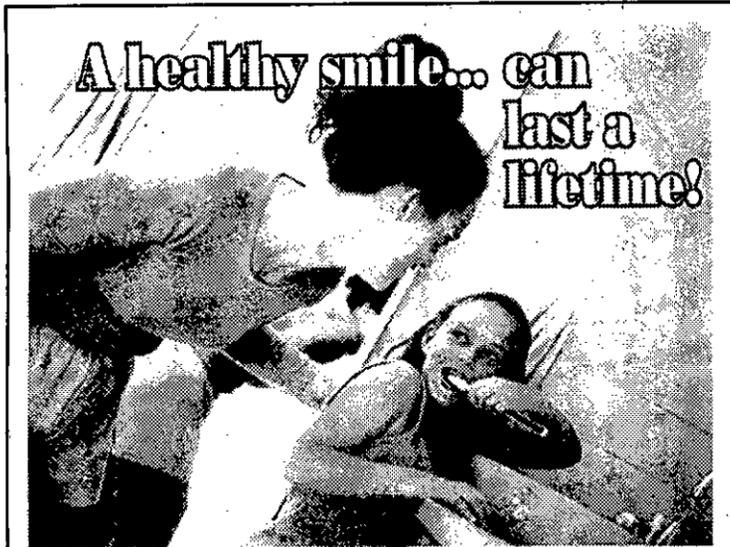
Bethlehem Library's teen council meets Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Call Beth Nagel at 439-9314 for information.

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Mother-daughter book group

Bethlehem Library's mother-daughter book group will talk about "Homeless Bird," a National Book Award winner by Gloria Whelan Monday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. Copies are available at the library. This program is for girls entering grade 5 and up with their moms.



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IRS seeks to pencil in additional volunteers for 2006

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

After the frenzy of the holidays, it'll be time to face tax returns again.

A dedicated group of volunteers in Albany County have sat hours on end every Saturday between February and April to assist taxpayers in filing their tax returns. From volunteers affiliated with religious institutions to retired accountants, more and more volunteers step forward to assist low income, non-English speaking and disabled taxpayers claim what is rightfully theirs by April 15 of every year, with no strings attached. It is part of the Internal Revenue Services' volunteer return preparation program.

However, as more people take advantage of the service, more volunteers are needed to provide it.

With a multitude of tax services for a fee springing up around the area, people like Wallace Donnelly of Albany are assuring that taxpayers can avoid fees and get every cent back to their families and households.

"We do their taxes for free, prepare taxes for them and file them electronically for them," said Donnelly, a retired accountant for the state. He has been a volunteer with the program for six years with the Albany Public Library. "The primary goal is to get more money into the hands of low-income households, for food,

clothes, whatever they need."

Typically, taxpayers pay someone to do their taxes for them, he said. Those tax services take percentages of the total return, and to ensure success offer immediate loans in the amount of the return. Taxpayers won't be getting an immediate tax return loan through the volunteer program, but they will receive the service free of charge in addition to potential write-offs and tax credits.

As the beginning of the program's season nears, the IRS is calling on community groups

to seek more volunteers. The IRS, joined by volunteer groups, trains a slate of volunteers to assist taxpayers in electronically filing their returns. The volunteer program alone prepared nearly 60,000 returns in upstate New York, according to an IRS statement. In addition to basic claims, thousand of households eligible for earned income tax credits have received greater refunds based on a reimbursement schedule.

When individuals don't claim their taxes, millions of earned

income tax credit dollars don't make their way back into the community, according to the IRS. In 2003, Federal and State EITC dollars totaled \$35,140,905 in Albany County alone.

By boosting volunteers, and in turn boosting the program's effectiveness, IRS and local municipalities are hoping the money will continue to stream in.

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Police urge online shoppers to beware of identity theft

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

'Tis the season to keep your credit card company and local authorities on speed dial.

Year round, Internet pirates are storming ports that are teeming with weary Internet shoppers to pillage personal information and make off with a booty of bank records and credit

card numbers. Like Black Friday with its rush of shoppers scrambling from shop to shop, Internet users rush through secure sites, unknowingly leaving behind a trail of personal information.

When, and if that happens, authorities and specialists are urging victims of identity theft to contact them immediately.

"Every day it's different, there is no commonality (in cases)," said Colonie Police Department Investigator Michael Cerone. "The overwhelming majority of cases I see, we don't know how their identities have been compromised."

The sheer volume of online shoppers increases the number of identity thefts in the holiday season. However, the problem remains a growing, year-round one, Cerone said. Cerone has been an investigator with Colonie for five years, and every year the problem gets worse, he said.

Cerone has two cases on his desk at the moment that involve Internet auction scams. It has become routine to speak with online company personnel to track down identity theft perpetrators weekly, he said. The

last round of investigations led police to a Brooklyn Western Union office, but the trail went cold from there, which is something Cerone said identity theft scams often do.

Curbing identity theft is more effective if people are proactive, rather than waiting for police to try to figure out what happened after the crime had been committed. There are simple measures that can be taken to make sure shopping online is

done safely and securely this season.

"You go to reputable stores that you are familiar with," said Bill Pytlovany, proprietor and computer programmer for Bill P Studios out of Schenectady. "Their sites are pretty secure and when you go to those sites and give them your credit card number it's as safe as giving your credit card to a waiter."

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Stores such as Macy's, Target and other retailers have secure sites, as do online retailers like Amazon, he said. It's when you begin to wander to the outer limits of online shopping when problems occur.

Pytlovany designs and programs security software and to date most of it is operating with success, he said. However, just as Pytlovany designed WinPatrol—security software for PCs—there are those out there who prey on people and devote themselves full-time to stealing identities.

There is only so much authorities and programmers like Pytlovany can do when it comes down to identity theft. The strongest defense rests in the hands of consumers and Internet users in general. When theft occurs it can usually be chalked up to human error, especially during the holiday shopping blitz.

"People are in a hurry to do things (online) like when they are in stores," said Pytlovany. "They will shop online and won't pay attention. When you are shopping online, always pay attention."

Shopping sites, and a slew of seasonal shopping specials, will fill the e-mail in-box this season, and sites will take customers to other sites they don't need to, or want to visit, he said. Without consumers' knowledge shopping tool bars and similar "assisted shopping" programs can infiltrate computers. Those links may not be exactly identity theft, but they can provide and make available information that people might not want on the Internet, Pytlovany said.

Cerone and Pytlovany differ on what to do if identity theft or Internet fraud has occurred. Cerone said that authorities should be notified immediately, whereas Pytlovany said that credit card companies and financial institutions should be notified immediately.

To learn how to prevent identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission's Web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/. To learn more about Pytlovany's WinPatrol software, visit www.winpatrol.com.

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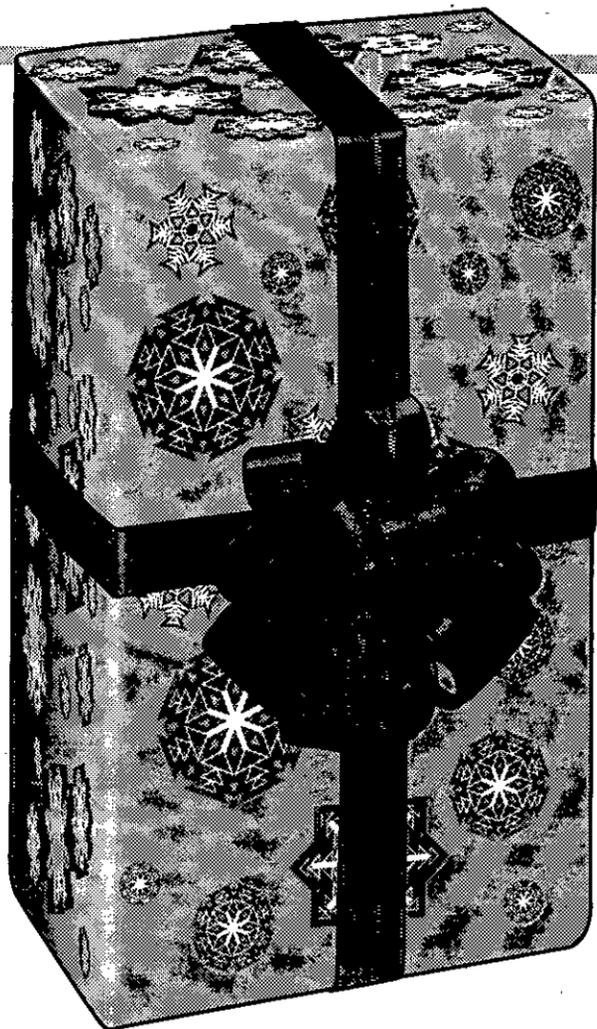
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"The difficulty I have here, Ray, is that I don't want the appearance that it takes an auditor to tell us of our financial management," Loomis said.

District Business Manager Steve O' Shea said Preusser's comments are an opportunity for the district to improve operations.

"We in fact recognize we had significant unanticipated costs," O'Shea said. "We paid for those costs. We made that decision and now we know what we need to do this year and not fund unanticipated costs with fund balance."

A three-year operating plan is

one of several recommendations that Preusser made in his report to the district.

"That is exactly what the board decided upon several months ago," Loomis said.

"The district cannot afford a hit of this magnitude in the coming year and have a sufficient future fund balance," Preusser added.

Recommendations from the auditor include carefully monitoring revenues and expenditures and to stay within the voter approved budget.

Board member James Lytle said the district will continue to scrutinize this very carefully.

"The warning to the local managers is loud and clear," Lytle said. "This is a very important warning to all of us."

Porco

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The fact that bail was granted is significant, he said.

"I don't want to say too much about it, but I did submit to the judge that Porco is a good candidate for bail," Kindlon said. "I also know that in Berry's decision, he cited the documents that he looked at before coming to a decision. That was one of them, and the other was the grand jury minutes, something we found

interesting."

Kindlon said he wants to maintain a low profile and that some of the information about the case is being leaked by the Bethlehem Police Department and is "clearly prejudicial."

"I don't want to get into exactly what, but it's not the DA's office," he said. "Say what you want about them, but they definitely don't leak."

Kindlon said he does not know when the trial will take place, as he has received a hard drive full of data from the Albany County District

Attorney's office.

"The amount of information coming our way is astonishing," he said. "I've been a lawyer for 33 years, and this the first time I've ever received a hard drive."

Kindlon said the amount of evidence would be tough to go through, as it encompasses a year's worth of evidence.

Judge Jeffrey Berry will most likely be the trial judge. Efforts to reach Berry were unsuccessful.

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Scene *in the* Spotlight

NYSTI celebrates Christmas with 'King-sized' production



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By STEPHEN PAUSE

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The New York State Theatre Institute (NYSTI) will perform the most ambitious production in its 30-year history this December, assembling a cast of 50 to bring to life the holiday musical "King Island Christmas."

The play tells the true story of King Island, an Alaskan island with a small town of 150 Inupiat Eskimos, who had to work together to save the North Star, a freighter carrying the town's new priest as well as supplies needed for winter. High seas and ice prevented the ship from reaching the island, and, faced with the prospect of a bleak winter, the Eskimos worked together to bring an oomiak, a large boat made from walrus skin and wood, to the far side of the island to reach the ship.

Ed Lange, public relations and media relations director, said the story is one of the driving forces in the play.

"The story of these people and their courage and determination

to make something happen, and their dedication and commitment to bring Christmas to their shore is something that should not be missed," he said.

He was also excited about the music in the play.

"The people involved in this thing and the size of the cast and the music that I've heard is making me eager to see it," he said. "We haven't come close to a cast of 50 on stage. The sound is going to be just remarkable."

This is the first time the Institute will perform this play. Every year around Christmas, the Institute performs a holiday show, and in the past has performed some of the more popular musicals, including "Miracle on 34th Street" and "A Christmas Carol."

Lange said that if the play becomes popular enough, the Institute may repeat it in the future as with other plays. Ticket sales have been good so far, Lange said.

Lange said the director, Birch, suggested the play to the Institute and the idea took off from there.

Besides Birch, the play includes

well-known composer David Friedman, Tony Award-winning production designer Eugene Lee, Emmy-award winning costume designer Robert Anton, as well as a cast that features both local and regional talent.

Lange said the institute doesn't have any special plans for its anniversary year, but instead will continue to do what it always does, premiering new works and bringing to stage works that were popular in the past.

The play, which will be performed at the Schacht Fine Arts Theatre at Russell Sage College, will premier with an afternoon performance on Dec. 4. The show will run through Dec. 17. The institute always has an early show that makes it possible for families and senior citizens to see the show without having to drive home at night, according to Lange.

On Dec. 11, the play will be presented in sign language for the hearing impaired. The play has an approximate running time of two hours. Tickets range from \$10 to \$20 and can be purchased by calling the institute box office at 274-3256.

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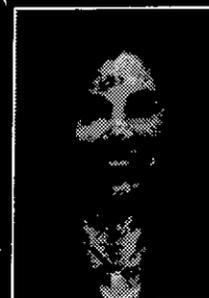


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Pro Musica opens 25th year with Handel's 'Messiah'

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

Albany Pro Musica audiences

will be treated to a contemporary flair on a traditional classic when the group's 25th anniversary

series kicks off with Georg Friedrich Handel's "Messiah" this weekend.

Four soloists, backed by the 60-member chorus and a accompanying orchestra, will perform the holiday classic at the Troy Music Hall this Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m.



Eckhaus

"This won't be a typical 'Messiah,'" said David Griggs-Janower, APM's artistic director, conductor and founder. "I am approaching it from a more dramatic standpoint. There is such a long

tradition; the tempos have been the same. I am hoping this performance will dance more."

"Messiah" was originally composed in the years 1741 and 1742. It deals with Christian doctrine and faith and was originally intended to be performed for Lent and Easter, Griggs-Janower said. Performed now for more than three centuries, it has become one of the most performed and recorded works during the Christmas season.

The performance of the piece, and Griggs-Janower's perspective on APM's performance of it, works well within the chorus' self-imposed mission, to provide music otherwise unavailable in the area to Capital District audiences.

APM began on the lawns of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. While working at the Saratoga Potsdam Institute, Griggs-Janower and colleagues wanted to create a chamber chorus. Through the institute, they formed a chorus to perform with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center each year.

It has since taken flight and the chorus has appeared all over the region and featured a host of members, guest soloists and performers. This year, Griggs-Janower sought out local talent for the performance.

Of the four soloists, one Delmar woman will perform three of the classic's more memorable pieces.

"It's beautiful music and it's easy to sing beautiful music and this selection is friendly to the alto," said Barbara Eckhaus of Delmar, who is the alto soloist. "This is my debut with them and I am thrilled to be working with David. They are a really good group and the best in the area."

Eckhaus has been singing for 30 years and has sung with choruses and as a soloist on concert stages from North Carolina to Maine. She jumped at the opportunity when Griggs-Janower expressed an interest in looking into looking into local talent. As a local performer it's hard to perform locally, she said.

Since its formation, APM has taken on lasting relationships with the Albany Symphony Orchestra and local venues. In addition to performing "Messiah" at the Troy Music Hall, the group will also make an appearance at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Albany on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m.

There will be two parts of the performance at the music hall. The first half will be the performance of "Messiah," and the second will offer carols like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Tickets for Saturday's performance are \$25; \$23 for seniors 62 and older; and \$10 for students under 24. To order tickets call 273-0038.

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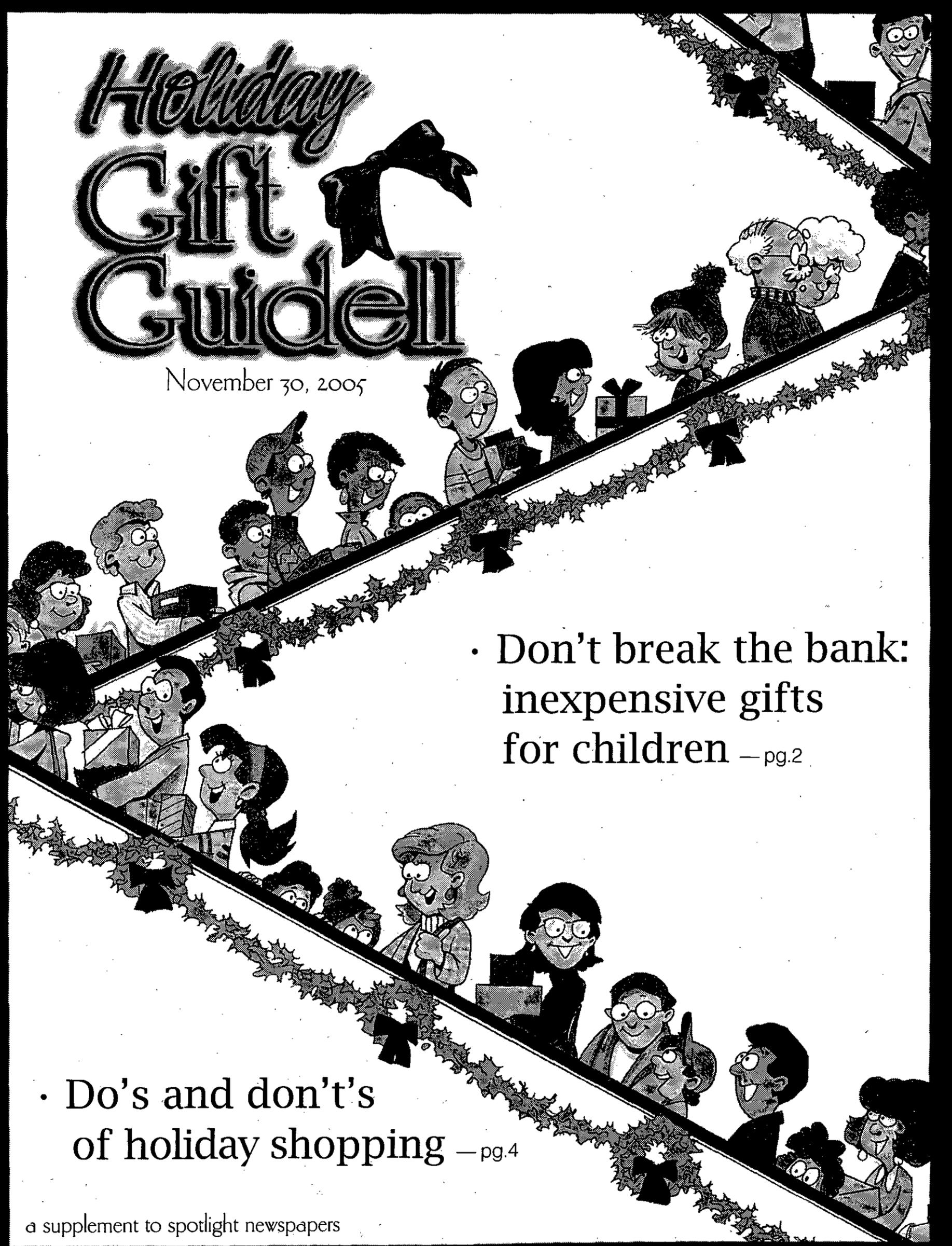
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Buying gifts... for kids

Don't break the bank: inexpensive gifts for children

By Samm Erickson

Selecting gifts for children can be difficult. While they will most certainly be appreciated and enjoyed, whatever gifts you choose probably won't stand the test of time. If you have a large, extended family, you may feel pressured to give gifts to all of the children, regardless of your relationship to them. This can really stretch the budget, especially during the holiday season. Gift giving should be free of tension, though. No one likes to feel anxiety when giving gifts. With creativity and imagination, you can stretch your gift-giving dollars while providing thoughtful and useful gifts for the children in your life.

Craft kits make wonderful, inexpensive gifts for children. With just a few dollars, you can

select paper, markers, glue or other art supplies and build a kit that will help children explore their own imaginations. Other inexpensive, inspirational gifts for children include puzzles, videos and dress-up clothes. For less than \$10, you can buy some used clothes, pack them in an old cardboard box and give children a whole set of dress-up clothes that will allow them to go wherever their imaginations takes them.

One of the best and most inexpensive gifts that you can give children is time. You can plan a special outing with a child that will cost very little money. Visits to the park or the zoo, with a packed lunch and snacks, can be a great way to spend time with a child and learn more about him. Augmenting outings with something small like a kite or a

ball can turn the day into a special event. The memories you make on such an outing will outlast the fun of many toys.

If you really want to give an inexpensive but personal gift, think about the skills that you have. You might be able to give lessons to a child for no cost at all. If you are a seamstress or a carpenter, you could spend time

sharing the basics of your craft with a child who has expressed some interest. Depending upon your interests, you could teach a child how to play a musical instrument, ride a bike or swim. These are gifts that can come from only you and will be particularly special.

Giving gifts to children doesn't have to break the bank. Children

care much less about the price tag on their gift than the intention behind it. It will be more important that it came from you than that it came from some expensive place. With some forethought, imagination and knowledge of a child's interests, you can save your budget and give meaningful, personal and memorable gifts.

Show-based board games are hit gift trend

This holiday season, 'Must-See TV' could have gift buyers giving board games.

That's because many hit TV shows now have spin-offs — board game spin-offs, that is. A quick scan of retail shelves finds games based on CSI: Miami, Desperate Housewives and The Apprentice. There's even the I Love The 80s Game featuring 1980s pop culture trivia derived from the popular VH1 series.

Why are so many new games based on TV shows? Experts say these products allow fans additional access to familiar characters, juicy plotlines and

celebrities. And if the widening selection of TV show-based games is any indication, viewers are tuning in to the idea of playing games.

Reyne Rice, Toy Trends Specialist for the Toy Industry Association, says that while board games generally see brisk sales during the holidays, TV show-based games are a growing trend this year.

"TV board games provide an instant bonding mechanism for people," says Rice. "They provide viewers with the chance to take on the role-playing of TV characters that are both loved and

despised."

For example, the CSI: Miami board game requires players to collect evidence and solve crimes just like show's main character, Horatio Cain.

Rice also says that games let fans enjoy memorable TV show moments "that just beg to be remembered and replayed."

Take the VH1 I Love The 80s Game. It challenges players to imitate characters from classic 1980s shows like Dynasty, The Facts of Life and The Cosby Show. The game also invites players to sing hit songs, to quote movies and to draw fads from the decade.

Clay Siegert, the president of the company that acquired the licensing rights to make the VH1 game, says the product was recently launched just before the fall premiere of VH1's new show, I Love The 80s: 3D.

"We timed the release of the game with the premiere of the show," says Siegert. "Being able to leverage the exposure of a hit TV show was a big reason behind our pursuit of the licensing rights. We felt we would be able to attract the show's millions of fans," he says. "Plus it doesn't hurt that the holidays are right around the corner."

Siegert says the game was co-created with writers from the

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Buying gifts... for kids

Giving pets as gifts: What you need to know

By Samm Erickson

Iconic images of children and their pets, particularly a boy and his dog, are present throughout the American landscape. It's not unusual for children to want, or demand, a pet of their very own. Many parents, however, are leery of committing to a pet that they will end up caring for, no matter how much a child promises to help. These concerns can be compounded if parents haven't

been primarily responsible for a pet in the past. However, giving children a pet as a gift can be a great way to encourage responsibility and help them develop a special bond with their pet.

Most children are not prepared for full responsibility of a pet, but you can work with your child to encourage him to take on some of the tasks involved in caring for the pet. While you will be responsible for much of the training and discipline, as well as

the shots, vaccinations and inevitable visits to the veterinarian, you can share this responsibility with your child. Help him to observe the pet's behavior and think deductively about its needs. Considering the needs of another living being will transfer to the other people in their lives, and your children will become more considerate because of this experience.

If you are concerned about the investments in a dog, cat or other larger animal, consider getting a pet that is a little less involved. This might include a turtle, fish or a guinea pig. If your child can be trusted to safely care for it, the pet could be kept in his room. If not, then it might be best to keep the pet in a public area where you can keep track of the pet's well-being, at least through the initial phases of its life.

When getting a cat or dog, it is important to consider the lifespan of the pet. Make sure that you are prepared to care for the pet for its entire life. It is also important to think about how your child will develop along with the pet. The teen years are often a time of rebellion, and this may saddle you with additional, unwanted responsibilities. On the other



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show because "we wanted the game to have authenticity and the same feel as the show." He also adds that the game was launched exclusively in Target (and www.target.com) because the retailer has similar demographics to the show's audience.

So what started the recent trend of basing games on TV shows? Some experts point to the past success of the Who Wants to be Millionaire board game, which was released in 2000 while the ABC game show was atop the Nielsen Ratings. While Millionaire was not the first board game based on a TV game show, Rice says "retailers struggled to keep up with the overwhelming demand; and it spawned a new breed of TV-based games."

After the success of Millionaire (which is now out of print), more board game manufacturers began pursuing licensing rights of hit TV shows. Subsequent licensed products included games based on sitcoms such as Friends and The Simpsons.

For a TV network, selling the license to a hit show can be a significant source of additional revenue. But at what point is a show deemed popular enough to be a successful licensed property?

Nickelodeon, which granted rights for a 'Dora The Explorer' edition of Candy Land earlier this year, surveys its pre-teen

audience to find out, according to Sherice Torres, vice president of Hard Goods, Nickelodeon & Viacom Consumer Products.

"We do over 300 focus groups per year to gauge the level of emotional attachment that kids have to a given character before we decide to launch a licensing program," says Torres. She adds that Nickelodeon prioritizes board game-related products because of the important role that games play in the lives of kids. "We feel it is a natural fit," she says.

Apparently, more and more TV networks, game manufacturers and retailers are also finding TV show-based board games to be a fit — minus the canned laughter, of course.

hand, a trusted companion like a pet can act as a balancing force in your child's life and as a source of unconditional love.

One of the most rewarding and valuable skills your child can learn is to care deeply for something outside of themselves. Children often make strong emotional bonds quickly and easily. Pets provide companionship and a deep, genuine bond in

the family. If your family is ready, make the trip to the pet store or the humane society and find a pet that you can rely on and develop a relationship with through the years. Although you may experience some mishaps and unforeseen expenses, you can look forward to forming a rewarding relationship with a pet that can help bring you and your child closer together.

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With the holidays fast approaching, nearly half of Americans still haven't begun their shopping. Despite how frantic they may become to complete this annual ritual, they will likely avoid one temptation, reveals a Discover Card survey: Re-gifting.

Fifty-seven percent of Americans are 'horrified' by the idea of giving someone else a gift that they previously received, indicates the survey of 1,000 Americans. Even more surprising, almost half of Americans never return a gift and a mere 3 percent claim they return most gifts. The survey also suggests that those who do return gifts spend approximately one to three hours doing so.

So what kind of gifts do consumers want this year? The

vast majority favor gift cards, which have grown increasingly popular in recent years. Eight in 10 Americans would be "thrilled" or "pleased" to receive a gift card they can use anywhere. By a 7-to-3 margin, Americans prefer getting a universal gift card rather than a store-specific gift card. Shoppers consider gift cards as ideal presents for those people on their lists who are hard to buy for or who may live far away. And they're easy to buy. Gift givers can simply purchase a Discover Gift Card by calling (800) 347-2683 or visiting www.discovergiftcard.com

To help ensure that a gift will truly go toward the purchase of something special, consider steering clear of giving cash. The Discover Card survey finds that while 85 percent of Americans use gift cards to buy something special for themselves or to go out to dinner, those who receive cash are more apt to pay bills.

If dealing with the crowds or the hustle and bustle of this holiday season is an issue, the study suggests a few alternate choices. Americans are shopping online (32%), attempting to make their own presents (24%), purchasing a gift card (15%), or donating to a charity on behalf of the recipient (15%).

If it's still a scramble to find that perfect gift this holiday season, do what 4 percent of consumers do — stop by the local convenience store and pick up something special. After all, nothing says 'Happy Holidays' like a pine tree air freshener.



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Buying gifts... for kids

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This season, your search can be shortened as the experts in stress relief suggest what could be the best Christmas gift ever, the gift of relaxation found in a hammock. Choosing that gift does not have to be stressful either. Although hammocks come in many styles and designs as well as are accompanied by a long list of unique accessories, just following a few easy steps can make you the hero on Christmas Day and for many, many days to come. Your gift recipient could be saying... "This was my best Christmas gift, not just this year, but my best Christmas gift ever!"

Choosing the Gift Hammock

Due to the large variety of hammock styles, there are a few areas you will need to consider before buying a hammock as a gift. These include construction quality, general styling, and accessories.

• **Hammock Construction** — Construction is the most important factor because there are safety issues involved. "It is important to take steps to make certain the hammock you give to a loved one is not only beautiful, but it is going to be safe for years to come," states Laurie Rudd, creative director of The HammockSource, manufacturers of Hatteras Hammocks and The Original Pawleys Island Rope Hammock.

Items to look for are weight and amount of rope in the bed of the hammock. The more rope, the stronger and the more comfortable the hammock will be. Heavy-duty steel end hardware should accompany the hammock to hang safely. Hardware that is plated for long

life will provide a safer environment down the road as the elements are at work. Depending on the gift recipient, hammocks are available for single lounging while others are made for two-person lounging with a weight capacity of 450 pounds.

* **Hammock Styles** — Once you are satisfied with construction, look at all the styles and accessories to see what's available to create the perfect gift of relaxation. Three basic styles of hammocks are available.

The classic rope hammock, hand-woven for body-cradling comfort, can be constructed of cotton, polyester, or DuraCord rope. Although cotton is the most popular due to its softness, polyester does offer extended outdoor life. The latest rope on the market this holiday season is DuraCord, which the manufacturer states is as soft as cotton, colorfast and incorporates the outdoor durability of synthetic fibers. DuraCord is available in a large variety of colors for decorating a backyard.

Quilted fabric hammocks, though slightly more expensive than rope styles, are perfect for those that prefer a full fabric bed. These hammocks are crafted of the latest weather-resistant and colorfast fabrics. The selections here are practically unlimited.

The third style, which offers a combination of the open-cool-weave of a rope hammock and the full fabric bed of a quilted hammock, is the quick-dry comfort style hammock.

• **Hammock Accessories** - Relaxation Enhancing Gifts -- If that special person already has a hammock, accessories make the perfect gift to enhance the relaxation experience. "Accessories for hammocks and swings include hammock stands, pillows, wheel kits, canopies, rocking kits, misters, drink holders, storage bags,

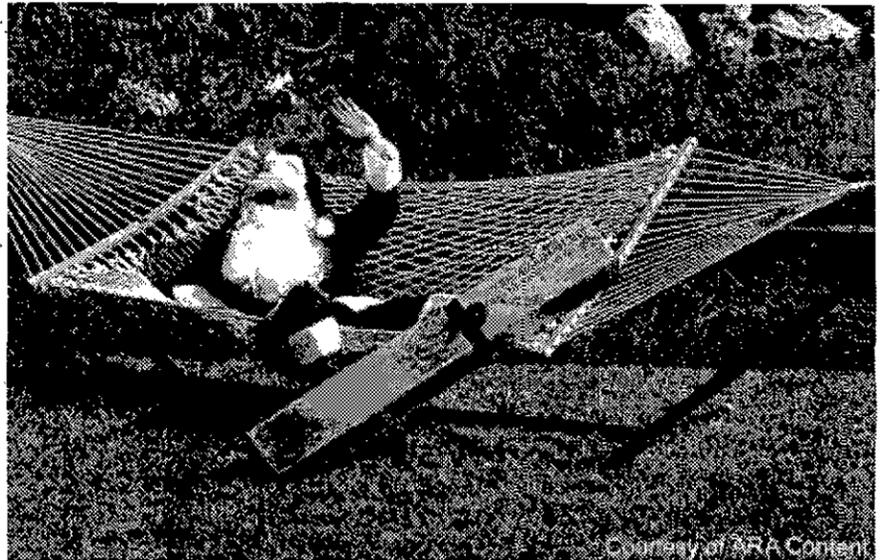
portable tree straps, and many more," states Bill Russo, president, Nags Head Hammocks, Nags Head, N.C. and Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Where to Buy a Hammock

Hammocks are popping up everywhere. Today, a hammock can be purchased through a variety of retail channels including the traditional patio furniture store, pool store, sporting goods store, or gift shop. "Mail order catalogs have been carrying hammocks for over 30 years while the Internet is a brand new way to obtain a hammock," relates J.R. Pelletier, of Internet retailer, The Hammock Company. For gifting, hammocks can easily ship via parcel post.

The Best of the Best

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Christmas gift ever is unwrapped, it will prove its place of honor as it begins providing relaxation immediately. The accolades will continue as the relaxing moments go on and on into the new year, as well as for many years to come. Your holiday reputation will be enhanced as you become known as the

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Buying gifts... tips

What's the secret to picking out the right gift every time?

The holidays are almost upon us, and if you're like most people, you're probably not looking forward to the task of finding the perfect gift for everyone on your list.

While kids are easy to shop for, picking out presents for adult friends and family members can be difficult. You want your gift to be memorable and appreciated, not something the recipient will put on a shelf somewhere and forget about the next day. So what's the secret to getting it right? Do as a professional shopper would do — go beyond the obvious.

Rather than just getting something that you think would be suitable for a mother or father, grandmother or grandfather, friend or neighbor, think about the individual person's likes, hobbies and interests and get them



between tank and regulator without the need of any tools, and can be used as an indicator for gas grills and appliances — pretty much anything that uses propane for power.

For the person who enjoys gardening, you can put together a gift basket that will help the recipient pass the time until spring arrives. Line it with moss which you can find at your

local craft store, then fill it with gardening magazines, seeds and bulbs, a couple of new pairs of gloves, and some hand tools, which are easy to find at your local home improvement store.

The recipient may have to wait until spring to make use of a gardening gift, but grilling is something they can do right away. If you're lucky, they'll even invite you to the cookout.

Variety key in gift-giving

By Samm Erickson

Many parents lead hectic lives. With full-time jobs and multiple commitments that might include church, athletics, theater, scouting and extended families, some parents may not have the time to research the toys they choose for their children. However, that doesn't mean that they can't select the best toys for their children. With the right tips, you can choose great toys for your child without hours and hours of research.

The most important aspect of selecting toys for children is safety. Although the government does its best to regulate toys, it can't foresee every circumstance. It is up to you to choose safe toys. Choking is still the No. 1 hazard for small children, so if you have a small child, select toys of sturdy construction that don't have small pieces. Be sure to read all warning labels and abide by them. You will also want to avoid or modify toys that create loud noises that might damage your child's hearing. It is also important to keep toys for older children away from toddlers and infants.

Children should have a variety of toys that will fit their learning style and help stimulate the different parts of their brains. If your child is a visual learner, for

example, you might select instructional videos for them, whereas if your child is an audio learner, you might choose cassette tapes for them. Kinesthetic learners will appreciate art supplies and projects that encourage hands-on learning. Whatever type of toys you select, make sure they will be challenging enough to keep your child engaged in learning. You don't want to select toys that will be frustrating and move your child away from active play.

Most children prefer the freedom and autonomy granted by toys that encourage imaginative play. Toys with multiple uses often encourage this kind of free play. If you can see numerous ways a toy can be used, your child will most certainly see more. An ample number of toys will provide an opportunity for imaginative play. Dolls and action figures have been a staple for a long time, as have wooden blocks. Dress-up clothes also serve for imaginative play by allowing children to imitate the world of adults that they see around them and encouraging them to use their imaginations.

It is important to remember that whatever toys you give your child, you are encouraging certain values and discouraging others. Avoid toys that promote unhealthy practices and look for ones that will support active engagement with the world and can be used for the long term. A variety of toys targeted at your child's interests will be valuable for years to come.

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Stay healthy... *this season*

Balancing the holiday season with a healthy lifestyle

The holiday season is a time to treat yourself for all the hard work you have done all year, right? What happens to your workout in the meantime? Is it possible to balance a healthy lifestyle and still enjoy all the indulgences of the holidays?

"This is an especially challenging time of year for those who are trying to maintain healthy habits such as working out and eating well," says Jeff Zwiefel, senior vice president, Life Time Fitness, a national operator of sports and athletic, professional fitness, family recreation, and resort/spa centers. "We are constantly encouraged to have another helping of food and to skip a workout for the parties and shopping trips that inevitably come up. It is no wonder why almost everyone gains weight over the holiday season."

With this in mind, try the following tips for staying fit while having fun over this holiday season:

Everything in moderation! Some people carry 'holiday weight.' Balancing sweets with healthy snacks is a great way to combat this. It is important to maintain your daily servings of fruits and vegetables, but it is okay to splurge every now and then on holiday treats. According to the LeanSource "Speed Up Your Metabolism," suggested nutritional guidelines for staying healthy include balanced meals, eight 8-ounce glasses of water throughout the day and taking a multi-vitamin to ensure that you are getting all the vitamins and minerals your body needs. This is a great way to counteract the other sugary



delights and heavy meals you might consume this season.

Limit alcohol consumption. It is important to enjoy holiday parties for work, with friends, or with family where alcohol is often present. But remember, alcohol contains almost as many calories per gram as fat. Alternate drinking alcoholic beverages with water or club soda and you will feel much better in the long run.

Keep track of healthy habits

with a friend. It might be easier to stick to your routines and good habits if you have someone to motivate you. Set goals that are achievable and choose a friend or family member who will offer encouragement while also setting an example for you to follow. Challenge each other.

Utilize your health and fitness center. Fewer daylight hours can make you want to hibernate. But it is important to stay active and keep that winter layer off. Getting

to the gym is also a great way to fight holiday stress. Exercising can release stress-busting endorphins and make you feel at ease when the pressures of the holiday season get to you.

Supplement regular indoor workouts with outdoor activity. Fall and winter provide a whole new set of physical activities that your family can enjoy. Skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, climbing, skating, walking with friends, and playing with your kids in the snow

are just some of the ways to stay active and enjoy the fall and winter landscapes.

Before you know it, this season of celebration will have come and gone. Complete deprivation of those sweet treats is not the answer to staying healthy and happy; the holiday season is supposed to be enjoyed. Remember that moderation in everything you do is the key to staying happy and healthy for a lifetime.

Holiday shopping on your own schedule

The holiday season should conjure images of spending time with the family by the fireplace enjoying cider and eggnog. In today's busy world with limited free time, the holiday season ends up being a time of standing in long lines at the post office and enduring the frenzy over the sale items at the stores to buy something for everyone on your gift list.

This holiday season, don't drive all over town looking for deals on holiday gifts. Go online and shop at your leisure to find the best deals on gifts for everyone this year, even the mailman. With women being the primary gift shoppers for this holiday season, it is no surprise that 63 percent of women in the U.S. are already online, a number that will increase to 70 percent by 2006, according to Jupiter

Research.

Nellie Guerrero, 28, a professional mother of two, says that holidays for her are about traditions and she would rather spend time with her children baking cookies than looking for parking at the crowded malls. "Online shopping actually is a time-saver and I can take care of purchasing all kinds of things — from the latest toys for my kids, to MP3s, flowers, and even luxury items such as watches and jewelry. I don't know what I would do without it," she says. Guerrero enjoys shopping during lunch breaks at work or from home while relaxing in her pajamas.

A rapidly increasing number of people now surf the Web because they enjoy the convenience and ease of purchasing for their families and friends, while leaving the hassle and traditional

shopping woes behind. Online comparison shopping is simple as it offers multiple options, real-user-based reviews of products and merchants, and a safe, reliable solution that is fun and friendly on your wallet. You don't pay to use these services, and by their very nature of comparing prices from so many different sellers you are bound to find deals on just about anything you are shopping for that will save you very real money

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Stay healthy... *this season*

Get active, get fit

By Samm Erickson

The stories are all over the news: America is fat. This obesity epidemic is particularly concerning because it is most prevalent in the youth of America. Some blame television and video games; others blame fast food or poor nutrition in school lunches. Whatever the cause, this is a concern to most Americans because childhood obesity often leads to adult obesity and the concomitant health problems. One of the best ways to combat this epidemic, regardless of the cause, is to encourage your children to lead healthy, active lifestyles through the gifts that you give them.

Many school programs have been cutting physical education classes because of constraints on school budgets. This makes it particularly important for parents to take an active role in their child's activity. Children and adults should get at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day. Many families don't have this extra 30 minutes per day, but that doesn't mean that you can't exercise. Look for several different 5- or 10-minute periods of activity throughout the day to meet your exercise requirements.

Children are notoriously fickle and might want to be the next great tennis star one minute, begging for lessons and expensive gear and then dropping the idea in favor of becoming an astronaut the next minute. Be patient with your child and try to encourage healthy activities that will get them moving. Instead of buying them a new video or computer

game, for example, buy your child a new pair of tennis shoes or a helmet for his bike. These gifts, over time, will help provide the opportunities for your child to be active.

Enrolling your children in sports teams at an early age is another great way to establish trends that will last throughout their lifetimes. Team sports provide regular activity through practices and games and offer the opportunity to connect with a social network that is involved in physical activity. Because peers often become the most important group for children, this active network will reinforce the importance of physical education. Team sports aren't

for everyone, however. There are other activities, like biking, hiking or skateboarding, which will encourage your children to be outside and active when the weather is nice. Many children also enjoy the freedom of these individual activities.

The key word with all physical activity is "play." When children begin to perceive that they are being forced into activities, many will rebel and refuse to participate. Let your child explore physical activity and they will come to enjoy it. It is also important that you be a good role model, so getting the family involved in regular walks or other outings can be the best way to ensure success. It might take



some patience, particularly if you are beginning to exercise with a child who has grown out of the habit, but by getting them involved in more physical activity, you will be giving them the lifelong gift of a healthy mind and body.

Ten tips for stress-free holiday shopping

No doubt about it, holiday gift shopping can be stressful. However, there's a special joy in finding just the right gift that reconnects you with family and friends you may not see the rest of the year.

Many people are looking to catalogs and the Internet to avoid the screaming kids, long lines and general frenzy of holiday shopping at the mall.

"More and more shoppers are discovering the benefits of shopping from home," says John Baumann, president of The Swiss Colony, a catalog company that's been shipping festive food gifts by mail for many decades. "Even with the popularity of online shopping, however, our customers tell us they still prefer to do so with a catalog in hand. It's just easier to browse a printed catalog and then place their orders by mail, phone or online."

If connecting with loved ones

during the holidays is high on your list of priorities, here are some tips designed to reduce stress and free up more time for enjoyment of family and friends.

1. Get organized. Make a list of all those you plan to give gifts to.
2. Divide and conquer. Divide your gift list into at least two parts, and it will be less overwhelming. 1) Immediate family members and close friends with specific wish lists you hope to fulfill; 2) Friends and relatives to whom giving a gift is important to help stay in touch. The former, which requires the most attention and time, then becomes a much shorter list.
3. Determine your spending limit. Avoid post-holiday anguish and establish a budget up front. Then allocate that amount across the names on your list.
4. Be alert. Keep your ears and

eyes open when spending time with or talking with your family and friends. They often drop hints that can help you target your shopping to their special needs and desires during the holidays.

5. Browse catalogs for ideas. Before even stepping foot in a store or going online, browse holiday catalogs for ideas and bookmark options for everybody on your list. You can even bring your children into the process, while emphasizing the giving nature of the season.

6. Give a gift of food. Instead of adding to material clutter, give something delicious or decadent to eat — a holiday treat the whole family can gather around and enjoy together. Perhaps it's a party in a box — or a gift tower or basket. Catalogs from food gift companies, like The Swiss Colony, offer hundreds of choices — from a country breakfast to a banquet-sized baked ham, from

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7. Order by phone or online after the kids have gone to sleep. Many catalog companies have a knowledgeable customer-service team available 24/7 to take orders and give advice, so you can call or order online anytime — the sooner, the better to get the best shipping rates.

8. Ask about your time delivery and personalized greetings. The Swiss Colony, for example, lets you order any time of year with shipment for a later date. They also offer personalized greetings — including greeting cards, if you order online — to enclose with your gifts.

9. Make sure satisfaction is guaranteed. Check a company's policy on returns and refunds in case something does not meet expectations.

10. Keep a paper trail. Copy or print your order form and file it away, just in case you need to follow up later on.

Follow these simple steps, and you're bound to find more time for what's most important at this special time of year — the company of family and good friends. And don't forget to give yourself a gift. You deserve it for making the holidays special.

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Christmas, but we don't do the rest of the tradition anymore," said June Glenkowski, a member of the Polish American Club in Troy. "I married into the tradition, and it was a way to wish each other good luck and happiness. It was like an open house; anyone was welcome to join. I was always very happy to be a part of the tradition."

Glenkowski said holiday bread is also a tradition. Her sister-in-law makes about 20 loaves of bread for both Christmas and Easter, so guests will have enough to take home.

"It was a gesture that meant there was more than enough," she said. "But it was a really

tedious thing to do. I've tried it twice, but I'm only 5 feet tall, and I literally don't have the strength to knead and beat that batter!"

Though dishes vary between regions, certain foods are universally Polish, such as poppy seed cake, beet soup, prune dumplings and noodles with poppy seeds.

In France, a late supper known as "le reveillon" is traditionally served on Christmas Eve after midnight Mass, and the meal varies according to the region. Goose is served in Alsace; turkey and chestnuts are served in

Burgundy; and the favorite dishes in Paris and the Île-de-France region are oysters, foie gras, and the traditional cake in the form of a Yule log, or "Bûche de Noel," which burns on the hearth on Christmas Eve. Wines served with this meal are typically



Muscadet, Anjou, Sauterne and Champagne.

Christmas feasts in America reflect the diversity of regions. In the New England area, a traditional Christmas meal is lumberjack pie, made with a mashed potato crust and filled with meats, onion and cinnamon. North Carolina features Moravian love-feast buns, which are a sweet bread of flour and mashed potatoes. In Baltimore, a turkey dinner is served with sauerkraut. In the southern states, a hominy grits soufflé and whiskey cake is served. Louisiana features a

Creole gumbo, which can include ham, veal, chicken, shrimp, oysters and crabmeat, and a traditional Hawaiian holiday dish is teriyaki-marinated turkey cooked over an outdoor pit.

The celebration of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, includes eating many treats fried in oil, such as latkes, jelly doughnuts and other treats. Families sing various songs and play games in the light of the Menorah and children play with the Dreidel, a four-sided top.

Traditional Hanukkah foods are fried in oil, symbolic of the oil that lighted the Menorah for eight days and nights when there was just enough oil for one night. Chocolate coins, latkes and fried honey puffs are also traditional dishes.

Kwanzaa, an African holiday that was established in 1966 by

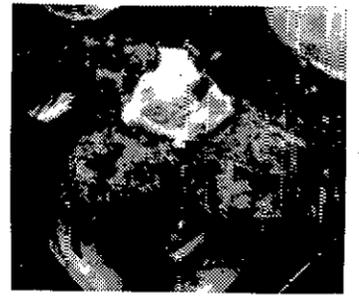
Maulana "Ron" Karenga, a scholar and social activist, is based on beliefs and values of traditional African customs. Kwanzaa begins Dec. 26 and lasts for seven days. The word Kwanzaa means "first fruits" in Swahili, and is a nonreligious holiday.

Traditional foods for the Kwanzaa meal include "koki," an appetizer made from black-eyed peas, peanut soup, jollof rice, yams, fruit salad or coconut pie, and green tea or ginger beer.

Some traditional holiday recipes follow.

Latkes:

3 large potatoes
1 small onion
2 eggs, well beaten
2 tablespoons of flour
1 teaspoon salt
pinch pepper
vegetable oil for frying



Mix the grated potatoes and onions with eggs, flour and seasonings/ Then-heat the oil in a large frying pan. Add the pancake batter to the oil in large spoonfuls and fry until golden brown. Turn the pancakes and fry the other side. Serve the pancakes with applesauce and sour cream.

Sturgeon baked in sour cream

3 lbs. Sturgeon
flour
dill and chopped parsley
2 eggs, beaten
breadcrumbs
1/4 lb. butter
salt and pepper
2 tbsp. Bouillon
1 cup sour cream



Cut fish into serving portions and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roll slices in flour, dip in beaten egg, and coat with breadcrumbs. Fry in butter until nicely browned on both sides. Place fish in baking dish and sprinkle with dill and chopped parsley.

Add 2 tbsp. of bouillon and 2 tbsp. of flour to leftover butter in frying pan. Stir well. Bring to boil over low flame. Remove from fire and add sour cream. Stir thoroughly. Pour mixture over fish and bake in moderate oven for 10-15 minutes.

Turkey Teriyaki

10-14 lb. turkey, sliced and chunked
2 cups soy sauce
1 1/4 cups brown sugar
1/4 cup sake or sherry
1 tblsp. fresh grated ginger
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 tbsp. vegetable oil



Mix marinade ingredients in large container. Add turkey, making sure it is completely coated. Leave in marinade for 20 minutes or longer. Cook over open fire.

Treat

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sure.

Hungarians, on the other hand, gather for carp in a rich paprika and wine soup. Carp is also a holiday favorite in Germany and France. The British relish their kippers or smoked herring while Portuguese feast on dried salted cod.

Perhaps the most extraordinary of fishy yuletide treats is the Norwegian Lutefisk dinner, or fish marinated in lye.

That's right, lye.

The tradition is said to date back to the Vikings and continues today, according to Ellinor Grinde, a native of Norway now living in Delmar.

They take cod that has been caught off the northern coast of Norway and dried, then soak it in water for a day to reconstitute it before soaking in lye for another day. The fish is rinsed in running water for three days before it is baked. The finished product comes out as a jellied fish and is served with mashed peas and bacon.

"I can't wait to go home for Christmas and have some," Grinde said. "My mother makes it every year."

After digesting lutefisk, Norwegians, like Grinde, enjoy Pinnekjøtt, ribs of lamb, salted, smoked and dried.

"Pinnekjøtt has a good deal of bone fat, so it is best to allow about 500 grams per person if it is served on its own; if it is served together with sausages, allow 350 grams per person,"

Grinde said.

The lamb is steamed over fresh picked moistened birch branches and served with mashed kohlrabi (turnip) or rutabagas, boiled potatoes and mustard. Don't forget the aquavit and cold Christmas beer, Grinde said.

Other Nordic Christmas delights, which perhaps began in pagan winter solstice revelries, include Kiviak, a gastronomic Christmas treat from Greenland made from the raw flesh of an auk, which has been buried under a stone in sealskin for several months until it has achieved an advanced stage of decomposition. It smells like old blue cheese and tastes very pungent.

Eskimos and Inuits treat themselves to a variety of marine mammal blubber and even dine on Beluga whale meat for the holidays.

On Christmas Day, menus turn to meats and sweets as Hungarians switch to stuffed cabbage.

Cabbage leaves are soaked in vinegar and stuffed with ground beef and rice, said Akos Somoskovi, a native of Budapest now living in Guilderland. The dish is baked and smothered in a paprika and vinegar sauce.

Other dishes include turkey and brioche with walnut and poppy seed, which is called 'beigli.'

"Most of our Christmas food has a symbolic meaning," said Somoskovi. "Poppy seed and pear brings abundance, honey makes life sweet, garlic brings

health and apples bring beauty and love."

In Latvia, a traditional Christmas meal might include cooked brown peas with bacon sauce, small pies, cabbage and sausage. In Portugal, it is customary to set a place for the souls of the dead at the traditional Christmas morning 'consoda' feast.

While turkey is an American standard, many Europeans look forward to a Christmas goose.

"Its flavor is indescribable," said John Herson, a waiter at Barcelona's Restaurant in Albany who hails from London. "To me it's more like eating red meat than poultry."

For leftovers, Herson added, the British mix what ever they had the day before — except the figgy pudding, of course — and fry it into a hash they call "bubbles and squeak."

Herson's boss Minerva Martinez, who along with her husband Paul Perez, owns and operates Barcelona's, hails from Mexico where Christmas dinner means mole, a concoction made from chilies, spices and chocolate.

"It's very time-consuming to make so it's a very special treat we wait all year for," Martinez said, adding that she likes mole over chicken and with rice. Mexican children, of course, prefer the candies that pour from the piñata.

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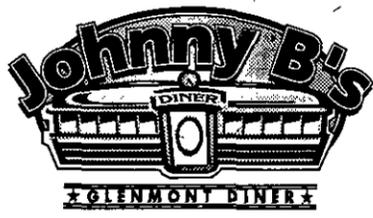
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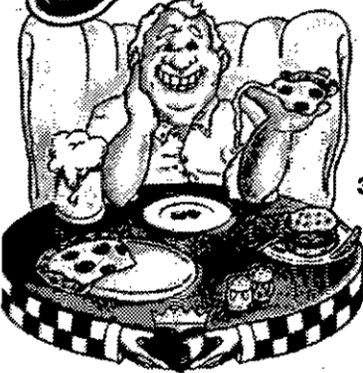
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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

Margaret Bakal

Margaret Mary Bakal, 85, of Slingerlands died Tuesday, Nov. 22, at her home.

Born in Coshocton, Ohio, she also lived in Syracuse and Scotia.

She was the widow of Peter Allen Bakal, M.D.

Survivors include a son, Peter M. Bakal of Slingerlands; and a sister, Elizabeth McDonough of Massachusetts.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family. Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Rita Delapp

Rita V. Delapp, a Delmar resident for over 40 years, died Friday, Nov. 18, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Yonkers, she was a graduate of the Gorton School in Yonkers and the College of Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale. She also did post graduate studies at The College of Saint Rose and Siena College.

A dedicated member of the College of Mount Saint Vincent

Alumni, she was a founder and past president of the Capital District alumni chapter and remained involved on behalf of her alma mater until her death. In 1984, she was installed as a Lady of Elizabeth Seton and was awarded the Lady of Elizabeth Seton Medal for her contribution to the college. She was also honored recently by the college as a member of the President's Associates.

She was a longtime employee of the New York Telephone Co., first in New York City and later Westchester, advancing in management positions in the commercial department. She was transferred to the general staff in Albany, where she worked until an early retirement permitted her to travel more extensively and continue a variety of volunteer work.

An active volunteer for many years in a variety of endeavors, she was also a board member of the International Federation of Catholic College Alumni, Ladies of Charity, the Council of the Albany Institute of History & Art, Vanguard — Albany Symphony and the advisory board of the former Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services

Community Residence in Delmar.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Progress Club, Siena Opera Club and a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, where she served as historian and fellowship chairperson. She was a former member of the American Association of University Women. She attended the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, where she served as lector.

One of her most rewarding experiences was when she was missioned for St. Thomas and traveled to Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Tucuman, Argentina, helping establish a beneficial relationship between the two parishes. She was a longtime member of the Albany Country Club and a former member of the University Club of Albany and Normanside Country Club in Delmar.

Survivors include a sister, Eleanor McGowan of Lady Lake, Fla. A Mass of Christian Burial

will be celebrated Thursday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 a.m. at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Interment will be in the Delapp family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery in Yonkers. Contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany 12203. Her desire was that these contributions be made to aid the homeless.

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Elaine Gregory

Elaine Gregory, 81, of Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 27, at St. Peter's Hospice Inn.

She was the widow of Howard L. Gregory Jr.

Mrs. Gregory was a longtime member of Delmar Reformed Church.

She was on the board of directors of the New Vision (Albany ARC).

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Greene of Longview, Wash., and Karen Buyck of Sodus; two sons, Alan Gregory of Hadlet and Scott Gregory of Albany; two brothers, Richard Sanefski and Donald Sanefski; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Friends may call Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m. at the Durant Funeral Home, 17

Languish Place, Glenmont. Interment will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to either Delmar Reformed Church or the Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Betty Brady

Betty E. Brady of Clifton Park, and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, Nov. 12 at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Denver, Colo., she came to the Delmar-Elmsmere area

at a young age.

She was the widow of Joseph J. Brady. She returned to Clifton Park in 1996.

Mrs. Brady was an avid bowler in the Capital District and was a member of the Women's National Bowling Association, for which she traveled extensively.

Survivors include a sister, Jeanne S. Brown of Delmar; two daughters, Sandra L. Dzialo and JoAnn E. Rogers, both of Clifton Park; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held

10 a.m., Dec. 3 in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Route 7 Niskayuna, for both Betty and her husband Joseph, at which time military honors will be held for Joseph.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Hospice of Schenectady, 141 Union St., Schenectady 12308. Arrangements have been entrusted by the family to the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home, 1550 Route 9, Clifton Park 12065.

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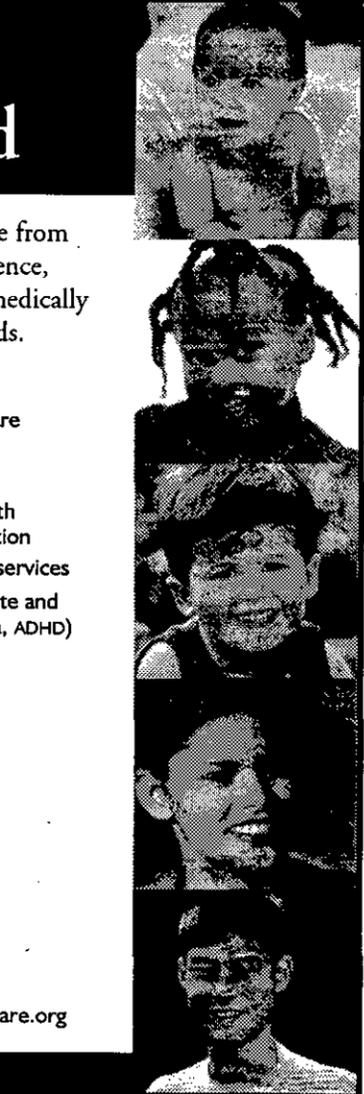
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She is a program manager at City Year Washington, D.C.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of Rochester.

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Boy, Rocco Anthony Robert Picard, son of Megan Picard of Glenmont, Aug. 16.

Boy, Aaron Charles Connell, son of Erica Connell of Slingerlands, Aug. 18.

Boy, Charles Dodge Nittinger, son of Laurel Nittinger of South Bethlehem, Aug. 20.

Boy, Jesse James Shane VanValkenburg, son of Nicole and Patrick VanValkenburg of South Bethlehem, Aug. 22.

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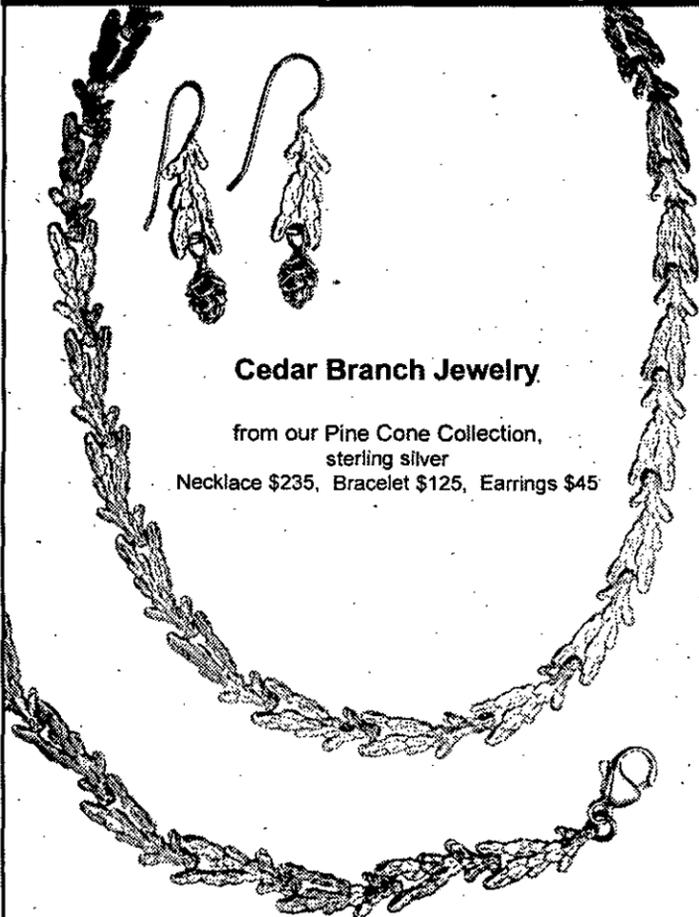
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Ballet master Boris Kolenkov (Terry Rabine) tries to instruct Essie Sycamore Carmichael (Rachel Sullivan - a Columbia County native), who seems to have more enthusiasm than talent in the finer points of technique.

IRS agent (James Keil - front) is looking for Grandpa Martin Vanderhof, who has never paid income tax, and tells the family (left to right) Ed Carmichael (Kris Anderson), Essie Sycamore Carmichael (Rachel Sullivan) and Penny Sycamore (Eileen Schuyler) how much trouble they will all be in if Grandpa doesn't pay.



Who says you can't take it with you? By W.K. Aaron

George S. Kaufman & Moss Hart's "You Can't Take it with You" has legs. Not just in the conventional sense, but legs in history and achievement in the theatrical literary worlds. It opened in 1936 on Broadway, and garnered the Pulitzer Prize that year. The movie version copped the 1938 Oscar for Best Picture.

"You Can't Take it with You" has become an American classic and is Kaufman and Hart's most successful and longest running work. It is currently reincarnated at Capital Repertory Theatre for the holidays and is a welcome addition to the holiday fare in the community.

The comedy centers on the Sycamore family, the most delightfully odd menag-

erie of family members ever to come together in one setting. "Normal" Alice falls in love with the boss' son and fears the repercussions when she has to bring his ultra-conservative parents home to meet her family. Her sister constantly practices ballet, her brother-in-law prints flyers in the living room, her mother stops painting and takes up fiction writing because a typewriter was mistakenly delivered to their home, and, oh yes, her father makes fireworks in the basement.

This family raises the question of whether following your dream is crazy or the key to true personal happiness.

Tug Coker, Stephen Bradbury and Pat Reilly are perfect in their roles as the love-smitten Tony and his way too uptight parents. They are the ideal foils for all of the other characters swirling around them on the stage. Meghan Doherty is "poor" Alice, the daughter who yearns for her family to be normal, if only for one night. She handles the

role and everything that is thrown at her with ease and a strong sense of being torn between the family she loves, and the desire for them to be something other than what they are. John Noble and Eileen Schuyler are wonderfully comfortable in their roles of chasing the dream of doing their own thing and not caring what the rest of the world thinks. Rachel Sullivan is most convincing, as the sister who lives for the ballet but unfortunately appears to have two left feet.

Richard Mawe manages to keep everyone on their toes as Grandpa, the man who one day walked out of his office simply because he decided he didn't like working. In this world of irreverence, it is Grandpa's philosophy that we all ultimately need to take a good long look within ourselves. He doesn't pay income taxes because he does not believe in them. He is a free spirit clearly ahead of his time, considering the play was written

in 1936. But, most importantly, he does it with great conviction and poise.

The cast is rounded out with Shawn Williams, Nicola Shera and Iris Farrugia as well as area talents Terry Rabine, Ted Zeltner and James Keil, who are all perfectly cast in their roles.

Michael Heil's set design is perfect, and Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill's direction is flawless. It's never heavy handed and always allows the characters and ultimately the performers the opportunity to live and breathe in their own space on the stage and in the play.

"You Can't Take it with You" is a great holiday gift for the Capital District. It works on many levels. It's a fun two-and-a-half hours in the theater, and asks more thought-provoking questions like, what do I really want to do with my life? Am I truly content with whatever it is I am doing? Am I confident enough to thumb my nose at convention, devil be damned, and am I going to live my life the way I want?

Any way you look at it, "You Can't Take it with You" is well worth the time spent and you'll see, you certainly can take it with you.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 4 and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. "You Can't Take it with You" runs through Dec. 18 at Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl Street, Albany.

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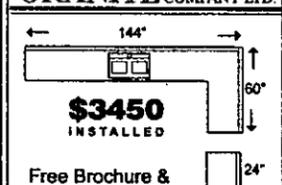
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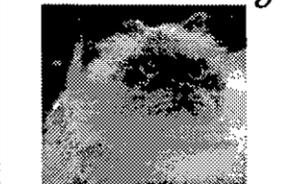
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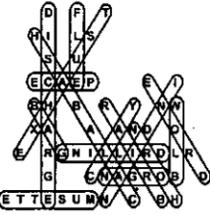
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Notice of Qualification of Schrafts, a Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 9/16/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. IL address of LLC: 104 Wilnot Rd., MS #1425, Deerfield, IL 60015. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, 501 S. 2nd St., Rm. 328, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12398 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2006 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM
 DECEMBER 14, 2005 - 5:45 P.M.
 The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the Town's proposed Agency Plan for 2006 for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Copies of the Agency Plan and all supporting documentation are available for review by the public at either of the following locations:
 Town of Bethlehem
 445 Delaware Avenue
 Delmar, New York 12054 (518) 439-4955
 Joseph E. Mastrianni,
 242 Union Street
 Schenectady, NY 12305 (518) 372-4739 Ext. 26.
 All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's office at 439-4955, Ext. 183. Advanced notice is requested.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 Kathleen A. Newkirk, MMC, RMC
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: September 28, 2005
 LC-12359 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice of Hearing
 The Town of New Scotland Planning Board
 Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of Town of New Scotland, New York will hold a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 190, Article IV, Section 190-41 of the Zoning Law on the following proposition:
 A Public Hearing for Special Use Permit # 468
 Special Use Permit Application submitted by the Robert Bruno to be allowed to deposit more than 100 yards of clean fill on premises owned by him. The fill will be obtained on site and consists of clean gravel and foam. The purpose for the earth moving is to grade a mounded area thereby creating a level area large enough to allow for the construction of a new dwelling. The parcel is situated within the RA district on Picard Road and is one parcel of a recent 3 lot minor subdivision of New Scotland tax parcel # 71-2-11.3. A new tax id # has not been assigned to this parcel as of yet. This application is made as referenced by Chapter 89, Section 89-5 of the Town of New Scotland Dumps and Dumping Law.
 Said hearing will take place on December 6, 2005 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.
 Robert Stapf
 Chairman, Planning Board
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LD-12500 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Steenburgh & Patrick LLC
 Notice of Organization:
 Steenburgh & Patrick LLC was filed with SSNY 02/04/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 16 Woodridge St. Albany, New York 12203
 Purpose: To engage in any legal activity
 LCD-12352 (November 30, 2005)

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6466-LLC
 Notice of Organization:
 6466 LLC was filed with SSNY 07/06/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Lauterbach Garfinkel Damast & Hollander LLP 22 W. 28th St., 12th Fl., NY, NY 10018
 Attn: Jeffrey Hollander, Esq.
 Purpose: To engage in any legal activity
 LCD-12357 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

K & HOSODA ENTERPRISES LLC
 Notice of Organization:
 K & HOSODA ENTERPRISES LLC was filed with SSNY 08/29/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 134 East 61st St., NY, NY 10021
 Purpose: To engage in any legal activity
 LCD-12358 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KAL Enterprises, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/5/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: KAL Enterprises, LLC, 286 State St., Ste. 2, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-12367 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

DRAGONHILL, LLC. Notice of formation. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/28/05. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at: 20 Louis Ave, Menands, NY 12204. LLC is member-managed. Purpose: to conduct any lawful business. LCD-12380 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

CASTLE BLOCK, LLC. Notice of formation. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/06/05. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at: 333 Bridge St., Selkirk, NY 12158. LLC is member-managed. Purpose: to conduct any lawful business. LCD-12381 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
 The name of the LLC is PATROON CREEK BLVD. II, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 13, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to

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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-12381 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Gramercy Communications, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/23/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 119 Winthrop Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 LCD-12389 (November 30, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
 The name of the LLC is VISTA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 31, 2005. 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-12415 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

WASHINGTON STREET PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P., Notice of formation of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 26, 2005. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
 LCD-12419 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Maxwell Holdings LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 226 Jefferson St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 LCD-12439 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

SENECA FALLS OF ALBANY, L.P., Notice of formation of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 28, 2005. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
 LCD-12450 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Digital Storm Designs LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/20/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Warren L. Smith, 164 Harvard Rd., Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 LCD-12460 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
 The name of the LLC is 791 NEW SCOTLAND, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 16, 2005. 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-12461 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
 The name of the LLC is Landing Creek LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 9, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri-City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.
 LCD-12487 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CAMELOT ASSOCIATES DEVELOPMENT, LLC
 Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: CAMELOT ASSOCIATES DEVELOPMENT, LLC.
SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the corporation is to be located is: the County of Albany.
THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Camelot Associates Development, LLC
 c/o Camelot Associates Corporation
 210 Morris Road, Suite A
 Schenectady, New York 12303
FOURTH: The limited liability company is to be manager managed.
 Dennis A. DeGennaro, Organizer
 Camelot Associates Corporation
 210 Morris Road
 Schenectady, New York 12303
 Filed by:
 Alexander Powhida, Esq., Attorney-in-Fact
 Harvey and Mumford, LLP
 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard
 Albany, New York 12211
 (November 30, 2005)

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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF CAMELOT MASTER HOLDINGS, LP
 Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act
FIRST: The name of the limited partnership is: CAMELOT MASTER HOLDINGS, LP
SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the limited partnership is to be located is: the County of Albany.
THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail copies of process accepted on behalf of the limited partnership is: Camelot Master Holdings, LP
 c/o Camelot Associates Corporation
 210 Morris Road, Suite A
 Schenectady, New York 12303
FOURTH: The name and business or residence street address of each general partner is:
 Dennis A. DeGennaro
 Filed by:
 Alexander Powhida, Esq., Attorney-in-Fact
 Harvey and Mumford LLP
 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard
 Albany, New York 12211
 LCD-12498 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BNH Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5304 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11219 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12326 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Apple And Honey, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/12/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5014 16th Avenue, Ste 216, Brooklyn, NY, 11204 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12327 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 23 Manhattan Valley North LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/6/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th St., Brooklyn, NY, 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12328 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Balaji Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2123 Williamsbridge Rd., Bronx, NY, 10461 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12329 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Regal Residential Developments LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 191-19 Jamaica Avenue, Hollis, NY, 11423 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12330 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Morraale Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/6/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 792 Lanett Avenue, Far Rockaway, NY, 11691 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12331 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of KPLD, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 969 Central Park Avenue, Scarsdale, NY, 10583 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12332 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Family Matters Resource Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 14 Stuyvesant Oval #7G, NY, NY, 10009 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12333 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 337 West 138 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/27/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th St, Brooklyn, NY, 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12334 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Ardsley Realty Associates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1304 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY, 11230 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12335 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Eighteen Homes LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 410 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12336 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Penn & Marcy LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 410 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12337 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Penn Condominium LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 410 Broadway,

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Brooklyn, NY, 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12338 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Esplanade 8th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/28/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 350 5th Avenue 59th Floor, NY, NY, 10118 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12340 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 251255 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/22/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 152 Madison Avenue, Ste 703, NY, NY, 10016 Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-12341 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Ziegler Enterprises, LLC
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Zeigler Enterprises, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 6, 2005.
THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 69 Ziegler Lane, Greenville, New York 12083.
FIFTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to operate the business and manage the assets of the Company.
 LD-12351 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: 498 Princetown Road, LLC
 Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 25, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 Donald Zee, P.C. at 1621 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.
 LD-12368 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: 500 Duanesburg Road, LLC
 Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 28, 2004. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 Donald Zee, P.C. at 1621 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.
 LD-12369 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ORION INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate

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Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12370 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EURECO INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/7/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12371 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LUXORA HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12372 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ASPEN INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12373 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ASPECT COMMERCIAL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12374 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAGINE CORPORATE SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12375 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Ascent Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/

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Lev L. Barats MD PLLC Notice of Formation of the above Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/01/05. Office location, County of Albany, 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 20 Whitestone Way, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: medical practice. LD-12376 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of BESTCOM LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12379 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Maniben, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/05. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12382 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of United Shockwave Therapies, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/7/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/28/02. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12383 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of RCQ Hotel MT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Nationwide Information Services, Inc., 3500 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Principal office of LLC: Two Embarcadero Ctr., 23rd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12391 (November 30, 2005)

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19/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/4/05. 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. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12392 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of SchoolWorks, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/2005. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/9/1998. 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: 100 Cummings Center, Ste. 236C, Beverly, MA 01915. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12395 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Ruth H's Fitness, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/05. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12396 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Wellington Gardens, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 6, 2005. Office location is in Schenectady County. The 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 David Kazda, 428 Anthony Street, Schenectady, NY 12308. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12402 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION. CHEER WE ARE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/19/05. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at: 20 Crestone Road, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-12403 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of SPI 555 9TH STREET, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/18/2005. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 South DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901 Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12424 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BJB Electric LP Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/05. Office location: Albany County, LP formed in Georgia (GA) on 12/17/98. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. GA address of LP: 6375 Alabama Highway, Ringgold, GA 30736. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with GA Secy. of State, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12425 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Firststar Home Equity LLC Authority filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 11/12/2004. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 8606 Allison Road, Ste. 270, Indianapolis, IN 46250. Arts. of Org. filed with IN Secy. of State, 201 Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activities LD-12428 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Newton Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/05. Office location: Albany County, 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12437 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Dunhill Technologies New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/05. 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 James F. McGovern, Dunhill Technologies LLC, 3583 Beverly Glen Terrace, Los Angeles, CA 91423. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12442 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of NYK3, Ltd. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY

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(SSNY) on 8/9/05. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 8/4/05. 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. TX address of LP: 3600 Bee Cave Road, Ste. 202, Austin, TX 78746. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12449 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: MLJ Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 7, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, Pine Street, Green Island, NY 12183. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12457 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Fashion Outlets of Niagara LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/26/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4000 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 420, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12463 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Niagara Investors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/26/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4000 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 420, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12464 (November 30, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: EL DIVINO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/05. Office location: Schenectady County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1801 Chrysler Avenue, Schenectady, New York. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12465 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Twin Oaks Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/05. Fictitious name in NY State: TOA. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 6/16/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 560 Sylvan Ave., 3rd Fl., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. Arts. of Org. filed with IN Secy. of State, 302 West Washington St., Room E-018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12473 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of NyNote Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/05. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12477 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of New York Ducks, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 160 S. Route 17 North, Paramus, NJ 07652. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12489 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 765175 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 49 Windsor Road, Great Neck, New York 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12492 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 1970 Walton Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 49 Windsor Road, Great Neck, New York 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12493 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Queens Plaza North Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12494 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 35 North Station LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/18/05 Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1015 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10021 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12495 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Jeco LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/18/05 Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1162 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10459 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12496 (November 30, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice of Hearing The Town of New Scotland Planning Board Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of Town of New Scotland, New York will hold a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 190, Article IV, Section 190-41 of the Zoning Law on the following proposition: A Public Hearing for Special Use Permit # 469 Special Use Permit Application submitted by Andrew and Kathleen Carl to be allowed to use one half of an existing 32 ft. by 40 ft. barn on their property for the purpose of creating a facility to be used for the boarding of dogs. The interior area would be divided into spaces to provide for a maximum of eight individual dog rooms, an exercise room and a common area. Individual exterior dog runs would be provided to allow each dog an area to be used during kennel cleaning and for exterior exercise. The parcel owned by Andrew and Kathleen Carl is located at 622 New Salem Road, lies within the Residential Agricultural District (RA) and is identified as New Scotland tax parcel # 82.-2-47.3. This application is a special use of Article II, Section 190-12 of the Town of New Scotland Zoning Law.

Said hearing will take place on December 6, 2005 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Robert Stapf Chairman, Planning Board The Town of New Scotland is an equal opportunity provider and employer LD-12501 (November 30, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of HW CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/05. 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 The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12504 (November 30, 2005)

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

New coach has Bethlehem's sights set on playoffs

By MIKE CIOFFI

The Bethlehem Eagles ice hockey team will be looking for a total team effort in their 2005-06 season.

The Eagles return a couple of players who will be looking to fill the void left by one of the league's top offensive talents from a year ago, Andrew Kelleher.

Eagles' first year head coach Mike Griffiths is expecting his hard working team to skate into the season with a chance at advancing far into sectionals.

"We're looking to revamp our system and focus on defense with a hard work ethic and some good scoring talent," Griffiths said.

On offense, the Eagles' return senior Erik Russo, who was named team captain for the season. Russo is also the team's top returning scorer.

"Erik is expected to do a nice job for us this season," Griffiths said.

In addition, to Russo, also expected to make their presence known on offense is sophomore Tom Dolfi, who returns after a

successful freshman season.

"Hopefully, we'll get some good production out of Tom. He's a hard working kid," Griffiths said.

The Eagles expect some solid play from all of their forwards. Griffiths is hoping to stick with three strong lines throughout the season on offense.

"We're looking to get every line to produce. We're not looking for any individual efforts," Griffiths said.

On defense, the Eagles return seniors Zach Eck, Zach Wallens and junior Alex Amirault.

"Zach Eck is a hard-working defenseman with a good attitude. I'm expecting all of our defense-

men to be strong this season," Griffiths said.

Bethlehem welcomes three newcomers to the roster this season and a good amount of sophomores who Griffiths will be looking to.

"The attitude's been awesome here since day one, and everyone's going into the season on a positive note," he said.

In net, the Eagles return three goaltenders from last season — T.J. Caswell, Tim Crowely and P.J. Pittman. The trio will battle it out to see who gets the starting nod as the season nears. All three netminders saw action last season.

Bethlehem hopes to move up the Capital District High School

Hockey League standings this season.

"I'm very positive going into the first game. The work ethic is there, and we have a good bunch of kids who are willing to learn and listen," Griffiths said. "Everybody on this team is charged and ready to go. We've had a good couple of building years here, and I think we're ready to go further."

Taylor finishes second at regional meet

Bethlehem Central Middle School student Henry Taylor took second place at the Region 1 Junior Olympic cross country race Nov. 20 at Bryant University.

Taylor completed the 3-kilometer course in a time of 11:29, 24 seconds behind race champion Sam White of Falmouth, Mass. More than 100 runners from the Maine, Connecticut, Long Island, Metropolitan New York and Adirondack regions competed in the event.

By finishing in the top 20, Taylor qualifies for the Junior Olympic national meet Dec. 10 at Bryant University.

Taylor also won his age group in the Troy Turkey Trot last Thursday.

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Famous Bob Fosse musical that became an Oscar-winning movie, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 6-12, \$19.75 to \$59.75. Information, 346-6204.

KING ISLAND CHRISTMAS

New York State Theatre Institute production of holiday story based on a children's book, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, 37 First St., Troy, Dec. 2-17, \$20 adults, \$16 students and seniors, \$10 children 12 and under. Information, 274-3256.

NUNCRACKERS

The gang from Nunsense takes on the holiday season, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 2-4 and 8-11, \$18 adults, \$10 students, \$9 children under 13. Information, 383-9350.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Pulitzer-prize-winning comedy presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, North Pearl Street, Albany, through Dec. 18, \$32-40. Information, 445-7469.

Music

HOT TUNA

Classic rock band offers acoustic and electric versions of its songs, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$26. Information, 473-1845.

PHIL LESH & FRIENDS

Former Grateful Dead bass player teams up with several musicians including Black Crowes lead singer Chris Robinson, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Washington Avenue Armory, Albany, \$39. Information, 694-7160.

DONOVAN

Psychedelic folk singer-songwriter, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$28. Information, 473-1845.

FRANCIS DUNNERY

Inventive guitarist, with multi-instrumentalist David Sancious, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$15. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

GEORGE WINSTON

One of the originators of new age jazz, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$26-29. Information, 273-0038.

REVEREND HORTON HEAT

Rockabilly band out of Texas, performing with Supersuckers and Split Lip Rayfield, Dec. 12, 8 p.m., Revolution Hall, Troy, \$15. Information, 273-2337.

"TONY KENNY'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN IRELAND"

Irish twists on holiday music, with George Cassey and Brendan O'Sullivan, Dec. 14, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$18-20. Information, 432-6598.

CHERYL WHEELER

Singer-songwriter, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

JUDY COLLINS

Legendary folk singer performs songs of the holiday season, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$32-35. Information, 273-0038.

Comedy

"IT'S JUST COMEDY"

Featuring Bill Bellamy, Talent, Kevin Hart and Earthquake, Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, Albany, \$30.50-34.50. Information, 476-1000.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Mammals Revealed: Discovery and Documentation of Secretive Creatures," through Dec. 31; "Sports: Breaking Barriers and Breaking Records," through Jan. 8; "Ann Zane Shanks: Behind the Lens," through Feb. 26; "Miracles: New York's Greatest Sports Moments," through March 26. Plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

THE CLARK

"Pastels," featuring works by late 19th- and early 20th-century artists, through June 18; "The Clark: Celebrating 50 Years of Art in Nature" and "50 Favorites," through May 16, 2006; and other ongoing exhibitions. Information, 413-458-0524.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Alice Morgan Wright: Sculptor and Activist," through Dec. 31; "Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession — Sculpture from the

Irish and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation," through Jan. 1, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"Visions of China," a collection of photographs by Dr. Clinton Millett, through Jan. 8, "Metamorphosis: Then and Now," works by Stanwyck Cromwell, through Dec. 18, plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Precious Little," through Jan. 8, site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, plus installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE ART GALLERY

"As I Lay Dreaming," featuring Katarina Wong's drawings and sculptures, through Dec. 4, 324 State St., Albany. Information, 485-3902.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Adolph Gottlieb: 1956," through Dec. 11. Ongoing exhibits, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Dancing Rebels," an exhibit about the New Dance Group, plus ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME

"Peb: The Art of Humor," featuring horse racing-themed cartoons by Pierre "Peb" Bellocq, through Dec. 31, "Golden Memories: 50 Years of the Racing Hall of Fame," through Dec. 31, 191 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-0400.

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

"New York's Fighting Zouaves," through October, "Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "To the Standard: Civil War Cavalry Flags from the New York State Battle Flag Collection," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 581-5100.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing featuring race car driven by 1951 Indianapolis 500 champion Lee Wallard of Altamont, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SKIDMORE COLLEGE

"DRAWN 2: Contemporary Drawings," Schick Art Gallery, through Dec. 18; "Richard Pettibone: A Retrospective," Tang Teaching Museum and Gallery, through Feb. 12, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-5049.

Call for Artists

NEW YORK STATE THEATRE INSTITUTE

Theater company has internship opportunities for high school and college students for the spring 2006 season. Interns will get the chance to work with professionals in fields such as box office, costumes, education, lighting, performance, props, scenery, public relations, sound

and stage management. Contact Arlene Leff at 274-3573 or 274-3200; or e-mail ailleff@nysti.org.

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

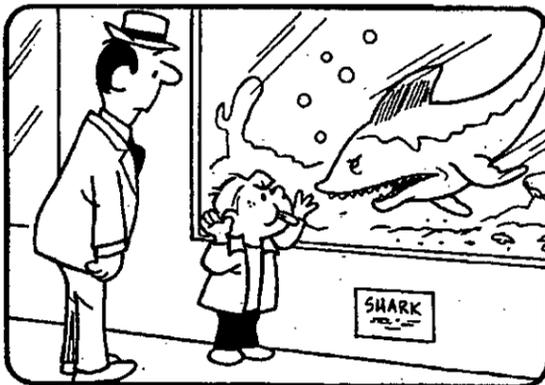
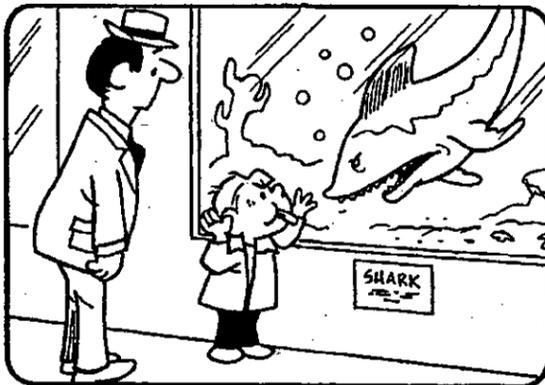
Openings for brass players; rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Gunderland. Information, 861-8000.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS. Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Coral is moved. 4. Jacket is different. 5. Shark is opened. 6. Sign is moved.

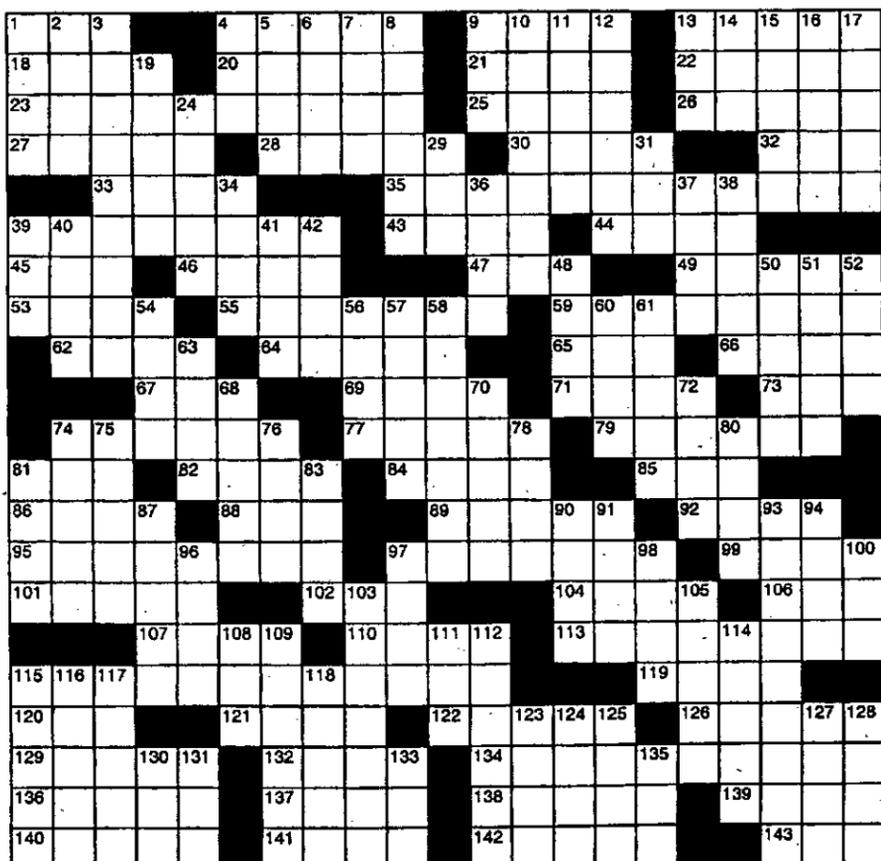
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- Bag
- Blow
- Briar
- Calabash
- Clay
- Discharge
- Drone
- Exhaust
- Flue
- Hom
- Indian
- Musette
- Organ
- Peace

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Spasm
 - 4 Honshu metropolis
 - 9 Pinza or Challapin
 - 13 Alice's restaurant?
 - 18 Aroma
 - 20 Jeopardy
 - 21 Vivacity
 - 22 Writer Rogers St. Johns
 - 23 Start of a remark by 134 Across
 - 25 Parisian pronoun
 - 26 Raj address
 - 27 "Gladiator" extra
 - 28 Stick
 - 30 "Glad All —" ('64 hit)
 - 32 Lowe or Morrow
 - 33 Valuable
 - 35 Part 2 of remark
 - 39 Barren area
 - 43 "Under the Yum Yum —" ('63 film)
 - 44 Mail event
 - 45 Kimono cum-burono
 - 46 Plunder
 - 47 They may be personal
 - 49 Donizetti ditties
 - 53 Male kangaroo
 - 55 More minute
 - 59 With decorum
 - 62 Abound
 - 64 Actor Ryan (with)
 - 65 Mongrel
 - 66 Roger Rabbit, for one
 - 67 "Fool" singer, Chris
 - 69 Sailed through
 - 71 "Lucky Jim" author
 - 73 Compass pt.
 - 74 Go-getter
 - 77 Part 3 of remark
 - 79 "The French Connection" name
 - 81 Comic Charlotte
 - 82 Kuvasz and komondor
 - 84 Protected
 - 85 Fruit-tree spray
 - 88 "— pro nobis"
 - 89 Adult tadpoles
 - 92 Canvas cover
 - 95 Forsaken homes?
 - 97 Milder
 - 99 Dissolve
 - 101 — Grigio
 - 102 Maestro de Waart
 - 104 Secular
 - 106 Dion's "Run-around" girl
 - 107 Plug
 - 110 Rohmer or Roberts
 - 113 Shameless
 - 115 End of remark
 - 119 Goblet part
 - 120 Mohammed — Jinnah
 - 121 '72 Harry Chapin hit
 - 122 Buckwheat dish
 - 126 Defer
 - 129 Shinbone
 - 132 Temporary calm
 - 134 Speaker of remark
 - 136 Happening
 - 137 Unmarried Mme.
 - 138 Macabre
 - 139 Man the bar
 - 140 Brawl
 - 141 Actress Anna
 - 142 Man of Malmo
 - 143 John — Passos
 - 4 Unlock, in poesy
 - 5 Circus Barker?
 - 6 "New Yorker" cartoonist
 - 7 Last name in piracy
 - 8 Dismount
 - 9 Hum bug?
 - 10 Let
 - 11 Fusillade
 - 12 Looks like Hook?
 - 13 Lehar's "— Land des Lacheins"
 - 14 Neighbor of Mont.
 - 15 Jawaharlal's
 - 19 Competitor
 - 24 Untamed
 - 29 Cereal spike
 - 31 Nutritional abbr.
 - 34 Baseball's Cabell
 - 36 Beloved
 - 37 Blow for a bouncer
 - 38 Tours topper
 - 39 Reggae's, Marley
 - 40 Border on
 - 41 Major —
 - 42 Getz
 - 48 Adoption agcy.
 - 50 Incongruous
 - 51 Isolated
 - 52 Last word of the year?
 - 54 "Show Boat" composer
 - 56 Rely (on)
 - 57 Shoestrings
 - 58 Promote
 - 60 Type of roast
 - 61 Heavenly hunter
 - 63 Knight's quaff
 - 68 "There's — Out Tonight" ('61 hit)
 - 70 "Moll Flanders" author
 - 72 Rotisserie part
 - 74 — Lama
 - 75 Wish and wish
 - 76 Fairy-tale fiend
 - 78 Swing a sickle
 - 80 Student's ordeal
 - 81 Airport feature
 - 83 Mean Marquis
 - 87 Perch
 - 90 Submarine base?
 - 91 Line of clothing?
 - 93 Looked like state
 - 94 Palindromic name
 - 97 Amos or Spelling
 - 98 Jazzman Zoot
 - 100 Asian holiday
 - 103 Epic name in epics
 - 105 Terra —
 - 108 Absent
 - 109 Old Testament book
 - 111 It may be invisible
 - 112 Breaks off
 - 114 Worked in Vegas
 - 115 Postern and portcullis
 - 116 Martini garnish
 - 117 Yak's turf
 - 118 Jump for joy
 - 123 Prepare prunes
 - 124 Present
 - 125 Enthusiastic
 - 126 Jocularities
 - 127 Extremities
 - 130 Part of UPI
 - 131 From — Z
 - 133 Ford of football
 - 135 Shoe width

Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, Nov. 23

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., information, 374-1792.

TOWN BOARD

There is no town board meeting this week. Next meeting will be Dec. 14.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 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.

Thursday, Dec. 1

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

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.

Friday, Dec. 2

BETHLEHEM

Children's Writing Workshop (JULY and AUGUST) Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., information, 439-9341.

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.

FRIDAY FISH FRY (LENT ONLY)

Eat-in or take-out, New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., Route 85A, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 765-2231.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday, Dec. 3

BETHLEHEM

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

Sunday, Dec. 4

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave.,

7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

SUMMER EXHIBIT (JUNE THRU AUGUST)

Childhood Treasures: Toys from the Past, Bethlehem Historical Association, 1003 River Road, 2 to 4 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Gunderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware

Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Monday, Dec. 5

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners Intersection, Delmar, 5-6 p.m., information, 439-1968.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Tool's Family Restaurant, Delaware Avenue, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

Board of fire commissioners meeting, North Bethlehem firehouse, 589 Russell Road, 7:30 p.m.

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

BLANCHARD LEGION POST

Meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tuesday, Dec. 6

BETHLEHEM

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

FARMERS MARKET (SUMMER ONLY)

Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

CHURCH LUNCH (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)

Sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, weekly on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (SUMMER ONLY)

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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

PRAYER MEETING

At Gospel Fellowship, 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, beneath Normans Kill bridge, information 482-2132.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., information, 767-2930.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., information, 374-1792.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ORDER OF HE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

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Writing

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ready for the major leagues with a strong August and September in Queens (.310 batting average, 11 home runs, 23 RBI in 30 games).

Delgado may be a proven commodity, but he won't play nearly as long for the Mets as Jacobs will play for the Marlins (or whatever their name will be after they move to a western city to be determined).

• It's a good thing Jay Feely established himself as a reliable placekicker before Sunday's New York Giants 24-21 overtime loss at Seattle. Otherwise, those three consecutive missed field goals would have sent Feely onto the waiver wire faster than you can say Jose Cortez.

• I'll become a fan of the overtime shootout if we get to see more goals like the one Marek Malik scored for the New York Rangers Saturday against the Washington Capitals.

For those of you who haven't seen the highlight, Malik skated in, pushed the puck between his legs and then shot it around his skates and past Olaf Kolzig to give the first place Rangers (yes, I said first place Rangers) a 3-2 victory. And I sincerely doubt that my description gives the actual play any justice. It's something you had to see to believe.

At the very least, I would have given Malik style points if he had missed the shot.

• In another hockey oddity, the Carolina Hurricanes — the team everyone picked for last place in the preseason — are in first place in the Southeast Division with a 15-7 record. Luckily, it seems this hurricane is already starting to fizzle after losing four out of its last five games.

• I'm still trying to figure out if the Los Angeles Clippers are for real. The "other" L.A. team is off to a 9-4 start and is in first place

in the NBA's Pacific Division. But these are the Clippers — the team famous for a miserly owner more concerned with making a buck than spending one to put together a championship squad. Somehow, I just think the Clippers' bubble will burst before they even get a sniff of the NBA finals.

As for the Lakers, they're 5-7 since Kobe Bryant and Phil Jackson reunited. Maybe some things aren't so good the second time around — kind of like a Thanksgiving turkey left in the refrigerator for a week.

I told you I was still under the influence of tryptophan.

Gopher

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"We had the support of Guilderland for the change of venue," said Popolizio. "Guilderland has been a blessing. Their whole administration has been helpful."

The move worked. Attendance doubled from last year's event at Niskayuna (approximately 1,000 people packed the stands at Guilderland), and more high school teams sent their wrestlers to watch the action.

"If you're a wrestling fan, how do you not come?" said Johnson. "There's schools from central New York and southern New

York that traveled here. It's like having Illinois and Duke play basketball in your high school gym."

"It keeps the high school kids and the young kids excited about wrestling," Borrelli added.

If Popolizio has his way, there will be even more for area wrestling fans to get excited about in future Northeast Duals. He's already working on getting more

top-notch college programs to participate.

"I think next year it'll go another level," he said. "We've received interest from Lehigh ... and Oklahoma State is contemplating it for next year, too."

"We had a vision, and we've held to the goal and things are starting to come together," Popolizio added.

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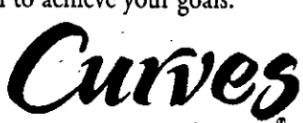
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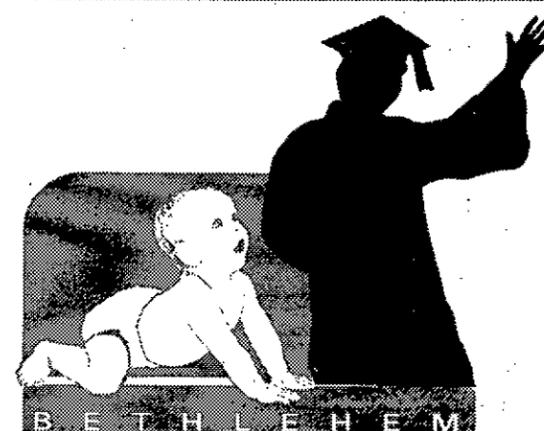
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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Writing under the influence of tryptophan

By ROB JONAS

I think I'm still under the influence of tryptophan because my mind can't focus on one sports subject this week. So, here are some random thoughts:

- How bad has it gotten in the Albany sports scene? The three area winter sports teams with winning records are The College of

From the sports desk...

Saint Rose mens basketball team (4-1), RPI hockey (7-5-1) and Union hockey (7-5-2). After that, the pickings get really slim.

Albany River Rats: 6-14

University at Albany mens basketball: 1-3

Siena mens basketball: 0-2 (as of Sunday)

Albany Patroons: 2-3 — though, to be fair, they're the newest of the bunch, so they get a reprieve.

Of all the teams listed, only Saint Rose and Albany really offer any hope for those looking to support a winner. Saint Rose has a lot of talent and one of the best basketball coaches in Brian Beury, and Albany should get on track once it starts playing against its America East opponents.

RPI and Union are winning right now, but once they hit the heart of their ECAC hockey league schedule, they're likely to struggle once again. As for the River Rats ... I just feel sorry for goaltender Frank Doyle. The guy stops 78 of the 80 shots he faced over the course of two home games last weekend, and he is forced to come away with a 1-1 record because of a lack of offensive support. Doyle deserves so much more for standing on his head like that.

- Have the New York Mets not learned anything from watching their cross-town rivals, the Yankees, operate? The Mets traded away arguably two of their most promising young players, Mike Jacobs and Yusmeiro Petit, to the Florida Marlins just so they could acquire the first baseman they wanted last off-season, Carlos Delgado.

Granted, Delgado is a huge improvement both offensively and defensively over last year's starter, Doug Mientkiewicz. But Jacobs proved that he is

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Golden Gopher invasion

Nationally ranked team highlights Northeast Duals

By ROB JONAS

Oklahoma State. Iowa. Iowa State. Minnesota.

Those are the handful of collegiate wrestling programs that have established a national reputation. The Capital District was fortunate last week to see one of them in action.

Minnesota, the fourth-ranked NCAA Division I team in the preseason poll, competed at Saturday's Northeast Collegiate Wrestling Duals at Guilderland High School — a tournament that has grown in both size and stature

in its three-year history.

"We've been doing it long enough," said tournament organizer and Journeyman Wrestling Club president Frank Popolizio. "Journeyman has been doing clinics and tournaments long enough that we've established ourselves, and (college) coaches have taken notice. They like the end product."

Minnesota coach Jay Robinson said the opportunity to give his wrestlers a lot of action to start the season was what sold him on bringing his Golden Gophers east.

"One of the things when you take a team to something like this, you might get to wrestle once or twice (at a ladder-style tournament). Here, you're guaranteed at

least four matches," Robinson said.

Predictably, Minnesota dominated most of its matches in its division. The lone exception was a 19-13 victory over another nationally ranked team, Central Michigan University.

"I don't think we wrestled the greatest we could have, but Central Michigan is a very good team. You have to be up to wrestle a team like that," Robinson said.

Just having the opportunity to wrestle Minnesota head on was enough for Central Michigan coach Tom Borrelli.

"Obviously, when you have an opportunity to wrestle Minnesota, you want to do that," Borrelli said. "But pretty much, Frank Popolizio sold (the tournament) to us."

The expanding tournament

Popolizio's sales pitch worked wonders for this year's installment of the Northeast Duals. The tournament had to establish two divisions to accommodate the 10-team field — one for large schools such as Minnesota, Central Michigan, Tennessee-Chatanooga, Virginia Tech and American University, and one for smaller programs such as Binghamton, Drexel, Ohio, Sacred Heart and Pittsburgh-Johnstown, the No. 2-ranked NCAA Division II team.

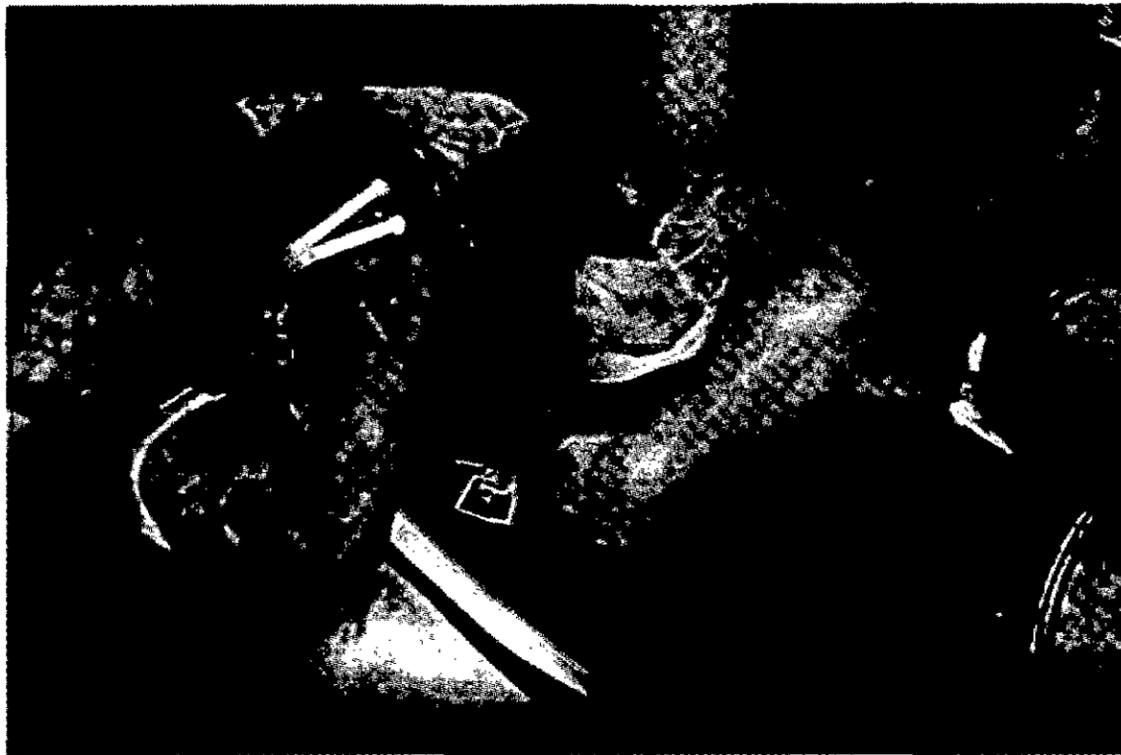
"Frank has networked himself into some very successful programs," said Guilderland High School wrestling coach Regan Johnson, who helped organize this year's tournament. "He got all the schools to say yes."

American and Sacred Heart are among the schools that have attended every Northeast Duals since the tournament began.

"There's so many benefits," said Sacred Heart coach Andy Seras, a Niskayuna High School graduate. "These guys see that they're no different than these other teams. They (the other teams) just have a little more confidence."

"It's where we should be," said American University middleweight Dwayne Hash-Barberis, a Scotia-Glenville High School graduate. "When I was younger, that's where I wanted to be" — going up against schools like Minnesota and Central Michigan.

With a larger field, Popolizio had to find a larger venue than Niskayuna High School, where the tournament originated two years ago. Guilderland High School's gym — with its larger floor and stadium-style seats — was his choice.



Above: University of Minnesota's Cole Konrad turns American University's Adam LoPiccolo on his back during a match at Saturday's Northeast Collegiate Wrestling Duals at Guilderland High School. Minnesota, the fifth-ranked NCAA Division I team, swept its four matches. Top: American's Josh Glenn gets the better of Minnesota's Roger Kish in a 184-pound match.

Jim Franco

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