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It ain't easy
being green...

Christmas in the eyes of a broke, out-of-work actor in New York City who resorts to a seasonal job as a green-tights wearing elf to make ends meet, won't make for an evening of yuletide family cheer and jubilee. It will, however, make for a night of laughs.

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Lady Eagles soar

The Bethlehem girls basketball team is rediscovering how to win games.

After two down years, the Lady Eagles are off to a 2-1 start including a 53-52 triple overtime victory over Guilderland last Friday.

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Tech campus
proposal
moves forward

Construction slated
to begin
in September 2006

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Plans for the proposed Vista Technology Campus in Bethlehem are moving along, and the town expects a formal application from BBL Construction Services, the developer of the project, in the next few weeks.

The campus will include 1.4 million square feet of mixed-use space, including retail, high-tech office space, research and development space, light office, and a wellness center,

which would include medical facilities and respite care services. The park will be constructed at the same time as the extension to Route 85, which is in the final planning stages with state Department of Transportation. Both construction projects are scheduled to begin by September 2006.

"This extension has been talked about for the last 20 years, and even then, it was recognized that there was a need for it," said town Supervisor Theresa Egan. "We wanted to make this

a priority. The extension was warranted years ago, but now

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Theresa Egan

Porco released;
Bar honors father

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Christopher Porco was released from Albany County jail Friday afternoon on \$250,000 bail, nearly one month after he was indicted for the murder of his father, law clerk Peter Porco, and the severe beating of his mother, Joan Porco, a former speech therapist at Schalmont Central School District.

"I feel pretty good, and I just want to let everyone know that I am innocent and I am looking forward to the trial," said Porco after being released from the jail.

"Anyone who has ever spent a month in jail knows it's a difficult experience," said Porco's lawyer, Terence L. Kindlon of Delmar. "I know he felt really good to be released from custody, and he's grateful to all the people who have put up the money for his bail. Right now, he's eager to focus on the defense."

His mother Joan spent the weekend in town visiting with her son, Kindlon said. She is currently living in Rochester with

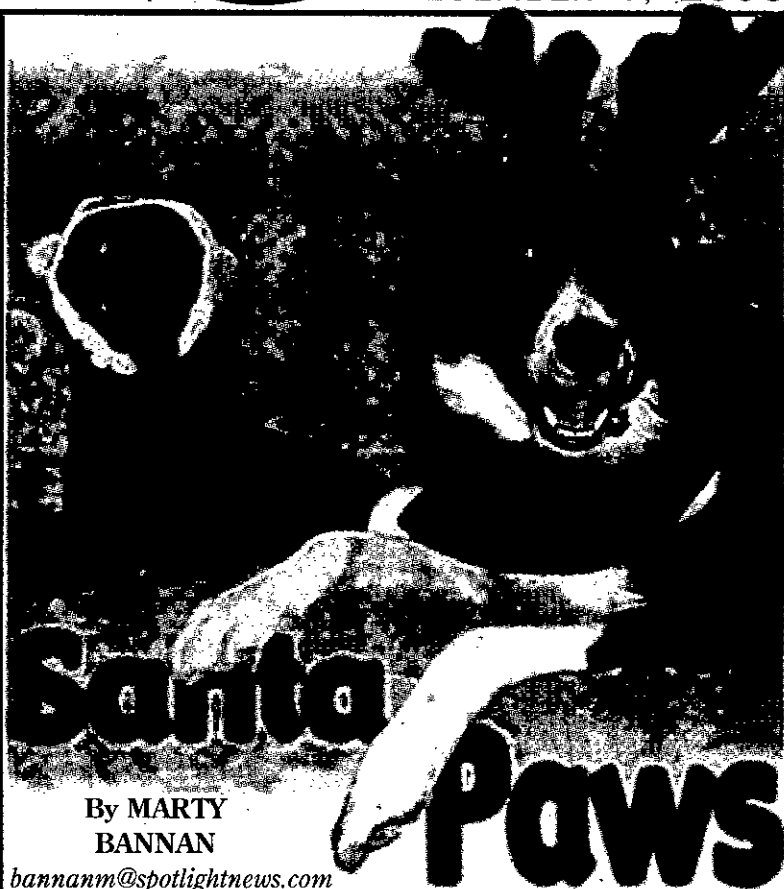
family. Porco is back living with Elaine LaForte and John Kearny, his longtime employers at the Bethlehem Veterinary Hospital, where he will continue to work until his trial. Kindlon expects the trial to be in the spring.

Peter Porco was honored by the Albany County Bar Association Monday morning, along with 10 other lawyers who died in the last year. Joan Porco attended the service, and although Kindlon said Chris Porco wished to attend, he was advised not to be there.

"I advised him not to because it had the potential to be awkward, not just for him but for some of the people there," said Kindlon. "But he did want to go."

Kindlon said in the last week, his office has received two more boxes of evidence that they will have to sort out, and it will be time consuming.

"There is a lot of hard work to do now," he said. "It's hard to determine what's significant and what's not," he said. "We will have to go through all of it."



By MARTY
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Christmas with its sparkle, fragrance and cheer, kindles our senses with excitement as the day draws near. The season turns our homes into a magical place not only for young and old but for our four-legged friends as well.

Pets can be adorable during the holidays, but they can also get into trouble. Unable to understand their transformed surroundings, they view every ornament, decoration and wrapped present as an inviting toy waiting to be batted, clawed, bitten and eaten.

Christmas trees are a favorite among kitties. As soon as they're decorated, the little critters are halfway up the boughs, swatting Christmas ornaments like tennis balls. While it can be frustrating and maddening for the decorator, it can be dangerous for the pets.

"Glass ornaments can shatter on the floor, causing pets and people to cut themselves," said Susan Bobinsky, director of the Animal Protective Foundation in Scotia. Other tree hazards include tinsel, which pets — especially cats — can choke on, and, of course, Christmas lights.

Cats and puppies love to bite at things including electrical wires. You may see strands of Christmas lights wrapped around the tree, but your pets only see temptation.

"Never leave a lighted tree unattended in a home with pets," Bobinski said. "Always pull the plug before going out or turning in."

She added that tinsel is a real problem and should simply be avoided.

One way to protect both your

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Spoiled cats
and
pampered pups

By JOSEPHINE ORSINI

Going down the list of what to get loved ones for the holidays, there might be items that would raise eyebrows, unless you are a pet owner.

More than just animals to feed and take care of, pets are companions and family members to be included in holiday celebrations.

"The Christmas season does

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AAA offers contest for scholarships

If you are driving due west from Dodge City, which state will you first come to? In what state is the world-famous Waimea Canyon? What is the Loire Valley famous for?

Answers to questions like these could earn Capital District high school students a chance for a \$25,000 college scholarship in the fourth annual AAA Travel High School Challenge.

Teenagers around the country are getting ready to flex their travel and geography muscles to answer such questions, and those with the most correct answers may be well on their way to an expense-paid trip to Orlando to compete for more than \$100,000

in college scholarships and prizes. The contest aims to increase teens' travel knowledge and geographic literacy while creating awareness of career opportunities in the travel and tourism industry.

The national contest is open to all U.S. students in grades 9-12 (public, private or home-schooled), with winners from all 50 states and the District of Columbia traveling to Universal Orlando in May 2006 to compete for scholarships and prizes totaling more than \$100,000.

The contest begins with a 40-question online quiz available from Jan. 9-17 at www.aaa.com/

TravelChallenge. The top five scorers in each state will take a proctored, written exam in early March.

The top scorer in each state wins an expense-paid trip for two to compete in the national finals, which will be held May 13-16 at Universal Orlando.

NYC trip slated to music hall

Everyone is welcome to join Senior Services of Albany, Upstate Tours and the Rockettes for the spectacular Christmas Show at the Radio City Music Hall Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The trip will leave from the Louise Corning Center at 25 Delaware Ave., Albany at 7:30 a.m., and will arrive in New York City in time for the 11 a.m. show.

After the show, lunch and shopping is on your own. The bus will depart from New York City at 4 p.m. and arrive back at the Louise Corning Center at approximately 7 p.m. The cost is \$95. The price includes a reserved seat for the show.

Police Blotter

Police arrest Ohio man on drunken driving charges

On Dec. 3 at 9:30 p.m., Bethlehem police arrested Mark A. Vance, 44, of Scharlotte Ave. in Mingo, Ohio, on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Officer Adam Cobb received a call regarding a possible intoxicated person inside a truck at the area of Glenmont Center Square.

The vehicle was then seen turning onto Feura Bush Road and was also seen crossing the yellow line, and swerving in the area of Corning Hill Road, police said. Vance was stopped by police at the Comfort Inn on Route 9W, and strong odor of alcohol was detected. Vance admitted to drinking beer earlier in the evening, police said.

Vance failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a Breathalyzer test or a blood test, police said. He was arraigned before Judge

Frank Milano and bail was set at \$500. His driver's license was also suspended. A refusal hearing at the Department of Motor Vehicles will be held Dec. 19.

On Dec. 1 at 8 p.m., police arrested Jorge L. Arroyo, 28, of Lexington Avenue in Albany for petty larceny at Wal-Mart in Glenmont.

Arroyo was seen by a Wal-Mart associate opening merchandise and then placing the empty boxes inside men's clothing in the men's department, police said. Arroyo saw he was being watched and attempted to leave the store without the merchandise but set off the alarm and was stopped at the door, police said.

Officer James Rexford arrived and was advised by the manager of Wal-Mart that they wished to press charges. Arroyo was brought to the Bethlehem Police Department for processing. There, he began seizing due to heroin withdrawal, police said. EMS was contacted and Arroyo was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for treatment.

Advent Adventure



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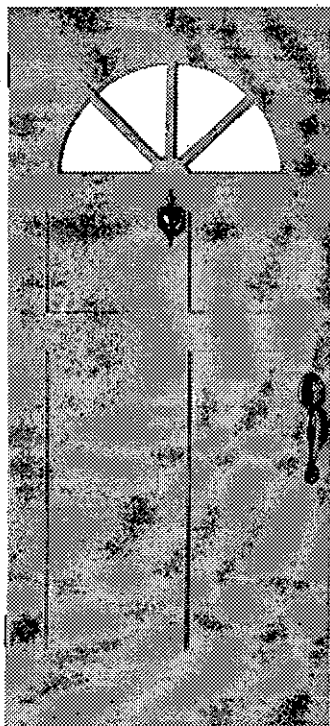
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Bethlehem Y, a year later

Capital project will add pools; keep ice rink

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

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Good news for swimmers: The Bethlehem Area YMCA will have not just one pool, but two.

The YMCA will celebrate its first anniversary in conjunction with the start of its Capital Project, which will begin in the next few weeks. The expansion will add to the 89,000-square-foot facility a gymnasium, an indoor track on the mezzanine level, expanded fitness areas, expanded locker room facilities which will include a unisex family changing room for families with young children, and two swimming pools.

The project is expected to be completed by December of next year.

Most of the current lobby space will be converted into what Executive Director Scott Lewis terms a "generation room."

"My goal is to create a room that can be used by people of all ages," he said. "During the day, it would be mostly seniors and stay-at-home moms, and then in the afternoon the teenagers would come. We want the space to be used all day."

In addition to having two pools, one for laps and one for teaching and recreation, the Bethlehem

YMCA is the only Y in the state that has an ice rink included in the facility as part of its program.

"Lots of people wanted the rink to remain open when we bought this space," said Lewis. "This rink was the No. 1 thing the community asked us to maintain."

Just last week, the Bethlehem Area YMCA membership reached 5,000. Lewis said the expansion is in anticipation of 12,000 to 14,000 members, which is in line with other Capital

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District YMCAs.

"We're planning for the expectation of need," said Lewis.

The expansion costs will be around \$9 million, Lewis said. The Y has secured a \$7 million loan, and a Capital Campaign fund drive has been in effect since the spring to hopefully raise the \$2 million needed to complete the expansion.

As of now, the Capital Campaign has raised \$1.2 million, which includes a donation of \$250,000 from PSEG, and Lewis remains confident that even if the full \$2 million is not raised, none of the planned projects will be scrapped.

"Certainly, if the money is not raised, then projects may get stalled and scaled back, but none will be taken out," he said.

In addition to the expansion, a turning lane to get into the facility will likely be constructed in the next two years. Traffic studies by Creighton Manning revealed a need for a turning lane by the year 2009, but Lewis said he does not yet know when it will be built. The Y would have to pay for the turning lane, he said, because it is creating the need, but the cost would not be reflected in rising membership costs.

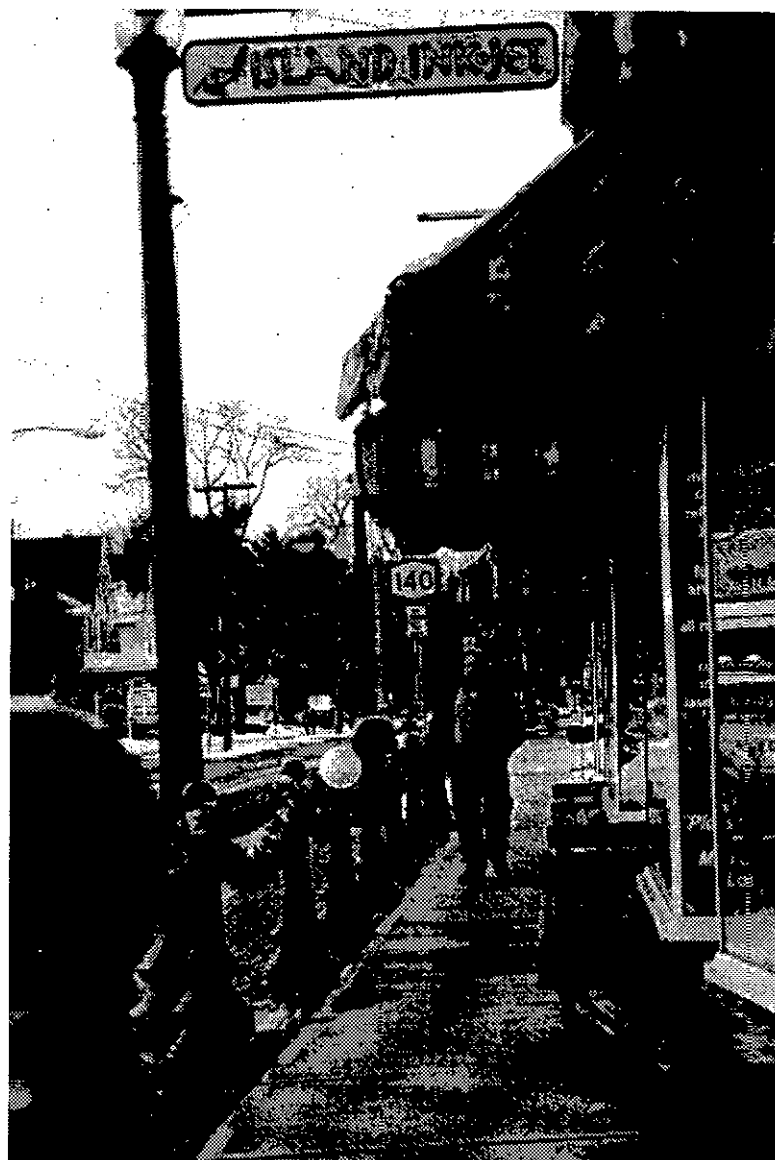
"When we have the full facility, the rates will increase, but there is no direct correlation to the cost of the turning lane to membership costs," said Lewis.

Membership fees will be comparable to fees at other Y facilities, Lewis said.

Although the Y will have expanded athletic facilities, it is more of a family center than a gym, Lewis said.

"Our niche is not heavy duty weight lifters, our niche is family," he said. "There are lots of different things you get with membership. Exercise is only a piece of the operation."

Included with membership are programs for people of all ages. The Y also participates in the Reach Out For Youth Campaign, where the Y gives out scholarship money for people who cannot afford the full price of Y programs. Eligibility is based on need, and money raised by the local Y goes to area residents only.



Joe Biscotti checks out the Four Corners Open House Saturday.

Jim Franco

Stroller wins \$500

Four Corners hosts weekend event

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"There are some places, like TD Banknorth, that I've never been into," she said. "You can't really go into a bank and scope it out, and I didn't want to open an account, so this was the perfect opportunity to go inside."

Robb took the stroll with her sister on Saturday afternoon, and it took them about three hours. At first, she said, she was not that enthusiastic about walking. Her older sister was happier about that than she was.

"It's a long walk for me," she said. "My sister is better at that."

Still, Robb got to visit many of the stores, and she was happy to meet so many friendly shop owners. They both received free helium balloons from The Floral Garden.

"It was funny to be carrying those balloons," she said. "Especially since my sister is older and prim and proper. Then when we got to the Four Corners Luncheonette, we bequeathed the balloons to the younger generation."

Robb took the Delmar stroll for the right reason: to see and explore the shops in the area, and for the exercise.

One of the things that was most surprising to her was the variety of goods available. Friendly shop-owners added to the good time she had on Saturday, and receiving the call Saturday night announcing her as the winner of the drawing was the cherry atop the cake.

"I didn't enter with any thought of winning," she said. "The money is already spent, in my head at least."

Actually, she has no clear idea right now where she wants to spend the money, but she is treating the prize as a gift to herself, something extra.

"My sister wants me to buy her something because she walked around with me all day," she said. "So I think I'll buy her a cookie."

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Cynthia Robb

Hair today, flowers tomorrow

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

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Anthony Macarelli turned 60 in June, but he has no plans to slow down. In fact, he's just beginning.

Macarelli and his two business partners will celebrate the grand opening of their new flower gallery on Everett Road in Albany, Ambiance Florals and Events, on Dec. 9.

The former owner and hair stylist at Anthony's Hair Concept, which changed ownership this month after 41 years, is moving on to even more beautiful things.

It's not really a career switch for Macarelli, who has been arranging flowers and has been involved with area flower shows for the last 15 years. Anthony's Hair Concept is now called Salon 282 at — not surprisingly — 282 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, and his

successor, Diane Kelly, is happy to have Macarelli working there two days a week in addition to running his new business.

"I don't want to give up the hair, because I love it," he said. "Now I have two careers, and it's exciting. Most people my age think about retiring, but I can't imagine that. I love being busy."

Macarelli's hair salon has been in Delmar for more than 40 years. In 1964, Macarelli, a Catskill native who now lives in Clifton Park, got a job at a salon in Delaware Plaza. He's been in Delmar ever since.

"Everyone knows Anthony," said Kelly. "I always knew of him, but our paths never crossed before. I finally met him in August. He's a piece of work. He's hysterically funny, knowledgeable, and quick-witted. I'm glad he's staying in the community."

Flower arranging is something Macarelli has been doing for many years, starting with the first show he attended with one of his clients. Macarelli went along, entered a flower arrangement,

and won first prize. He has been involved with flower shows ever since, including New York In Bloom, a fund-raiser for the State Museum, and the Capital District Floral and Garden Show. Macarelli has sat on the planning committee for New York In Bloom for the past eight years.

In addition, he co-chaired the flower-arrangers for the Capital District Floral and Garden Show with Michele Peters, one of his partners in his new business.

"There's still lots of work ahead of us before we open," Macarelli said.

Macarelli met Peters and their other partner, Michael Harbison, at area flower shows, and, before long, the three teamed up to open Ambiance Florals and Events. The new business will specialize in flower arrangements for weddings, parties, corporate events, and sympathy occasions as well as offering gourmet fruit and gift baskets. Visit the Web site at www.ambianceflorals.com.

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It's not just wallpaper, it's a future memory

Four words: harvest gold, avocado green.

Did you just get a flashback to your childhood home? To your grandmother's house? The first house you ever decorated? The last decorating job you ever did in your house? The house that you almost bought but you knew after the closing costs you wouldn't be able to afford to replace the kitchen appliances with new, stainless steel ones? It's easy to pinpoint the date a house was last given a cosmetic makeover. After nearly 10 years in our house, we recently took the plunge and are pulling our house from the late 1980s to...well, the jury's still out on what period exactly we're heading toward.

Our goal: less shabby, and so it's new wallpaper for our kitchen and dining room.

As we moved the furniture to the center of the dining room, we estimated that the paper going out to the trash pick-up must be close to 20 years old.

"This paper doesn't owe anybody anything," said Chris, as he poked at the peeling seams he'd tried to glue down a few years ago.

Unlike its lovely but about to walk-off-the-walls dining room companion, the kitchen wallpaper seemed indestructible. That paper was the only thing I

Commentary:

Mom's The Word



couldn't stand about the house. It was compact rows of tiny green and blue objects that might have been flowers and might have been spades — as in the ace of spades. It was a jarring contrast to the subtle, neutral wallpaper in the rest of the house. The kitchen paper made me dizzy; during holidays, when my love for baking any kind of Christmas cookie kept me in the kitchen, I often went to bed with a headache.

The kitchen is a place I have a hard time getting out of anyway, between cooking meals and cleaning up after them. Plus, the kitchen is the nerve center of our home — it's where the calendars, phone and notepads are. Oh, plus food, with all the hiding spots for the cookies so a package of Chips Ahoy can last longer than a day.

Most telling in our house — and others, I'll bet — is the fact that when my children look for me, they always look in the kitchen first. Like the Family Circus cartoon, they have their own trails to find mom. They go straight to the kitchen, shout

down the cellar stairs to the laundry room, then go to the guest room where the computer is. Once in a blue moon, they find me watching television and are truly shocked.

Their path to find their father is a different one, nearly inverse: they go to the TV first, then the computer, then veer off to the bathrooms or our room (home of the second TV). If they ever found him in the laundry room, their worlds would probably be thrown completely out of orbit.

If I ever were to do up a resume that included the work as mother, the first bullet point would say director of food and laundry services, McCarthy Inc.

It's that food service aspect that Chris is hopeful about, now that our kitchen has clean, white wallpaper with charming little flowers, fruits and pine cones. While he dutifully follows the one piece of advice his Irish grandmother gave him when we married — "always say you liked the meal; it means a lot" — I'd bet he wishes there were more sophisticated, complicated meals once in a while.

Perhaps when the kids are grown, I tell him, but as he looks at the way his mother and my mother eat in their golden years, he's a bit concerned. They both raised big families, and as empty nesters, segued easily to sandwiches, frozen meals, and lady-sized, healthy portions of chicken and fish with vegetables. They still cook us lovely meals when we visit, but rightly feel they fulfilled two lifetimes of cooking chores while their children were little.

In these last handful of years that the children live with us full-time, meals will continue to be ziti, tacos, and the occasional chicken curry — big, quick meals the boys will eat and I can prepare in a short enough time period that I might be able to move into other rooms in our house in the course of a day.

It would be nice if one of us got interested in cooking as an art form, since our dining room is the focal point of our arts and crafts bungalow. It currently is the focus of all our anxiety, with the furniture pushed together in the center of the room and the

rug off the floor.

We had found the perfect wallpaper, but it was out of stock. Chris had found something that perfectly fit the style of our house. When we first bought the house, many people gave us gorgeous books about bungalows. We spent many an evening dreaming of inglenooks, water lily friezes and Stickley furniture. For a brief instant a couple of weeks ago, we thought we'd found the wallpaper that would have perfectly complemented the Stickley-style table my father built for us, but no luck — pattern discontinued.

We're being reminded of the second reason we rarely engage in home improvements (the first: money). Our tastes couldn't be more different, something we've kept hidden as we've been swept up by the things we have in common in the past 19-plus years: kids, work, extended family.

We decorated our first apartment in Early Grandma Hand-me-downs, grateful to accept the first dining room table that Chris' immigrant grandparents had bought, and end tables that his other grandmother no longer used. It was in the hunt for our own sofa and rugs that we stumbled upon the ugly truth of our differences. Chris headed straight for the chintz, while I moved towards chrome and leather.

We discovered mission furniture on a Saturday afternoon stroll through Manhattan's SoHo, as we rounded a corner and saw a piece of furniture that I now know is called a settle, not a couch, in a store window. For the first time, we had the same reaction to a piece of furniture. Our delight was immediately reduced by the price tag, which brought gasps of horror from both of us.

For me, that furniture was also a little bit of the past. We certainly didn't have Stickley furniture in my childhood home, but every summer we spent a couple of weeks in a cottage on Lake Champlain that was fully decked out in mission furniture.

Around the Burlington, Vt., area, we don't call them cottages. We call them camps, and they have nothing to do with sports or music. They're mostly

rudimentary affairs, and many of them are packed in cheek by jowl. Somehow, my parents found three lakefront cottages on 40-something acres, with the owners' big farmhouse at the top of a hill.

We walked up and down the hill every day to get water from the farmhouse pump; our English setter loped free through the fields; we climbed a haystack and shrieked at the garter snakes that lived in it; and I had a secret daydreaming place in a tree that looked out over our secluded cove. Every afternoon, we splashed in the fresh water of that great big lake while our mother read a book in a webbed chaise lounge chair.

The evenings were always cool enough that my father built a fire in the fireplace tall enough for children to stand in, above which an enormous stuffed moose head kept watch.

Tanned and tired from a full day outdoors, bathed and in our cotton nightgowns and pajamas, we climbed up onto the leather cushions of the settles, while parents and grandparents took the rockers scattered around the room. Somebody always worked on the jigsaw puzzle on the corner table. When we looked out the picture windows, we'd watch the gathering darkness turn the lake ever darker shades of blue until it melded with the night sky and we only knew it was there by the sound of water lapping at the shore that we'd hear when we went to bed.

That's the kind of calm I'd like to re-create for my children, right in the comfort of our own home. Given our inertia combined with the need for both of us to compromise, this could be the last wallpapering job we do in our house. Here's my guess: someday our grandchildren will be buying homes of their own and the moment will come when they step into a house and say, oh, my grandparents' house is like this.

That event is probably a good 45 years away, the realtor will probably be surprised. But, please God, Chris and I will be happy. And maybe I'll be cooking a fabulous meal when that grandchild will call just to say hello.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year

	AVERAGE HIGH 38°	AVERAGE LOW 22°
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, December 7	65°/1998	-7°/1901
Thursday, December 8	58°/1927	-3°/1902
Friday, December 9	62°/1966	-11°/1902
Saturday, December 10	64°/1966	-4°/1902
Sunday, December 11	61°/1952	-8°/1988
Monday, December 12	62°/1979	-12°/1988
Tuesday, December 13	58°/1984	-6°/1988

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

44.77 inches as of Wednesday, December 2nd
8.73 inches above average

This week in weather

December 11-12, 1992 A great Nor'easter pounded New York and New England with record high tides, winds of over 90 mph along coast and more than 30" of snow in the Berkshires, the Catskills and in Berne in Albany County. 32" at Worcester, MA was an all-time record.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:12am	4:21pm
Thursday	7:13am	4:21pm
Friday	7:14am	4:21pm
Saturday	7:15am	4:21pm
Sunday	7:15am	4:22pm
Monday	7:16am	4:22pm
Tuesday	7:17am	4:22pm

Moon Phases



Planets	When	Where
Venus	Evening	Bright WSW
Mars	Evening	High, SE
Saturn	Evening	Low East
Jupiter	Dawn	High SE

Rivers & Recreation

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	10:22am, 10:45pm	4:40am, 5:06pm
Thursday	10:22am, 10:45pm	4:40am, 5:06pm
Friday	11:26am, 11:49pm	5:35am, 6:08pm
Saturday	-----, 12:27pm	6:30am, 7:09pm
Sunday	12:52am, 1:26pm	7:24am, 8:08pm
Monday	1:52am, 2:21pm	8:17am, 9:03pm
Tuesday	2:49am, 3:12pm	9:08am, 9:55pm

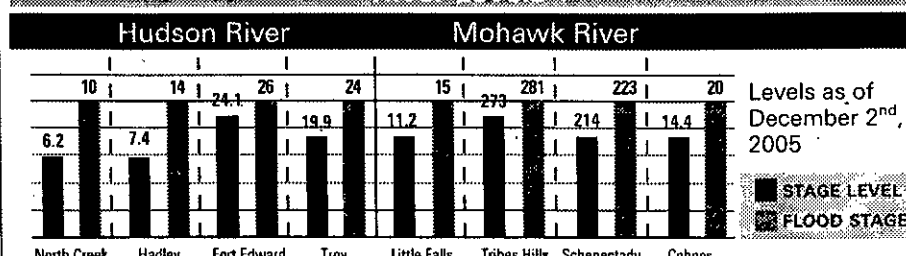
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They sing, they dance, they laugh

Local favorites will perform holiday tunes

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

What started as a way for mothers to get together at the Slingerlands Methodist Church and allow their children play time has turned into a very popular local song and dance group.

The Friendship Singers of Delmar have spent the last 23 years giving free concerts all over the Capital District, even performing in Glens Falls to open their baseball season and twice at the Troy City Music Hall. Local nursing homes, retirement homes, church groups, the Normanside Women's Club and the Second Milers, a men's retirement organization, have been treated to the Singers' blend of humorous and traditional songs and dances, sing-alongs, and holiday celebrations.

"Now, we have members as far away as Castleton and Clifton Park," said Marie Liddle, director of the Friendship Singers since 1993. "We've already received bookings into next December."

The Friendship Singers

practice every Tuesday for about two hours, and the group is always looking for new members. Membership stays pretty steady, Liddle said, and currently there are 17 performers, only one of whom is male. The group is open to people of all ages. Currently, the ages of the members range from 40 to 75.

Each year, the group puts on two major programs, one in May and one for the holiday season. This year's holiday performances will take place between Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 16. The group will put on eight concerts in various venues during that time.

Songs range from traditional favorites like "We Need a Little Christmas" and the "Christmas Waltz" to fun and humorous favorites like "Santa Baby," "Rock and Roll Santa" and "Fa La La," which is a takeoff on "Deck the Halls." A special rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" will be performed with choir chimes. All numbers are performed with simple dance steps and movements, including some simple waltz and cha-cha steps.

Liddle was a vocal major in college, taught music at the

Albany Academy for Girls, and was a substitute music teacher in the Bethlehem School District.

"I love being part of it, it's so much fun," she said. "The most rewarding part is performing for people and knowing our music has touched so many. We've played for as few as 10 people and as many as 300 or 400, and a lot of people are excited to see us perform."

The Friendship Singers' schedule is:

Dec. 6: McCauley's at 1:30 p.m. and Glen Eddy at 7 p.m.

Dec. 7: New Salem Community Center at 2 p.m.

Dec. 8: Normanside Country Club at 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 12: Avila on Washington Ave. Extension at 2 p.m. and Beverwyck at 7:15 p.m.

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The Friendship Singers have a holiday line-up planned for Dec. 6 - 16.

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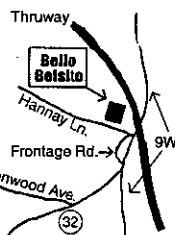
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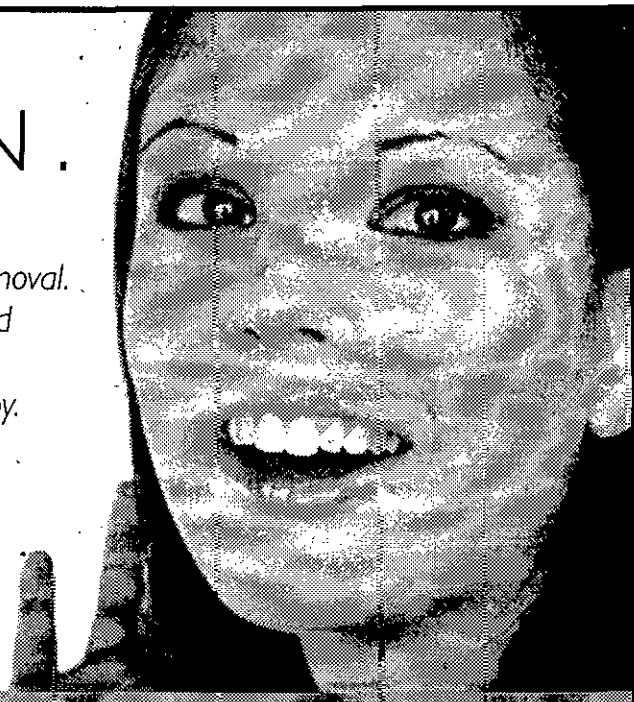
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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Fifty years later

Spotlight Newspapers turned 50 on Dec. 1. From a tiny penny saver, the paper has evolved and grown to include 11 weekly publications and two monthly papers, filled with local news, photos and features. In the coming year, our readers will notice some changes to the papers' look and visual appearance.

Our predominantly suburban audience, with the exception of the city of Saratoga Springs, can expect a new look that will make the news more accessible to the reader.

In addition, we've already started to use "packages" that may include a regional angle and the way it affects our various localities.

We are planning a commemorative issue in the spring to chart the growth of the papers in their five decades of existence.

We welcome reader input into our new venture over the course of the next year. Anyone with old Spotlight photos or articles of interest is welcome to contact us.

We hope to be able to show just how a weekly newspaper evolves and matures in time.

Going back to issue No. 1, on Dec. 1, 1955, it's fascinating to see advertisers that today hardly anyone recognizes.

The early papers were precious short of news stories, but nonetheless carved a niche for the weeklies of the future. As more and more bedroom communities sprang up in the region, more and more people wanted to know what was going on in their towns, villages and schools. They wanted to know who the towns' movers and shakers were, who their neighbors were, and they wanted to see their kids growing up in suburbia.

We still want to know and need these things, and it is our goal to provide as complete a local picture as possible.

Cosmetic changes help modernize newspapers, but it is content that keeps readers and advertisers coming back for more.

We respect our readers and want them to feel part of our efforts to inform the community in a complete and impartial way. One way of gauging the success of any newspaper is to see how involved the community is through letters to the editor.

Letters are a viable way for readers to confirm or disagree with our articles and editorials and a vehicle to convey thanks when thanks is due.

We want the papers to enjoy at least another 50 years by providing our readers the best local news possible.

Editorial

A Jewish Christmas story

By ART STEIN

The author is senior financial analyst, office of public finance, for the state Dormitory Authority, and a freelance writer. He lives in Glenmont.

As far back as I can remember I have loved Christmas. And I have my parents to blame. Having Jewish parents, one would think that Hanukkah would be the celebration of choice. My mom, although having grown up in a Jewish Orthodox family, was not exactly what you would call a practicing Jew. In fact, I believe during the first three years of my life, the only time my mother saw the inside of a synagogue was the day the rabbi permanently indoctrinated me into the tribe: snip, snip.

My mom had a vague notion that sticking an electric menorah in the front window eight nights a year and having a big dinner with unleavened bread once a year constituted a practicing Jew. My dad, on the other hand, well, the closest he came to a Jewish religious experience was when Hank Greenberg hit a home run.

Christmas 1956 is the first Christmas that I can remember. I was 3 and I vaguely recall running into the living room where I was met with a huge amount of toys, strategically placed on my mom's "antique" couch. The significance of the toys on my mom's couch cannot be overestimated. This couch that was handed down from the 1930s was my mom's prized possession. She engaged in a daily ritual of puffing up the pillows for hours. Simply brushing against the couch, not to mention sitting on it, was punishable by death. My brothers and I were to learn this lesson all too well in the years to come.

As I surveyed my many toys (none of them wrapped), my first question was, "Where is the Christmas tree, Mommy?"

"We are Jewish, we don't have a Christmas tree. We have a

Point of View

menorah," dear old mom replied.

"Well, then mommy, why do I get my presents on Christmas?" "Never mind, just play with your toys."

Shrugging off my mom's explanation, I focused on the Good Humor truck, happily pedaling it through the apartment until it was time for bed.

The next year my brother came along and I no longer had the living room to myself. But since he was only 1, his presents didn't take up too much space. I basically still had the living room all to myself. I was happy but my persistent questions about why we didn't have a Christmas tree were continued to be met with, "Never mind, play with your toys."

Three years later, Mom brought home another brother and clearly it was time to move out of our one-bedroom apartment in Kearny, N.J. In 1959, we moved into a three-bedroom split-level house in West Caldwell, N.J. The house was not exactly a mansion, but coming from our cramped apartment, it sure seemed so. And I guess it was too big for my parents, because we didn't have enough furniture to fill it. But at the time, I saw this as a blessing, because the empty dining room made a great football field. Awakening early that first Christmas morning in our new home, my brother and I ran downstairs to our empty living and dining room, with my mom's couch situated in a lonely corner of the room. Lined up on the couch and against one wall in the dining room were toys, toys and more toys. It was a scene right out of a Norman Rockwell painting.

A couple of years later, my parents became friends with the neighbors across the street. I had already met their son who beat me up on a regular basis coming home from Hebrew school. But like most kids we eventually became friends and so a new ritual was introduced to our holiday experience, Christmas Eve at the neighbors.

Our neighbors had something that I had yearned for all my young life, a Christmas tree. Being the good people they were, they invited me to help decorate the tree every year. And every year, I would return home and ask my mom if we could get our own Christmas tree.

Her reply was always the same. "Can you just imagine what people will think of us if they saw a Christmas tree in our house?"

I was only about 8, but still I had trouble reconciling the fact that we celebrated Christmas Eve with our Christian neighbors and received our presents on Christmas amidst the benevolent glow of our menorah, but getting a Christmas tree would be the ultimate betrayal.

We shared Christmas Eve with our neighbors for close to 15 years, and they were great years.

But like all memories, some stand out more than others. Like the Christmas Eve when I was 10 and, as always, both families gathered at my friend's house. Coincidentally, he and I both received the same present, a bazooka that shot big yellow plastic torpedoes.

My friend's mother was a deeply religious Catholic who attended Mass during the week and adorned her house with pictures of Jesus. Her most treasured possession was the ceramic Jesus that sat atop their TV set.

So there I was, chasing my buddy around his living room. Bazooka in hand, I knelt, took aim, and, after a tap on my head from my brother, fired. My friend ducked and as quick as you can say "sacriligious," I hit Jesus right off the TV set.

It was the first time I ever saw an adult besides my mother cry hysterically. Then my mother started screaming at me and just as my dad started peeling off his belt, I heard, "Praise Jesus, he is OK." The warm rush of relief that spread through me was better than any gift I ever received. Still, it was the end of an era. From that year on, all I ever got from our neighbors were clothes.

Years passed. I went away to college and met my wife. She was sweet, cute, a wonderful human being and Catholic. Despite the years of indoctrination by my mother to marry a "nice Jewish girl," the real x-factor in choosing my wife was that she was Catholic, meaning I would finally get to have my very own Christmas tree. You might think this is silly and even petty and you know what, you would be right. Still, I can't deny the fact that the first time I saw her, what I really saw was a Christmas tree.

We spent our first Christmas in an apartment in Reston, Va. The day we went out to get our Christmas tree was one of the more memorable days of my life. We walked the cobblestone streets of Old Town Alexandria, shopping for our first set of Christmas lights and ornaments to adorn our new tree. Sitting in a pub, having a glass of wine, it started snowing, and thought, life doesn't get much better than this.

Many years have since passed still I love Christmas as much as that first year we were married. Mom even came to love our Christmas Eve parties with the family. I have organized an annual family trip to see "A Christmas Carol" in Princeton, N.J., and have heard it said on both sides of the family that if there is anyone who knows how to keep Christmas alive and well, it's me.

But a funny thing happened on the way toward Christmas heaven. I have come to appreciate the uniqueness and traditions of Hanukkah. We purchased a beautiful ceramic menorah in Florida, with my very proud mother at our side, and have incorporated it into our holiday festivities. Now, when people ask why I have a Christmas tree and a menorah, I always respond with, "Never mind, just play with your toys."

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Fate of hanging baskets in residents' hands

Editor, The Spotlight:

Spring and summer have come and gone and so have the flowering baskets that graced Delaware Avenue from Memorial Day to early November.

Now the question is: Did the enhancement of our town engender enough interest and appreciation for our townspeople to support a repeat of the baskets in 2006? As with all worthwhile ventures, there is some serious money involved here.

In the spring of '05, the town's Industrial Development Agency fronted the \$15,000 cost of putting up the baskets and banners.

Much of the money went for hardware such as the brackets, chains and banners. That expense will not have to be repeated.

The town Highway Department did all of the installation and watered the flowers every day throughout the season.

Karen Kermani placed and tended all of the containers and annuals by the clock at the Four Corners. The idea was that donations from business, civic and professional groups would offset the initial cost. Unfortunately, only \$5,000 has been collected to date.

It took years of preparation and planning to realize this community enhancement effort. Many people have commented on how much they enjoyed the flower arrangements. The challenge now is to overcome the '05 deficit and secure enough money to repeat the arrangements in '06.

The usual suspects will be tapped again, but there is a limit to their resources. However, individual residents can pitch in with donations.

Checks should be made out to Bethlehem First Task Force, with a notation for "flowering baskets" and mailed to Citizens Bank on 343 Delaware Ave. It's never too early to contribute.

Residents can also support this effort by calling, writing to or

buttonholing our elected officials to urge a regular budget item for this project.

The ball is really in our townspeople's court.

Individual actions in the near future will determine whether or not this project can continue to perk up our town.

Who knows, maybe "Money Magazine" will raise Bethlehem's listing above No. 22 next year?

Bob Horn

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Leaving dog was inhumane

Editor, The Spotlight:

To the guilty person on Long Lane in Selkirk on Nov. 29 between the hours of 5:30 and 6:30 a.m.: Thanks for being so concerned about our dog, Yukon, after not only running him over but leaving him in the ditch. I can't understand how someone could do such a thing and not even try to find the person who owns the dog. It's not like there were too many houses to go to, seeing that Long Lane is a dead-end street

with only two houses on it leading to a chained gate entering the GE plant at the end. Would your response have been the same if this had been a person?

Yukon sits suffering and awaiting his destiny to this tragic accident, and our family has to make a decision about his fate.

To the guilty person, next time, why not get help or call the police?

Gordon W. Blaisdell Sr.
Selkirk

Writer takes issue with local officials

Editor, The Spotlight:

Graciousness in victory or in defeat is an admirable quality, and townspeople are citizens of the town of Bethlehem first, regardless of party affiliation.

I was saddened by what I observed on the night before Election Day. From about 9:30 p.m. to 12:20 a.m. I handed out the remaining Jasinski-Hammond handbills in my possession to businesses along Delaware Avenue from the Four Corners to the Normanskill bridge. Along the roadway near the bridge, I observed one Lenhardt, one Newkirk and one Hammond sign pulled out of the ground with their wickets torn. No Democratic

signs in this location were vandalized. At 12:30 a.m., I noticed the Newkirk sign in front of the private residence on the corner of Delaware Avenue and Bennett Terrace to be standing as it had throughout the campaign. I noticed the same sign at approximately 10 a.m. on Election Day to be pulled out of the ground with its wicket torn.

Approximately three minutes later I spoke to Bob Jasinski who told me that many of his signs had been pulled out overnight on the Delmar Bypass, the signs lying on the ground with their wickets missing so the signs could not be put back up.

I am willing to make these

statements as sworn statements
under penalty of perjury.

Theft of opponents' campaign materials is a violation of State Board of Elections Regulation §6201.1(a).

It is fatuous to think that the Republican and Conservative candidates lost because their election signs were vandalized the night before the election.

I disagree with the assertion of Terri Egan, Kyle Kotary and Sam Messina in their letter to the editor in the Nov. 23 edition of *The Spotlight*, however, that "All candidates took the high road."

Jared King
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This time of year, during the holiday rush—the parties, the gift giving and must-see blockbuster movies—saving money is not a very romantic concept...nor is it very easy to do. In fact, based on a recent poll by ABC News, Americans plan to spend more than \$1,000 on gifts this holiday season. While this might amount to happy retailers, the aftermath for the average consumer may be a depleted bank account, increased credit card debt and post-holiday stress.

To make matters worse, when the holiday excitement fades it fades with a thud: Uncle Sam knocking on your door and announcing the start of tax season. For those who overextend themselves during the

holidays, and even those with more moderate spending habits, this can be an overwhelming transition. But it doesn't have to be. What you may not know or allow yourself the time to consider is that thinking about and planning for your taxes in December can save you money in April.

Six Tax Planning Must-Knows

Like gift giving, tax liability and benefits are very individualized. What may save money for one person may not be applicable to another person. However, with smart planning, money-saving opportunities can be found for everyone. You just need to know what they are and to take advantage of them.

1. Flexible spending accounts (FSAs). Many employers offer FSAs, which are pretax salary deductions for dependent care or medical expense accounts. The amount you

contribute is determined at the beginning of the plan year (or during the open enrollment period), and many of your medical expenses are includible (see IRS Publication 502 for a list of eligible expenses). The catch with these accounts is that they do not roll over, meaning that if you do not use the money you contribute to the account by year end, you lose it. However, the Treasury just enacted a rule that allows companies to extend the deadline date to March 15. So check with your human resources manager and be sure that you have used all

your FSA funds or if your company has elected to extend the deadline. If not, now's the time to visit the dentist or purchase those new eyeglasses.

2. Charitable contributions and donations. 2005 has been a difficult year in terms of natural disasters, and Americans have generously contributed to the relief efforts of the tsunami and Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. The silver lining for those



Stephen J. Augstell

who dug deep into their pockets and donated money, clothing and other goods is that the majority of these contributions are deductible—up to 50 percent of an individual's adjusted gross income (AGI). For donations less than \$500 in value, you only need to list the amount on your 1040 Schedule A form. If your donations exceeded \$500, you will need to complete IRS form 8283. For any donation higher than \$250 you will need a receipt from the charity; and single items donated to an agency above \$5,000 in value require an independent appraisal. The Salvation Army Web site, www.salvtruck.org/ValueGuide.asp, provides a helpful valuation guide.

3. Child tax credits. The same children you stretch your budget for during the holiday season are big benefits come tax season. However, many people may not be aware that due to the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act the tax benefit for children will be decreasing from \$1,000 per child in 2004 to up to \$700 per child from 2005 to 2008. In 2009, the credit is up to \$900 and up to \$1,000 in 2010. The credit is generally nonrefundable and subject to phase out at certain income levels.

4. Child and dependent care credit. If you didn't establish or depleted your dependent care flexible spending account, you may still be able to get a tax break. Parents who pay someone to care for a dependent child under age 13 or a relative who is incapable of self-care are eligible for a credit between 20 to 35 percent of the expenses incurred. Expenses are limited to \$3,000 for one qualifying person and \$6,000 for more than one qualifying person. The expense limits are reduced by amounts excluded from gross income under an employer's dependent care flexible spending account. The credit is subject to your adjusted gross income. See IRS Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses.

5. Saver's credit. Included in the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act, the "saver's credit" is a nonrefundable federal income tax credit for an employee's contributions to retirement plans and IRAs. The credit can be up to \$2,000 per year. Married taxpayers filing jointly can each claim a credit up to \$2,000. The allowable credit is based on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the tax year the credit is claimed and is designed to persuade lower income employees to begin or increase their retirement savings. Parents who are looking for gift ideas for their children may want to consider making an IRA contribution on behalf of their child. The child, in turn, can take advantage of the

credit. In addition to AGI limits, the child must be 18 or older, not a full-time student and not claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.

6. 529 plans. 529 plans are college savings plans whose earnings are income tax exempt when used to pay for qualified higher education expenses. New York state taxpayers can deduct up to \$5,000 of plan contributions each year (\$10,000 for a married couple filing jointly) on their state income tax return with no AGI limitation. Contributions must be placed in the account during the appropriate calendar year. For instance, money placed into a 529 account after January 1, 2006, will not be eligible for a deduction on your 2005 return. To learn more about New York's 529 plan, go to <http://nysaves.uii.upromise.com>. For a comparison of 529 plans, go to savingforcollege.com.

One Home Improvement Good-to-Know

The passing of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 is providing a little relief to homeowners who undertake the effort to make their homes more energy efficient. Credits are available for insulation; replacement windows; high-efficiency gas, oil and propane furnaces and boilers; high-efficiency air conditioning units; and high-efficiency water heaters. The maximum credit is \$500. However, the credit will not be applicable until January 1, 2006. Therefore, if you can shelf home improvement plans until the new year, you will make yourself eligible for the credit in 2006.

Something You Hopefully Won't Need To Know

The alternative minimum tax (AMT) is a tax that has an effect on an increasing number of taxpayers every year. In short, it is a method of determining a minimum tax that someone at a certain income level should be required to pay. It was introduced to prevent people with high incomes from abusing special tax benefits. However, the tax is difficult to understand and has included people with much lower incomes. Congress is working to address the issues with the AMT, but it may be worth your while to calculate if you will be subject to the tax in 2005. Many of today's tax-planning software, such as Quicken, can do the calculations for you. Also, www.fairmark.com provides a good overview of the AMT and a list of the top ten things that cause AMT liability.

And Something Everyone Should Know

The many rules, regulations and nuances make tax planning difficult. The best approach is to be as well educated about your own particular circumstances as you can be and, when needed, consult a professional. Just as a mistake can cost you a good deal of money, good planning can save you a lot of money and stretch your dollar. And, in a season of celebration—as well as big spending—understanding your financial situation and your tax liability can help you make wiser decisions and let you sleep a little easier at night.

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Mens chorus will 'Follow that Star'

By JAMIE D. GILKEY

If it were a piece of furniture, the Capital District's 96-year old Mendelssohn Club would be considered a prized antique made in a classic form with wonderful lines and an impressive wood grain.

Instead of that visual beauty, the more than 80-member strong organization offers listeners an impressive sound of male voices that shows why it is the longest running musical group in the region.

Named after legendary European composer Felix Mendelssohn, the club has been regulars at Albany's First Night every New Year's Eve for the last 15 years; and have performed at world-renowned venues like Carnegie Hall in New York City and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Utah.

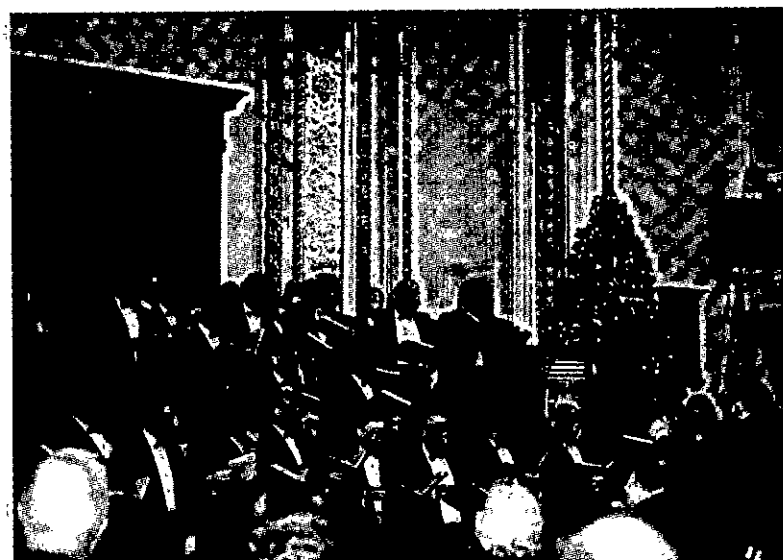
They've also performed for major local events like the New York state Department of Health's 100th anniversary event and Albany's tricentennial.

"We've held concerts in more than 75 or 80 locations in the past 20 years or so," said Richard Hart-nett, club historian. "And each one of them has brought our music to another audience."

To play off a phrase from Shakespeare, the music is "the thing" for this club.

"The glue that keeps us together is the music," said Victor Klimash, club conductor. "The music really brings people together. It provides us with friendship, respite in the gray hours and an outlet for expressing the joy of life that we experience so often. The music also ties us together with everyone else who has ever played it or ever heard a piece through the generations. That's always something I've believed is an important element of music. It connects time and people."

E. Andrew Mills, a member of the group since he joined in



The Mendelssohn Club performs at First Night last year.

1944 while just in the 10th grade, is acutely aware of that connection.

A member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church choir in downtown Albany when he was in grade school, Mills said the Mendelssohn Club was a comfortable place during World War II because it included a lot of familiar faces.

"A lot of us knew each other from having spent time in other choirs together," Mills said. "And that's when some of us were given a dollar a week for singing in the choir at the church. I even received an extra quarter a week because I was a soloist."

One composition that will span the generations during the club's upcoming holiday concert at the Hart Theatre in the Egg is the "Jubilate Deo," composed by Giovanni Gabrieli at the end of the 16th century. Translated as "Praise God," the piece was originally performed in St. Mark's Church in Venice.

A new piece for the club, it originally took advantage of St.

Mark's cross-shaped design, which let two choirs perform the piece together, with each voice range singing in a different wing of the structure.

"It was meant to be one choir performing a 'call' and another choir performing an 'answer,'" Klimash said.

The concert at the Egg, entitled "Follow That Star!" will be held on Friday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$16. A portion of the proceeds will go towards a scholarship fund that supports young musicians who win a spring competition.

The club will hold a concert this Sunday, Dec. 11, to benefit St. James Church on Delaware Ave. in Albany. That event will begin at 3 p.m. at the church and the public is invited. Admission is \$12 at the door.

For tickets to the Egg concert, call the Egg box office at 473-1845, or visit the Web site, www.theegg.org. For information about becoming a Mendelssohn Club subscriber, call 374-6576.

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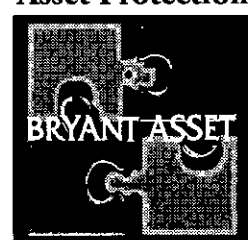
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library for you to purchase and take home. Come in and thumb through Bob Dylan's Chronicles (Greg Bobish), Let's Take the Kids: Great Places to Go in New York's Hudson Valley (Lorraine Smi), Little Chapel on the River, a Hudson River Tale of a Small Town Pub Near West Point (Suzanne Fisher). Don't forget that the library always has reading suggestions on its Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org. Find posted lists that include literary fiction, romance, science fiction, home improvement, and more. It's a

great place to find quality reading recommendations for yourself or for gifts.

Book ends

Web favorites

Library Web sites are designed to make it easier and more convenient for readers to use their public library. Remember to add the Voorheesville library Web address, www.voorheesvillelibrary.org, to your favorites list and visit the library online.

Poets, writers to meet

The Thursday Night Poets meet Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Bring a poem to share. No signup necessary. Lifelines prose writers meet Dec. 15. No

signup necessary.

Yoga session

Yoga will meet Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., with Mira Lechowicz. Bring a mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothes. There is no charge.

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be coming down Dec. 16 and your donations of cold weather warmers distributed to the kids at Phillip Schyler School.

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Barbara Vink

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Santa to appear at Marshall's

Santa is coming to Marshall's Chrysler/Jep, Subaru, GMC Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will listen to children's wishes for Christmas. Kids can have their picture taken with Santa, followed by a surprise. Marshall's is located on Route 9W in Ravena. For information, call 756-6161.

Orchestra help find Santa's reindeer

David Alan Miller, music director and conductor along with the Albany Symphony Orchestra will present, "Cowboy Dave's Holiday Reindeer Roundup," Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m., in the Palace Theatre, as part of Price Chopper's Sunday Symphonies for Families concert series. This whimsical hour-long concert is tailored to the young.

Santa Claus is in a lot of trouble. His favorite reindeer has run away, just before the holidays. Only one man can help him: Cowboy Dave, the roughest, toughest reindeer rustler this side of the Pecos Territory. The audience will travel the musical world with him, trying to unravel the mystery of the missing reindeer. You'll hear some holiday music including songs from the Nutcracker with dancers from Northeast Ballet Company. The program includes Holiday classics by: Prokofiev, Strauss, Bizet, Stravinsky, Handel, and Copland plus such favorites as "Fiddler on the Roof," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "The Firebird Suite," along with Sing-Along Carols.

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Genocide survivor tells story of tragedy, hope

By JIM CUOZZO

A story of hope, forgiveness and peace took center stage at Bethlehem Central High School on Monday, as Valentina Iribagiza told the unimaginable story of her survival of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

The local student chapter of

Amnesty International sponsored Iribagiza's appearance. She was 9 at the time of the genocide, and 20 now, told how she endured 42 days inside a Rwandan church. Many of those days were without food or water and survived wave after wave of attacks from the Tutsis who were murdering more than 800,000 Hutus during a tribal uprising.

Iribagiza is now touring the Northeast speaking to many different schools about her personal story in a land still recovering from the devastating power struggle after the attacks.

More than 200 students and community residents listened to her harrowing account — told through a translator — of how she and her two brothers were the only of her family of nine to survive the genocide.

"They beat me with machetes and sticks with big nails but I did not die," said Valentina. "I was under the dead bodies inside the church so they did not see me. Anyone who was breathing they tried to kill."

British Broadcasting Corporation reporter Fergal Keane met Iribagiza after her attack by the Hutus but was unable to help her at the time. Keane returned to Rwanda three years later to document the girl's story in a PBS Frontline documentary called "Valentina's Nightmare." After spending

seven months in a hospital recovering from her wounds, Iribagiza moved to a small town in Rwanda called Kibungo to live with her aunt. She is now in her junior year of high school and plans to study nursing after her

recent studies on the Sudanese genocides.

Bethlehem's Amnesty International president Becca Lewis said the turnout from the student body and community was impressive.



Kate Kurtessis, left, and Becca Lewis, center, of BCHS Amnesty International welcome genocide survivor Valentina Iribagiza.

senior year.

"I want to help other people," said Iribagiza, who did not come to America to tell a story of horror and sadness. Her tone instead was one of inspiration, through her soft-spoken voice and a smile that defies what she has witnessed and lived through.

"I came here to see how we love each other from Rwanda to America," she said.

The high school student chapter of Amnesty International, now 30 members strong, invited Iribagiza to speak after their

"Her story is so amazing," said Lewis. "Seeing Valentina in person brings a human aspect to everything we have been learning about."

"It's really important for us as high school students to diversify our knowledge and learn about other countries so we can be better people and help others," said Kate Kurtessis, a member of the BCHS Amnesty International Student Chapter.

Traveling with Valentina is Dr. Glenn Hawkes who founded a group called Rap (Rwandans and Americans for Peace). The group's goal is to raise awareness and funds through cultural exchanges to help the children and women orphaned and unemployed from the genocide. Hawkes met his wife and Iribagiza's translator Erica on a trip to Rwanda a few years ago. "Rwanda is a beautiful country, and I hope some of the people hearing Valentina's story come to see the people and its culture," said Hawkes.

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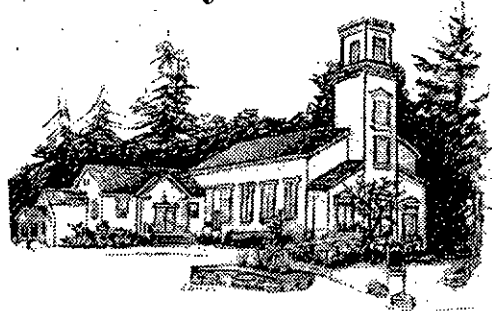
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14th annual Hilltown Christmas Program under way

The Albany County Sheriff's Dept. in conjunction with the Hilltown Community Resource Center will sponsor the 14th annual Hilltown Christmas Program. All donations should be received at the following locations no later than Dec. 21: Nichols Market, Voorheesville; Kohl's Dept. Store, Colonie; Emma Cleary's, Slingerlands; Crossgates Mall, lower level; Albany County Sheriff's patrol station, Voorheesville.

Over the past 13 years, the Hilltown Christmas Program has provided numerous families from the rural areas of Albany County with toys, food and a little Christmas spirit. The goals of helping families in need can't be accomplished without the help of the community. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items or new, unwrapped toys may do so at the above mentioned locations. Those wishing to make a monetary donation can mail a check made out to Hilltown Christmas Program, to the Albany County Sheriff's Dept., 390 New Salem Road, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186. For information, contact Kathaleen Taylor at 765-5976.

Preschool planning trip to New York City's Broadway

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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 set

The Voorheesville high school fall concert will be held at the high school Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend, and admission is free.

School board to meet

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

Holiday craft workshop

A holiday craft workshop will be held at the Thacher Nature Center Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. This year's crafts include several items made from birch logs including birch-log bird feeders, door chimes and twig picture frames. Participants may wish to bring a favorite picture, if designing a picture frame, along with a medium-size mason jar, if making a votive candle. For information or advanced registration, call 872-1237. Crafts

are appropriate for children 7 and older. A small materials fee, ranging from \$1 to \$5 will be charged for each craft. In the event of inclement weather, the workshop will be held Dec. 11.

Kiwanis Club

selling Christmas trees

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland is selling Christmas trees and wreaths through Dec. 18, in the parking lot of Nichol's Supermarket. All proceeds from this Kiwanis sponsored fundraiser will go to support community and youth programs. Balsam trees are \$30 and 12-inch balsam wreaths are \$10.

Board of Education to meet

The next meeting for the

Voorheesville Board of Education will be held Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the high school.

Financial aid meeting for high school seniors

There will be a financial aid meeting for current seniors of Voorheesville high school Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the commons area of the high school.

Baseball team selling hats

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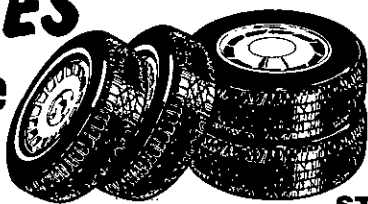
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Spring classes start in early March. The deadline for new proposals is Jan. 1.

Q.U.I.L.T. group sets meeting

Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. will meet Friday, Dec. 9, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. \$3 visitor donation recommended. Doors open 9:15 a.m. For information, call 456-0552.

Dinner dressings



Members of Girl Scout Troop 274 display pumpkin floral arrangements they prepared for the Annual Veteran's Administration Thanksgiving Dinner. Pictured are, clockwise from girl in hat, Emily Welter, Jenna Lee, Morgan Albright, Emily Viscuso, Katie Nickles, Sarah Hereoux, Sadey Mirabile and Sara Kalmer. The following businesses made the project possible through donations: Kleinke's Farm, The Floral Garden, Verstandig's, Flower Call, Inc., Seagroatts and The Slingerlands Price Chopper.

Delmar Orchestra plans holiday concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Peter Cannistraci, will perform a program of classics, pops, and show tunes at their upcoming holiday concert. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

The concert will be Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Thomas Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

The Delmar Community Orchestra is a community-based

nonprofit organization dedicated to the sharing and enjoyment of music through ensemble playing. Instrumentalists age 14 and older, of all levels of ability, are invited to join.

No auditions required.

The orchestra performs several concerts throughout the year in a number of locations in and around Delmar.

Visit www.timesunion.com/communities/dco for information.

Singers to perform holiday concert

The annual Holiday Concert of the Friendship Singers will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m., at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Ave. It is free and open to the public.

This year's program features many humorous numbers, some traditional favorites, and the opportunity to participate in a sing-a-long.

The Friendship Singers, a song and dance group of mostly local women, has been entertaining area groups for more than 20

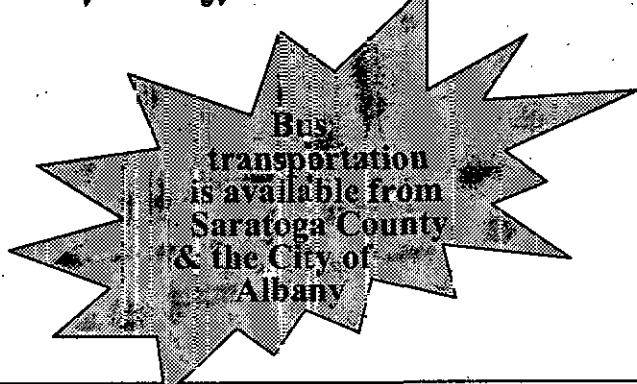
years. In addition to their annual concerts in both December and May, the group visits many nursing homes and assisted care residences with new programs every year.

Marie Liddle is director of the Friendship Singers, Linda Drew is accompanist, and Muriel Welch directs the choreography. Bill Reusswig provides a rhythmic background on the drums, and Iva Zornow has a starring role as everyone's favorite Christmas Eve visitor.

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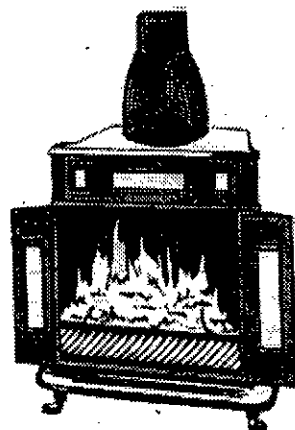
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This longstanding and unassuming library service is currently managed at our library by Gordon Noble. He is proud of the library's 90 percent "fill rate," reporting about a thousand finds per year for our patrons — more than some small colleges, and the highest number in our consortium — the Upper Hudson Library System.

Interlibrary loan clients are the general public from all walks of life, including writers, genealogists, small business owners, and scholars. A sampling of typical requests spans the Dewey Decimal System: travelogues, scholarly treatments of current political and cultural events, doctoral dissertations, medical journals, historical publications, and out-of-print fiction.

The library's search territory starts inside the Capital District Library Council ("a consortium of consortiums" that includes public, academic, medical, and law libraries in the greater Adirondack-to-Catskill region) and expands outward to New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania — although Noble cites a few requests from farther afield. "I've been working with a patron who is a collector. I recently got a two-volume set for him on pistols and holsters of World War II Germany. One volume came from Wichita, Kan., and the other from Juneau, Ark.," said Noble. He has also obtained regional-interest materials from Alaska.

The New York State Library figures most often in Noble's search. That institution helped him track down a 19th-century illustrator of Middle East travelogues, and a fragile centennial booklet with an impressive title: "Boston: One Hundred Years A City. A Collection of Views made from Rare Prints and Old Photographs showing the changes which have occurred in Boston during the One Hundred Years of its existence as A City, 1822-1922."

Fragile items such as this one are usually restricted to in-library use only. Fragile bindings even preclude photocopying. Valuable first editions are often unattainable through interlibrary loan.

On the other end of the spectrum, general fiction and material less than six months old is not available through interlibrary loan, since most of these items can be obtained by our patrons directly through the catalog. Interlibrary loan also doesn't borrow or lend material in new formats, such as DVDs, CDs and CD-ROMs.

Nevertheless, libraries participating in this exchange are generally very interested in sharing, and do not charge a fee except for photocopies of more than thirty pages. "In return, we try to make our interlibrary loan

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policies as receptive as possible to other libraries," said Noble. In addition to books, Bethlehem Public Library lends books on tape, VHS films, and photocopies of journal articles, magazine articles and selected pages from reference books or microfilm.

It's not a fast service; the chain of inquiry can take anywhere from a week to a month, or more. But Noble finds the work a challenge and a pleasure. "Each request is a puzzle to solve. Sometimes a request inspires us to acquire an item for our own collection."

As it has with everything else, the Internet has influenced the world of interlibrary loan. With the exception of medical journals, requests for magazine articles have declined because of the wide range of periodicals available online. But Noble says this does not mean the end of interlibrary loan. "On the contrary, I've noticed that the Internet actually encourages interlibrary loan, as people delve further and further into an area of interest. Interlibrary loan is here to stay."

To find out more about this service, call the library at 439-9314.

Louise Grieco

Book ends

School vacation activities

When school is out for the holidays, the Bethlehem Public Library offers a week of activities for kids. Call 439-9314 to register.

• Tuesday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m. Puppet pals. Grades K-3. Make your own puppet pal. All materials provided.

• Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2 p.m. Sort It Out! Grades K-2. Bring odds and ends to share: buttons, feathers, seashells, etc. The book "Hannah's Collections" by Martha Jocelyn is featured.

• Thursday Dec. 29, 2 p.m. Printing With Veggies. Grade 2 and up. All materials provided to do block printing with vegetables. Jessica Allen from Honest Weight

Food Co-Op will talk about the vitamins behind the designs.

• Friday, Dec. 30, noon. Brown Bags and Books. Grade 4 and up. Bring a lunch and a beverage, and be ready to talk about Polly Horvath's novel "Everything On A Waffle." Dessert will be served on something tasty with little square indentations ...

• Saturday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m. New Year's Eve at noon for ages 3 to 6 with families. Ring in the New Year ahead of time with a puppet show, stories, games and refreshments.

Holiday hours

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday. The library will also be closed Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year holiday. Patrons may access the

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Capital Repertory Theatre's new adaptation of a holiday favorite for Capital Rep's *On the Go!* Education Program is not just kid stuff. Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill has set this version

in the 1930s.

It's Christmas 1936 and young Zebediah Pennybee is not in the spirit of the season. The country is deep in the Great Depression, which for Zeb, means his father is out of work and there won't be any presents — plus he's got a cold and his prize radio is on the fritz. When Grandpa Pennybee

arrives, fresh from making toys for needy families out of household junk, he finds Zeb in no mood to celebrate. However, the lure of a good ghost story hooks the young skeptic and draws him into the Dickens' classic. As the two role play the story, grandpa's junk box miraculously evolves into imaginative costumes and amazing puppets of all kinds and Zeb learns a thing or two about the spirit of the season.

Wynn Harmon, who had the lead role in Capital Rep's *Dr. Faustus* and portrayed Edgar Allan Poe in last fall's *On-The-Go* production, *Pure Poe*, will take the role of the Grandfather Pennybee and Noah Peters, making his Capital Rep debut,



Noah Peter as Zebediah Pennybee, and Wynn Harmon as his grandfather in "A Christmas Carol" at Cap Rep.

will portray young Zebediah Pennybee.

Three public performances will be held at the theatre, Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at 11:30 a.m. This new adaptations of "A Christmas Carol" is very family-friendly and recommended for third grade ages and up. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for those younger than 18. To purchase tickets or for information, call the Capital Rep Box Office at 445-SHOW.

This new adaptation of the Dickens classic holiday tale will be touring schools in the Capital District from Nov. 28 to Dec. 23, with student matinee performances for school groups at Capitol Rep on Dec. 6, 9, 13 and 16. For tour and student matinee information, contact Capital Rep's Education Director Jill Rafferty at 694-4000 ext. 10.

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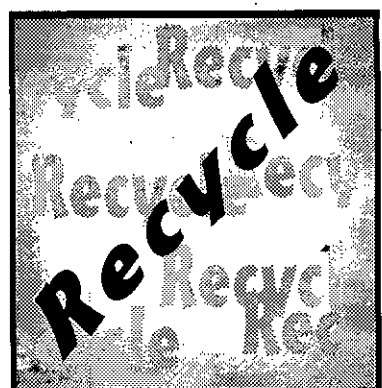
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There will be two rehearsals on Mondays, Dec 12 and 19, from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in the church

choir room. A final rehearsal will be held Christmas Eve, at a time to be announced.

Kathleen Bragle, a vocal music teacher at the Schalmont School District and a parishoner of St. Thomas, will conduct the choir.

For information, call Bragle at 355-1342. (days) or 439-3158 (evenings).



Craft fair

Above: Jane Powers, Tara Verstandig and Julie Shabow play with homemade toys made by David Jacques at the Hamagrael Elementary School PTA Craft Fair, Saturday. Right: Ginny Shabow does some Christmas shopping.



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there is even more traffic and economic development."

The extension will go behind Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands and connect around to Route 85. It will also include three proposed roundabouts near Blessing Road, Mahar Road and New Scotland Avenue, and Egan said the extension is expected to relieve Route 85 of 75 to 80 percent of its traffic volume.

"Everyone is working very cooperatively at this point," said Egan.

Albany County awarded a \$1 million grant to build the tech campus in 2003, but Egan said the town wanted to wait for the comprehensive plan to be completed before building began.

Currently, the town is in negotiations with possible tenants for the campus, and Egan said the town is hopeful it can announce the first tenant next month.

However, she said it is too early to speculate on who the tenants will be or how many there will be. But Egan is enthusiastic about economic opportunities not just from the tech campus, but from the extension as well.

"This is a great opportunity for the town," said Egan. "It meets the goals and visions of the comprehensive plan, because it will expand the tax base by quite a bit."

Egan said so far she has not heard any negative comments from residents about the proposed tech campus, but there is no formal proposal at this point. The Route 85 extension is a DOT project, so the town is not responsible for its funding, nor will it be responsible for funding the roads that will lead into and out of the technology campus.

Local teachers reach "Gold Standard"

The following local teachers have achieved the "Gold Standard" national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards:

Katie Calhoun of Ballston Spa, Matthew Turner of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Susan Lafond of Guilderland, Melissa Gergen of Guilderland, Jacqueline Giaccone of Niskayuna, Thomas Shiland and Maureen Shiland of Saratoga Springs City School District and Roger Gaboury, Danielle Hankern, Cesacia Pirrone, Lori Beza, and Christopher Chank, all of Schenectady City School District.

NYS Museum announces discussion panel, traditional dance

The NYS Museum announces the following upcoming events:

On Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the museum theater, the discussion, "Breaking What Barriers? A Discussion on color, race and ethics in sports" will take place. The panel includes Dick Barnett, former NBA player and current assistant professor of sports management at St. John's University; Walter Chatman, former pro football player and retired associate commissioner of the New York state Department of Correctional Services; Mario Bosquez, anchor of "CBS 2 News This Morning;" Bill Daughtry, co-host of "Sports

Desk" on the MSG Network; Trina Patterson, head women's basketball coach at the University at Albany; Dr. Harold Merritt, director of athletics and athletic facilities at the College of Staten Island; and Dr. Lee McElroy Jr., director of athletics and recreation at the University at Albany. Moderators are Dr. Joseph Bowman Jr., a Regent of the University of the State of New York and director of the Center for Youth and Technology at the University at Albany. This is a free event. Also, Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers Gallery Tour and Exhibition will be on display for Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, a program called Trash to Treasures will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. This program features an art project using manufacturing mistakes and materials destined for landfill. Join us for an interesting story and an Earth-friendly afternoon.

Also on Sunday, Dec. 11, the NYS museum is having a traditional dance by the youth and youngest members of the Capital Region Chinese/American Community Center, and a fashion show of Chinese costume. A talk will follow, given by local Chinese expert

Steve Leibo, Ph.D., and professor of international history and politics at the Sage Colleges and international affairs commentator for WAMC: Northeast Public Radio. He will give a talk and lead a question-and-answer time on the current state of U.S.-China relations.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, Dr. Roland Kays, curator of mammals, will review the dynamics of the changes over the past 500 years in Adirondack wildlife population, drawing from historical records and the most recent field research.

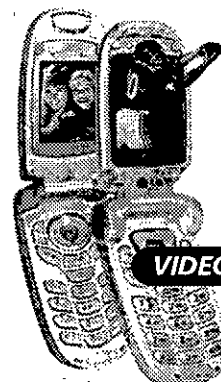
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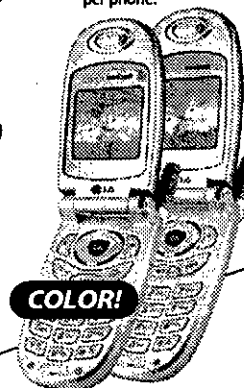


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Slingerlands woman wins contest

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

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Most people who want to learn to cook take a cooking class, or open the cookbook and just keep trying. Not Stephanie Jenkins. The Slingerlands woman entered a contest in *Woman's Day* magazine entitled "Make Your Dream Come True."

"No one believed me when I

told them I won," said Jenkins. "I win stuff all the time. When I told my husband and my family that I won this too, they didn't believe it."

Jenkins entered the contest last spring as a joke at the urging of a friend who was always amused at how Jenkins disguised her inability to cook. Jenkins' husband, Jamey, often brings home colleagues for dinner, and Jenkins would call a restaurant

and pick up a meal which she would transfer to her own dishes.

"My husband's friends all thought I was a great cook," she said. "My friend was really tickled that I went through all this, so she said it would be a great idea to enter the contest."

Jenkins e-mailed *Woman's Day* about her plight, and said her dream would be to have a chef teach her to cook. When executives from *Woman's Day* called to tell her she was in the running, she was surprised, but when she didn't hear anything for a while, thought she hadn't won. When she finally received word of her victory, she was stunned.

The prize was three four-hour cooking lessons from Carmine Spiro, owner of Carmine's Restaurant in Albany, and the host of his own cooking show, "Carmine's Table." The lessons took place in June, the deadline

for the December issue of the magazine.

"Carmine is such an excellent teacher, and a very polite man," she said. "I kept thinking, 'Oh my God, this is Carmine.'"

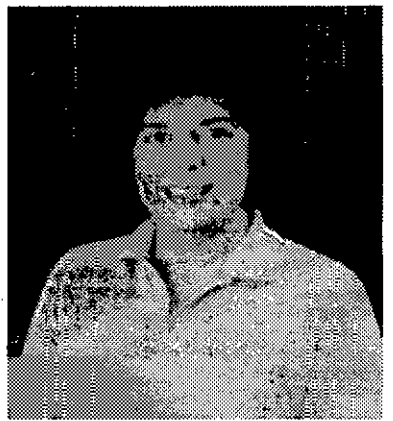
Jenkins said Spiro didn't believe she couldn't cook until he spent some time with her.

"He thought I had lied, but when he realized I was serious, he taught me some great recipes which are elegant but easy," she said.

Spiro taught her techniques for cooking an elegant chicken dish, and a simple chicken meal for her family. He also taught her to make pasta dishes and desserts, and printed recipes for her to try on her own. One of Spiro's chefs gave Jenkins a number to call if she was ever in a cooking jam.

Although Jenkins has not yet tested her newfound talent on guests, she said she now enjoys cooking.

"I cook a lot more now," she said. "Now, my specialty is lasagne, and I almost fell off the chair when my family complimented me on it. I also joined a cookbook club and now I



Stephanie Jenkins

collect them. I surprised myself at how good I've become."

Jenkins now has a kitchen full of proper cooking utensils and has taken another cooking class. The stay-at-home mother of four, who has been married for 15 years, has been back to Carmine's Restaurant, but unfortunately, no one recognized her due to one unexpected benefit of becoming a gourmet: weight loss.

"I went back to Carmine's expecting a reunion, but I've lost 50 pounds since then, and no one recognized me!" she said. "I know the weight loss is from not eating out so much, and I've been working out as well."

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Many salute GI Joe exhibit at military museum

By DAMIAN PAGANO

GI Joe, aka "The Real American Hero," continues to be a real popular draw at the state Military Museum in Saratoga Springs. The exhibit of GI Joe action figures currently on display there will continue through this holiday season.

When it comes down, though, which should be sometime in January, it will probably be to the dismay of collector Tearle Ashby's wife. The 12-inch-tall GI Joes will retreat from the museum to Ashby's basement in Malta.

"I'd like to bring more to the museum," Ashby said. "She would love for them to add a wing so I could keep all of them there."

By his own rough estimate, Ashby has about 1,000 12-inch-tall GI Joe action figures. About 200 of them are on display at the museum. Ashby started collecting them in the early 1990s, when toy manufacturer

Hasbro began making the 12-inch tall models again.

GI Joe was conceived in 1964 as the "boy's toy answer to the Barbie doll," according to Lanny Lathem, director of creative services for the national GI Joe Collectors' Club, based in Fort Worth, Texas, and affiliated with Hasbro. Prior to that, there were no dolls made and marketed for boys.

"Barbie was so successful that Hasbro wanted to get boys into that play pattern without their dads thinking it was weird," Lathem said. "Before that, there had never really been anything quite like it."

For the unfamiliar, GI Joe was a boy-oriented doll that could be dressed and accessorized with a variety of military uniforms and equipment. The originals were modeled on actual soldiers, but were discontinued in the 1970's; likely because the military fell out of mainstream popularity during the Vietnam

War, according to Lathem. GI Joe — once known as "America's Fighting Man" — became a bearded adventurer and then was discontinued.

The line was revived during the 1980s with a television cartoon show, a storyline plot and a new series of 3 3/4-inch tall figurines. Those are still manufactured. The 12-inch-tall figures were brought back in the early 1990s when Hasbro made a deal with Target stores to make and market the vintage line.

That's when Ashby became a collector again. He had some of the original 12-inch-tall figures when he was a kid. They were his favorite toys but they "became casualties" of backyard battles and parental discard. He said he might have a few left from decades ago, but said he does not display them because they "are not displayable."

He ordered much of his current collection over the Internet and bought others at

collectors' conventions. He has stored them in his basement, and counts among his favorites a vintage GI Joe from 1966 that is dressed like an Army Green Beret Special Forces soldier. He said he does not know what his collection is worth.

"It's more of an emotional value. If you want an investment, you collect stocks," he said.

And he does not know what he's spent compiling it.

"And if I did, I would rather not have that in print. It would incriminate me," he said.

His efforts are appreciated.

"It's very popular, especially with children and some older adults who remember the toys from when they were a kid," military museum chief curator Courtney Burns said. "It's an impressive collection."

Said Ashby, "To some it's impressive, to others it's pathological."

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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

Iona Breimhurst

Iona Breimhurst, 103, of Voorheesville died Sunday, Nov. 27, at Teresian House in Albany.

Born in Jefferson, N.H., she was the widow of Louis F. Breimhurst. She lived in Summit, N.J., and Newtown Square, Pa., before moving to Voorheesville nine and a half years ago to be with her daughter.

For the last year and a half, she was a resident of Teresian House where she received loving care which was greatly appreciated by her family.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Dunn of Voorheesville; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Anastasia's Church in Newtown Square.

Arrangements were by Donohue Funeral Home in Newtown Square, Pa.

Contributions may be made to Teresian House, 200 Washington Ave., Ext., Albany 12203.

Dorothy Cook

Dorothy M. Cook, 88, of Glenmont died Monday, Nov. 28, at St. Peter's Hospice Inn.

She was a resident of Delmar Place in Delmar.

She was the widow of Alfred I. Cook

Mrs. Cook worked part-time for the YMCA in Albany. She was a member of Glenmont Community Reformed Church. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Roger Cook of New Baltimore; two daughters, Carolyn Greer of Delmar and Joyce Layman of Selkirk; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements were by Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk. Contributions in Mrs. Cook's memory may be made to either the Glenmont Community Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont 12207 or the Bethlehem Senior Projects, 445

Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Frederick Godoy

Frederick J. Godoy, 74, of Selkirk died Monday, Nov. 28, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Frederick was a Marine Corps veteran, serving during the Korean War. He worked for the former Tobin Packing Co. until it closed and retired in 1994 from the Albany County Highway Department in Colonie.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Godoy; and a son, Joseph Godoy.

Services were private.

Joan Lane

Joan K. Wamser Lane, 62, died Friday, Nov. 11 in St. Louis, Mo.

Survivors include her husband, Benny Lane of Alton, Ill.; two daughters, Colleen Bonacci of Glenmont and Michele Onians of Alpharetta, Ga.; a son, Tim Power of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a brother, Michael Wamser

of St. Louis, Mo.; and four grandchildren

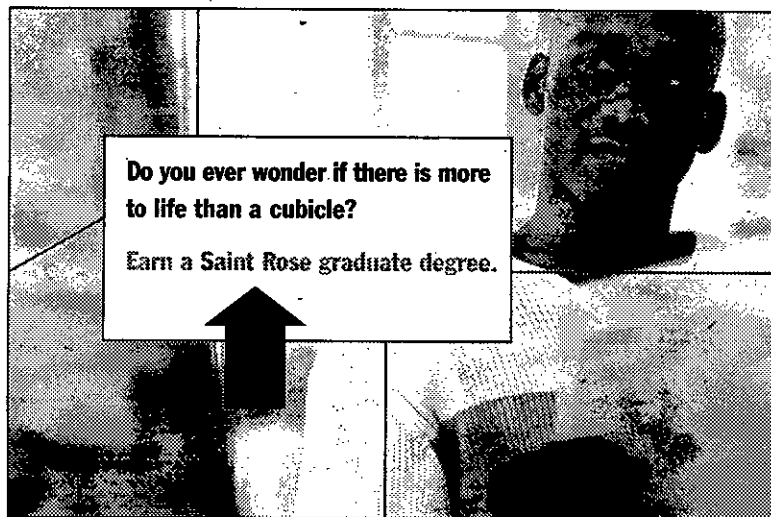
Services were from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in St. Louis, Mo. Donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 200 S. Hanley Rd, Suite 1070, St. Louis, Mo. or to the To Life Breast Cancer Education and Support Organization, 410 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054.

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Jeanne Berschwinger

G. Jeanne Berschwinger, 79, of Altamont died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005 at Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. Born in Lorain, Ohio, she moved to Altamont in 1951.

Mrs. Berschwinger worked as a computer operator for the Hartford Insurance Co. in Albany

from 1976 to 1991. She was past president of the Altamont PTA and a communicant of St. Lucy's Church in Altamont. A sports enthusiast, Jeanne was an avid Cleveland Browns fan and once worked as a secretary in the Cleveland Indians organization. She also loved gardening. Survivors include four sons, L.

Richard Berschwinger of Guilderland; David Berschwinger of Voorheesville; Michael Berschwinger of Cropseyville and Robert Berschwinger of Duaneburg; a daughter, Patricia Headwell of Voorheesville; a sister, Alberta Kennelly of Seattle, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Lucy's Catholic Church, Grand Street, Altamont. Arrangements are by Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Burial will be in St. Cyril and Method Cemetery in Rotterdam. Contributions may be made to St. Madeleine Sophie School, 3500 Carman Road, Schenectady 12303.

James Flater

James W. Flater, 80, of Latham, died Saturday, Dec. 3, in the woods not far from the camp that he cared for and loved for nearly 70 years.

Born and educated in Colonie, he was a lifelong resident of the town.

He was a graduate of Watervliet High School. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He joined the Colonie Police force in 1952, moving up the ranks, becoming chief in 1972. He held that position for 20 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of and former president of the Northeastern Chiefs of Police Conference, was former president of the NYS Association of Chiefs of Police in 1981-82, a member of the International Police Chiefs Association and regional representative of the Retired Chiefs of Police Association of NY State. He was a life member of S.W. Pitts Hose Company, Latham, the Navy Korean Veterans Association and the Navy Armed Guard Association.

He loved animals and wildlife and his camp in the Adirondacks. He was always helping his friends

and neighbors.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Weinbender Flater; four daughters, Karen Green of Cohoes, Susan Murphy, Lynne Forner and Julie Flater, all of Latham; three grandchildren; and his beloved cat, Hannah. Funeral service with full departmental honors by the Colonie Police Department will be conducted 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Latham.

Arrangements were by Bowen Funeral Home in Latham. Interment will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions, in his memory, may be made to the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands 12204. Condolence page and directions at www.bowenfuneralhome.com

Mario Gabriel

Mario D. Gabriel Sr., of Colonie died Saturday, Dec. 3, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Osborne Gabriel; two daughters, Luann Gabriel of Saratoga Springs and Yvonne Poleto; a son, Mario Gabriel Jr. of Colonie; three brothers Loreto Gabriel, Nunzio Gabriel and Louis Gabriel Jr., all of Colonie; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

There will be no calling hours. Interment will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Edward Rourke

Edward Teddy Rourke, 94, of Delmar died Friday, Dec. 2, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar.

Born and educated in Albany, he was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was a member of the IBEW Local Union 724 for more than 64 years. He was also a member of the Albany Elks Lodge No. 49 for more than 60 years, AOH Father Tansey Division 5, American Legion Fort Orange Post No. 30 and the VFW Post No. 1019. He also served on the Albany Housing Authority board of directors.

The family would like to thank his two hospice teams and the staffs at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home and the Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center for the tender care given to him.

Mr. Rourke was husband of the late Anne Fisher Cogan Rourke.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Teresa of Avila Church, 435 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Interment will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

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Erin E. Hendron of Selkirk, bachelor's degree.

Sarah Kundel of Glenmont, bachelor's degree.

Danielle Masterson of Voorheesville, bachelor's degree.

Louis Zell of Glenmont, bachelor's degree.

SUNY Geneseo

Kathryn Carcich of Delmar, bachelor's of science in speech and hearing handicapped.

Boston University

Heather Z. Gross of Slingerlands, bachelors of science in communication disorders.

Daniel S. Brunina of Delmar, master's of science in computer systems engineering.

Brian M. Fage of Delmar, bachelor's of science in business administration and management.

Julia L. Garfinkel of Delmar, bachelor's of music in string performance, cum laude.

Lauren E. Marar of Delmar, bachelor's of science in bilingual education.

Albany College of Pharmacy

Tedi Hill of Slingerlands, doctor of pharmacy.

Colgate University

Catherine R. Hartman of Delmar, bachelor's degree, cum laude.

SUNY Fredonia

Elizabeth Stambach of East Berne, bachelor's of music in music education.

SUNY Geneseo

Katie Richardson of Delmar, bachelor's of science in accounting, cum laude.

Devin Van Riper of Delmar, bachelor's of science in business administration, cum laude.

Dean's List

Binghamton University

Terry B. Kremer of Voorheesville.

D'Angelo, Clark to marry

Kristin D'Angelo, daughter of Nicholas and Stephanie D'Angelo of Delmar, and Daniel Clark, son of Tony and Sandra Clark of Owego are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cazenovia College, and received her master's degree in special education from The College of Saint Rose.

She is a special education teacher within the autism department at the Stepping Stones Learning Center in Rochester.

The future groom is a graduate of Alfred State College and R.I.T.

He is a junior structural engineer for Jensen Engineering in Rochester. The couple plans a May 27 wedding.



Daniel Clark and Kristin D'Angelo

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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

Christmas in the eyes of a broke, out-of-work actor in New York City who resorts to a seasonal job as a green-tights-wearing elf to make ends meet, won't make for an evening of yuletide family cheer and jubilee. It will, however, make for a night of laughs.

Saratoga Springs Home Made Theater is presenting "The Santaland Diaries," the story of National Public Radio commentator and humorist David Sedaris' excruciating and hilarious tale of just how awful Christmas, and those who celebrate it, can be.

The play is adapted from Sedaris' work of the early 1990s chronicling his strange-but-true experience as a member of mid-town Manhattan's Macy's Department Store's Santaland seasonal display.

Actor Jonathan Whitton will star in the one-man show. From a disgruntled elf, to ill-tempered Santas and shoppers, Whitton will portray Sedaris' take on what is supposed to be one of the year's most pleasant seasons, and the people who make it far from that. From the story's initial commentary on Christmas cynicism to an emotional catharsis at its conclusion, "The Santaland Diaries" is not a show for those who still believe in Santa, said Whitton. It more for those who like their humor a little wicked.



Actor Jonathan Whitton stars in the one-man show, "The Santaland Diaries" this weekend at Saratoga Springs Home Made Theater.

Elf-centered comedy explores dark side of the season

"It is definitely the darker side of Christmas," Whitton said. "The play looks at 'what is so special about this holiday.' You will laugh, but it is more of an opportunity to see the things on stage that we all think of this season."

This holiday season HMT wanted to do something geared towards adults.

With other events focused on traditional music and plays of the holiday season, staff opted to go with a different side of Christmas, the darker one.

"The Santaland Diaries" is one of the nonprofit company's four productions throughout the year.

Showings are at the Spa Little Theater in the Saratoga Spa State Park.

The show will run Saturday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec 17 at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7:15 p.m. All tickets are \$15. For tickets, call 587-4427 or e-mail info@homemadetheater.org.

Christmas Time In Ireland

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

A wee dab of the old Irish wit and flashy performance will be making its way across the sea this holiday season for a second appearance in the Capital District.

The Dublin City Singers and Dancers will join Tony Kenny and a cast of Irish stars in this year's "Christmas Time in Ireland" fundraiser performance at The Egg, on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Kenny's area performance in 2003 was met with great

success. The Irish American Heritage Museum will once again host the performance and all proceeds will go to benefit the



The Dublin City Singers and Dancers are featured performers.

museum's 2006 exhibit and program seasons.

Kenny, Ireland's "Performer of the Year" has highlighted Jury's Irish Cabaret in Dublin. For more than 30 years, the famous cabaret has featured a number of traditional

and contemporary Irish performers, dancers and comedians.

Kenny will bring these performers to grace The Egg with the same Irish song, dance and comedy that the Dublin cabaret has been made famous for. Special guests

include comedian George Casey, Kenny's daughter, Colleen Victoria Kennedy, accordionist Brendan O'Sullivan, musical director Michael English, and the full cast of the Dublin City Dancers and Singers.

The performance will showcase Christmas songs, musical melodies, comedy and Irish dancing.

Tickets are \$20, with an early bird price of \$18 if purchased by Friday, Dec. 9. Museum members enjoy a 10 percent one-time, any-time discount on a complete ticket order. All seats are reserved. To purchase tickets, call the Irish American Heritage Museum at (518) 432-6588. There will be refreshments and a raffle for prizes. The show is Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at The Egg in Albany.



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Musical based on Dylan Thomas story, presented by Classic Theater Guild, Hilton Center for the Arts, 40 Russell Road, Albany, Dec. 9-18, Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m., Dec. 17 matinee at 2 p.m., \$12 adults, \$8 children 14 and under. Information, 356-3197.

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Holiday comedy by Ray Cooney, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Dec. 9 through Jan. 14, Wednesdays through Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m., \$18. Information, 877-7529.

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, through Dec. 17, \$20 adults, \$16 students and seniors, \$10 children 12 and under. Information, 274-3256.

NUNCRACKERS

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"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.

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"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 Iris 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.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Adolph Gottlieb: 1956," through Dec. 11, plus 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 Alkanton, 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 profes-

sionals in fields such as box office, costumes, education, lighting, performance, props, scenery, public relations, sound and stage management. Contact Arlene Leiff at 274-3573 or 274-3200; or e-mail alleiff@nysti.org.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

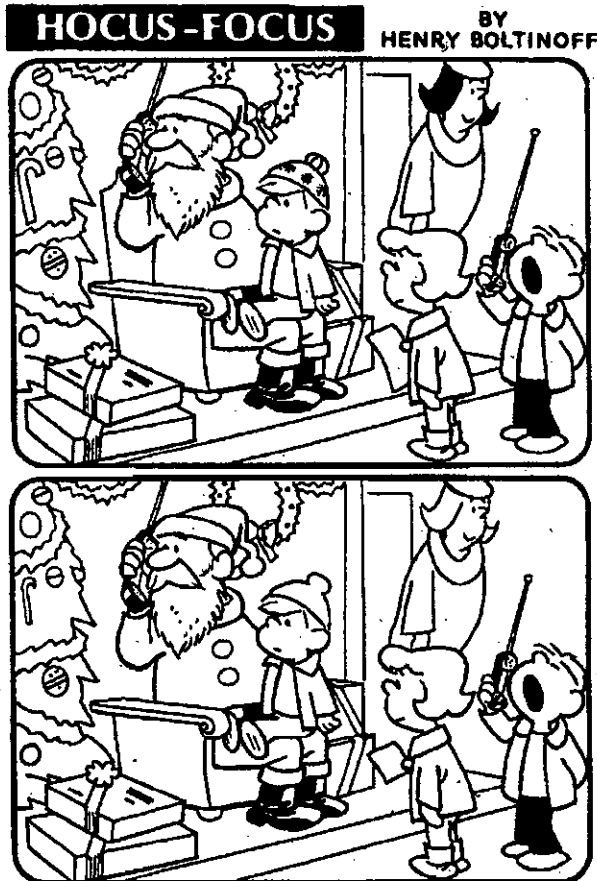
INTERESTING TOWN NAMES IN ARIZONA

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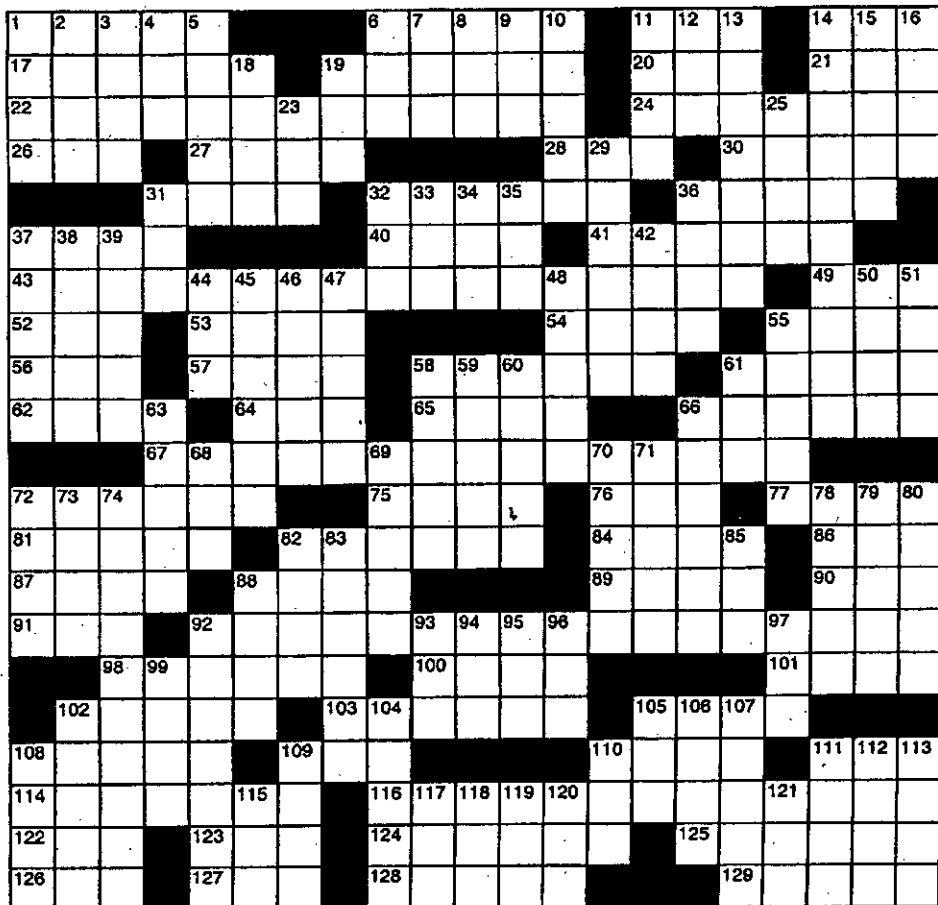
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Cane is different. 2. Chair back is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Left is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Antenna is smaller.

Super Crossword



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| 1 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange" | 52 Saul — Marie, MI | 92 Hugh Masekela hit | 3 Richard of "First Knight" | 38 Behind helping | 83 Organic catalyst |
| 6 Fog | 53 To boot | 98 Speculation | 4 Common street name | 39 Cake | 85 Carpet |
| 11 Injurious | 54 "Angel" ("33 film) | 100 Soccer great | 5 Uplift | 42 Chinese principle | 88 Football's Aikman |
| 14 Hoover or Aswan | 55 Lurid Lugosi | 101 Help a hood | 6 Victory sign | 44 Make lace | 92 Non-proprietary |
| 17 Mrs. Marcos | 56 Gumshoe | 102 Lustrous | 7 TV ET | 45 Pub vessel | 93 "All Things Considered" network |
| 19 "Dreaming of You" singer | 57 Strained | 103 Ornamental shrub | 8 By means of | 46 Ordinary | 94 Procure |
| 20 Actress MacGraw | 58 Hogan's home | 105 Sleep in the woods | 9 Yoko — | 47 "Whole — Love" ("69 song) | 95 Under the weather |
| 21 Significant years | 61 Asian capital | 108 Roused | 10 Blows one's stack | 48 New Hampshire's state flower | 96 Born |
| 22 Jim Henson creation | 62 Omerly Olympian | 109 Charge | 11 Military center | 50 — vera | 99 Walk in the woods |
| 24 Unexpected success | 64 Gangster's gun | 110 Fountain order | 12 Dryden's "— for Love" | 51 Ache | 102 Nobel, for one |
| 26 Chemical ending | 65 "Rama — Ding Dong" ("61 tune) | 111 Medical grp. | 13 Some engines | 55 Iraqi city | 104 It makes rye high |
| 27 — gras | 66 "Emma" author | 114 United | 14 Bureau | 58 Blackboard | 105 Pigeon English? |
| 28 When Satie sweltered | 67 Self-possessed | 116 John D. MacDonald book or this puzzle's theme | 15 Fight site | 59 Unspoken | 106 — Romeo be threaded |
| 30 Street talk | 72 Hutton or Tewes | 122 Bother | 16 Actress Helgenberger | 60 Cause a chuckle | 107 — cum laude |
| 31 Ballyhoo | 75 Patriot James | 123 Presidential nickname | 18 Perched on | 61 Color | 108 Way over yonder |
| 32 Salad veggie | 76 Chum | 124 Singer Percy | 19 Haggard heroine | 63 It needs to be threaded | 109 Soared |
| 36 Zoo attraction | 77 Length x width | 125 Mouse or moose | 23 Blind | 66 Loud | 110 — Guevara |
| 37 "— Don't Preach" ("86 hit) | 81 "Lou Grant" star | 126 King's handle | 25 Czech river | 68 "— the ram parts —" | 111 Rope fiber |
| 40 Part of Q.E.D. | 82 PC key | 127 Crow's comment | 29 Houston or Ritter | 69 Maestro Georg | 112 It should be square |
| 41 Fancy fabric | 84 Constellation | 128 It may be eaten or drunk | 31 Contains | 70 In a stew | 113 Enya's "— Time" |
| 43 Clint Eastwood movie | 86 East ender? | 129 Utilize | 32 Auto acronym | 71 Fire wood? | 115 Alias initials |
| 49 AAA handout | 87 Catty remark? | | 33 Pound sound | 72 It becomes awe? | 117 Mr. Ziegfeld |
| | 88 "Jumbo" set | | 34 June honoree | 73 Lost | 118 Where goats gambol |
| | 89 Beige | | 35 Japanese statesman | 74 Nonconformist | 119 Pitches |
| | 90 Crane | | 36 Nil | 78 Change for the better | 120 Cpl.'s superior |
| | 91 Candy quantity | | 37 It's tossed with sauce | 79 Rub out | 121 Tear |
| | | | | 80 Dread | |
| | | | | 82 TV's "— John" | |

Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

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

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

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 THE 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.

Thursday, Dec. 8

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

Friday, Dec. 9

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route

9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday, Dec. 10

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sunday, Dec. 11

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 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. 12

BETHLEHEM

FOOD STAMP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Bethlehem Senior Services sponsors free program where representative of Legal Aid Society will help with food stamp applications. Appointment required, 10 a.m. to noon, Bethlehem Senior Services office, 445 Delaware Ave., 439-4955 ext. 173 or 174.

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.

EXPLORER POST 157

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tuesday, Dec. 13

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

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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

BINGO

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

Wed. Dec. 14

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

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BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

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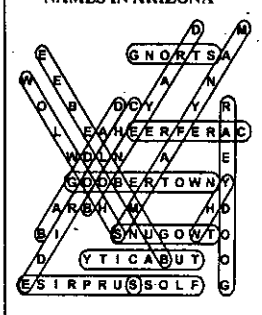
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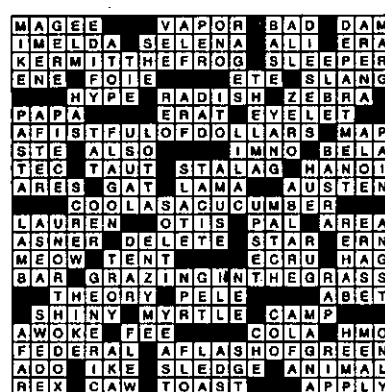
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Notice is hereby given that a license number OP 2130282 for liquor and/or wine has been applied for by Spinners II, LLC to sell liquor and/or wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1108 Madison Avenue, City and County of Albany for on-premise consumption. LD-12532 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Gramercy Communications, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy 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 (December 7, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 (December 7, 2005)

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WASHINGTON STREET PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P., Notice of formation of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership

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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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 Wash-

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ington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12487 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 2005)

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new luck big sky, LLC Notice of Organization: new luck big sky, LLC was filed with SSNY 09/29/05. 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 95 West Saugerties Rd., Woodstock, NY 12498 Purpose: To engage in any legal activity. LCD-12522 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of a limited liability company (LLC).

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Name: Western Garden Apartments, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/4/05. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 436 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity. LCD-12539 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Ascent Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/05. 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 (December 7, 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. LC-12395 (December 7, 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 2 Belleauwood Circle, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12396 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 Co. 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 (December 7, 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 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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 Ave. 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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 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

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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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of NYK3, Ltd. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 2005)

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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 (December 7, 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 (December 7, 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.

Sports *in the* Spotlight

Russo's hat trick leads Bethlehem to victory

By MIKE CIOFFI

The Bethlehem hockey team scored seven goals in the second period on its way to a 13-3 rout over Mohonasen/Schalmont last Saturday at the Schenectady County rink in Glenville.

The win evens the Eagles' record at 2-2, while M/S drops to 0-4 on the season.

"We played well enough to win tonight," said Bethlehem coach Mike Griffiths. "But there's another level for these guys, and we're just trying to reach that level."

The first period was equally played as the Eagles got on the board first when Tom Dolfi put a shot over the shoulder of M/S goalie Scott Lindell to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. M/S tied the game a few minutes later when senior Justin Galvin broke into

the Eagles' zone and beat goalie T.J. Caswell. Bethlehem added two more goals toward the end of the period to build a 3-1 lead.

Things changed in the second period. Bethlehem opened with two goals to extend its lead to 5-1. Kyle McKelvey gave M/S some life with a goal, but the Eagles scored five of the next six goals to pull away for good.

"We were awful in the first period. After that period, they responded," Griffiths said.

The Eagles dominated the action with a total of 51 shots on goalies Lindell and Kyle Rossler. Rossler was brought in to relieve Lindell after the Eagles' tenth goal. M/S managed only six shots on the Eagles' Caswell and P.J. Pittman.

"They took control of the game, and we never got a chance to play our game," said M/S

coach Paul Caron.

"There was definitely a vast contrast between the three periods, and we're looking to have some consistency," Griffiths said.

Captain Erik Russo led the Eagles with a hat trick: Sophomore Tom Dolfi and Nick Dugan added two goals apiece, while Dan Royle, Tony Weeks, Tim Reilly, Brian Jones, Adam Lipnick and Scott Strohecker each had a goal.

Nick Schrom added a goal for M/S to go along with the tallies from McKelvey and Galvin.

Caron said that this was by far his team's worst game of the season. He pointed out the team's best game was at Tupper Lake — a game in which they lost late 6-5.

"We're trying to find a way to be competitive, and we've had some success at times. Tonight was just not one of those nights," said Caron. "The good news here is that we have about 15 games to get better."

The Eagles' next game is

Wednesday against defending champion Shenendehowa, while M/S plays a home game against Plattsburgh Saturday night.

"We're just looking forward to working hard the rest of the season and improving," Griffiths said.



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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 (December 7, 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

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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 (December 7, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Scary Movie 4, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/8/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/27/2005. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 375 Greenwich St., NY, NY 10013. Principal address of LLC: 375 Greenwich St., NY, NY 10013. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of Benson & Rowland LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 E. 79th St., Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12510 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Covenham Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 E. 79th St., Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12511 (December 7, 2005)

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OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SUKHOTHAI RESTAURANT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 254 Lark Street, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12512 (December 7, 2005)

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TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND SPECIAL MEETING Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland will hold a Public Informational meeting on December 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. regarding the Clarksville Water District. Diane Deschenes New Scotland Town Clerk

The Town of New Scotland is an equal opportunity provider and employer. LD-12520 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of formation of OLEN LLC filed with SSNY on 12/31/03. Off. Loc.: Albany. SSNY designated as agt. of the LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to P.O. Box 66041, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purposes. LD-12523 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Schuyler of New York, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/7/05. 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 CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12524 (December 7, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Inside Edge Commercial Interior Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in MN 1/12/04. SSNY des-

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ignated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o National Reg. Agts. Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. MN office addr.: 2915 Commers Dr., Ste. 500, Eagan, MN 55121. Art. of Org. on file: SSMN, 60 Empire Dr., Ste. 100, St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-121525 (December 7, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of DCWI Manager LLC. App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/06/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in MI 9/28/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o National Reg. Agts. Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. MI office addr.: 1700 Stutz Dr., No. 25, Troy, MI 48064. Art. of Org. on file: MI Dept. of Labor and Economic Growth, PO Box 30054, Lansing, MI. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12526 (December 7, 2005)

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Dolphins host first swim meet of the season

The Delmar Dolphin's Swim Club hosted the Ocean Blue Invitational November 6 at Union College.

The 8-and-under girls were led by Chelsea Brandt, who finished first in the 50-yard freestyle and 25 backstroke, as well as a second-place finish in the 25 freestyle.

Noah Schick finished second in the 8-and-under boys 25 backstroke and seventh in the 25 breaststroke. Jacob Wheeler finished fourth in the 50 freestyle, sixth in the 25 freestyle and seventh in the 25 backstroke. Daniel Sausto was eighth in the 50 freestyle and 25 backstroke, and ninth in the 25 freestyle. Eric Wolfsberg was tenth in 25 backstroke and 11th in the 25 freestyle.

In the 10-and-under girls division, Grace Ayer finished fourth in both the 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke, seventh in the 100 Backstroke and 15th in the 50 freestyle. Sadey Mirabile was seventh in the 50 breaststroke, ninth

in 50 backstroke and 30th in the 50 freestyle. Samantha Ebersold took 11th place in the 100 backstroke, 14th in the 100 freestyle and 20th in 50 breaststroke.

Sarah Fielman was 11th in the 50 butterfly, 21st in 50 backstroke and 25th in the 50 freestyle. Caroline Shamlin finished 16th in the 50 breaststroke and 45th in the 50 freestyle. Nicole Das was seventh in the 50 breaststroke, 26th in the 50 freestyle and 34th in the 50 backstroke. Emily Ginsburg was 15th in the 50 butterfly, ninth in the 100 IM, 15th in the 100 freestyle and 22nd in both the 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke events.

In the 10-and-under boys division, Andrew Wheeler earned a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle, third in the 50 backstroke, sixth in the 100 freestyle and tenth in the 50 breaststroke. Evan Ginsburg took second in the 50 breaststroke, fifth in the 100 backstroke, sixth in the 50 butterfly and seventh in the 100 individual medley.

Michael Clarke took third in the 50 breaststroke, fourth in both the 100 freestyle and the 50 freestyle and sixth in the 100 I.M. Chris Poole finished fifth in both the 50 backstroke and breaststroke and tenth in the 50 freestyle.

Joshua Stern was sixth in the 50 breaststroke, 11th in 50 backstroke and 15th in the 50 freestyle. Nicholas Reynolds finished 11th in the 50 breaststroke, 12th in 50 backstroke and 19th in the 50 freestyle.

John Stuto was 12th in the 50 freestyle. Jacob Wolfsberg finished 14th in the 50 backstroke and 20th in the 50 freestyle.

In the 11-12 girls division, Erica Howland took third in the 100 butterfly, tenth in 50 freestyle and 15th in the 50 backstroke. Bethany Powhida finished fifth in the 100 freestyle, sixth in 50 breaststroke and 100 backstroke and seventh in the 100 butterfly.

Sydney Walsh took ninth in the 50 breaststroke, 23rd in the 200 I.M. and the 100 freestyle, 22nd in 50 breaststroke and 29th in the 50 backstroke. Lexi Zerrillo finished ninth in 100 backstroke, 12th in the 50 freestyle, 14th in the 100 freestyle, 15th in the 200 I.M. and 19th in the 100 breaststroke.

Claudia Bozsik was tenth in

the 50 breaststroke and 16th in the 100 backstroke. Tara O'Donnell finished ninth in the 50 backstroke, seventh in the 50 freestyle, 11th in the 100 backstroke and 50 breaststroke and 14th in the 200 I.M.

Kaitlyn Scoons finished 14th in the 50 breaststroke, 24th in the 200 I.M. and 100 freestyle and 25th in the 50 backstroke. Nora Reynolds was 30th in the 50 freestyle and 32nd in the 50 backstroke. Belle Hettie was 17th in the 50 breaststroke, 27th in 100 backstroke, 28th in the 50 freestyle, 29th in the 100 freestyle and 33rd in the 50 backstroke.

Rebecca Huss finished 24th in the 50 breaststroke, 31st in the 100 freestyle and 34th in the 50 backstroke. Erin Corrigan finished 31st in the 50 freestyle and 35th in the 50 backstroke.

The 11-12 boys were led by Alexander Lednev, who finished first in the 200 I.M., the 100 butterfly and the 50 backstroke. He also took second in 100 backstroke.

Matthew Weber was third in the 200 I.M., 100 backstroke, 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle. He took fourth in the 50 freestyle.

Carlson Dias finished fourth in 50 breaststroke, ninth in 50 backstroke, 14th in the 200 I.M. and

16th in both 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle. Liam Christensen finished sixth in the 50 backstroke, eighth in the 50 freestyle, tenth in the 100 backstroke, 11th in the 100 freestyle and 12th in the 200 I.M.

Ryan Cheu finished seventh in the 50 backstroke, 12th in the 50 freestyle and 15th in the 100 backstroke. Tanner Brandt was 15th in the 50 breaststroke and 16th in the 50 backstroke. Christian Holsapple was 13th in the 50 freestyle, 17th in the 50 backstroke and 20th in the 100 freestyle. Sam Schick finished 20th in the 50 backstroke and 21st in the 50 freestyle.

The senior girls category was led by Alyssa Hewitt, who took home a first-place finish in the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke. She also finished second in the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle.

Amber Jenkins won the 400 I.M. and finished sixth in 50 freestyle. Rachel Bozsik placed fourth in the 100 backstroke, tenth in 200 I.M. and 20th in the 100 breaststroke. Jenna Mole-skin finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke, fifth in the 100 butterfly, 11th in the 50 freestyle and 15th in the 100 freestyle.

Rebecca Lewis finished eighth in both the 200 I.M. and 100 butterfly and tenth in the 100 backstroke. Sarah Wooster took sixth in the 100 backstroke, tenth in the 100 breaststroke and 22nd in the 50 freestyle.

Erica Howland took eighth in the 500 freestyle. Rachel Dias Carlson finished 12th in the 200 I.M., 15th in the 100 breaststroke, 18th in the 100 backstroke and 23rd in both the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle. Melissa Berger was 14th in the 200 I.M., 16th in the 100 breaststroke, 21st in the 100 backstroke and 31st in the 50 freestyle. Lexi Zerrillo took 19th place in the 100 breaststroke.

Larry Gloeckler led the senior boys with a first-place finish in the

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400 I.M. and 500 freestyle. He also took third in the 100 breaststroke and 200 I.M.

Vadim Yafayev won the 200 I.M. and 100 breaststroke. He finished third in the 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle.

Derek Delisle placed first in the 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle, as well as second in the 200 I.M. Paul Cafiero finished second in 100 breaststroke and fourth in the 200 I.M. and 100 backstroke.

Andrew Acquaviva finished second in the 100 backstroke, 11th in the 100 butterfly and 13th in the 100 freestyle. Nate Foley finished seventh in the 200 I.M., ninth in the 100 freestyle and 13th in the 50 freestyle.

Bruce Wemple finished seventh in the 100 freestyle and butterfly and fourth in the 50 freestyle. Alexander Ledney finished eighth in the 500 freestyle.

Boris Virnik finished 14th in the 100 breaststroke, and 15th in both the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle. Samuel Stouffer was 16th in the 200 I.M., 19th in the 100 breaststroke, 25th in the 100 backstroke and 29th in 100 freestyle.

Alexander Conti placed 14th in the 100 backstroke and 22nd in the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle. Zachary Kundel was 17th in the 200 I.M., 21st in the 100 backstroke, 23rd in the 100 breaststroke, 25th in the 100 freestyle and 28th in the 50 freestyle. Andy Edmundson finished 18th in the 500 freestyle, 28th in the 100 backstroke, 34th in the 100 freestyle and, 35th in the 50 freestyle.

Luke Peleggi finished 20th in the 100 backstroke, 22nd in the 100 breaststroke, 26th in the 100 freestyle and 27th in the 50 freestyle. Johnathan Wheeler finished 25th in the 100 breaststroke, 27th in the 100 backstroke and 31st in both the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle.

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High School Varsity Sports Results for Nov. 28 to Dec. 4

Wednesday, Nov. 30

BOYS BOWLING

Shendehowa 17,

Bethlehem 15

Bethlehem leader: Nick Zautner 245 game, 676 series.

Schalmont 16,

Voorheesville 16

Voorheesville leaders: Charles Lansburg 277 game, Mike Tesch 717 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

Bethlehem 23,

Shenendehowa 9

Bethlehem leaders: Becky Plog 212 game, Meaghan McGurn 591 series.

HOCKEY

Niskayuna/Schenectady 3,

Bethlehem 2

Bethlehem scoring: Tom Dolfi 1-0, Zach Wallens 1-0, Erik Russo 0-2.

WRESTLING

Shenendehowa 78,

Bethlehem 6

Bethlehem winner: Kevin Colday (171).

Thursday, Dec. 1

BOYS SWIMMING

Schenectady 95,

Guilderville 74

Guilderville individual winners: David Cerutti (200-yard freestyle), Vadim Yafayev (200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke), Jordan Randall (100 backstroke).

WRESTLING

Ravena 69, Lansingburgh 6

Friday, Dec. 2

BOYS BASKETBALL

Voorheesville 45,

Albany Academy 36

Voorheesville leaders: Greg Klopfer 13 points, Nick Duncan 11 points, Mike Hopper 10 points.

Ravena 49,

Broadalbin-Perth 45

Ravena leaders: Eric Stott 13 points, Corwin Hendy 12 points, Ron Vincent 12 points.

Girmincl Tournament

CBA 67, Bethlehem 48

Bethlehem leader: Kevin Stempsey 22 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Holy Names 51,

Voorheesville 42

Voorheesville leader: Brigit Feeney 14 points.

Ravena 49,

Broadalbin-Perth 39

Ravena leaders: Olivia Richter 19 points, Katelyn Matousek 15 points.

Bethlehem Tip-off

Tournament

Bethlehem 53,

Guiderland 52 (30T)

Bethlehem leaders: Kiersten Swete 15 points, Leah Gillham 10 points, Meg Olsen 10 points.

Saturday, Dec. 3

BOYS BASKETBALL

Girmincl Tournament

Amsterdam 71,

Bethlehem 62

Bethlehem leaders: Kevin Stempsey 20 points, Craig Orner 14 points, Gleason Judd 14 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem Tip-off

Tournament

Catholic Central 49,

Bethlehem 35

Bethlehem leader: Leah Gillham 11 points.

HOCKEY

Bethlehem 13,

Mohonasen/Schalmont 3

Bethlehem leaders: Erik Russo 3 goals, Tom Dolfi 2 goals, Tim Reilly 1 goal, 3 assists.

WRESTLING

Mohonasen Tournament

Team scores: Saratoga 169.5, Saugerties 164, Schenectady 159.5, Johnstown 144.5, Mohonasen 110, Galway 90.5, Canajoharie/Fort Plain 77, Bethlehem 61.5, Schalmont 52, Albany Academy 39, Broadalbin-Perth 37.

Individual champions: Jeremy Cuomo (Schalmont - 119 pounds), Chris Bolduc (Saratoga - 125), Sean Magrum (Mohonasen - 189), Tom McDonald (Mohonasen - 215), Everett Franco (Saratoga - 275). Second-place finishers: Ed Davis (Saratoga - 112), Giles Chase (Bethlehem - 119), Dave Sterrett (Bethlehem - 135), Kyle Denis (Saratoga - 145), Adam Winnie (Saratoga - 160).

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Wednesday, Dec. 7

BOWLING

Watervliet at Ravena, 4 p.m.
Lansingburgh at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

HOCKEY

Shen at Bethlehem, 7:50 p.m.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem at Saratoga, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8

BOWLING

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa, 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Shaker at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Ravena at Cohoes, 6 p.m.
Voorheesville at Mechanicville, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9

BOYS BASKETBALL

Colonie at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.
Cohoes at Ravena, 7:30 p.m.
Voorheesville at Mechanicville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Colonie, 7:30 p.m.
Ravena at Cohoes, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Alexandria Bay at Bethlehem, 7:50 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10

WRESTLING

Ravena at Northeast Duals, Shen, 9 a.m.
Voorheesville at Glens Falls, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem at South Glens Falls Tri-meet, TBA

HOCKEY

Immaculate Conception at Bethlehem, 3:15 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Bethlehem at Hudson Valley Community College, TBA
Ravena at Hudson Valley Community College, 1 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 12

BOWLING

Cobleskill at Ravena, 4 p.m.
Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Saratoga, 7:30 p.m.
Ravena at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.
Voorheesville at Ravena, 7:30 p.m.

Return to form for BC

Young players lead Lady Eagles to 2-1 start

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls basketball team is rediscovering how to win games.

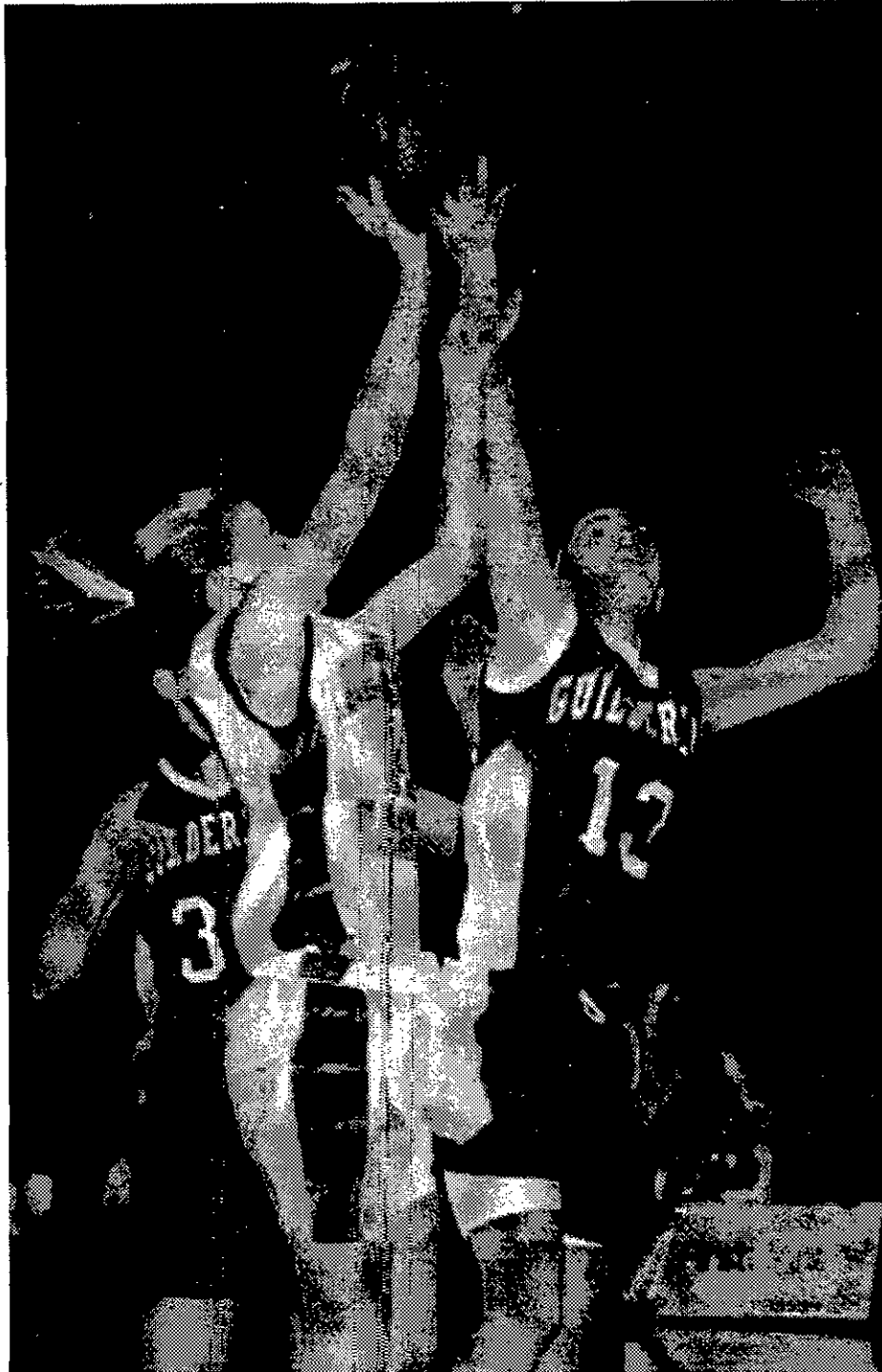
After two down years, the Lady Eagles are off to a 2-1 start including a 53-52 triple overtime victory over Guilderland in last Friday's opening round of the Bethlehem Tip-off Tournament at Albany's Washington Avenue Armory.

"The girls really wanted to beat Guilderland, and it's because of the respect they have for coach (Frank) Cacckello and that program," said Bethlehem coach Mark Nealon. "When we talked about goals before the season, we had one or two that we wanted to accomplish, and almost to a man, they said this was one of them."

Last Friday's game turned into a contest of who could hit the key shot at the end. Bethlehem freshman Kiersten Swete — who didn't even start — sent the game into overtime with a three-pointer with four seconds left. Guilderland's Kristen Pezze knotted the game at 39 at the end of the first overtime by making the back end of two free throws, and Rachel Rabbin forced a third overtime by draining a three-pointer with 4.3 seconds left in the second extra period.

Ultimately, it was Swete who had the last say. Swete was fouled after pulling down an offensive rebound with 2.9 seconds left in the third overtime and calmly drained both free throws to give Bethlehem the lead for good.

"Coach (John) Hooper said, 'Freshman or not, that's who we want on the (free throw) line,' and she didn't disappoint," Nealon said of Swete, who finished with a team-high 15 points.



Meg Olsen's shot is contested by Guilderland's Danielle Burns during last Friday's opening round game of the Bethlehem Tip-off Tournament at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany.

Rob Jonas

Guilderland (0-2) could only blame itself for how it wound up losing the game. The Lady Dutch looked tired and made seven out of 16 free throws during the three overtime periods.

"I told them when we got to the overtime that we had to go to the free throw line," said Guilderland coach Frank Cacckello. "I'm not surprised about (forward Jessica) Tice because she was playing with strep throat and she didn't have the legs. But the others, I'm surprised that no one else stepped up."

Bethlehem's victory over Guilderland — coupled with its

62-56 double overtime win against Troy last Tuesday and a hard-fought 49-35 loss to Catholic Central in the tip-off tournament's second-round game last Saturday — shows how much progress the Lady Eagles have made. Even though they can still struggle offensively at times, they are getting production out of younger players such as Swete, freshman guard Meg Olsen and junior guard Leah Gillham.

"I try to keep an even keel, but I'm so happy for the girls who have stuck with me for three years," said Nealon, who hasn't had a winning record since tak-

ing over for Kim Wise when she left the program in 2003. "They've been through a lot."

Meanwhile, Guilderland is searching for more sources of offense after losing to Bethlehem and Colonie at the tip-off tournament. Pezze and Tice have shouldered much of the scoring load so far, but players such as guard Nicole Branchini and center Mary Kate O'Connell have yet to get on track.

Bethlehem and Guilderland began their Suburban Council seasons Tuesday night. Bethlehem traveled to Averill Park, while Guilderland hosted Shaker.

Eagles' coop gets flooded in rainstorm

Basketball teams are forced out until floor is fixed

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys and girls basketball teams must wait at least two weeks before having a true home opener.

Last Tuesday's rainstorm caused water to seep into the high school's lower gym — where all basketball games and practices are held — and flood the floor.

"They're still drying it out," said Bethlehem athletic director John DeMeo. "So for the next two weeks, we'll be playing our (bas-

ketball) games at Sage College in Albany."

The basketball teams weren't the only students displaced by the flood. Physical education teachers had to find other places to hold their classes while maintenance crews dried out the gym. Classes were allowed to use the lower gym Monday.

"We had some (classes) held in the auditorium, using the stage for some things, and then some were held in the school foyer," DeMeo said.

It will be a longer wait for the basketball teams, though. Because the extent of damage to the floor hasn't been determined yet, the teams must continue to use

other facilities for practices and games. DeMeo said inconveniences have been minimalized so far.

"We've used the upper gym in the evening, and we've used the middle school (for practices)," he said. "If need be, we can use one of the local church courts. But right now, we've been pretty good with the scheduling."

One thing that may work in the school's favor is how quickly maintenance crews began drying the floor out once the water was discovered.

"The quick response group was there within hours with dehumidifiers and dryers going and sump pumps going," DeMeo said.

Still, DeMeo won't know if the floor will be salvageable until the drying process is complete and the wood surface can be inspected.

"The jury's still out. We'll have to give it time," DeMeo said.

The first games affected by the flooded floor were Tuesday's scheduled home openers for the boys freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams against Averill Park.

Last weekend's annual Bethlehem Girls Tip-off Tournament was already scheduled for Albany's Washington Avenue Armory before the gym was flooded, but the Lady Eagles' home opener against Saratoga next Tuesday will be played at Sage.



Paws

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pets and your home is by spraying decorations with specially made products, many of which smell and taste unpleasant to animals, sold at pet stores. An easier way is simply keeping them out of reach of animals.

Fresh greenery, holly, poinsettias and mistletoe add a nice color and scent to your holiday home, but can be harmful to pets.

"They are not necessarily deadly," said Kelly Cooper, D.V.M. with Just Cats Clinic in Guilderland. "A dog or cat has to eat quite a bit of these plants to reach a fatal dosage, but it can make them very sick."

Since the fastest way to ruin Christmas is with a sick pet, pet owners may want to consider using artificial flora.

Pets and people share many of the same temptations but many times what's only fattening for us is harmful to them.

Keep pets away from chocolate, alcoholic beverages, nuts, pits and hard candies. Chocolate is especially attrac-

tive, but harmful, to dogs. Other foods or scraps cause choking so be sure to keep them out of reach, and never feed scraps to pets at the dinner table.

Foods wrapped as presents may be a mystery to everyone else but dogs and cats only need to get a few inches away from them and they know it's something to eat.

Catherine Crawler owner of Crawler's Animal Training in West Sand Lake warns not to keep gift-wrapped foods under the tree.

"Put them in a safe place along with other foods," she said. "Best of all, keep pets out of the kitchen."

Crawler recommends using child gates around the house to keep pets away from harmful places.

Holiday excitement may over excite pets, making them hyperactive and destructive or afraid and confused.

"Pets are sensitive and often mimic people's behavior," said Stephanie Vanderpool, a volunteer with Purrfect Companions, a local animal welfare organ-

ization. "Pets need their own space, especially during the holidays. They often are frightened by guests arriving en masse, and commotion. They sense when we are stressed and know when we are down.

Vanderpool recommends keeping pets in a separate room or other safe place where they can be away from the festivities in their own tranquil and familiar surroundings.

Children especially love animals but do not always know when to leave them alone.

"Although they mean well, young children, especially those who aren't used to being around animals, irritate pets by showing too much affection and end up getting bitten or scratched," Crawler said, adding that children visiting other homes should also be instructed to keep their fingers away from cages housing birds and smaller pets.

Cats

(From Page 1)

have people buying more toys and treats for their animals," said Lisa Breen, co-owner with her husband Terry Breen of Country Acres Farm and Pet Center in Burnt Hills.

The store stocks up on seasonal items for dogs, cats, horses, birds, hamsters and gerbils.

"We get dog toys that sing songs, Santa hats that light up and sing, and rawhide candy canes," said Lisa Breen.

As at Country Acres, Sandy and Ron Bell of Pearl's Pets in Delmar see an upswing around the holidays.

"It is busy the month of December," said Sandy Bell.

But the Bells have seen holiday seasons come and go, and some holiday items get left behind. There always seems to be Christmas pet toys to be put

The idea of a child finding a puppy or kitten wrapped in a bow under the Christmas tree may be a Kodak moment, but soon after the novelty can wear off.

Veterinarians and animal welfare advocates urge people not to give animals as gifts.

The holidays, they say, are too busy and stressful a time to bring an animal into new surroundings.

"Giving pets as gifts reduces them to the level of a toy or pair of socks," Vanderpool said. "Bringing a new pet home is very much like adopting a child. You have to talk things over with family members and let them know that adopting a pet is a big responsibility that requires changes in the daily routine. The whole family now must work together to meet the needs of the pet, just like you would a newborn child."

Pets as presents can also add an extra burden to shelters that take in pets when owners return them because they couldn't take on the responsibility or because they didn't bond with the pet. Sometimes, people just prefer to choose their own.

"To prevent this, we offer pet adoption gift certificates to people who think someone they know may want to adopt a pet," Bobinsky said.

Vanderpool suggested presenting something symbolic like a stuffed toy kitten or puppy with a gift certificate.

The approaching holidays may appear intimidating for pet owners. By taking a little time, making preparations and giving it a little thought, though, and Christmas for pets can be as safe and wonderful a time as it is for those without cold noses.



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"It's hard to stock Christmas toys, so instead we give a wide variety," said Bell. "People tend to buy everyday ones."

This way, theme-oriented toys last longer for pet owners and their pets.

For animal shelters such as Whiskers, the season is a chance to spoil the cats a little.

A no-kill shelter in Albany, Whiskers has about 90 volunteers who will come to the home to feed cats and keep the home clean.

"All the volunteers are a very devoted group," said Linda Horan, who houses kittens until they are ready to be adopted or join the adult cats at the

shelter. Volunteers will bring in presents of catnip and other toys or treats for cats.

"At Christmas, they do get pampered a little more than usual," said Horan, although she draws the line at hosting parties for the cats and noted that a tree is a hazard.

For the Whiskers volunteers, these animals are part of their family.

"I'm always totally amazed at how much people will give for animals," said Horan. "It's heartwarming."



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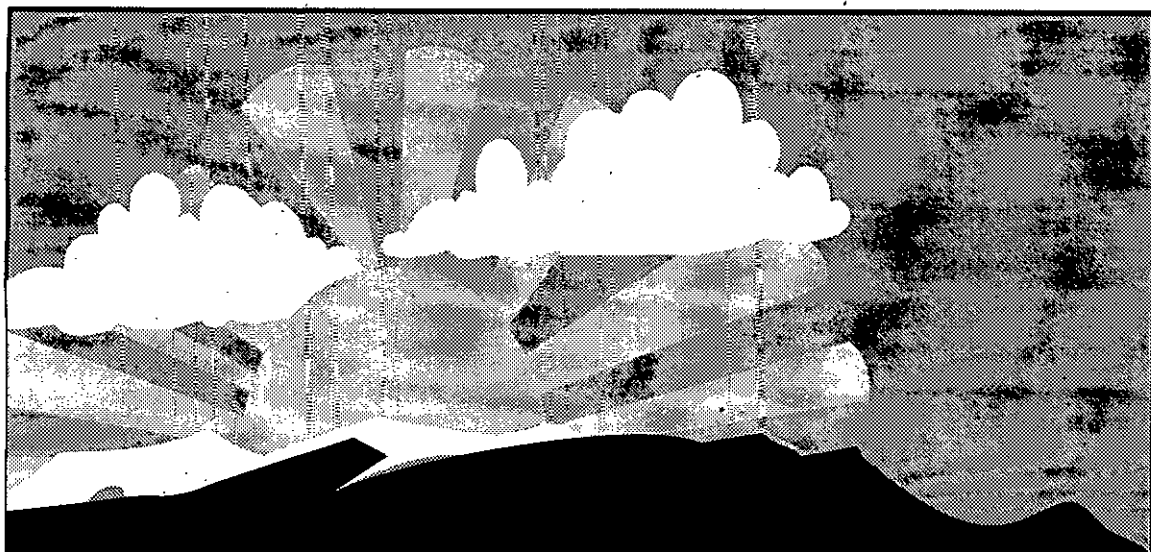
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